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**University of Central Florida
 Fifty-Fourth Student Body Senate
 Resolution 54-02**

[Resolution Advocating for UCF to Encourage UCF-Partnered Off-Campus Housing Establishments to Implement Recycling Programs]

WHEREAS, Senate Rule 2.04(G)(1) states the Student Body Advocacy (SBA) Committee shall pass measures advocating on behalf of the student body regarding student, and university affairs;

WHEREAS, Article 2.05(C) of the Student Body Constitution states that the Student Body Senate shall express the will and sentiments of the Student Body Senate through legislation;

WHEREAS, UCF has a Climate Action Plan to reach goals of zero waste by 2050;

WHEREAS, Many commercial apartment complexes that exist and work with the University of Central Florida and provide housing for UCF students do not have recycling programs;

WHEREAS, Orange County’s Municipal code section 32-163 requires recycling on all commercial and residential properties, meaning these complexes that do not recycle are in violation and in noncompliance with that code;

WHEREAS, Recycling programs would reduce the amount of waste that is produced in said housing establishments;

WHEREAS, According to the National Recycling Coalition, inducing a natural recycling rate of 30% would reduce greenhouse gas emissions by as about as much as removing 25 million cars from the road;

WHEREAS, Due to the harmful effects greenhouse gasses have on the respiratory tracts of animals and people, implementing a recycling program can improve the overall air quality and health for students and residents within the vicinity;

WHEREAS, According to the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, traditional means of waste management is a contributor to respiratory ailments in those that work in the waste management industry, as well as the general public;

WHEREAS, According to the Compactor Management Company, recycling preserves space and natural resources for future generations;

WHEREAS, The following information is derived from the National Institute of Health;

WHEREAS, 94% of natural resources used by Americans are non-renewable, an increase from 59% in 1900;

WHEREAS, Recycling commonplace items such as plastic, newspaper, and glass will save a significant amount of production energy costs that would otherwise be expended in producing new products (70%, 40% and 40%, respectively);

WHEREAS, Recycling aids in not only preserving the environment but in generating economic value and ensuring that resources are used to their fullest potential;

WHEREAS, Recycling programs would generate local jobs that would benefit the local economy, thus benefiting UCF students;

WHEREAS, According to the US Environmental Protection Agency, an efficient recycling program can cost between \$50-\$150/ton, whereas traditional trash collection and disposal would fall within the cost range of \$70-\$200/ton;

WHEREAS, A lack of recycling leads to greater environmental damage that impacts UCF Students and Florida residents as a whole;

WHEREAS, According to The Union of Concerned Scientists, by 2045, nearly 2.5 million Florida properties, worth about \$1.07 trillion dollars, the equivalent of Florida’s GDP, will be at risk of chronic flooding, which would severely damage the Florida economy;

WHEREAS, According to the Natural Resources Defense Council, by the end of the century, temperatures in Florida are expected to increase by 9°F, which would greatly affect the health and wellness of Floridians;

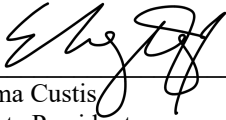
WHEREAS, Increasing the recycling rates in Florida would lead to a greater protection of our natural ecosystems and species; and **WHEREAS**, UCF has deployed recycling bins throughout the Main Campus, including at the on-campus residence halls.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of the Fifty-Fourth Student Senate of the University of Central Florida that UCF partnered off-campus housing establishments that exist and work with UCF Shuttle Services to implement recycling systems to prevent a potential climate crisis that would greatly affect UCF students living in Florida;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That is the opinion of the Fifty-Fourth Student Senate of the University of Central Florida that off-campus housing partners that work with UCF Shuttle Services list on their website if said complex recycles or not, and that said information ought to be displayed on the UCF Off-Campus Partners website; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Campus Crossings on Alafaya, The Place at Alafaya, College Station, Boardwalk, The Pointe at Central, Arden Villas, Mercury 3100, The Lofts, UCF President Cartwright, UCF Housing Services, UCF Student Neighborhood Relations, Orange County Environmental Protection Division, Orange County Solid Waste Division, Orange County Code Enforcement, Code Enforcement Division of the City of Orlando, Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer, Mayoral Advisor Chris Castro, The Offices of Representatives Carlos Guillermo Smith and Anna Eskamani, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, and Campus Apartments.

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