

**STUDENT SENATE BILL 2023-1264**

**TITLE: Resolution Calling upon the University of Florida to Implement a Vegan Dining Option in the J. Wayne Reitz Union**

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**SPONSORS: Senate President Oscar Santiago Perez, Judiciary Chair Jonathan C. Stephens, Judiciary Vice-Chair Joaquin R.C. Marcelino, Majority Party Leader Nathaniel Pelton, Deputy Majority Party Leader Chalisa Budhai, Senator Saketh Damera, Senator Matthew Reich, Senator Laurie Wang, Senator John Lin, Senator Julia Seifer, Senator Monish Vijayaraghavan, Senator Aaron Amster**

**WHEREAS**, the University of Florida is an institution that has 55, 211 students enrolled in classes [1], and

**WHEREAS**, among theses thousands of students there are people with many different types of diets such as vegetarianism, veganism, gluten-free, and dairy-free diets, and

**WHEREAS**, students may choose to stay within these dietary restrictions due to personal reasons, such as religious purposes or they may be forced to due to medical reasons, and

**WHEREAS**, there is no way to find the exact amount of students that are vegan, but in America approximately 6% of consumers are vegan, which if translated to the UF student enrollment count would mean that over 3,000 students are vegan [2], and

**WHEREAS**, every student on campus should have a place on campus where they are comfortable eating and they should have a plethora of food options, and

**WHEREAS**, the J. Wayne Reitz Union is one of the busiest places on campus and thousands of students visit it daily,

**WHEREAS**, by implementing a vegan dining option in the Reitz Union, students who are vegan would be more inclined to eat on campus which could bolster campus involvement and campus satisfaction, and

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the importance of creating an inclusive environment on campus, including food inclusivity, and

**THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate urges the J. Wayne Reitz Union to implement a vegan dining option to serve all types of students.

*Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to University of Florida President Ben Sasse, Provost Joe Glover, Chief Information Officer Elias Eldayrie, Senior Director of the Reitz Union Dwayne Isaacs, the Reitz Board of Managers, and Business Affairs Technical Services Director Frank Phillips.*

[1] <https://www.collegetuitioncompare.com/edu/134130/university-of-florida/enrollment/>

[2] <https://www.trulyexperiences.com/blog/veganism-statistics-usa/>