STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2016-102

TITLE: Resolution Supporting the Establishment of the Gator Emergency Medical Response Unit

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WHEREAS, on January 22, 2016, the University of Florida Police Department announced a partnership with Gator Emergency Medical Response Unit to establish the University of Florida's first 24/7 On-Campus Emergency Medical Response System; and,

WHEREAS, the Gator Emergency Medical Response Unit will service over 70,000 students, faculty, staff and visitors to the University of Florida campus; and,

WHEREAS, over 250 colleges and universities provide campus-based emergency medical response services and are branched under an umbrella organization, the National Collegiate Emergency Medical Services Foundation (NCEMSF)1; and,

WHEREAS, collegiate EMS student volunteers respond within minutes and provide basic emergency care tailored specifically to their campus community, and create a safer, healthier environment on university campuses; and,

WHEREAS, the Gator Emergency Medical Response Unit (Gator EMRU) is a partnership between the University of Florida Police Department, University of Florida Department of Emergency Medicine, and Student Government; and,

WHEREAS, Gator EMRU will provide event standby services for major University-wide events offered by any college, school, division, or operational unit within the University of Florida; and,

WHEREAS, in the future, Gator EMRU will provide quick response emergency medical services for 911 calls originating from the University of Florida main campus; and,

WHEREAS, Gator EMRU will work in close coordination with local EMS, fire, and police departments to enhance already existing emergency medical services; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate supports the establishment of the Gator Emergency Medical Response Unit, which aims to promote the general health and well-being of the University of Florida campus.

1 https://www.ncemsf.org
Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to UFPD Chief Linda J. Stump-Kurnick, Assistant Vice President of Public and Environmental Safety; Dr. Christine Van Dillen, Medical Director, Alachua County EMS; Dave Kratzer, Vice President of Student Affairs; Dr. W. Kent Fuchs, President of University of Florida; and Dr. Nancy Chrystal-Green, Director of Student Activities and Involvement

Susan Webster
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