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**University of Central Florida
Fifty-Sixth Student Body Senate
Proclamation 56-17**

[Proclamation recognizing October 21st, 2024, to October 24th, 2024, as National Student Transfer Week]

WHEREAS, Senate Rule 2.04(G)(1) states that the Student Body Advocacy (SBA) Committee shall pass measures advocating on behalf of the student body regarding student and university affairs at the University of Central Florida (UCF);
WHEREAS, Senate Rule 5.01(D)(1) states that Proclamations are defined as measures recognizing, celebrating, or condemning extraordinary events, organizations, or individuals on behalf of all Student Government Agents;
WHEREAS, National Student Transfer Week (NSTW) celebrates the accomplishments and achievements of transfer students;
WHEREAS, UCF takes great pride in its vibrant community of transfer students and has a multitude of organized events for present and future transfer Knights;
WHEREAS, Nationally, college transfer enrollment grew in the Fall of 2023 by 5.3%;
WHEREAS, Nationally, transfer enrollment represents 13.2% of all continuing and returning undergraduates;
WHEREAS, Nationally, more than 700,000 students transfer colleges each year with a 4.3 lateral increase in the last year (students who switch from a four-year institute to another four-year institute);
WHEREAS The National Institute for the Study of Transfer Students created National Student Transfer Week in 2017, occurring every third week of October;
WHEREAS, This year's theme is "Unlocking Potential: Keys to the Transfer Journey": Celebrating the wealth of skills, knowledge, and perspectives that transfer students bring to our campuses;
WHEREAS, This theme, recognizes that transfer students possess their own unique skills to problem-solve and adapt to diverse lived experiences;
WHEREAS, It is vitally important that we build awareness of common transfer barriers and the diverse student needs within our transfer populations;
WHEREAS, The University of Central Florida's has more than 50% of the entire student body consisting of transfer students;
WHEREAS, UCF has the largest number of transfer students among all of Florida's public universities and has been recognized as a leader in transfer student success with DirectConnect;
WHEREAS, DirectConnect, guarantees admission to the University for students who have earned an Associate's degree from one of the programs partner colleges: College of Central Florida, Daytona State College, Eastern Florida State College, Lake-Sumter State College, Seminole State College, and Valencia College;
WHEREAS, Transfer shock is a nationally recognized phenomenon involving a dip in academic performance after a student transfers schools;
WHEREAS, 25% of UCF students seeking help from Counseling and Psychological Services are transfer students;
WHEREAS, UCF has a multitude of RSO's, programs, and scholarships to help transfer students. Including but not limited to DirectConnect, Transfer Center, Transfer Knights, ConeXiones, Tau Sigma, etc.;
WHEREAS, The Transfer Center is a hub for all transfer students on campus to receive assistance, access opportunities, and gain a community of transfer students; and
WHEREAS, U-Knight the Knights, hosted by UCF Connect, is a resource fair event that serves as a celebration for transfer week accessible to all UCF students taking place on Wednesday, October 23rd, 11 am- 2 pm in the Student Union.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fifty-Sixth Student Senate of the University of Central Florida proclaims the celebration of National Transfer Week during October 21st - 24th, 2024, and supports the events being hosted during the week, in hopes to champion transfer student success; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Proclamation be sent to the Transfer Center, Associate Director of the Transfer Center Angelia Smith, Senior Vice President for Student Success Paul Dosal, Director of Academic Support Services Dr. Deborah Bradford, Director of Communications and Marketing for UCF Connect Martin Malpica, Transfer Knights, Tau Sigma National Honor Society, ConeXiones, PeerKnights and UCF President Cartwright.

AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES

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Senate President

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10/18/2024

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