

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1153

TITLE: Resolution Calling For One-on-One Advising to be Added to the Transfer Preview Schedule

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WHEREAS, the University of Florida defines Preview as “a required, robust program focused on providing you the core resources to start your Gator journey.” [1]; and,

WHEREAS, Preview is a two-day program where incoming freshmen learn more about the University of Florida and “learn about potential majors, critical tracking, general education requirements, and your steps to graduating in four years.” [1]; and,

WHEREAS, the last item on the agenda for Day 2 of the First Year Preview schedule is one-on-one meetings with advisors [1]; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of these meetings is to help register for first semester courses based on your major [1]; and,

WHEREAS, incoming transfer students are required to attend Transfer Preview [2]; and,

WHEREAS, Transfer Preview is a one day program designed to “provide information about your transition to UF, assist you in registering for classes, and help you navigate your Gator student experience.” [2]; and,

WHEREAS, academic advising is part of the Transfer Preview schedule [2]; and,

WHEREAS, one-on-one advising is not provided for students during Transfer Preview [2]; and,

WHEREAS, during Transfer Preview, large groups of students must meet with one or two advisors for their major; and,

WHEREAS, some students reported that advisors for their majors were not present at their Transfer Preview, leading them to be grouped with students who did not have the same major as them and being led by an advisor who was not associated with their major; and,

WHEREAS, several transfer students reported leaving the advising sessions during Transfer Preview having not registered for classes and feeling very confused; and,

WHEREAS, as a result, several transfer students registered for classes during their first semester that did not end up contributing to their academic goals; and,

WHEREAS, transfer students must complete all requirements for graduation in four fall/spring semesters, giving them more limited time than a student admitted their freshman year [3]; and,

WHEREAS, transfer students may require additional assistance to help them register for classes and set up a plan that will allow them to complete their graduation requirements in four fall/spring semesters; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes a need for one-on-one meetings to be provided at Transfer Preview; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED the University of Florida Student Senate urges College directors to ensure transfer students meet with advisors and set class schedules during Transfer Preview; and,

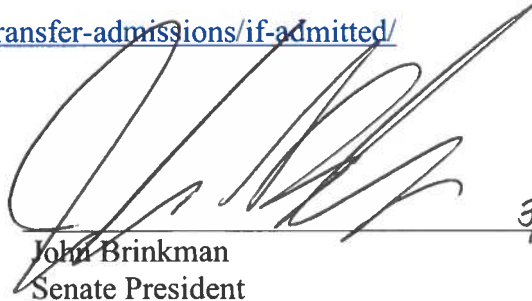
THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida urges the Assistant Dean and Director Kristopher Klann and the Directors and Associate Directors of Advising to provide more advisors, allowing for one-on-one advising to be added to the Transfer Preview schedule.

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[1] <https://welcome.ufl.edu/orientation/first-year/#:~:text=Preview%20is%20designed%20to%20provide,conclude%20around%206%3A00%20pm.>

[2] <https://welcome.ufl.edu/orientation/transfer/>

[3] <https://www.advising.ufl.edu/admissions/transfer-admissions/if-admitted/>


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