

Student Senate

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STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1085

TITLE: Resolution for the Creation and Dissemination of Safety Videos for Scooters and Bikes on the University of Florida Campus

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SPONSOR(S):

WHEREAS, the University of Florida is dedicated to ensuring the safety and well-being of all its students, faculty, and staff on campus [4][8][9]; and,

WHEREAS, the state of Florida had the highest number of bicycle accident deaths per 100,000 people in the country through 2020 [1]; and,

WHEREAS, according to Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Traffic Crash Reports, in 2023, Alachua County had 132 bicycle crashes where 124 resulted in injury and 56 were fatal [2]; and,

WHEREAS, according to Signal Four Analytics, in the city of Gainesville, concerning pedestrians and bicyclists, there were 19 serious injuries and 7 fatalities in 2023 [3]; and,

WHEREAS, the use of scooters and bikes on the University of Florida campus has increased in popularity [5], presenting new challenges in terms of campus safety and traffic management; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida's Student Government has the ability to utilize its platform, particularly its Instagram account, to educate the student body on various issues, including campus safety measures; and,

WHEREAS, it is crucial to promote safe riding habits and the proper use of scooters and bikes to prevent accidents and injuries on campus [6]; and,

WHEREAS, instructional safety videos have been proven to be effective educational tools, especially when disseminated through popular social media channels such as Instagram, where they have the potential to reach a broad audience swiftly and efficiently[7]; and,

WHEREAS, incorporating educational content on the Student Government's Instagram can enhance the visibility and impact of safety messages, fostering a culture of safety and awareness among the campus community; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the need for creating engaging and informative safety videos for scooter and bike use on campus; and

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate advocates for the production of high-quality safety videos in collaboration with the UFPD and other relevant campus safety organizations; and

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate will support the dissemination of these safety videos through the Student Government's Instagram account and other appropriate social media channels to ensure maximum outreach and effectiveness.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to University of Florida President Ben Sasse, Provost Scott Angle, Vice President for Student Life Heather White, Transportation and Parking Services Senior Director Scott Fox, Transportation and Parking Services Associate Director of Operations Ron Fuller, Chief of the University of Florida Police Department Linda Stump-Kurnick.

[1] <https://www.wfla.com/news/florida/florida-leads-us-for-bicycle-fatalities-data-shows/>

[2] <https://www.flhsmv.gov/traffic-crash-reports/crash-dashboard/>

[3] <https://signal4analytics.com/>

[4] <https://dso.ufl.edu/resources/student-safety/>

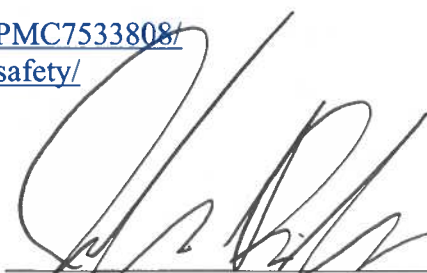
[5] <https://original-ufdc.uflib.ufl.edu/UFE0059860/00001>

[6] <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2022/06/29/top-campus-safety-and-security-investments-students-want>

[7] <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7533808/>

[8] <https://gatorwell.ufsa.ufl.edu/about/campus-safety/>

[9] <https://bikes.ufl.edu/safety/>



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