

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1103

TITLE: Resolution to Keep Southwest Recreation Open Until 1AM, Mon-Fri Through Academic Year

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SPONSOR(S):

WHEREAS, the current UF Recreation Center hours, for Southwest Recreation and UF Student Recreation Center, are 5:30AM-11PM and 6AM-11PM respectively, present an inability to suit students with workout hours preferences later in the day [1]; and,

WHEREAS, other recreational facilities throughout Gainesville, such as Gainesville Health and Fitness, Crunch Fitness, Anytime Fitness, YouFit, and other facilities are open for longer hours, but are unfortunately unattainable for most student at the University of Florida, due to price and proximity of locations from campus; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Texas, Texas A&M [3], Georgia Tech [4], Louisiana State University [5], University of Wisconsin Madison [6], University of Central Florida [7], University of Miami [2], and many other Division 1, Tier 1 research institutions within the State of Florida, the SEC Conference, and throughout the country have student recreation centers open until at least 12AM; and,

WHEREAS, many students, due to job obligations, school obligations, club and organization obligations, and other personal obligations simply do not have time in their schedules to be able to use the recreation center facilities within the current hours of operation of the recreation centers; and,

WHEREAS, many students, through apps such as Candor, as well as during slating and on the campaign trail, stated that having more flexibility in student recreation hours was a top priority for the student body; and,

WHEREAS, with financial calculations set at a base pay scale of 12.00/hr [8], with a rough estimate of 12 staff members at Southwest Recreation Centers at late hours, adding two hours additional pay, would equate to \$288/day, \$1440/week, \$48960/per academic year, the total cost for staying open an additional two hours through the school week, through rough calculation, is .0067% of the total UF RecSports budget ; and,

WHEREAS, this change would roughly equate to less than a dollar additionally paid per student in student recreation fees; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes a need to keep recreation centers open until 1AM.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes that it is financially feasible for RecSports and Student Government to make recreation centers open until 1AM.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate urges that UF RecSports, the SG Budget Committee, and the SG Treasurer find a solution to ensure that UF Student Recreation centers on campus stay open until 1AM, Monday through Friday, during the school year..

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to UF Rec Sports Director Laura Hall, UF RecSports Senior Associate Director for Facilities and Operations Marty Dempsey, UF Student Government Budget and Appropriations Chair Blake Cox, UF Student Government Treasurer Nyla Pierre

[1] <https://recsports.ufl.edu/about/hours/>

[2] <https://wellness.studentaffairs.miami.edu/about/hours-location/index.html>

[3] <https://recsports.tamu.edu/>

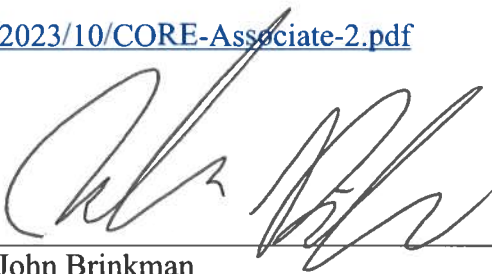
[4] <https://www.crc.gatech.edu/>

[5] <https://www.lsu.edu/urec/index.php>

[6] <https://recwell.wisc.edu/locations/>

[7] <https://rwc.sdes.ucf.edu/>

[8] <https://recsports.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/CORE-Associate-2.pdf>



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