

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2025-1220

TITLE: Partnership for Assessment of Traffic, Routes, and Outdoor Lighting (PATROL) Resolution

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WHEREAS, the safety of students, faculty, and staff is an important matter to Student Government, UFPD, and the University of Florida; and,

WHEREAS, as the official liaison for the student body to university and administration, Student Government is responsible for emphasizing campus safety; and,

WHEREAS, there is an expressed need by students for campus safety improvements; and,

WHEREAS, semesterly safety walks provide the Student Government and UF administration an overview of safety concerns that should be addressed on campus; and,

WHEREAS, Student Government and UFPD collaborated on the inaugural safety walk on October 2nd, 2025, in which Student Government officials and UFPD officers conducted a thorough, over five-mile tour of our three-square-mile campus and the surrounding regions, evaluating and recording areas of improvement [1]; and,

WHEREAS, this was compiled into a report and given to university administration covering topics like under-lit areas, dysfunctional light bulbs, and the need for additional crosswalks; and,

WHEREAS, UFPD is committed to using the information from these safety walks to make the necessary changes to campus to improve safety for students, faculty, and staff; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED the University of Florida Student Senate, Nightlife Navigators, and University of Florida Police Department are committed to maintaining the safety of UF students on and off campus.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED the University of Florida Student Senate and Nightlife Navigators are committed to conducting annual safety walks joined by UFPD.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate sends its gratitude to the University of Florida Police Department for its continued support and collaboration in making our campus and student life the safest it can be.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Chief Bart Knowles (bartknowles@ufl.edu), Nightlife Navigators Agency Head Jacob Schneider (navigators@sg.ufl.edu).

[1] <https://news.ufl.edu/for-media/uf-facts/>