

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1094

TITLE: Resolution Conducting a Campus Wide Survey to See What Students Want for Food Options in Dining Halls and Products in P.O.D. Markets

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WHEREAS, many students on campus rely on dining halls and P.O.D markets for nutrition especially while studying;

WHEREAS, students who have dietary restrictions and/or health issues should not be limited with their food options on campus; and,

WHEREAS, students are an essential part of the University of Florida campus and are deserving of expressing their voices and stating what food options they would like to see on campus; and,

WHEREAS, this survey would be a step in ensuring that the University of Florida's food options on campus are inclusive and fulfilling to the needs of its diverse student body; and,

WHEREAS, conducting a comprehensive survey will provide valuable insights into students' preferences, including dietary restrictions, cultural preferences, and desires for healthier food choices;

WHEREAS, many students prefer healthier options and feel that university food options do not suffice [1]; and,

WHEREAS, students' overall satisfaction with on-campus foodservice operations and dining are significantly positively impacted when their options are better [2]; and,

WHEREAS, many students have goals of improving diet quality and thus complained about unhealthy eating habits after starting college due to the limited nutritional options available [3]; and,

WHEREAS, access to a variety of healthy and diverse food options is crucial for the overall well-being of the student body;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the need for a campus wide survey to see what food options students want in Dining Halls and P.O.D. markets;

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes that this need is in an attempt to provide students with the best possible food options in accordance with their dietary restrictions and/or health needs;

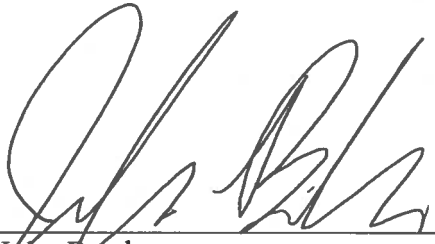
THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the importance of listening to the voices and needs of the student body, especially when it pertains to their nutrition and health;

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to University of Florida President Ben Sasse, Florida Fresh Dining, Business Services Assistant Vice President Eddie Daniels, Food Service Advisory Committee, and Division of Student Life.

[1] <https://www.mdpi.com/2072-6643/11/10/2440>

[2] <https://www.emerald.com/insight/content/doi/10.1108/IHR-06-2019-0010/full/html>

[3] https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0899900716301277?casa_token=jiwiGFmxLe4AAAAA:PQwovbYz3ybsL6Y-5Rtae1DFW0hg9ApzLquktXtw_muBPu3Halagnwu2USscN9eSLZKKgfHgBYCb



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