

UM Student Senate Resolution: Keep the Road out of the Arboretum



During the November 28, 2007 meeting, the Student Senate at the University of Miami issued a resolution against the current campus master plan that calls for a road to run through 5 of the 13 exhibits of the Gifford arboretum.

This resolution is an important effort to preserve the Gifford Arboretum, a unique academic resource at the University of Miami. Below is an excerpt of the Senate Agenda containing the resolution of the UM Student Senate to find an alternative to the general master plan aiming to build a road thorough the Arboretum.

Senate Agenda

Wednesday, November 28, 2007
4:30 PM

I. New Business

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Apartment Area Senator

Sponsor: Dylan Connelly
College of Engineering Senator

WHEREAS, the Gifford Arboretum is just beginning a new renovation that will re-design and re-establish walkways, beds, and exhibits, as well as plant 91 new medium-sized trees plus 215 small trees and shrubs;

WHEREAS, the Gifford Arboretum serves as an academic resource for students in the College of Arts and Sciences as well as the College of Engineering;

WHEREAS, the current campus master plan calls for a road to run through 5 of the 13 exhibits of the arboretum;

WHEREAS, the University should maintain a quiet, pleasing space where students can relax and recuperate from the bustle of the campus;

BE IT RESOLVED by the University of Miami Student Government that the University plan another means of servicing traffic along San Amaro Drive and that no new vehicle roadway be constructed through the arboretum.

Resolution #3 of the 2008-2009 Graduate Student Association

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT EFFORTS AGAINST BUILDING A ROAD IN THE
GIFFORD ARBORETUM**

Sponsors: John Constantinide, Parliamentarian
Lorraine Shaughnessy, Biology Senator

Whereas, the Gifford Arboretum completed a renovation funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services featuring fourteen exhibits and over 550 plants;

Whereas, the current University of Miami Campus Area Development plan (master plan) calls for a road servicing traffic along San Amaro Drive to be created through five of the Arboretum's exhibits;

Whereas, the Gifford Arboretum acts as a resource for graduate students researching and teaching botany and an aesthetically-pleasing space for graduate students to relax;

Whereas, the University of Miami is committed to Green U, a program that promotes environmental sustainability and awareness;

Be it resolved, that the Graduate Student Association supports efforts by the University to avoid constructing any road servicing traffic along San Amaro Drive through the Gifford Arboretum.