STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2016-115

TITLE: Resolution Supporting the Continued Effort of the Innovation Academy and Innovation Cabinet to Establish Gainesville as the Main Innovation Hub of Florida

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WHEREAS, the Innovation Academy at the University of Florida was established in 2012 to develop UF students’ abilities to create, innovate, and join entrepreneurial ventures[1]; and,

WHEREAS, the Innovation Academy enrolls and supports academically talented students focusing on developing knowledge to grow new ideas, unique opportunities, and cutting edge services and products through curricular and co-curricular experiences[1]; and,

WHEREAS, the Innovation Academy hosts its yearly innovation showcase, known as Catalyst, which supports the ideas of and provides the opportunities for first year iA students to demonstrate their creativity, passion, and dedication to innovation[2]; and

WHEREAS, the Innovation Academy, as a part of the Innovation Cabinet, will continue to be a driving force in the University of Florida Student Government’s mission to become a Top-10 Ranked U.S. University; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that The University of Florida Student Senate supports the students, faculty, and staff of The University of Florida Innovation Academy Program in its endeavor to continuously redefine innovation and entrepreneurship for the Gator Nation; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that The University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the friendly support that the Innovation Academy gives the student body in achieving the University of Florida’s goals of preeminence and becoming a top 10 public institution in the United States; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED, that The University of Florida Student Senate supports the mutual beneficial relationship between the Innovation Academy and the student body of the University of Florida, and supports its goal of establishing the university and the surrounding city of Gainesville as the main innovation hub of the State of Florida and the Southeastern Conference.
Proviso: A copy of this legislation will be sent to iA Director Dr. Jeff City, Ed. D., iA Assistant Director Ayesha Mian, M. ED.


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Senate President

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