STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2015-102

TITLE: Resolution Supporting the Advancement of Public Safety at the University of Florida and in the City of Gainesville

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WHEREAS, on November 18, 2014 the Gainesville City Commission and the University of Florida Student Senate held a joint meeting; and,

WHEREAS, student senators and city officials discussed the advancement of public safety in the City of Gainesville; and,

WHEREAS, after a productive dialogue with student senators, the Gainesville City Commission referred an investigation of lighting and high density pedestrian right-of-ways to the City’s Public Safety Committee; and,

WHEREAS, preventative action has been taken at the city and university levels to provide for the safety of Gainesville residents and students; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida has implemented effective programs such as the Student Nighttime Auxiliary Patrol, Emergency Blue Lights, UF Mobile Safety App, and the Walk Safe Program in order to increase public safety and awareness; and,

WHEREAS, University of Florida students continue to request expanded lighting on and off-campus in an effort to promote safety; and,

WHEREAS, students have also supported enhanced crosswalk safety measures in high traffic areas to prevent pedestrian accidents; and,

WHEREAS, an upgrade of public lighting and transportation infrastructure contributes to a strengthened sense of resident safety on and off-campus; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate supports the effort to maintain a high standard of safety for all students, and;
THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate supports the development of city and university lighting and the enhancement of pedestrian transportation for increased public safety and benefit for the entire Gainesville Community.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Gainesville City Commission, Jeff Bair, Physical Plant Department Project Manager; Scott Fox, Director of Transportation and Parking Services; Linda J. Stump, UFPD Chief; Tony Jones, GPD Chief; External Affairs Chairman, Blake Murphy; Dr. Brian Ray, Associate Dean and Director of the Heavener School of Business; and Horace Tucker, Associate Director of the Heavener School of Business.

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Joseph Michaels
Senate President
Date 01/28/15

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