

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2025-1216

TITLE: Resolution to Support the Health Fee and Athletic Fee Increase

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WHEREAS, the University of Florida student health fee is currently \$15.81 per credit hour [1]; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Fee committee, which is comprised primarily of students, unanimously recommended an increase of \$0.27 to the health fee in Fall of 2025; and,

WHEREAS, the funds would support the Disability Resource Center, which works with over 7,000 students, to remove barriers and promote an accessible campus community for all [2]; and,

WHEREAS, the funds would allow our Disability Resource Center to hire 5 new accessibility specialists and remain competitive with Top 20 and SEC schools; and,

WHEREAS, an additional accessibility specialist will reduce wait times for students with an accessibility appointment by as much as 4 weeks; and,

WHEREAS, the students of the University of Florida and the Student Senate of the University of Florida have long focused on mental health topics and how it impacts students [3]; and,

WHEREAS, the health fee has not increased in ten years, despite monetary inflation and increased mental health needs in the student body during this time; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida student athletic fee is currently the lowest of all Florida State Universities at \$1.90 per credit hour [1]; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Fee University committee, which is comprised primarily of students, unanimously recommended an increase of \$1.56 to the athletic fee in Fall of 2025; and,

WHEREAS, this increase will help sustain and enhance student engagement and experiences at athletic events; and,

WHEREAS, this increase will help prevent increases to student ticket prices to University of Florida sporting events; and,

WHEREAS, the athletic fee has not increased in 25 years, despite monetary inflation and the significant evolution of collegiate athletics during this time; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that an increase to the health fee is necessary to meet the needs of UF students, and that the University of Florida Student Senate, on behalf of the student body, hereby support the proposed health fee increase of \$0.27 per credit hour.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that an increase to the athletic fee is necessary to meet the needs of UF students, and that the University of Florida Student Senate, on behalf of the student body, hereby support the proposed athletic fee increase of \$1.56 per credit hour.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate, on behalf of the student body, call on the University of Florida Board of Trustees to approve the health fee increase of \$0.27 per credit hour and the athletic fee increase of \$1.56 at the December 4, 2025 meeting.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to University of Florida Board of Trustees Chairman Mori Hosseini, University of Florida Interim President Donald Landry, and Vice President for Student Life Heather White.

[1] <https://www.flbog.edu/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/2025-2026-SUS-Tuition-and-Fees-Report.pdf>

[2] <https://disability.ufl.edu>

[3] <https://sg.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/2025-1021-Resolution-Calling-for-Increased-Access-to-Mental-Health-Resources-for-Students-with-Physical-Disabilities.pdf>

[4] <https://www.flbog.edu/universities/parents-students/tuition-fees/>



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