



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

74th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 31

Primary Sponsor: Bettley, Tsouroukdissian

Co-Sponsor(s): Berger, Barker, Dechick, DuChêne, Himatsingani, Little, Myers, Ritzel, Rivers, Russell, Tucker, Wang

Whereas: Student Body Statute 413.8 states, Membership in the Senate Hall of Fame is the highest honor a student Senator can achieve. This honor shall be bestowed upon any Senator who has performed their duty as a member of the Senate with the highest standard of excellence, beyond that normally expected of a Senator at the Florida State University, and

Whereas: Senator Ashley Gonzalez Ferraro has been a member of the 72nd, 73rd, and 74th Student Senate where she served as Chair of Internal Affairs, Chair of Budget, Vice Chair of the Racial Inclusivity and Justice Ad Hoc and member of two Sweepings committees, and

Whereas: Senator Gonzalez served as the liaison for the Veterans Student Union and the Black Student Union for two of each of their administrations, providing knowledge and connection between the respective agency and the Senate that oversees their funds and statutes, and

Whereas: Senator Gonzalez has allocated over 40 million dollars of Activity and Service Fees throughout her time, where she fought to ensure fiscal responsibility, equity and increases in funding for students of color, and

Whereas: Senator Gonzalez rewrote and restructured the Forwarding Interview Questions seen on the SGA Website today during her time as Chair of Internal Affairs, ensuring that students up for every position were prepared and supported when they pursued SGA leadership, and

Whereas: Senator Gonzalez helped write the Rules of Procedure for the Racial Inclusivity and Justice Ad Hoc, and served as a constant force of support and consistency through the transition of three different Chairs, and

Whereas: Senator Gonzalez is the first female Chair of Budget in, at least, the last 10 years, and has shattered glass ceilings for women and students of color in leadership, and

Whereas: Senator Gonzalez prioritized the increased allocation of all SGA Agencies for the first time since 2014 and successfully obtained an increase of 18,000 dollars for The Black Student Union, 14,000 for the Pride Student Union, 7,000 for the Hispanic Latinx Student Union, 6,000 for the Asian American Student Union, 7,000 for the Veteran Student Union, 5,000 for the Women Student Union, and a starting budget of 20,000 for the newly Budgeted Jewish Student Union for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, and

Whereas: Senator Gonzalez consistently ensures the governing documents of the Senate, and the Student Body are being upheld, and the Finance Code is being followed by all members of the Senate, and

Whereas: Senator Gonzalez has proposed or cosponsored and successfully passed countless pieces of legislation regarding issues including but not limited to international students (Res 71, 72nd), sexual assault within the military (Res 72, 72nd), committee forwarding powers (Res 94, 72nd), breast cancer awareness month (Res 95, 72nd), insurrection at the Capitol (Res 1, 73rd), Islamophobic and targeted attacks on the Senate (Res 19, 73rd), awarding Dr. Bowden with the Senate Award for Excellence (Res 30, 73rd), pride month (Res 38, 73rd), BSUs blackout event at the football game (Res 74, 73rd), OPS budgeted wages (Res 79, 73rd), EBT expansion on campus and the food for thought pantry (Res 81, 73rd), bidets (Res 82, 73rd), President Alex Harmon's Hall of Fame (Res

85, 73rd), Senator Tackett's Hall of Fame (Res 86, 73rd), Senator Randall's Hall of Fame (Res 87, 73rd), commission on student government (Res 5, 74th), duties and responsibilities of the Budget committee (Res 7, 74th), Dr. McCullough's investiture (Res 15, 74th), student academic programs allocation (Res 16, 74th), the FL legislature's "Don't Say Gay" bill (Res 17, 74th), 2020 Sweepings allocation (Bill 12, 73rd), 2021 Budget Allocations (Bill 2021, 73rd), FSU card signature strip funding (Bill 34 and 35, 73rd), 2021 Sweepings allocation (Bill 54, 73rd), BSU election code (Bill 55, 73rd), redefining major offices (Bill 63, 73rd), transfer from Central Reserves to the Union (Bill 68, 73rd), 2022 Budget Allocations (Bill 2022, 73rd), transfer for AASU (Bill 5, 74th), and Senate Projects bill assignment revision (Bill 6, 74th), funding for weapons (Bill 13, 74th), and,

Whereas: Senator Barker testifies that "Chair Gonzalez is someone that I have looked up to since my first day in senate. As intimidated as I first was by her, I quickly realized how genuine and welcoming she is. I was appointed to my seat shortly before Budget Week in the Fall, which was extremely demanding and hectic, but Chair Gonzalez made sure to check in and answer any questions I had throughout the entire process. Even though we sometimes have differing opinions, I am constantly inspired by how often she stands against the majority to stick up for her views. That quality is not only hard to find but very admirable. Her presence in Senate will be greatly missed." And,

