

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1105**TITLE:** Resolution to Creating a PaCE Student Center on Campus**AUTHOR(S):** Senator Gabe Vargas, Senator Nathaniel Thomas**SPONSOR(S):** Senator Aaron Amster, Senator Caroline Kelley, Senator Anabella Vigna, Senator Isabel Ponce, Senator Samantha Kinggard, Senator Laura Jane Bryan, Senator Zach Arzt, Senator Megan McGuire, Senator Coe Leavengood, Senator Gabriela Prieto, Senator Isa Penin, Senator Bianca Onorato, Senator Joah, Senator Owen Lekebusch, Senator Jason Von Holten

WHEREAS, in the 2022 admissions cycle, 1,531 students were admitted through Pathways to Campus Enrollment, with almost 88% of those students being full-time enrolled students. Out of these 1,531 students 1,365 of those students are pre-transition onto campus [1]; and,

WHEREAS, Pathways to Campus Enrollment (PaCE) does not allow access to regularly admitted student amenities unless opted in through an additional fee, which costs \$46.21/per credit hour. These amenities include: participation in intramurals, recreational sports including usage of the two Recreation Centers on campus, and Student Government sponsored events, student athletic events under the student discount, access to the Student Health Care Center, access to the Counseling and Wellness Center Services, and access to the Regional Transit System [2]; and,

WHEREAS, Pathways to Campus Enrollment (PaCE) students do not have the same access to in person resources, face to face class time, networking and relationship building opportunities, and outreach resources that normally admitted in-person students have [3]; and,

WHEREAS, it is more common for online students to experience a lack of motivation. There is also lack of in-person interaction with fellow students, staff, and faculty, as well as increased feelings of isolation, as sources have shown [4]; and,

WHEREAS, due to the stark differences and lack of resources with the online environment, many students are avoiding the Pathways to Campus Enrollment and looking elsewhere to other colleges and universities for a higher education that offer a traditional, in-person learning experience; and,

WHEREAS, due to personal financial situations, the optional fee package for students being able to access amenities on campus such as the recreation centers, Student Health Care Center, Counseling and Wellness Center, and student activities may prove unaffordable and unattainable; and,

WHEREAS, there is a lack of a streamline and uniform physical space where Pathways to Campus Enrollment (PaCE) students can meet with other PaCE students, professors, and advisors to establish one-on-one relationships, networking opportunities, and information for on campus activities; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes a need for a designated area where Pathways to Campus Enrollment (PaCE) students can network, collaborate, meet with professors, and have access to information on on-campus resources.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes a need for Pathways to Campus Enrollment (PaCE) students to have equal access to the opportunities that regularly admitted in-person students have at the University of Florida.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes that University Admissions, along with University Administration and the Division of Student Life collaborates and finds an equitable solution for a physical, in person Pathways to Campus Enrollment Center on campus.

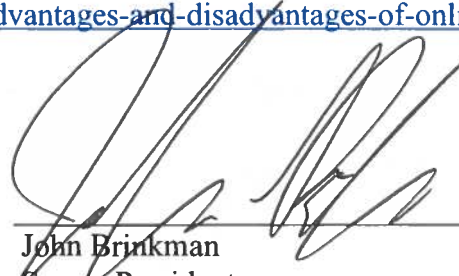
Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to University of Florida President Ben Sasse, Interim Provost Dr. J. Scott Angle, Vice President of Student Life Dr. Heather White, Vice President of Enrollment Management Dr. Mary G. Parker, Director of UF Online Enrollment Services Melissa Allen, Director of Admissions Charles Murphy.

[1] <https://ir.aa.ufl.edu/facts/enrollment/>

[2] <https://handbook.uflonline.ufl.edu/students/student-fees/>

[3] <https://www.yellowdig.co/post/in-person-vs-online-learning-can-they-compare>

[4] <https://www.iu.org/blog/studying-online/advantages-and-disadvantages-of-online-classes/>



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