

**STUDENT SENATE BILL 2025-1166**

**TITLE: Resolution Advocating for Improved Access to Rehearsal Spaces for Dance Organizations**

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**WHEREAS**, “Registered Student Organization (RSO) means a voluntary group of students joined together by interest, cause or mission ... and receive RSO benefits and campus privileges when in good standing” [1]; and,

**WHEREAS**, the University of Florida is home to over 25 RSOs categorized as dance organizations, with group sizes ranging from under ten to over one hundred student members [2]; and,

**WHEREAS**, “University of Florida buildings, facilities, and outdoor space are primarily intended for use by the University’s students, faculty, staff, and related organizations to further the University’s mission of education, research, and service” [1]; and,

**WHEREAS**, registered student organizations are eligible for free or reduced-cost use of many university venues and facilities [3]; and,

**WHEREAS**, members of dance organizations have expressed significant frustration with the current rehearsal space reservation process, citing challenges including limited availability and overcrowding, unpredictable cancellations, competition and tension between groups, and inflexible booking hours; and,

**WHEREAS**, dance organizations provide students with a valuable creative outlet, foster teamwork, and contribute meaningfully to the broader campus culture and individual students' academic and personal growth; then,

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate acknowledges the critical role dance organizations play in enriching the student experience and contributing to campus life.

**THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate supports efforts to expand access and booking flexibility for dance organizations, including advocating for later indoor access hours (e.g., until midnight or later) in commonly used on-campus practice facilities.

**THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the value of increased cooperation and communication among campus dance organizations and supports the development of a centralized calendar to track space reservations and minimize scheduling conflicts.

**THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate supports making outdoor practice spaces more viable as a last resort, through the creation of a loanable kit with items such as fans, microphones, and portable speakers, and will explore making reservable shaded or soft-surface outdoor spaces more available.

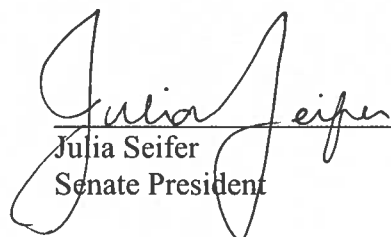
**THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate is committed to working with the Registrar's Office, Office of Student Engagement, and other university stakeholders to improve the space reservation system and ensure every organization can access consistent, compatible rehearsal space on campus.

*Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Stephen O'Connell Center Director's Assistant Courtney Bellot, Extreme Dance Company's President Rachel Chazotte, Danza Dance Company's President Emma Mulé, The Belly Gator's President Alexandra Davidson, and Genesis Dance Crew's President Abi Taylor.*

[1] <https://policy.ufl.edu/policy/use-of-university-space/>

[2] <https://orgs.studentinvolvement.ufl.edu/>

[3] <https://studentengagement.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Student-Org-Resource-Guide-2023.pdf>

  
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