

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2025-1109

TITLE: Resolution Authorizing the Spring 2026 Election Dates

AUTHOR(S): Judiciary Chairman Matthew Bravo

SPONSOR(S):

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 5 of the Student Body Constitution states that "If any hour of any day of a general or run-off election conflicts with a religious or school holiday or if any other conflict exists, the Student Senate shall, by resolution, designate different days for the affected election or elections;" and,

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 2 of the Student Body Constitution states that "The fall general election shall occur on the Tuesday and Wednesday of the sixth week of the fall term;" and,

WHEREAS, the spring academic semester will begin on January 12th, and six weeks following that date would be the week of February 23rd, making the election dates February 24th and February 25th and the potential run-off days March 3rd and March 4th [1]; and,

WHEREAS, March 3rd marks the holidays of Purim for the Jewish faith and Holi for the Hindu faith [2]; and,

WHEREAS, Purim is a joyous Jewish festival commemorating the survival of the Jews who, in the 5th century BCE, were under threat of annihilation by the Persian Empire [3]; and,

WHEREAS, Holi, often called the "festival of colors," is a vibrant and joyful Hindu celebration that marks spring's arrival, the triumph of good over evil, and the legendary love between Radha and Krishna [4]; and,

WHEREAS, These holidays are an integral part of the Jewish and Hindu faiths, thus creating a conflict; then,

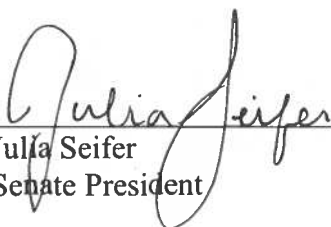
THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the University of Florida Student Senate authorizes the Supervisor of Elections to hold the Spring 2026 general election on February 24th and February 25th and the potential run-off days on March 4th and March 5th.

[1] <https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/dates-deadlines/pdfs/calendar2526.pdf>

[2] <https://nationaltoday.com/religious-holidays/>

[3] <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Purim>

[4] <https://www.history.com/articles/holi>



Julia Seifer
Senate President

6/4/25

Date