

STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2023 - 1267

TITLE: Resolution Advocating for Preventative Campus Safety Initiatives with the Support of UFPD

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SPONSORS:

WHEREAS, the safety and security of all students, faculty, and staff on our campus is of paramount importance; and,

WHEREAS, campus safety initiatives contribute to fostering a secure and welcoming environment for everyone; and,

WHEREAS, preventative measures, such as increased lighting in areas prone to safety concerns, self-defense device initiatives, and the utilization of the Gator Safe app, can significantly enhance campus safety; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida Police Department (UFPD) plays a pivotal role in ensuring the safety and well-being of our university community; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the University of Florida Student Senate advocates for the implementation of preventative campus safety initiatives, in collaboration with UFPD, to enhance security on our campus; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the University of Florida Student Senate specifically supports the following measures:

- Increased Lighting on Sorority Row: Recognizing that well-lit areas are less susceptible to safety concerns, the University of Florida Student Senate calls for increased lighting on areas around and on Sorority Row to improve visibility and deter potential incidents.
- Self-Defense Device Initiatives: the University of Florida Student Senate encourages the university to explore and implement initiatives that provide students with access to self-

defense devices, such as personal alarms or safety apps, and to offer training on their effective use.

- Student-Centered Integration of the Gator Safe App: the University of Florida Student Senate supports the promotion of the Gator Safe app as a student-centered safety resource, and further education of all the resources found within the app.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the University of Florida Student Senate urges the administration and UFPD to work collaboratively to develop and implement these safety initiatives in a timely and efficient manner; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the University of Florida Student Senate emphasizes the importance of soliciting input and feedback from the student body, faculty, and staff in the planning and execution of these initiatives to ensure they are aligned with the unique needs and concerns of our campus community; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED, that the University of Florida Student Senate commits to monitoring the progress of these safety initiatives and to advocating for their continued improvement and effectiveness in enhancing campus security.