

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1446

**TITLE: Graduate, Union, and Institutional Development Enhancement (GUIDE):
Section 3, Volume III: Enhancing Graduate Parking Access**

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WHEREAS, as of Fall 2022, graduate students constitute 37.4 percent of the University of Florida student population[1]; and,

WHEREAS, during the 2022-2023 school year, graduate students accounted for 40% of all degrees awarded at UF[2]; and,

WHEREAS, graduate students at the University of Florida play a crucial role in research, teaching, and other academic responsibilities that significantly contribute to the university's mission[1,2]; and,

WHEREAS, the current parking pass options available to graduate students are insufficient, leading to difficulties in accessing campus in a timely and efficient manner; and,

WHEREAS, inadequate parking options can cause undue stress and negatively impact the academic performance and well-being of graduate students; and,

WHEREAS, graduate students often have demanding schedules that require flexible and reliable access to campus facilities; and,

WHEREAS, ensuring adequate and convenient parking options is essential for the safety of graduate students, particularly for those who need to access campus during late or early hours; and,

WHEREAS, improving parking accessibility for graduate students can also contribute to reducing the university's overall carbon footprint by minimizing the time spent searching for parking; and,

WHEREAS, many graduate students face financial constraints and should not bear additional costs for improved parking access; and,

WHEREAS, providing better parking passes at no extra cost would demonstrate the university's commitment to supporting its graduate student population; and,

WHEREAS, improving parking options for graduate students can enhance their overall campus experience and foster a more supportive academic environment; then,

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the University of Florida Student Senate advocates for the provision of enhanced parking passes for graduate students, ensuring better access to campus facilities without additional cost; and,

THEREFORE LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the University of Florida Student Senate calls upon the university administration to review and revise the current parking policies to better accommodate the needs of graduate students; and,

THEREFORE LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the University of Florida Student Senate supports the allocation of more convenient parking spaces specifically for graduate students to alleviate the current parking challenges they face; and,


THEREFORE LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the University of Florida Student Senate encourages the university to consider the financial constraints of graduate students and to implement parking improvements without imposing extra costs on them; and,

THEREFORE LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the University of Florida Student Senate recommends the establishment of a committee, including graduate student representatives, to regularly assess and address parking concerns to ensure ongoing improvements in parking accessibility for graduate students.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Vice President of Business Affairs Curtis Reynolds, Senior Director of TAPS Will Macdonald, and Student Body President John Brinkman.

[1] <https://www.usnews.com/best-colleges/university-of-florida-1535/student-life>

[2] <https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/?q=university+of+florida&s=all&id=134130>

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