

**STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2015-129**

**TITLE: Resolution to Rename “North Lawn” into “Global Garden”**

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**WHEREAS**, the University of Florida has identified internationalization as one of the key issues as strategically important for student success<sup>1</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS**, University of Florida determined internationalization as one area that UF considers essential to its mission as part of a key component of the 2014 SACSOC Accreditation process<sup>2</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS**, the latest SERU data shows a great potential for the University of Florida student body to grow more in internationalization<sup>3</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS**, campus physical environments along with artifacts and symbols (e.g. the name) have a subtle impact on individual’s consciousness by communicating important campus values and expectations; and,

**WHEREAS**, the “Global Garden” will have artifacts from around the world, to embrace diversity while reflecting the mission of University of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, it is proven by psychological and sociological frameworks that a designated space can provide fundamental learning conditions, such as sense of security and inclusion, mechanisms for involvement, and experience of community; and,

**WHEREAS**, “Global Garden” can provide a powerful platform and a complementary learning material for the faculty, who are incorporating global context in their disciplinary concentrations; and

**WHEREAS**, the idea of global engagement aligns well with the master plan for the North Lawn<sup>4</sup>; then

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate supports the proposal to rename “North Lawn” to “Global Garden” as a symbol of internationalization; and,

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<sup>1</sup> <http://qep.aa.ufl.edu/>

<sup>2</sup> <http://qep.aa.ufl.edu/Data/Sites/23/media/qep/1-21-14-final-qep-with-cover-for-the-web-rev2.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://ir.aa.ufl.edu/>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.facilities.ufl.edu/planning/cmp/mp2015/docs/tech/Reitz%20Lawn%20Planning%20Study.pdf>

