

**STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2018-136**

**TITLE: Resolution Advocating for More Independent Solar Installations Around Campus**

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**WHEREAS**, the University of Florida's Office of Sustainability's first and foremost concern is reducing energy use<sup>1</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS**, solar energy provides an option for renewable and sustainable method of energy production on campus; and,

**WHEREAS**, other Florida universities like the University of Central Florida are planning major independent solar installations on their campuses<sup>2</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS**, there are several solar installations already on UF's campus, including Powell Hall, UF Hillel and Beta Theta Pi fraternity house; and,

**WHEREAS**, the electricity produced by the University of Florida's existing solar projects has resulted in a savings to the university of approximately \$60,000 each year from avoided electricity costs<sup>3</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS**, installing additional solar panels will provide an opportunity to promote renewable energy education<sup>4</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS**, the University of Florida's Strategic Plan recognizes that part of the University of Florida's land-grant mission is to be a good steward of the environment on campus and around the Gainesville community<sup>5</sup>; and,

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate commends the work of various actors in and around campus to move solar energy forward.

**THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate encourages every student to learn more about solar energy.

**THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate respectfully advocates for more independent solar installations around UF's campus.

[1] <http://sustainable.ufl.edu/sustainability-at-uf/campus-initiatives/energy-climate-change/renewable-energy/>

[2] <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/os-ucf-huge-solar-plant-20170424-story.html>

[3] *Existing Solar Projects* by the University of Florida Office of Sustainability

[4] <http://www.gainesville.com/news/20120917/solar-panels-to-save-uf-money>

[5] <https://strategicdevelopment.ufl.edu/about/#Stewardship>

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