



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

To: FSU Student Senate

From: Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Amy Hecht'.

CC: Dr. Felicia Williams, Director, Student Engagement
Dr. Brandon Bowden, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs
Tazzy Janvier, Student Body President

Date: December 1, 2021

Subject: Bill 59: War Department

The purpose of this memo is to follow up on Bill 59: War Department that was forwarded for my signature. After my review, I have decided to veto this Bill for the following concerns.

The Bill, while perhaps written to promote competitive rivalry and unwavering school spirit, has the potential of creating unintended consequences for the relationship between FSU and other institutions of higher education in the state. We have seen an increase in violence in college sports. We do not want to promote this behavior unintendedly by the wording used to describe our competitive rivalry. While I know that is not the intention of this Bill, I would like to see the language changed to set a standard of behavior that we all expect of our community and reflect the values and mission of our student leaders at Florida State University. I believe SGA has the opportunity to build better relations while still celebrating FSU.

For the above reasons, I hereby veto Senate Bill 59.