

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1571

**TITLE: Student Infrastructure Revitalization Act Volume One – Resolution
Calling for the Building of New Student Government Tables with Overhangs and
Chargers Across Campus**

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WHEREAS, the University of Florida Core Value of Community encompasses our mission to “create a safe, welcoming community and a shared purpose that builds a sense of belonging and togetherness.” and further, “Our community has a shared sense of purpose that unites everyone around goals that are held in common. Those goals elevate the collective and are greater than any one of us alone. We utilize our intellect, creativity, skills, strength and compassion to create a supportive community that serves the common good.” [1] Part of this dedication toward community and creating a welcoming space with a sense of belonging and togetherness is to provide for new opportunities for students to grow and thrive on our campus; and,

WHEREAS, providing outdoor study infrastructure helps “extend indoor lecture halls and classrooms to outdoor spaces and provide additional space for students to learn. Students who participate in outdoor education programs have higher levels of intrinsic motivation to learn and feel more confident.” [2]; and,

WHEREAS, additional benefits to outdoor study infrastructure include the potential to improve focus, lower stress and anxiety, disconnect from technology, inspire creativity, and reduce eye strain [2]; and,

WHEREAS, further research into outdoor learning shows “that outdoor residential programs using explorative learning methodology can drastically improve the student's learning attitudes.” [3]; and,

WHEREAS, current University of Florida Student Government-sponsored tables with overhangs and electrical outlets located in the North Lawn near The Hub are dilapidated and in need of replacing; and,

WHEREAS, in 2021, with the passage of Student Senate Bill 2021-1031 *Allocation of*

Reserves for Projects within the Reitz Union, specific Student Government reserves funding was allocated toward outdoor study infrastructure, as part of a \$540,000.00 allocation toward short and long term projects around the Reitz Union, showcasing the University of Florida Student Senate's commitment to fostering outdoor study infrastructure development and precedence for further allocations to progress outdoor study infrastructure; now,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate advocates for the reconstruction of new and technologically capable Student Government tables with overhangs and electrical outlets located around The Hub and in the North Lawn of the University of Florida campus.

Proviso: A copy of this bill of law shall be sent to Student Body President John Brinkman, Student Government Finance Manager Gary Bryant, and UF Director of Construction Frank Javaheri

[1] <https://www.ufl.edu/about/core-values/>

[2] <https://www.usa-shade.com/blog/guide-to-designing-outdoor-learning-environments-for-colleges/>

[3] <https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/psychology/articles/10.3389/fpsyg.2017.02235/full>



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