



Student Senate

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STUDENT SENATE BILL 2025-1080

TITLE: Resolution Advocating for the Installation of Biodegradable Cups at the Student Recreation and Fitness Center

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SPONSOR(S): Majority Party Leader Rafeh Khan, Deputy Majority Party Leader Marco Salvador

WHEREAS, the Student Recreation and Fitness Center (SRFC) at the University of Florida is a central hub for health, wellness, and physical activity, serving thousands of students, faculty, and staff each week; and,

WHEREAS, hydration is essential during physical activity, and students frequently utilize the water stations available throughout the SRFC to maintain their wellness and performance [1]; and,

WHEREAS, many students often forget to bring reusable water bottles, leading to potential dehydration or reduced workout performance, or they resort to single-use plastic bottles, which contribute to environmental harm; and,

WHEREAS, this initiative would allow students to stay hydrated during workouts, supporting their overall health and well-being while promoting the importance of accessible hydration in fitness environments; and,

WHEREAS, this initiative would align with the University of Florida's commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship, as outlined in UF's Office of Sustainability mission to foster a culture of resource conservation and waste reduction [2]; and,

WHEREAS, implementing this initiative with clear signage can also educate students on the importance of sustainability and increase awareness of eco-conscious habits within campus life; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate supports the installation of biodegradable cups at the water stations within Student Recreation to promote hydration, accessibility, and sustainability.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate encourages RecSports and UF Facilities Services to collaborate with the Office of


Sustainability to identify cost-effective, biodegradable cup vendors and create a refill station model that reduces environmental impact.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes this initiative as a step toward enhancing student wellness and environmental consciousness on campus.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Marty Dempsey Director For Facilities & Operations and Jenna Nales Associate Director For Facilities & Operations.

[1]<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/Exercise-the-low-down-on-water-and-drinks>

[2]<https://sustainable.ufl.edu/about/#:~:text=The%20mission%20of%20the%20Office,economic%20development%2C%20and%20social%20equity.>


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