Whereas: Senator Bettley testifies that "I have never met a person who knows, or loves, statutes the way Ashley Gonzalez does. Chair Gonzalez is easily one of the most inspirational people I have ever met through SGA. I had the absolute honor of serving on the Budget Committee with her during Budget Week in the Fall, and had she not been so welcoming and approachable I truly do not think I would still be a senator. Coming into these chambers can be very isolating when you are new, and she helped me be the senator I am today. I could not imagine serving under a better Budget Chair, she is so informative and genuinely cares about the student body. While she may be blunt, it is because she cares, and she wants to see things through. That is one of the many things that makes her so admirable. Chair Gonzalez stands up for what she believes in, and the senate was extremely lucky to have her" and,

Whereas: Senator DuChêne testifies that "The departure of Chair Gonzalez brings the departure of perhaps this Senate's most knowledgeable member. Ashley's deep familiarity not just with the budget process, but with all of student body statutes, has been essential to the success of this Senate. She has been a helpful mentor as I've learned and grown in this space, and has never been afraid to critique my work despite our friendship; this has made me an infinitely better Senator and I'm forever thankful for it" and,

Whereas: Senator Little testifies that "I have served in the Senate with Ashley for two whole years now. I have watched her tackle countless obstacles in pursuit of her goals. She is one of the most hardworking, fearless, and passionate people I have ever worked with. I am honored to have worked with her and learned from her for so long. The Senate chamber will never be the same without her, but I can't wait to see what she does next" and,

Whereas: Senator Myers testifies that "Senator Gonzalez is one of the most passionate and driven people I have ever met. She always advocates for her communities, her constituency, and the student body as a whole. She is professional and admirable in her ferocity for advancing the university and constantly working to better the experience of FSU students throughout their college career" and,

Whereas: Senator Rivers testifies that "My time serving in Senate has been brief. However, working alongside Chair Gonzalez has been some of the most fulfilling work I've done in Student Government. I have been able to meet someone who truly has a passion for the betterment of the student body at Florida State University. Chair Gonzalez has never backed down when it came to passing legislation that improves student life at Florida State. I have been able to learn how to be a better student leader by watching the passion that emits from Chair Gonzalez" and,

Whereas: Senator Emeritus Tackett testifies that "Me and Ashley first met against our wishes. We were both thrown into the budget committee even though that wasn't one of our choices. We found common ground early on in the 73rd senate with our distaste for

the cards we were dealt. We were the only two people from the minority party that were in the committee. We were outnumbered greatly and found ourselves fighting vigorously to protect funding for agencies and fight administration with its push to funnel more money to the union and campus rec. That's where I learned why people feared Ashley so much. It's because her integrity and her values will fold to no one; especially not some powerful authoritative figure. She will always unapologetically fight for her values and to protect her communities. This level of integrity is something that is lacking in all our lives. Even when she makes mistakes, she can recognize it and learn from it. This level of leadership is something I can only strive to achieve, and I am so glad to call you a friend and a colleague. For current or future senators who may read this, please learn from Ashley that questioning leadership and keeping your integrity is a necessity to protect the student body. Nobody is more deserving of being in the hall of fame than Ashley Gonzalez", and

Whereas: Senator Tucker testifies that "Since being inaugurated into Senate, I have been impressed by Senator Gonzalez's knowledge of statutes, her passion for her work, and her willingness to lead and assist all Senators. It's not often we have a Senator like Senator Gonzalez, and she has left her mark on FSU Student Government" and,

Whereas: Senator Wang testifies that "I have served with Senator Gonzalez for two years in Senate. Throughout that time, we have experienced the most tumultuous times in Senate history. She has fought for her communities, constituents, and the general student body harder than anyone else I can think of. She is the most knowledgeable Budget chair I have ever seen in Senate and has allocated more funds than anyone in recent history. I am proud to call her my colleague and more importantly, my friend. Congratulations on all of your accomplishments Ashley!" and,

Whereas: President Emeritus Alex Harmon testifies that "Senator Gonzalez is a determined leader with the ability to command a room. While her opinion or positions aren't always the most popular, she defends them like a leader should. When others are against her she doesn't back down, she doubles down. This is what defines a leader. Someone who fights for what they believe is the right thing to do even when there is resistance. Senator Gonzalez has made a lasting impact on FSU's Student Government as a fierce advocate for her communities and the College of Social Sciences. While I didn't always see eye to eye with Senator Gonzalez, I knew that she was only doing what she felt was best for those she represents." Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fourth Student Senate at Florida State University that: Senator Ashley Gonzalez Ferraro is nominated to the Florida State University Student Senate Hall of Fame.

Be it further resolved that: A copy of this resolution be sent to:
Jacalyn Butts, Assistant Director of Student Governance & Advocacy
Dr. Felicia Williams, Director of Student Engagement
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President of Student Affairs
Dr. Brandon Bowden, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs

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Student Senate President

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Senate Vote: 15-6-3
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