



72ND STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 51

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Whereas: the core values of the Florida State University Student Government are Diversity and Unity, and;

Whereas: the FSU Student Government has committed itself to the support of the LGBTQ+, Women, and Black communities through the Pride, Women's, and Black Student Unions, and;

Whereas: the FSU Student Government has failed to properly address the killing, and subsequent misgendering, of Tony McDade, a black trans man, in the local Tallahassee community by a police officer, and;

Whereas: the Gay Liberation Front, Gay Alliance, and People's Coalition for Gay Rights were founded in 1969 following the Stonewall Riots which were led by black trans women and other Queer POC such as Marsha P. Johnson, and;

Whereas: the Pride Student Union, which is the successor to these organizations, is now celebrating its 25th anniversary as an agency, and;

Whereas: the FSU Student Senate is a place open, free, and safe space to all students no matter their race, religion, sexuality, and gender, and;

Whereas: the FSU Student Senate President has a duty to uphold these values and preserve Senate as an open, free, and safe space, and;

Whereas: the members of the FSU Student Senate are empowered by the Rules of Procedure to admonish their fellow members, and;

Whereas: the FSU Student Senate President Jack Denton has made publicly available comments that run contrary to these values by referring to transgender and queer people as "grave evils",

Be it resolved by the Seventy-second Student Senate at Florida State University that: the Student Senate apologizes to the Transgender, Queer, Black, and Women's communities for the remarks made by the former Senate President and commits itself to the advancement of these communities in order to better combat the bigotry they face on a daily basis from elected officials, fellow students, and family.

Be it further resolved that: the Student Senate commits itself to creating, passing, and establishing a legislative agenda for the rest of the term of the Seventy-Second Student Senate to address the systemic causes of Transphobia, Queerphobia, and Racism at both FSU and in the Tallahassee community.

Be it further resolved that: A copy of this resolution be sent to the following:

Jonathan Levin, Student Body President of FSU
Hannah Llende, Executive Director of Pride Student Union
Jealine Noel, Director of Women's Student Union
D'Vodrek Ponder, President of Black Student Union
John Thrasher, President of Florida State University

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Student Senate President

ACCLAMATION
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