



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

## 74<sup>th</sup> STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

**Resolution #:** 4

**Primary Sponsor:** Diaz, Hunter

**Co-Sponsor(s):** Garner, Murray, Tucker, Stewart, Wyatt, Hautrive, Drackley, DuChêne, Suarez

**Whereas:** Dr. Sally McRorie has selflessly served the Student Body and faculty of Florida State University for over six years as the University's Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, where she has presided over Florida State being a top-10 university for graduation rates, the attraction of record-breaking classes of undergraduate enrollment and faculty, with a focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion in academics, and

**Whereas:** Dr. McRorie announced on October 19, 2021, that she would be returning to the faculty and thus retiring from her position as Provost and Executive Vice President, and

**Whereas:** The Florida State University Provost Selection Advisory Committee has faithfully conducted a swift and robust internal search, including fact finding meetings, a formal nominations process, and interviews to holistically recommend candidates for the position of University Provost and Executive Vice President, and

**Whereas:** President Richard McCullough has appointed Dr. James J. Clark, Dean of the FSU College of Social Work, to serve as Provost beginning on January 3, 2022, and

**Whereas:** President McCullough states, "Jim Clark is an innovative thinker, noted scholar and researcher and effective administrator...His leadership experience, record of excellence and strategic vision make him the right choice to lead FSU's academic enterprise. I'm looking forward to working closely with Jim to advance FSU's strategic goals and continue our upward trajectory," and

**Whereas:** Dr. Clark has served as a researcher, professor, and leader at various educational institutions, including the University of Chicago, University of Kentucky, University of Cincinnati, and Florida State University, for over thirty years, and

**Whereas:** In his November 2021 letter to the Provost Selection Advisory Committee, Dr. Clark committed himself to the goals of "[developing] a new structure that will improve efficiency and effectiveness" in the Provost's office, "[staying] active in implanting the campus-wide diversity, equity, and inclusion plan designed under President Thrasher," "improving fundraising and philanthropy" to support FSU, and continuing developing plans to "double research productivity, reach the top 10 [among the U.S. News and World Report], and reach excellence required for Association of American Universities (AAU) membership," among other objectives, therefore

**Be it resolved by the Seventy-fourth Student Senate at Florida State University that:** the Student Senate expresses its heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Sally McRorie for her service to Florida State University and wishes her well in her continued endeavors as a distinguished member of the faculty, and

**Be it further resolved that:** the 74th Student Senate congratulates Dr. James Clark on his appointment to the position of University Provost and expresses its desire for productive dialogue on important issues related to academic affairs whenever pertinent, and

**Be it further resolved that:** A copy of this resolution be sent to:  
Dr. James Clark, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Dr. Sally McRorie, former Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Dr. Richard McCullough, President of Florida State University  
Dr. Janet Kistner, Chair of the 2021 Provost Selection Advisory Committee  
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs  
Nastassia Janvier, Student Body President  
Jacalyn Butts, Assistant Director of Student Governance & Advocacy  
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**ACCLAMATION  
PASSED: January 19<sup>th</sup> 2022**