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**STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2018-137**

**TITLE: Resolution Addressing Concerns toward Graduate and Family Housing Contract Terms and Conditions for Termination of Occupancy**

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**SPONSORS: Mayors' Council President Tiffany Batten, Mayors' Council Treasurer Zhenhong Hu, Maguire Village Mayor Aravinda Munasinghe, Graduate Student Council President Christine Swanson**

**WHEREAS**, the University of Florida is recognized as a preeminent research institution by the Florida legislature and ranked nationally as a top 10 public university; and,

**WHEREAS**, graduate students' academic performance, research productivity, and mental health are affected by residential conditions and circumstances; and,

**WHEREAS**, there are approximately 908 housing units with nearly 200 units for each of the five Graduate and Family Housing villages on UF campus [1]; and,

**WHEREAS**, in addition to graduate students, hundreds of family members, including spouses and children, depend on living accommodations and amenities provided by UF Graduate and Family Housing services; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Graduate and Family Housing terms and conditions for Termination of Occupancy state that "Without limitation of the following," occupants can have their contracts terminated due to default in payments, violation of terms, or misrepresentation of material facts in housing application and rental agreement; and,

**WHEREAS**, the open-ended and ambiguous language in the contract's terms and conditions can result in multiple required inopportune relocations of residents in the middle of the semester, without any consideration for graduate students' academic obligations, for damages not incurred by the occupants; then,

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate believes that the open-ended language in the terms and conditions for Termination of Occupancy should be restated to emphasize safety and security with consideration for graduate students' academic obligations and include a well-defined relocation policy based on safety and security.

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate believes that graduate students should not be required to relocate within the Graduate and Family Housing system unless there are safety and security issues.

**THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate wishes that the Department of Housing and Residence Education continue directing its efforts in providing essential housing accommodations and services to graduate students while keeping in mind their schedules and time commitments.

[1] <https://www.housing.ufl.edu/housing>

*Danielle Grosse 8/9/2018*

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Senate President

Date

*Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Student Body President Ian Green, Student Body Vice President David Enriquez, Student Body Treasurer Stefan Sanguyo, Interim Senior Director of Housing and Residence Education Tina Kuhlengel, Director of University Housing Residence Life Calvin Mosley, Graduate & Family Housing Assistant Director Jason Fraser-Nash, Operations Safety and Security Coordinator Victor Harrel, Provost Joseph Glover, President W. Kent Fuchs, Dean of Students Heather White, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs Norb Dunkel, and Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. David W. Parrott.*