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Committee of Sustainability and Infrastructure

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A RESOLUTION

To Implement Paper Towel Dispensers in Bathrooms Equipped Solely with Hand Dryers for
Enhanced Hygiene

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA
COLLEGE & STATE UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS, maintaining proper hand hygiene is crucial for preventing the spread of germs and diseases in communal spaces such as bathrooms;

WHEREAS, studies have shown that “it is likely that paper towels work better because they physically remove bacteria from the hands, whereas hot air dryers and jet air dryers cannot” (Huang).

WHEREAS, studies have shown that “The bacteria [from the jet blower] can be inhaled or can be deposited on the person's body or clothes, thus making him/her a potential mobile source of infection” (Huang).

WHEREAS, the presence of only hand dryers in bathrooms may contribute to the proliferation of germs due to inadequate hand drying methods, and recirculate bacteria from the surrounding air and the latrine.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Student Government Association hereby advocates for the implementation of paper towel dispensers in bathrooms where only hand dryers are currently installed;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this initiative aims to enhance hygiene standards and reduce the risk of germ transmission among students, faculty, and staff;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Student Government Association urges the administration to allocate necessary resources and collaborate with relevant departments to expedite the installation of paper towel dispensers in the following locations: Wellness Center, Integrated Science Center;

Huang, Cunrui, et al. "The Hygienic Efficacy of Different Hand-Drying Methods: A Review of the Evidence." *Mayo Clinic Proceedings*, U.S. National Library of Medicine, Aug. 2012, www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3538484/#bib40.