



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

## 73<sup>RD</sup> STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

**Resolution #: 19**

**Primary Sponsor:** Marcus

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**Whereas:** On Wednesday, February 10, 2021, Turning Point USA Co-Chair and Students for Trump founder Ryan Fournier tweeted the following: "BIG WIN against the terrorist-supporting @NationalSJP at @FloridaState. @FSU\_SGA's anti-American resolutions didn't even make it passed the committee. Hey @ahmaddaraldik, HATE NEVER WINS! God Bless America!" and

**Whereas:** Later that day, University of Alabama student and president of the "Free-Thinker Project" CJ Pearson tweeted the exact same thing, and

**Whereas:** Multiple senators were directly included and attacked by both of these individuals on their personal twitter accounts, including senators who had nothing to do with the matter at hand in the tweet, and

**Whereas:** Multiple of the mentioned senators belong to historically discriminated against communities who have been directly hurt by the policies these two individuals promote, and

**Whereas:** These two high-profile individuals, both of which are "verified" Twitter accounts used for public figures, have over 1,312,100 followers who witnessed this public attack on the reputations of senators who were outside of this process, and

**Whereas:** The sovereignty of the Legislative Branch of Florida State University's Student Government Association is evidently under attack by a coalition of alt-right leaders, and

**Whereas:** Multiple Registered Student Organizations at Florida State University were directly mentioned and attacked in the aforementioned inflammatory tweets, and

**Be it resolved by the Seventy-third Student Senate at Florida State University that:** The Florida State University administration should release a statement in defense of the Senate in light of these very public attacks against it.

**Be it further resolved that:** The words of Ryan Fournier and CJ Pearson will not intimidate this Senate and are not welcome here. Student Government was built on the idea that Students should have the ability to govern themselves and participate in the legislative process.

**Be it further resolved that: the statements made were clear examples of Racism and Islamophobia, and our legislative body will not entertain the idea that the referred to resolutions are "anti-American" nor do they support "terrorism".**

**Be it further resolved that:** The FSU SGA Senate values the first amendment right to freedom of speech but does not condone nor support any language that is hateful and rooted in bigotry toward any student at Florida State University.

**Be it further resolved that:** The FSU SGA Senate will take measures to remediate its current environment to protect the mental health of its members and to ensure its productivity

**Be it further resolved that:** The FSU SGA Senate stands in solidarity with and demands an apology be made to its members who were unjustly attacked.

**Be it further resolved that:** The FSU SGA Senate stands in solidarity with and demands an apology be made to the Registered Student Organizations that were unjustly attacked.

**Be it lastly resolved that:** A copy of this resolution be sent to:

John Thrasher, President of Florida State University  
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs  
Jonathan Levin, Student Body President  
Ryan Fournier, Co-Chair of Turning Point USA  
CJ Pearson, President of Free-Thinker Project  
Emily Poisson, President of Hillel FSU  
Patrick Martin, Director of Torchlight Campus Policy Center  
Shayna Cohen, Director of Legislative Affairs for Torchlight Campus Policy Center  
Brandon Gabay, President of the Jewish Student Union  
Fathima Kazia, President of the Muslim Student Association  
Tala Habash, President of the Arab Student Union  
Dillon Harrell, President of the FSU Chapter of Turning Point USA  
Chelsea Long, President of FSU Chapter of Students for Justice in Palestine

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Student Senate President

ACCLAMATION  
PASSED: February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021