

STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2017-109

TITLE: Resolution Recognizing the Uber Safe Rides Program

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WHEREAS, the original Uber Safes Rides program was launched by then Student Body President Cory Yeffet as a 90-day pilot program in December 2014, which led to the first official version in Fall 2015 [1]; and,

WHEREAS, due to its failure to comply with the American Disabilities Act, it was later shut down [2]; and,

WHEREAS, both Student Body President Susan Webster and Ty Robare, then Action SG chairman, reinstated the Uber Safe Rides Program to provide students the cheapest possible alternative nighttime transportation service, alluding to concerns about campus safety [3]; and,

WHEREAS, the Uber Safe Rides Program reduces DUI arrests, preventing sexual assault and drunk driving incidents, all of which are too common in Gainesville and other college towns [2]; and,

WHEREAS, the Uber Safe Rides program will provide students a fifty-percent discount, Wednesday to Sunday from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. [4]; and,

WHEREAS, students will gain access by retrieving their unique access code from the student self-service portal, and later inputting it into the Uber app [4]; and,

WHEREAS, a total of \$46,000 was designated to this program [5] from the UF student transportation fees costing \$9.44 per credit hour [6]; and,

WHEREAS, the discount will cover rides on and off campus around Archer Road, 13th Street, 34th Street, University Avenue and Southwest Second Avenue [2]; and,

WHEREAS, the Uber Safe Rides Program avoids violation of the American Disabilities Act by having UF Transportation and Parking Services hire a new driver to use an ADA accessible van; and,

WHEREAS, the program took effect on April 12, 2017 at 9 p.m., and will contribute to making the University of Florida a safer campus for its students; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the work contributed by past and current student leaders in improving public health and safety on campus; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate endorses the renewal of the Uber Safe Rides program and encourages students to use this resource to ensure a safe social experience during their time on campus.

[1] http://www.alligator.org/news/campus/article_aa8d769a-d8ed-11e4-9e5b-47c8a225e5db.html

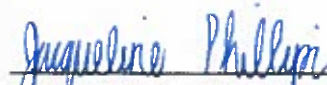
[2] http://www.alligator.org/news/campus/article_deab0fa6-0ddd-11e7-9a5b-9b65a2ae7465.html

[3] http://www.alligator.org/news/article_1e3c0bd2-24ab-11e7-8617-3fb1a2e293bb.html

[4] <https://www.uber.com/info/uf-safe-rides/>

[5] http://www.alligator.org/news/student_government/article_fa4483e8-1f2e-11e7-a22c-bbb6ccdac6d7.html

[6] <https://www.sg.ufl.edu/Portals/0/Student%20Fee%20Breakdown.pdf?ver=2016-07-27-110119-753>



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