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FSU Student Government Poised to Create a Veterans Student Union on the 12th Anniversary of Sept. 11

Tallahassee, FL – On Wednesday, the Student Senate of Florida State University's Student Government is expected to pass a bill creating a Veterans Student Union (VSU). An initiative shared by both Student Body President Rosie Contreras and the Collegiate Veterans Association, the creation of the VSU on FSU's campus would be the first permanent student government agency committed to providing resources to student veterans in the State of Florida.

"I am tremendously excited to witness the creation of the Veterans Student Union," Student Body President Contreras said. "This step by the Student Government Association institutionalizes our student body's commitment to our student veterans. As a preeminent state university with a student population of over 40 thousand, I believe it marks an important step for our generation in thanking those who served to protect our nation. We have proudly witnessed the University administration's dedication to our student veterans, and now we are witnessing the student body's dedication to making FSU the most veteran-friendly university in the nation."

Student Government's efforts to support student veterans further promote the University's commitment to student veterans. In 2011 President Eric Barron and the Collegiate Veterans Association announced initiatives to make FSU the most veteran friendly campus in America. The initiatives include establishing a Florida State Veterans Center, hiring a director of the Florida State Veterans Center, and hosting an annual Student Veteran Film Festival. Working to engage the student population in pursuit of this goal, the Contreras-Saxner-Kurleman Administration made creating a student veterans agency a top priority.

Collegiate Veterans Association President Ryan Taylor said, "I am honored to see our student leaders supporting us in our goal by creating a Veterans Student Union. The creation of the VSU on an anniversary of the 9/11 attacks displays our generation's commitment to ensuring that the veterans coming home from our wars overseas will be treated with respect and dignity."

"The Florida State University administration has embarked on a project to create a home for its student veterans – the Veterans Legacy Complex. But a building without a family is just a building. Our fellow campus leaders have truly humbled us by offering to help us build that family through the creation of the Veterans Student Union and give us a true home. We couldn't be more thankful for this supportive student body and its leadership."

Senate convenes at 7:30pm this Wednesday in the Ogelsby Union.

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