



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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

**Resolution #: 68**

**Primary Sponsor:** Schindler, Hunter

**Co-Sponsor(s):** Malone, Diaz

**Whereas:** the Florida Board of Governors adopted its “State University System Free Expression Statement” on April 15th, 2019, and

**Whereas:** In January 2022, the Board of Governors approved a “Civil Discourse Initiative,” and

**Whereas:** This initiative notes that Student Government should promote the principles of civil discourse and free expression on campus, and

**Whereas:** FSU’s Student Senate has reviewed the Civil Discourse Recommendations, including the State University Free Expression Statement, and

**Whereas:** It is the goal of the FSU Student Senate to foster a culture of free inquiry and civil discourse for the FSU student body, and

**Whereas:** FSU is an environment where people can come from different values and beliefs and put these forth through collaboration to create unmatched success, and

**Whereas:** Students’ right to freedom of speech is instrumental, even if some students in the FSU community find others’ protected expression to be offensive or abhorrent, and

**Whereas:** Students’ speech should be protected as members of the FSU community, and

**Whereas:** As a public university, FSU is bound by Florida Statutes, the U.S. Constitution, and local ordinances pertaining to expressive activity on campus.

**Be it resolved by the Seventy-fourth Student Senate at Florida State University that:** FSU Student Senate endorses and affirms the Florida Board of Governors’ 2019 Statement of Free Expression and the Civil Discourse Initiative, and

**Be it further resolved that:** The Student Senate calls on all FSU SGA entities to endorse and affirm these documents, and

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

Dr. Richard McCullough, President of Florida State University

Dr. Amy Hecht, FSU Vice President for Student Affairs

Jacalyn Butts, FSU Assistant Director of Student Governance & Advocacy

Nimna Gabadage, FSU Student Body President

Abriel Hunter, FSU Student Senate President

Dr. Eric Chicken, Faculty Senate President

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University of South Florida Student Government  
Florida Gulf Coast University Student Government  
Florida Atlantic University Student Government  
Florida International University Student Government  
Florida Polytechnic University Student Government  
Florida Agriculture and Mechanical University Student Government  
Manny Diaz, Commissioner of Education, FL  
Tim Cerio, Florida Board of Governors  
Ron DeSantis, Florida Governor  
FSU Board of Trustees  
The FSU Congress of Graduate Students

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*Abriel Hunter*

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**Student Senate President**

**Senate Vote: PASSES 30-4-0**  
**PASSED: November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**