STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2017-102

TITLE: Resolution Supporting the Renovations to Plaza of the Americas

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SPONSORS: Information and Communication Chairwoman Jackie Phillips, Judiciary Committee

WHEREAS, the Plaza of the Americas enriches the campus by providing a free speech zone, designated green area, a venue for public speakers, and a forum for student organizations to gather; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida Foundation is undergoing a $2.2 million renovation to the Plaza of the Americas; and,

WHEREAS, the renovations are made possible by the efforts of former UF president Marshall Criser, Jr.; former UF provost David Colburn, interim director of the Graham Center for Public Policy; Willard Harrison, dean emeritus of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; alumni Herb and Catherine Yardley; and others[1]; and,

WHEREAS, UF committees for Lakes, Vegetation, and Landscaping; Preservation of Historic Buildings and Sites; Land Use and Facilities Planning; and Parking and Transportation helped create the plan based on feedback and explanations; and,

WHEREAS, the renovations will expand the walkways, making them safer for walking and bicycling through the plaza[2]; and,

WHEREAS, the new brick forum area will create a space for group gatherings, public speaking, and to display issues; and,

WHEREAS, the renovations will allow for Krishna Lunch to be served more easily, with more space to sit and eat; and,

WHEREAS, the projected timeline sets the project to be completed six months after its start in November; and,

[1] https://www.ufl.edu/initiatives/PlazaOfTheAmericas/FAQ.asp
[2] https://www.ufl.edu/initiatives/PlazaOfTheAmericas/
THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the University of Florida Student Senate sincerely thanks the University of Florida Foundation, the student body, administration and all who donated or contributed time and energy to this project; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the University of Florida Student Senate supports the Plaza of the Americas, and its place on our campus as a free speech zone, green area, and public forum.

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Senate President

Date