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**University of Central Florida
Forty-Seventh Student Body Senate
Resolution 47-34**

[In Support of the University of Central Florida's Downtown Campus Expansion]

.01 **WHEREAS**, Senate Rule 2.01 (G) (2) states that the Governmental Affairs Committee (GAC) is to be in constant
.02 review of legislation at the national, state, and local level that affects the students at the University of Central
.03 Florida;
.04 **WHEREAS**, Senate Rule 5.01 (B) (2) states that a Resolution pertains to every measure expressing the sentiment of
.05 the Student Senate;
.06 **WHEREAS**, The University of Central Florida (UCF) is actively working with the City of Orlando and other
.07 partners to develop and establish a downtown campus in downtown Orlando;
.08 **WHEREAS**, The campus will be located on 68 acres of city-owned land in downtown Orlando's Creative Village;
.09 **WHEREAS**, An estimated 10,000 to 13,000 UCF and Valencia students could attend classes at UCF Downtown;
.10 **WHEREAS**, This project offers a unique opportunity to embed the university in the downtown core, engage with
.11 surrounding businesses and neighborhoods, and provide new access to educational and other resources for
.12 downtown residents;
.13 **WHEREAS**, The UCF Downtown committees are exploring which programs and services would move downtown;
.14 **WHEREAS**, UCF will move programs that would provide students with more educational opportunities, such as
.15 internships or research partnerships with businesses, nonprofit organizations, and government offices in the
.16 downtown area;
.17 **WHEREAS**, Programs that move downtown would complement existing industries and the creative, high-tech
.18 economy;
.19 **WHEREAS**, The project is estimated to cost about \$210 million, to be funded over multiple years;
.20 **WHEREAS**, UCF will continue to seek funding to help with construction of new academic and student support
.21 spaces at UCF Downtown;
.22 **WHEREAS**, Additional private partnerships could help with housing, recreation amenities, transportation and
.23 parking; and
.24 **WHEREAS**, On June 23rd, 2015, Governor Scott vetoed \$15 million from the state budget that was originally
.25 allocated to help fund the first phase of the project;
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.27 **THEREFORE, BE IT**
.28 **RESOLVED**, That the 47th Student Senate of the University of Central Florida strongly supports efforts to expand
.29 UCF's campus to downtown Orlando, and urges the Florida Legislature and Governor Scott to support future
.30 expansions of UCF Downtown in the coming years; and
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.32 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this resolution be sent to University of Central Florida President
.33 Dr. John C. Hitt, Governor Rick Scott, Provost A. Dale Whittaker, Mayor Buddy Dyer, Dr. Barbara Jenkins, Florida
.34 Legislators, and Dr. Sandy Shugart.

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