



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

73rd STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 82

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Whereas: The bidet is designed to promote personal hygiene and is used after defecation, and before and after sexual intercourse. The purpose of a bidet is for washing the human genitalia, perineum, inner buttocks, and anus. It can also be used to wash feet, with or without filling it up with water. The bidet may also be used as an attachment onto a preexisting toilet fixture, and

Whereas: Bidets are very environmentally friendly. Utilization of a bidet means limiting the amount of toilet paper used. Toilet paper is no longer used as the sole cleaning apparatus, but rather, it is used for drying. The need for toilet paper can be cut out entirely with the right bidet. The typical bidet also uses only 1/8th of a gallon of water while a single roll of toilet paper requires up to 37 gallons of water, and

Whereas: Bidets inherently promote inclusivity and accessibility. Bidets eliminate the need to shift on the toilet seat to clean with toilet paper, which allows for disabled individuals and the elderly to comfortably use the restroom without the need of a mobility aid to shift, and

Whereas: Bidets are more hygienic than using just toilet paper. There is less opportunity for germ spreading with the use of a bidet compared with toilet paper alone because your hand comes in contact with less fecal matter, and

Whereas: Bidets promote inclusivity with several religions. Religions such as Islam and Hinduism require a full body cleanse before prayer, and continuous maintenance of personal hygiene throughout the day. Bidets or Lotas are often used to promote this religious hygiene, and

Whereas: Only 12.1% of Americans currently have access to a bidet. However, bidets are considered a "standard bathroom item in 80% of the world". International visitors to the United States lack the same hygiene tools that they have at home.

Whereas: Americans have a shared aversion to bidets with the English. Bidets originated in France in the 18th century. At that time, France's frenemy, England, felt bidets smacked of French "hedonism and sensuality," and rejected them outright. Americans are bidet hesitant because of their pure ignorance surrounding bidets.

Whereas: Part of Florida State University's strategic plan is to "Realize the University's Full Potential of Diversity and Inclusion".

Whereas: Florida State University is looking towards promoting religious and cultural inclusivity by providing foot-washing stations in the bathrooms adjacent to the meditation room in the new Student Union, and

Whereas: Florida State University has an unconscionable lack of bidets on campus.

Be it resolved by the Seventy-third Student Senate at Florida State University that: A bidet is installed in the Student Union Meditation Room restroom and wash station area to promote religious and cultural inclusivity and the university does a need based assessment of providing bidets on campus in popular restrooms such as in Strozier Library, Dirac Library, and in University Housing.

Be it further resolved that: A copy of this resolution is sent to the following people:

Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President of Student Affairs
Dr. Brandon Bowden, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs
Dr. Matthew K. Ducatt, Director of Administration and Student Services
Dr. Felicia Williams, Director of Student Engagement
Jacalyn Butts, SGA Senate Program Advisor
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Alexander Harmon

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Student Senate President

**SENATE VOTE: Unanimous Consent
PASSED: November 15th, 2021**