

Student Senate

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STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1531

TITLE: Resolution Advocating for the Installation of a Professional Photo Booth In Heavener Business School

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WHEREAS, headshots are an important aspect of a student's ability to navigate the professional environment and effectively network for job opportunities; and,

WHEREAS, the leading platform for professional networking, LinkedIn, reported that users' profiles with headshots are viewed 21 times more often than those without them and 50% more often than those with non-professional headshots [1]; and,

WHEREAS, professional photo booths are designed to capture professional headshots and deliver the portrait to the user instantly; and,

WHEREAS, professional photo booths have been installed at other universities, such as Georgia State University, and they have seen an increase in students taking headshots as large as 376% [2]; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida is obligated to provide its students with career-readiness resources, as it currently does with the Career Connections Center and Business Career Services, to ensure its students are prepared for their postgraduate professional endeavors; and,

WHEREAS, purchasing or leasing a professional photo booth to install at Heavener Business School may increase access and usage of career-readiness services; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the importance of students' access to resources that support their professional development.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate supports an initiative that calls for increased access to resources that improve their chances of success as future candidates.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate supports the installation of a professional photo booth at Heavener Business School to improve business students' access to and engagement with career-readiness resources.

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Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Assistant Dean of Heavener Business School Erica Studer-Byrnes, and Associate Director of Business Career Services Kim Beach.

- [1] https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/benefits-professional-headshots-daniel-mclean/
- [2] https://irisbooth.com/school/

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