

## **STUDENT SENATE BILL 2023-1255**

**TITLE: Resolution Advocating for Electrical Outlets On Tables or Chairs in the Center of Lecture Halls**

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**WHEREAS**, the University of Florida is dedicated to providing an optimal learning environment for its students, which includes well-equipped lecture halls frequently used to teach hundreds of students at one time, over multiple periods per day [1];

**WHEREAS**, students in large lecture halls often rely on electronic devices for note-taking, research, and other educational activities like iClicker or Learning Catalytics, which may count toward the final course grade; and,

**WHEREAS**, while electrical outlets are often dispersed around the walls of the lecture halls, the availability of seats around these areas may be insufficient to meet the demands of students; and,

**WHEREAS**, providing more electrical outlets attached to tables or located around seats in big lecture halls would greatly enhance the learning experience, facilitate the use of technology, and promote engagement in the educational process; and,

**WHEREAS**, some lecture halls do have outlets along the legs of tables and near chairs toward the center of the room, such as in the Florida Gym [2]; and,

**WHEREAS**, as the location of a student's class is not up to their discretion, a student's ability to access power sources should not be impeded by the layout or design of lecture halls, ensuring an equitable educational experience for all; and,

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the value of installing additional electrical outlets near the center of big lecture halls to better serve the technological needs, success, and engagement of students;

**THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate encourages the University of Florida administration and relevant departments to assess the current state of electrical outlets in lecture halls and take appropriate steps to enhance their availability to meet the technological needs of students.

*Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the University of Florida Facilities Services Assistant VP Mark Helms, University of Florida IT Services Chief Information Officer Elias Eldayrie, and Interim Provost Dr. Scott Angle*

[1] <https://www.at.ufl.edu/service-teams/classrooms/pictures-and-information/items/carleton-auditorium-0100.html>

[2] <https://www.at.ufl.edu/service-teams/classrooms/pictures-and-information/items/florida-gym-0220.html>