



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

73RD STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 25

Primary Sponsor: Preshia, Hunter

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Whereas: Mental wellness has become more important than ever before, particularly at universities across the country where students have to cope with stress and anxiety; and,

Whereas: Florida State University has over 3300 out-of state Students, a majority of which come from Georgia, North Carolina, New York, New Jersey, and Texas. These students, in their tuition and fees, pay for equal services as in state students, that of which includes the University Counseling Center services, and

Whereas: the Florida State University Counseling Center (UCC) "is fully-committed to the health and wellness of our students." Telehealth services are currently offered to students who reside in the state of Florida, as the counselors are not permitted to practice outside of the state of Florida, and

Whereas: Out of state students have had hardships with moving back to Florida in the pandemic, as there are travel restrictions.

Whereas: Telehealth claims lines rose 2980% during a one-year period through September 2020.

Whereas: Students who return home for breaks do not have access to UCC services, as they are no longer residing in the state of Florida.

Whereas: Students who attend a fully online program don't have access to the same mental health resources as in-person students.

Be it resolved by the Seventy-third Student Senate at Florida State University that: the University Counseling Center, or Florida State University at large, should provide subsidies to out of state students who do not qualify for counseling simply due to their location. These subsidies are necessary to ensure that out of state students - especially low-income out of state students - have reasonable access to mental health therapy.

Be it resolved by the Seventy-third Student Senate at Florida State University that: Florida State University should support the hiring of counselors who hold licenses to practice in multiple states.

Be it resolved by the Seventy-third Student Senate at Florida State University that: should advocate on behalf of students to decrease the licensing restrictions that prevent students from receiving mental health therapy when they are out of state.

Be it further resolved that:

A copy of this resolution be sent to:
John Thrasher, Florida State University President
Dr. Amy Hecht, FSU Vice President for Student Affairs
Dr. Carlos Gomez, FSU University Counseling Center Director
Dr. Donald L. English, UCC Liaison to University Health Services
Michael Lake, Chief Budget Officer
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The Florida State University Board of Trustees

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**ACCLIMATION
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