Student Senate Resolution 2016-1022

Title: Resolution Honoring Vice President of Student Affairs Major General (Ret.) David E. Kratzer for his Service to the University of Florida

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Sponsors: Former Senate President Davis Bean, Judiciary Committee, Budget and Appropriations Committee, Allocations Committee, Rules and Ethics Committee, Information and Communication Committee

WHEREAS, Vice President of Student Affairs Dave Kratzer has served the University of Florida in various roles for more than 30 years, including Director of J. Wayne Reitz Union from 1986 to 2001 and Vice President of Student Affairs from 2012 to 2016[1]; and,

WHEREAS, Vice President of Student Affairs Kratzer has honorably served the United States of America through his military service in the United States Army, being deployed to Afghanistan, Kuwait, and Iraq and retiring in 2006 with the rank of Major General [1]; and,

WHEREAS, Vice President of Student Affairs Kratzer has continuously worked to bring new services and benefits to the students at the University of Florida including the Collegiate Veterans Success Center, Newell Hall, Infinity Hall, and Cypress Hall [2]; and,

WHEREAS, Vice President of Student Affairs Kratzer was instrumental in the $70 million renovation and expansion of the J. Wayne Reitz Union, which acts as the center for student life on campus [2]; and,

WHEREAS, during his time as Director of J. Wayne Reitz Union, Vice President of Student Affairs Kratzer built the Grand Ballroom, a new space for the Career Resource Center, brought the first nationally branded food vendors to the food court, and worked with Business Services to add the parking garage and the university bookstore into the Union [2]; and,

WHEREAS, during his time in office, Vice President of Student Affairs Kratzer successfully oversaw a large number of departments with a $105 million budget including Housing and Residence Education, GatorWell Health Promotion Service, Career Resource Center, Center for Leadership and Service, the J. Wayne Reitz Union, Student Legal Services, Off Campus Life, the Machen Florida Opportunity Scholars Program, Student Activities and Involvement, Dean of Students Office, Counseling and Wellness Center, Recreational Sports, and Multicultural and Diversity Affairs [3]; and,

WHEREAS, Vice President of Student Affairs Kratzer has acted as a mentor and resource while providing strength and direction to students, student leaders, and student veterans across campus throughout his tenure at the University of Florida; then,
THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the University of Florida Student Senate expresses its greatest appreciation and gratitude to Vice President of Student Affairs Major General (Ret.) David E. Kratzer for his service, leadership, and dedication to the University of Florida and the student body.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Vice President of Student Affairs Major General (Ret.) David E. Kratzer

1. [http://www.ufsa.ufl.edu/about/administration/meet_the_vice_president/](http://www.ufsa.ufl.edu/about/administration/meet_the_vice_president/)

2. [http://news.hr.ufl.edu/2016/02/campus-spotlight-dave-kratzer/](http://news.hr.ufl.edu/2016/02/campus-spotlight-dave-kratzer/)

3. Student Affairs Annual Report 2015