

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,

