

SENATE RESOLUTION 2024-1057

TITLE: Resolution Requesting the J. Wayne Reitz Union Board of Managers Establish a Bar within the J. Wayne Reitz Union

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SPONSOR(S): Senator Raj Mia, Senator Sarah Hoffer, Senator Arturo Zárrate, Senator Elizabeth Insuasti, Senator Hunter Monson, Pride Student Union President Jonathan C. Stephens

WHEREAS, the University of Florida Business Affairs Policy 4-001 § 4 (a) promulgates the authority of the J. Wayne Reitz Union Board of Managers to approve venue permits for the sale of alcoholic beverages within the J. Wayne Reitz Union [1]; and,

WHEREAS, there exists a need for further convenience in socializing, networking, and gatherings over food and beverage, particularly among alumni, faculty, staff, and students above the legal age minimum for alcohol consumption; and,

WHEREAS, in February 2023, Florida State University opened a Proof Brewing Company location in its on-campus Student Union, providing members of the university's community the chance to socialize over food and beverage [2]; and,

WHEREAS, peer institutions across the United States, including Brown University [3], Loyola Marymount University [4], the University of Texas at Austin [5], and Massachusetts Institute of Technology [6], among others, each have established bars within their respective Student Unions; and,

WHEREAS, the establishment of a bar within the J. Wayne Reitz Union would provide additional revenue for the union; and,

WHEREAS, the establishment of a bar within the J. Wayne Reitz Union would provide further work opportunities for students, particularly graduate students, who struggle to find adequate work on campus; now,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate requests the J. Wayne Reitz Board of Managers to open a bar within the J. Wayne Reitz Union for the reasons expressed herein.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to University of Florida President Benjamin Sasse, Reitz Union Board of Managers Chair Anna Bernstein, Reitz Union Board of Managers Student Member Alondra Arce, Reitz Union Board of Managers Student Member Faith Corbett,

Reitz Union Board of Managers Student Member Angelina Del Toro, Reitz Union Board of Managers Student Member Daniel DiBari, Reitz Union Board of Managers Student Member Charles Drucker, Reitz Union Board of Managers Student Member Elijah Gelongo, Reitz Union Board of Managers Student Member Natalie Gomez, Reitz Union Board of Managers Student Member Raisa Jafry, Reitz Union Board of Managers Student Member Darren Peters, Reitz Union Board of Managers Student Member Kshama Shetty, and Reitz Union Board of Managers Student Member Haley Vandall.

[1]<https://policy.ufl.edu/policy/alcoholic-beverage/>

[2]<https://proofbrewingco.com/pages/proof-at-fsu>

[3]<https://sites.brown.edu/gsc/resources/spaces/grad-center-bar-gcb/>

[4]<https://studentaffairs.lmu.edu/activities/campusactivitiesandentertainment/venuesandhangouts/theloftcraftbeerwine/>

[5]<https://universityunions.utexas.edu/cactus-cafe>

[6]<https://muddy.mit.edu/>