STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1743

TITLE: Resolution to Implement a Student Feedback Box on Legislation

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WHEREAS, the University of Florida has a total enrollment of 60,484 Undergraduate and Graduate students, for whom the University of Florida Student Senate provides representation [1]; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida Student Senate has passed over 100 pieces of legislation within the past year, which has significantly impacted the student body [2]; and,

WHEREAS, public comment in the University of Florida Student Senate is three minutes per individual toward the beginning of each Senate meeting and requiring individuals to sign up by 5:00 PM the day of the meeting, a deadline that the general student body may not necessarily be aware of; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida Student Senate has the fundamental obligation to recognize feedback from every student, and acknowledges that factors such as stage fright and scheduling conflicts may inhibit students from speaking out during the public comment section; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the University of Florida Student Senate supports the implementation of a legislative feedback box to promote accessibility of the Senate to the student body, and advocate for our constituents.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the University of Florida Student Senate encourages the Reitz Union to provide a feedback box outside of the Student Senate on the ground floor of the Reitz Union.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED, that the University of Florida Student Senate encourages any student to utilize this resource to voice opinions, questions, and concerns.

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[1] https://news.ufl.edu/for-media/uf-facts/

[2] https://sg.ufl.edu/branches/legislative/senate-resources/