

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1327

TITLE: Resolution Thanking Assistant Vice President for Student Life Kim Pace for Her Service to the University of Florida

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WHEREAS, the University of Florida Division of Student Life champions meaningful experiences that foster community connection, career design, and lifelong well-being [1]; and,

WHEREAS, Kim Pace's grandparents immigrated to Hawaii from Japan in the early 1900s, and she was born and raised in Hilo, a town of just over 40,000 people on the eastern side of the Island of Hawaii [2]; and,

WHEREAS, Kim Pace started her journey at the University of Florida 35 years ago; and,

WHEREAS, Kim Pace began at the University of Florida as a receptionist in the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in Turlington Hall, and only expected to stay at the University of Florida for two years [2]; and,

WHEREAS, the student body is grateful that Kim Pace joined the University of Florida community at the same time her husband pursued a degree in the Masters of Business Administration and Juris Doctor program at the University of Florida; and,

WHEREAS, Kim Pace fell in love with higher education and the great work that the University of Florida was doing for its faculty and staff; and,

WHEREAS, Kim Pace loved the unique nature of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the many aspects of knowledge it provided for the student body; and,

WHEREAS, Kim Pace has held many titles at the University of Florida, first in the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences's Office as Senior Secretary, Administrative Assistant, and Data Analyst, and then as Special Assistant to the Provost, Assistant Director of Postdoctoral Affairs, Associate Director of Postdoctoral Affairs, and Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs, and then Assistant Vice President of Student Life; and,

WHEREAS, Kim Pace has long interacted with the student body as a co-facilitator of the J.

Wayne Reitz Scholars program, a teacher of the First Year Florida program, a mentor for the University Multicultural Mentor Program, and an advisor to many student organizations; and,

WHEREAS, Kim Pace's most rewarding experience of her work has been seeing the long-term successes of her students, and seeing how students support each other and how they make the connections to make the campus feel a little bit smaller; and,

WHEREAS, Kim Pace serves as the highest-ranking Asian-American woman at the University of Florida to date [2]; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the essential work that the Division of Student Life does for the student body of the University of Florida.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the important work that Kim Pace has done for the University of Florida, and recognizes her investments in the students whom she has taught and mentored during her time at the University of Florida.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate is incredibly grateful to Kim Pace for her time at the University of Florida, and wishes the best for her as she retires from the University of Florida.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Assistant Vice President for Student Life Kim Pace, University of Florida President Dr. Ben Sasse, Vice President of Student Life Dr. Heather White, and Interim Assistant Vice President Dr. James Tyger. Credit shall be given to Lead Scholar Kyle Hamilton and Student Body President-Elect John Brinkman for their assistance in this resolution.

[1] <https://studentlife.ufl.edu/>

[2] <https://studentlife.ufl.edu/2021/05/03/kim-pace-highest-ranking-asian-american-woman-uf-reflects/>