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STUDENT SENATE BILL 2025-1146

TITLE: Resolution Promoting the Establishment of a Student Arts Fair

AUTHOR(S): Senator Zoe Metchick, Deputy Majority Party Leader Marco Salvador

SPONSOR(S):

WHEREAS, a student arts fair would enable the University of Florida Student Government Senate to serve as instrumental supporters to arts students on campus; and,

WHEREAS, it is essential to provide opportunities for professional development that reach all corners of campus; and,

WHEREAS, career fairs allow students to learn the skills necessary to navigate their desired industry [1]; and,

WHEREAS, career fairs are essential because they allow students to network with professionals in their desired field [2]; and,

WHEREAS, for arts students, professional networking with "galleries, curators, collectors, and other influencers can lead to exhibition opportunities, commissions, and sales," [3]; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida Student Senate is working alongside Student Body Vice President Jade Gonzalez and her cabinet to establish an Arts Fair through the means available to us; and,

WHEREAS, this Arts Fair will serve as a platform for local artists and vendors from the greater Gainesville community to showcase and sell their work on campus, fostering engagement between students and the regional arts scene; and,

WHEREAS, the event will allow UF Arts students to gain exposure to real-world artistic markets, connect with local professionals, and explore post-graduation opportunities by building meaningful relationships with vendors and creative industry representatives; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Government Senate recognizes that career fairs encourage professional development.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Government Senate recognizes the opportunity an arts fair lends to networking for arts students.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Government Senate will continue to use all necessary resources to establish an Arts Fair for students, in collaboration with the Executive Branch and local arts community.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Student Body Vice President Jade Gonzalez, Associate Dean of Academic and Student Affairs for the College of the Arts Marshall A Haning, and the Director and Associate Professor for the College of the Arts Elizabeth Ross.

- [1] https://www.jouleinc.com/unleash-your-potential-why-career-fairs-are-essential-for-students/#:~:text=Attending%20career%20fairs%20is%20a,the%20professional%20world%20after%20gradu ation.
- [2] https://www.floridamuseum.ufl.edu/earth-systems/blog/why-you-should-attend-the-career-showc ase-even-as-a-freshman/
- [3] https://artsartistsartwork.com/the-importance-of-networking-for-visual-artists-success/

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