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To: FSU Student Senate

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Date: August 16, 2021

Subject: Bill 47: A&S Central Reserve Allocation

The purpose of this memo is to follow up on Bill 47: A&S Central Reserve Allocation that was forwarded for my signature.

By the authority vested in me as Vice President of Student Affairs of Florida State University, under the provisions of Section 402.2 of the Student Body Statutes, I do hereby veto and transmit my objections to Senate Bill 47, enacted during the 73rd Session of the Student Senate of the Florida State University Student Government Association, during 2021:

On July 19, 2021, I issued a memo to the Central Reserves Allocation Committee and stated the following:

The Vice President for Student Affairs has developed the A&S Fee Central Reserve account with a minimum \$500,000 balance to be utilized for cash flow needs, enrollment shortfalls, and budgetary emergencies, as required in FSU regulations. Funds in excess of the mandatory minimum balance have historically been used to fund large, one-time funding requests such as budget shortfalls, major repairs, facilities funded by A&S, and equipment needs. It is my intent for these excess funds to be allocated in this spirit.

The A&S Central Reserves process was established by my position to be utilized for specific purposes and not to mirror the A&S Sweepings process. Upon review of the programs and initiative funded, these fall into categories that should be funded by that process. It is unfortunate that I must veto some of these valuable programs, but they should be considered and perhaps given priority in the upcoming sweepings process. The Central Reserves have been accumulated over several years to support the new Union building. I appreciate the allocation of \$1,453,539 towards the student spaces. Unfortunately, it does not cover all the needs in the Union that staff requested. The request would have afforded the union to substantially outfit student-facing spaces, such as the furniture for SGA Offices, Senate Chambers, and the Agency Suites. I will accept that funding and line item veto all other allocations.

The Student Union is an important facility for all students now and for decades to come. Without the funding, the spaces will be left vacant or technology not available for use by students. While there are a number of great projects, the Student Union is why I requested access to the Central Reserves and asked for consideration of the Union expenses. This process was not intended to fund any other initiatives.

Therefore, I will veto all other expenses listed in Bill 47 and refer those requests to the Fall Sweepings process.