

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2025-1098

TITLE: Resolution Advocating for the Establishment of the FACULTY Program (Faculty Advisor Connection to Uplift Leaders and Transform Young organizations)

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WHEREAS, the University of Florida (UF) requires all registered student organizations to have an eligible and approved advisor who is a full-time, salaried faculty or professional staff member not on extended leave during their term [1]; and,

WHEREAS, the process of securing a faculty advisor can be challenging for students, often necessitating mass emails to professors in hopes of finding a willing participant, thereby hindering the formation and sustainability of new student organizations; and,

WHEREAS, Student Engagement currently offers resources and training for advisors but lacks a formal program to assist students in connecting with potential faculty advisors [1]; and,

WHEREAS, enhanced collaboration between students and faculty through structured mentorship has been shown to enrich the educational experience, promote professional development, and strengthen the university community; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate encourages Student Engagement to develop and implement a Faculty Advisor Program aimed at facilitating connections between new student organization leaders and potential faculty advisors.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that this program should include a centralized database or platform where interested faculty can express their willingness to advise student organizations, and students can identify and contact potential advisors whose interests align with their organization's mission.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Florida Senate encourages Student Engagement to provide informational sessions and workshops to educate both students and faculty about the benefits and expectations of the advisor-advisee relationship, thereby promoting a culture of mentorship and support within the UF community.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate advocates that the implementation of this program be prioritized to enhance student involvement, support the creation of diverse student organizations, and foster meaningful faculty-student interactions at the University of Florida.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Director of Community and Belonging for Student Engagement Solange Douglas.

[1] <https://studentengagement.ufl.edu/student-organizations/advisors/>