

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2025-1102

TITLE: Resolution Proposing to Add a Spanish Option to the GatorWay App

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WHEREAS, the GatorWay App serves as a critical tool for prospective students and their families by providing self-guided campus tours that offer insight into the University of Florida's campus life and facilities; and,

WHEREAS, over 41 million people speak Spanish at home in the United States, making it the second most spoken language in the country [1]; and,

WHEREAS, enhancing language accessibility on university platforms is essential to promoting a welcoming environment for all current and prospective members of the University of Florida community; and,

WHEREAS, the implementation of a Spanish-language self-guided tour option within the GatorWay App would meaningfully support families who face language barriers, enabling a more informative and empowering campus visit experience; and,

WHEREAS, the University can partner with the Hispanic-Latine Student Association to develop accurate and culturally thoughtful Spanish audio and text translations—specifically in Castellano—from the original English content; and,

WHEREAS, this feature will aid in the advancement of the University of Florida's admissions and help increase campus engagement within our diverse community; then,

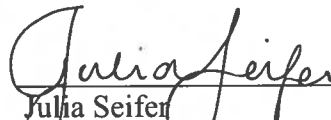
THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate formally acknowledges the importance of linguistic inclusivity in campus resources and experiences.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the Student Senate affirms that Spanish-speaking families deserve equitable access to information, tools, and opportunities that support their engagement with the University.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate supports the addition of a Spanish option to the self-guided tours app, GatorWay.

Proviso: HSA President Matthew Urra, HSA President-elect Gabriella Garibaldi, Assistant Dean and Director of the Center for New Student and Family Programs Kristopher Klan, Head of UFIT Elias Eldayrie.

[1] What Languages Do We Speak in the United States?


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