

STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2017-106

TITLE: Resolution Recognizing the Grand Opening of Newell Hall

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SPONSOR(S): Senate President Pro-Tempore Trevor Schaettle, Judiciary Committee, Senate President Jackie Phillips, President-Elect Smith Meyers,

WHEREAS, Newell Hall was originally opened in 1910 and served until 2012 as the research lab for the Institute of Food and Agricultural Science [1]; and,

WHEREAS, the Newell Hall renovation was initiated “for students, by students,” who recognized the need for increased collaborative learning environments; and,

WHEREAS, based on its status as a nationally registered historic place [2], the University sought to preserve its traditional structure while improving upon its internal functions and opportunity for efficient use; and,

WHEREAS, the renovations to Newell Hall were made possible by student led initiatives, funding from the state, the donation from the University under President Machen, Activity and Service fees, and other various donors [2]; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida has, under the Dean of Students Office, transformed Newell Hall into a twenty-first century collaborative study center from its previous use as a research facility; and,

WHEREAS, the newly opened renovations to Newell Hall will contribute to the student body’s needs of both more study space and healthier food options in order to nourish their minds and bodies; and,

WHEREAS, the newly renovated building will now offer over 400 additional study spaces accessible to students 24/7 [3]; and,

WHEREAS, the renovations to Newell Hall will also create over 150 additional student employment opportunities on campus [3]; and,

WHEREAS, Newell Hall will include study spaces that encourage four themes of learning: “collaboration, focus, interaction, and rejuvenation” [4]; and,

WHEREAS, this project has also created a student-driven advisory board to ensure that Newell Hall’s function remains “for students, by students”; and,

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WHEREAS, with the addition of the 10,000-square foot annex [1], students will have ample access to cutting-edge preeminent study space, encouraging them to engage with each other in an optimal learning environment; and,

WHEREAS, the grand opening of Newell Hall occurred on April 17th and will continue to positively impact the students at the University of Florida for years to come; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the work contributed by university officials, past student leaders, funding from the state and generous donors, and the support of the student body throughout the renovation process; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate supports the transformation of Newell Hall and encourages students to use the newly renovated building to elevate their academic and social experience during their time on campus.



Jackie Phillips
Senate President

4/25/17

Date

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to President Fuchs, Provost Glover, The Newell Hall Student Advisory Board, Dr. Jen Day Shaw, Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Parrott, General Kratzer, Anthony DeSantis,

[1] <http://fora.aa.ufl.edu/docs/78/2015-2016/Newell.pdf>

[2] <http://www.gainesville.com/news/20150217/historic-newell-hall-poised-to-become-ufls-most-technologically-advanced>

[3] <https://newell.dso.ufl.edu/>

[4] http://legacy.arts.ufl.edu/asb/UF_212_Newell_Hall_CTA.pdf