

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1007

TITLE: Resolution Advocating for an Increase in Phone and Laptop Chargers at the J. Wayne Reitz Student Union

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WHEREAS, the University of Florida has the responsibility to provide students with the adequate resources to ensure academic success; and,

WHEREAS, access to proper technological devices is vital to the success of students not only at the University of Florida but at all major public institutions around the world, as studies show that 76 percent of college students use laptops as their primary means of completing school work, emphasizing the prevalence of technology in current education [1]; and,

WHEREAS, the use of technology in education helps to “increase student engagement, help teachers improve their lesson plans, and facilitate personalized learning” [2]; and,

WHEREAS, there is significant access to chargers at numerous libraries on campus, but there is a considerable lack of proper charging equipment at the J. Wayne Reitz Student Union, a central part of our campus; and,

WHEREAS, Omnicharge recognizes that increased access to chargers “help students of all ages stay connected and access new educational opportunities” highlighting the importance of a large quantity of chargers being needed around all parts of a campus [1]; and,

WHEREAS, according to Power Technologies, “device charging issues can significantly disrupt students’ experiences in the classroom and negatively impact learning outcomes,” further emphasizing the need for increased accessibility of chargers for students [3]; and,

WHEREAS, without proper charging opportunities around campus, students’ academic ability and opportunity may be hindered on a daily basis; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes that the University of Florida maintains the responsibility to provide adequate resources to foster the success of their students.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate commits to working with the J. Wayne Reitz Student Union administration and staff in order to increase the amount of accessible chargers for students to utilize.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate will support any efforts to garner additional charging equipment for use by the student body, in order to promote a better academic environment for all students.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Senior Director Dwayne Isaacs, Administrative Specialist Lauren Lyons-McDougle, Director of Administrative Services Brian Brasington, and Building Manager Eric Smith.

[1] <https://er.educause.edu/articles/2023/1/the-evolving-landscape-of-students-mobile-learning-practices-in-higher-education#:~:text=For%20academic%20needs%2C%2076%20percent,primarily%20relying%20on%20a%20cellphone.&text=Comparatively%20fewer%20students%20reported%20high,wearable%20technologies%20such%20as%20smartwatches.>

[2] <https://www.omnicharge.co/blogs/blog/laptop-charging-stations-for-classrooms>

[3] <https://powertechnologies.com/the-effects-of-uncharged-devices-on-student-learning/>