

**STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1728**

**TITLE: Resolution Advocating for Creating Eduroam Access points on Fraternity Row and Around the Ben Hill Griffin Stadium**

**AUTHOR(S): Senator Gabriela Prieto, Senator Maximo Toledo**

**SPONSOR(S):**

**WHEREAS**, eduroam is an international wireless roaming WiFi network that the University of Florida and many other universities across the country, as well as other institutions for higher education in the world, use [1]; and,

**WHEREAS**, in 2023, over 7.5 billion authentications were recorded within the US and internationally in total, due to new initiatives pushing eduroam to off campus locations [1]; and,

**WHEREAS**, the University of Florida believes it is essential that students have seamless WiFi access across its campus available to all students, faculty, and staff [3]; and,

**WHEREAS**, the University of Florida Information and Technology Department has furthered this mission by initiating projects to extend WiFi access in large green spaces and outside of buildings across campus. UF IT is currently in the process of implementing WiFi access to off-campus locations, such as along 13th Street [3]; and,

**WHEREAS**, the University of Florida campus welcomes tens of thousands of visitors to campus each home game day. The Ben Hill Griffin Stadium capacity is around 90,000 people, and frequently is at capacity during its home games during any given season [2]; and,

**WHEREAS**, visitors are comprised of students, family, friends, alumni, locals, Gator fans, and rival team fans and many more visitors that typically are not present regularly on campus; and,

**WHEREAS**, eduroam's network gets congested due to high volume of usage on home game days, especially around the fraternity row area and around the stadium, which leads to safety concerns and line backlogging at the stadium gates; and,

**WHEREAS**, many people are unable to text, call, or use their social medias when the WiFi network gets overwhelmed, and in the case of safety hazards, people may be unable to reach out for help in a timely manner; and,

**WHEREAS**, the University of Florida should expand eduroam access points in proximity of Fraternity Row and in the surrounding areas of the Ben Hill Griffin stadium; and,

**WHEREAS**, this expansion of service will aid in the University of Florida’s mission to keep students connected and safe, especially during game days; then,

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the need for broadband WiFi access across the University of Florida campus.

**THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes that the University of Florida has a responsibility to keep all students safe and having access to the resources necessary for success at all times.

**THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes that in order to fulfill the needs of students and uphold the responsibility of the University of Florida, it is imperative that the University of Florida execute the expansion of WiFi network access points to the current issue areas such as across Fraternity Row and in the surrounding areas of the Ben Hill Griffin stadium.

*Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Associate VP and Deputy CIO of Infrastructure and Communication Technology Saira Hasnain, Associate Director of IT and CIT Dave Connelly, Associate Director of CIT El Mehdi Ramdane, Director of IT Customer Experience Alicia Turner, Business Relationship Manager II Natalie Andrietta, Student Body President John Brinkman*

[1] <https://eduroam.org/>

[2] <https://www.uff.ufl.edu/gatornation/the-next-big-thing-for-gator-football-less/>

[3] ASO VP and Deputy CIO Saira Hasnain on a zoom meeting 10/29/2024



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