STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2017-1052

TITLE: Resolution Supporting the Gators CAN Campaign Benefiting the Field and Fork Pantry

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Sponsors: Student Body President Smith Meyers, Senate President Jackie Phillips, Chairman Clay Hurdle, Director of External Affairs Haley Smith, Panhellenic President Devon Leasure, and Former Student Body Vice President Brendon “BJ” Jonassaint

WHEREAS, The Gators CAN Campaign is a new partnership between Business Affairs, Gator Dining Services, Student Government, and the Field and Fork Pantry; and,

WHEREAS, the Field and Fork Pantry, which is run by the Care Team within the Dean of Students Office, serves the UF community by allowing students, faculty, and staff to get food from the Pantry free of charge; and,

WHEREAS, the Field and Fork Pantry has been open since August 2015 and has since received over 11,000 visitors and distributed over 94,200 pounds of food1; and,

WHEREAS, in a recent survey conducted by the Care Team, 95% of respondents agreed with the statement, “The assistance provided by the Pantry has helped me succeed in my academic classes,” and 57% of respondents agreed with the statement, “At some point in my life, the Pantry was my only source of food”; and,

WHEREAS, this program will allow for consumers at any of the 48 Gator Dining locations to donate an amount of the consumer’s choosing starting at only $0.10 which will be donated to the Field and Fork Pantry starting on August 15th, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, 97% of inventory at the Field and Fork Pantry has been donated which proves the necessity for programs such as the Gators CAN Campaign that
will increase donations, inherently increasing the number of people the Pantry feeds; and,

**WHEREAS**, the partnership between Business Affairs, Gator Dining Services, Student Government, and the Field and Fork Pantry will increase the variety and quantity of food available at the Pantry, especially in times when the Pantry experiences shortages of donations, which will better the lives of Gators across the UF community; then,

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the importance of the Field and Fork Pantry, and its direct correlation with student success in and outside of the classroom.

**THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate is committed to helping the partnership between Business Affairs, Gator Dining Services, Student Government, and the Field and Fork Pantry prosper through the Gators CAN Campaign that will inevitably help so many Gators.

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*Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of Student Activities and Involvement Nancy Chrystal-Green, Director of the Field and Fork Pantry and Assistant Director of Student Success Ambre Hobson, Director of Development Jaime Gresley, Associate Director of Business Services David Looney, Vice President of Student Affairs David Parrott, & President W. Kent Fuchs.*

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1. [http://fieldandfork.ufl.edu/about-us-2/](http://fieldandfork.ufl.edu/about-us-2/)