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 use¹; 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 campuses²; 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 costs³; and,

WHEREAS, installing additional solar panels will provide an opportunity to promote renewable energy education⁴; 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 community⁵; 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.

[3] Existing Solar Projects by the University of Florida Office of Sustainability
[5] https://strategicdevelopment.ufl.edu/about/#Stewardship

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