

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1527

TITLE: Resolution Urging the University of Florida to Implement Increased Electrical Services in Turlington

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WHEREAS, Turlington Plaza is a regularly visited area located in the middle of campus, it is frequently used for exams, events, and tabling for many clubs; and,

WHEREAS, many student organizations use laptops or phones to assist them while they are tabling in Turlington; and,

WHEREAS, there is a charging station in the Northeastern corner of the Plaza with a solar panel, yet there are only USB type-A ports available; and,

WHEREAS, many computers utilize a two or three prong power cord (also known as type A and type B) for charging, and do not utilize USB-A for outlets [1][2][3]; and,

WHEREAS, in the United States, the most common type of outlet is the type A and B outlets (two and three pronged) [4]; and,

WHEREAS, a report in 2017 found that as many as 25% of University of Florida students use a standup electric scooter [5], which amounts to approximately 13,000 students (25% of the population) [6]; and,

WHEREAS, there are multiple areas in Turlington designated for scooter parking, but no places in Turlington for charging one's scooter battery; and,

WHEREAS, many individuals rely on their scooters to get to and from classes; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the importance of Turlington Plaza for students and student organizations; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate appreciates the efforts of Turlington Plaza to make charging ports available to students on campus, and would like to promote the expansion of those resources; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate supports the addition of Type A and B outlets to Turlington Plaza, especially near tables and scooter parking, in order to ensure maximum productivity and effectiveness.

Proviso: The author of this bill would like to recognize Senator Emeritus Miguel Delgado for aiding in the creation of this bill. A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Utility Electrical Superintendent Charles Rolling, Director of Building Services Tyler Rodibaugh

[1] <https://www.dell.com/en-us/shop/adapters/ar/7683>

[2] <https://www.sbsupply.eu/which/magsafe/do/i/need>

[3] <https://www.hp.com/us-en/shop/dlp/hp-laptop-charger>

[4] <https://www.techtarget.com/searchdatacenter/definition/Electric-plugs-for-each-country#:~:text=Type%20A%20and%20Type%20C,the%20U.K.%20uses%20Type%20G.>

[5] <https://www.gainesville.com/story/news/local/2019/10/17/scooter-study-at-uf-to-look-at-danger-pollution/2498412007/>

[6] https://data-apps.ir.aa.ufl.edu/public/cds/CDS_2017-2018_UFMain_7_20_18.pdf



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