

**STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1517**

**TITLE: RESOLUTION ADDRESSING BUS STOP SEATING AROUND  
CAMPUS**

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**WHEREAS**, the University of Florida promotes a community where the environment helps off-campus students feel a sense of belonging, especially to a campus, city, and culture in which they may be entirely new [1]; and,

**WHEREAS**, a significant amount of UF students live off-campus, about 78%, and many of these students do take the bus system[7] ; and,

**WHEREAS**, providing seating at all bus stops will ensure a comfortable experience for all students using public transportation to and from campus [2][3]; and,

**WHEREAS**, the weather in Florida may negatively impact the health of many students, especially while waiting 20 to 40 minutes for the bus to arrive [4][5]; and,

**WHEREAS**, the availability of seating at bus stops can enhance the overall experience of the bus system, primarily when waiting for the bus for off-campus students [2]; and,

**WHEREAS**, providing seating at bus stops has been proven to reduce the risk of heat strokes and other tragic outcomes like death caused by extreme heat temperatures[6]; and,

**WHEREAS**, providing seating at all bus stops will create a safe environment for students with both visible and invisible disabilities when using the bus system, this ensures that those with physical disabilities, such as mobility impairments, have a comfortable place to rest while waiting for the bus. Additionally, students with invisible disabilities, such as chronic pain, fatigue, or anxiety, will benefit from having a designated place to sit, reducing physical strain and stress [3]; and,

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the importance of community and inclusion for our off-campus students cannot be overstated.

**THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes there is a need for seating at all bus stops around campus to enhance the experience for students.

**THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate urges the University Administration, along with all relevant parties, ensure that off-campus students feel a sense of belonging on campus by providing them with the necessary procedures.

*Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Transportation and Parking Services Associate Director of Operations Ron Fuller.*

[1] <https://offcampus.ufl.edu/about/mission/>

[2] <https://www.handi-hut.com/8-ways-to-improve-the-bus-stop-experience/>

[3] <https://www.transit.dot.gov/are-bus-stops-and-other-transportation-facilities-required-provide-bench-seating#:~:text=Research%20%26%20Innovation-.Are%20bus%20stops%20and%20other%20transportation%20facilities%20required%20to%20p,rovide,stops%20or%20at%20transportation%20facilities.>

[4] <https://health.wusf.usf.edu/health-news-florida/2023-08-15/how-deadly-is-florida-heat-experts-say-official-numbers-dont-show-the-whole-picture>

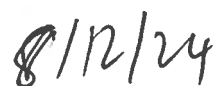
[5] <https://go-rtts.com/route038-the-hub-to-gainesville-place/>

[6] <https://www.ready.gov/heat#:~:text=Extreme%20heat%20is%20a%20period,which%20can%20lead%20to%20death.>

[7] <https://www.usnews.com/best-colleges/university-of-florida-1535/student-life#:~:text=University%20of%20Florida%20has%20a,of%20students%20live%20off%20campus.>



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