



Student Senate

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## **STUDENT SENATE BILL 2025-1168**

**TITLE: Resolution Expressing Appreciation to the College of Journalism and Communications for the Renovation of Gannett Auditorium**

**AUTHOR(S): Senator Macy Meis**

**SPONSOR(S): Senator Josh Laeser, Senator Jagger Boucher, Senator Madelyn Stoutamire, Deputy Majority Party Leader Marco Salvador**

**WHEREAS**, Weimer Hall's Gannett Auditorium (Room 1064) serves as a vital lecture and event venue for the College of Journalism and Communications (CJC) and the broader UF community, regularly hosting high-enrollment courses, guest lectures, and public forums; and,

**WHEREAS**, members of the Student Senate and students who attend classes in Gannett Auditorium previously expressed concerns about the deteriorating condition and functionality of the auditorium's seating tables, which impeded students' ability to take notes and fully engage in their coursework; and,

**WHEREAS**, the College of Journalism and Communications, recognizing these concerns, prioritized a comprehensive renovation of Gannett Auditorium, including the repair and replacement of damaged seating and tables, as well as additional upgrades to improve safety, comfort, and accessibility; and,

**WHEREAS**, this renovation was executed primarily during the Summer 2025 academic recess to minimize disruption and is scheduled for completion before the start of the Fall 2025 semester; and,

**WHEREAS**, the renovation project was made possible through the leadership of Dean Hub Brown, Executive Associate Dean Spiro Kiouis, Director of Engineering and Facilities Brian Krieger, and the dedicated UF Facilities Services staff and contracted specialists whose labor and expertise ensured the project's success; and,

**WHEREAS**, the refurbished Gannett Auditorium will enhance the academic experience for journalism and communications students, faculty, visiting speakers, and the greater campus community by providing a modern, functional, and welcoming learning environment; then,

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate expresses its profound gratitude to the College of Journalism and Communications, Dean Hub Brown, Executive Associate Dean Spiro Kiouis, Director of Engineering and Facilities Brian

Krieger, and all facilities personnel and contractors involved for their responsiveness and commitment to improving Gannett Auditorium.

**THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED** that the Student Senate acknowledges the importance of maintaining high-quality learning spaces and recognizes the renovated Gannett Auditorium as an outstanding example of collaborative effort to address student needs and advance academic excellence at the University of Florida.

*Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the following individuals Dean Hub Brown; Executive Associate Dean Spiro Kioussis; Director of Engineering and Facilities Brian Krieger; and Dr. Joseph Glover, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs.*

  
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Julia Seifer  
Senate President

7/31/25  
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