

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2025-1074

TITLE: Resolution Thanking the Education Library for Their Expanded Access to Sensory Tools and Spaces

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WHEREAS, the University of Florida seeks to support a diverse student population with varying needs, including those with sensory processing and concentration challenges [1]; and,

WHEREAS, the ability to obtain sensory tools in study spaces can contribute to enhanced focus, reduced stress, and overall higher academic success for students who benefit from such accommodations [2]; and,

WHEREAS, studies show that access to sensory tools, such as sensory headphones, can improve concentration and information retention for individuals with sensory needs, ADHD, anxiety, and other disabilities [2]; and,

WHEREAS, sensory-friendly study environments promote inclusivity and accessibility, ensuring that all students have the opportunity to engage in their school work in a way that best supports their learning styles and needs; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida Education Library has been working on expanding access to sensory tools and the creation of a sensory space to support students' various needs; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes and commends the efforts of College of Education Library Director Rachael Elrod for her commitment to accessibility and inclusivity by expanding access to sensory tools and spaces for students.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate is dedicated to the continual expansion of sensory resources available to students and committed to bettering the mental well-being of students and staff at the University of Florida.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate is committed to serving the needs of all students to ensure every student can succeed.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Director of the Education Library Racheal Elrod and Director of the Disability Resource Center Jenna Gonzalez.

[1]<https://disability.ufl.edu/about-us/#:~:text=Mission,advancement%20of%20students%20with%20disabilities>.

[2]<https://www.wholechildcounseling.com/post/classroom-benefits-of-fidget-and-sensory-tools-how-effective-are-they#:~:text=Fidget%20tools%20are%20self%2Dregulation,such%20as%20agitated%2C%20or%20anxious>.

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