

Student Government

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STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2015-129

TITLE: Resolution to Rename "North Lawn" into "Global Garden"

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SPONSOR(S): Senate President Davis Bean, Senate President Pro-Tempore Leah Miller, Judiciary Chairman Jason Richards, Ad Hoc Chairman Ty Robare, Minority Party Leader Michael Christ

WHEREAS, the University of Florida has identified internationalization as one of the key issues as strategically important for student success¹; 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 process²; and,

WHEREAS, the latest SERU data shows a great potential for the University of Florida student body to grow more in internationalization³; 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 Lawn⁴; 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,

¹ http://gep.aa.ufl.edu/

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

³ http://ir.aa.ufl.edu/

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

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate encourages the University of Florida to start finding resources for the construction of "Global Garden" that will promote the idea of global gators and advance UF's mission.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to UF President Kent Fuchs, Faculty Senate Chair Paul W. Davenport, UF International Center Dean Leonardo Villalón, Director of QEP Matt Jacobs, Chair of International Task Force Professor David Miller, Lakes Vegetation and Landscaping Committee Chair Gail Hansen de Chapman, Preservation of Historic Buildings and Sites committee Chair Joe Aufmuth, Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee Chair Megan Forbes, Reitz Union Executive Director of Administration Eddie Daniels, and Linda Dixon, Director, AICP Planning, Design & Construction.

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Senate President

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Date