

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1532

TITLE: Resolution Calling for the Inclusion of Drinks in Meals at Cravings Campus Kitchen

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WHEREAS, Cravings Campus Kitchen is one of three main dining hall facilities at the University of Florida; and,

WHEREAS, students living on and off campus rely on university dining facilities, such as Cravings Campus Kitchen, to purchase meals throughout the day; and,

WHEREAS, Cravings Campus Kitchen is centered around many important facilities and areas, such as Murphree Hall, the Student Recreation & Fitness Center, and the Ben Hill Griffin Stadium [1]; and,

WHEREAS, currently, fountain drinks are an additional charge of \$1.00 for most meals available on the menu, excepting the limited selection of value meals [2]; and,

WHEREAS, seeing as more than a quarter of undergraduate students are pell-eligible and are considered low-income, this additional charge may create an additional financial burden for these students [3]; and,

WHEREAS, 22% of undergraduate students at 4-year public institutions were considered food insecure in 2020, and on-campus dining locations are a primary resource in relieving food insecurity for students by providing accessible and affordable meals [4]; and,

WHEREAS, the additional charge of \$1.00 encourages the use of less sustainable, single-use, paper cups, rather than reusable, plastic cups that are available at other dining halls, which does not align with the university's sustainability goals [5]; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the importance of food accessibility for students; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the need for lessening financial burdens for the student body and a commitment towards sustainability; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate urges Cravings Campus Kitchen to include a free drink for all meals.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Florida Fresh Dining VP of Operations Brian Dagnall, Business Manager-Controller Tejal Patel, Director of Operations Glenda Shifflett, Director of Dining Services II-Retail Anthony Stack, Director of Dining Services Elsie Layne, Director of Dining Services - Retail Yagnesh Patel

[1] <https://campusmap.ufl.edu/#/>

[2] https://dineoncampus.com/files/section_documents/8c6ab478-e223-438b-995a-5b3801c92943.pdf

[3] <https://www.sfa.ufl.edu/pub/annual-reports/1617AR.pdf>

[4] <https://www.bestcolleges.com/research/food-insecurity-statistics-college-students/#fn-1>

[5] <https://www.alligator.org/article/2023/04/uf-climate-promises>