



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

73RD STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 23

Primary Sponsor: Soto and Nasworthy

Co-Sponsor(s): Martin, Murcia, Lewis, Lessard, Marcus, Boole, Suarez, Nemeth, Gabadage, J. Hitchcock

Whereas: Florida State University faculty, staff, and students often depend on public transportation, such as the Seminole Express, in order to get to their classes on time due to being without a vehicle/automobile, and

Whereas: With the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering being several miles from the main FSU campus, hundreds of faculty, staff, and students often depend on this mode of transportation to get to class, research opportunities, RSO activities, career fairs, etc., and

Whereas: When the Seminole Express bus system is off schedule, this could result in faculty, staff, and/or students missing meetings and/or being late to class, losing possible opportunities to interact in RSOs and possibly even lose career opportunities via several career fairs that happen each semester, and

Whereas: When a senator communicated their concerns about missing two Wednesday classes in a row due to unreliable bus transportation to a staff member that works with Student Affairs on February 4th, 2021, the staff member tended to the senator's situation by contacting both the Director of Transportation & Parking Services along with the Vice President of Finance. The concerned senator only heard back from the Director of Transportation & Parking Services, which then referred the concerned senator to the City of Tallahassee's Superintendent Transit Operations Third Party CDL Tester. Then, on February 6th, 2021, the City of Tallahassee's Superintendent Transit Operations Third Party CDL Tester emails the concerned senator back, giving them step-by-step instructions as to when and where the buses will get to each stop, which still ended up being very inaccurate, and

Whereas: None of the Nite Nole buses on February 10th, 2021 had their locations turned on for the first hour of their shift, which affected a senator and their ability to get home safely after waiting almost an hour and forty minutes at a bus stop. At 8:58pm, that same senator tweeted, "Nite Nole should be running starting at 8pm, but there's no buses out..." in which FSU Transportation & Parking Services responded to the tweet on February 11th, 2021 at 9:54am stating, "Good morning, there's a chance they did not have their tracker turned on for but please let us know if you were unable to ride it!" Then, the senator replies at 9:56am stating, "Yeah, their trackers were off, which they should be on regardless." in which FSU Transportation & Parking Services responded at 10:00am stating, "Agreed, but sometimes the drivers forget and need to be reminded! We will let them know to be more mindful :)," and

Whereas: Before the COVID-19 pandemic started, some of the Seminole Express routes started and ended at different times, (i.e., Tomahawk would conclude at 7pm, while Renegade would conclude at 8pm) which caused faculty, staff, and students to either be late to meetings/classes or not even have a way to get home; therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-third Student Senate at Florida State University that: The Florida State University Student Senate condemns the lack of actions taken by FSU faculty and staff, as well as Tallahassee bus system officials, when trying to help students who are having issues with the Seminole Express not reporting to their designated bus stops at consistent times.

Be it further resolved that: There shall be an overhaul/update to the current Transloc app that can be used to better enhance the experience of students so that they can track each bus more efficiently and plan their schedule in a more prepared manner, including a possibility of Google/ Apple Maps integration. One innovative idea can include possible "pinging" to the bus drivers via a QR code at each stop to make them aware as to how many people are waiting to be picked up, and where exactly their stop is/stops are located.

Be it further resolved that: All of the Seminole Express routes should start at 6:30am and end at 8:00pm Monday through Friday. This change would give students the adequate time to get to class on time, especially with the main campus possibly being several miles away from some student housing complexes. This would also create much-needed consistency between all routes and eliminate some confusion some passengers may have when using this mode of transportation.

Be it further resolved that: The Nite Nole route should be extended back to conclude its shift at 1am to accommodate for students that stay until closing time at Strozier and Dirac Libraries, 11pm, so that they can have reliable transportation to be able to get home.

Be it further resolved that: The Nite Nole route should have 3 buses running consistently so that faculty, staff, and students do not have to wait up to an hour for a bus to arrive, especially when it is dark outside.

Be it further resolved that: Any schedule changes to the Seminole Express shall be communicated effectively to all faculty, staff, and students as a change was made to the Nite Nole route from it ending at 2am to being shortened to 11pm. This change was not made aware to the sponsors and something this drastic needs to be communicated with any faculty, staff, and students that depend on Seminole Express for their main mode of transportation.

Be it lastly resolved that: a copy of this resolution be sent to:
Dr. Amy Hecht- Vice President of Student Affairs
Richard Rind- Director of Transportation & Parking Services
Lawrence Ransom- City of Tallahassee Superintendent Transit Operations Third Party CDL Tester
Kyle Clark- Vice President of Finance
Chief Terri Brown- Chief of Florida State University Police Department
Dr. Brandon Bowden- Student Governance & Advocacy Interim Director and Associate Vice President of Student Affairs
Alexander Harmon- Student Senate President
Renee Wang- Student Senate Pro-Tempore
John Thrasher- Florida State University President
Jonathan Levin- Student Body President
Angela Chong- Associate Vice President of Student Affairs

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Student Senate President

PASSED: March 3rd, 2021