



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

74th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 37

Primary Sponsor: Myers, Tucker

Co-Sponsor(s): Alaimo, Beall, Bettley, Burton, DuChêne, Folwell, Kariher, Maglin, Mantilla

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 Renee Wang has been a member of the 72nd, 73rd, and 74th Student Senate where she served as Student Senate Pro Tempore, a member of the Racial Inclusivity and Justice Ad Hoc, and a member of the Judiciary Investigative Board on Appointments, and

Whereas: Senator Wang served as the liaison for the Asian American Student Union, providing knowledge and connection between the agency and the Senate that oversees their funds and statutes, and

Whereas: Senator Wang helped establish 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 Wang was the first Asian female Senate Pro Tempore in SGA history, and has shattered glass ceilings for women and students of color in leadership, and

Whereas: Senator Wang advocated for ideas such as the installation of a College of Hospitality Leadership Council, connecting our Senate to the FSU student body through event participation, streamlining Student Body Statutes, and consolidating the internal procedures of the FSU Senate through Canvas, and

Whereas: Senator Wang constantly ensures the governing documents of the Senate, and the Student Body are being upheld, and her knowledge on these is second to none, and

Whereas: Senator Wang has proposed or cosponsored and successfully passed countless pieces of legislation regarding issues including but not limited to, SCURC reimbursements (Res 46, 72nd), supporting the victims of Power-Based Violence (Res 66, 72nd), the removal of the Francis W. Eppes statue (Res 68, 72nd), personal pronouns on Canvas (Res 89, 72nd), commemorating the late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg (Res 90, 72nd), the findings of the Investigative Board on the Executive Branch (Res 12, 73rd), Lunar New Year (Res 20, 73rd), awarding Dr. Bowden with the Senate Award for Excellence (Res 30, 73rd), establishing mental health days in Senate (Res 80, 73rd), bidets (Res 82, 73rd), the lives lost in the Florida State University Student Body (Res 84, 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), commending Senator Linsky's dedication within the Senate (Res 88, 73rd), Lunar New Year (Res 10, 74th), the FL legislature's "Don't Say Gay" bill (Res 17, 74th), Senator Gonzalez's Hall of Fame (Res 31, 74th), Senator Little's Hall of Fame (Res 32, 74th), creating the SGA Indigenous Land Acknowledgment Act of 2020 (Bill 1, 73rd), iClicker access codes (Bill 58, 73rd), time limit for the speaking rights of the OGA Director in Legislative Agenda Caucus (Bill 71, 73rd), clarifying procedure for bill approval process (Bill 72, 73rd), AASU account transfer (Bill 5, 74th), clarifying lodging funding limit (Bill 12, 74th), limiting SGA funding for weapons (Bill 13, 74th), Senators ability to vote on the Budget bill (Bill 14, 74th), closing loopholes on financial certification process for Senators (Bill 15, 74th), vacating seats whose successor is not sworn-in (Bill 41, 74th), election results on the Senate agenda (Bill 42, 74th), and format of the Executive Debate (Bill 43, 74th), and

Whereas: Senator Beall testifies that "I've had the pleasure of working with Senator Wang in Judiciary this last semester. Her knowledge of statutes and experience in the senate chambers are truly impressive and I think she will be a talented individual in whatever area of life she chooses. I hope to be as experienced a senator as she is and I wish her nothing but luck in the future" and,

Whereas: Senator Bettley testifies that "Senator Wang has been an inspiration to so many, including myself. I first met Renee when she served as the Pro Tempore, and she intimidated me.

She was always so vocal about the issues she cares about, and I knew that I could learn a lot from her. Renee went above and beyond to fulfill her duties within Senate, and if she saw something that needed to be addressed, she would do so with ease. Renee implemented mental health days because she knew so many senators would benefit from it. When I was having difficulty understanding Roberts Rules, she took the time to create a PowerPoint and host an impromptu meeting for any interested Senators. Neither of these things were her responsibility, but she saw how they could improve these chambers. I chose to talk about these two things because they helped so many, but I think they also reflect the type of person Renee is. She genuinely cares about the student body and the Senate, and she consistently does things without expecting praise. Senator Wang is extremely deserving of this Hall of Fame nomination, especially because she consistently acts as a selfless and knowledgeable role model for so many in these chambers. Congratulations (and surprise) Renee, I am so proud to have served in these chambers with you, and I am forever grateful to be your friend. I will miss you dearly, but I am so excited to see you thrive in New York” and,

Whereas: Senator DuChêne testifies that “Renee Wang, as one of our most senior senators, having served since the 72nd Senate, as the 73rd Senate President Pro-Tempore, and in various other leadership spaces across this campus, is an utmost example of a senator eligible and deserving for the student senate hall of fame. As a senator from a small college myself, I am amazed and inspired by Senator Wang’s example and leadership. As Senator from the Dedman College of Hospitality, she has proved the important truth that the smallest programs on this campus deserve fierce advocates. Senator Wang has served her constituents and this Senate well and she will be dearly missed” and,

Whereas: Senator Kariher testifies that “Renee has been a role model and inspiration as a Senator and advocates for not only her college, but also puts her moral values first and is never afraid to speak on her passions. Even though I have only had the honor of working with her for a couple weeks, I am so happy I was able to have such a wonderful mentor and overall amazing person to look up to in Senate” and,

Whereas: Senator Myers testifies that “Senator Wang is one of the most passionate and experienced Senators I have had the pleasure of working with. Seeing her work in both committees and the chambers, she has inspired me to advocate for my constituents as fiercely as she has. Senator Wang defends her positions with knowledge and does so respectfully and tenaciously. She is the most kind and considerate friend both inside and outside the chambers and I am so lucky that I have gotten the opportunity to see her accomplish so much great work in my time in the Senate. I cannot wait to see what she does in the coming years, as I know it will be equally as impressive and inspiring as her work in the FSU Senate has always been” and,

Whereas: Senator Tucker testifies that “Senator Wang stood out to me upon my first time in the senate chambers due to her natural leadership instincts, speaking abilities, and knowledge over the ins and outs of Student Senate. Upon the adjournment of the meeting, I made sure to immediately introduce myself because I knew she would be a great source of knowledge in my time in senate. As the months have passed since my first meeting, Senator Wang has been a strong supporter of both myself and others, an incredible source of advice, and an inspiration to myself. She holds true to her values, deeply analyzes situations before making a decision, and eloquently explains why she has come to a decision. No matter if we’re working in collaboration or in opposition, I know she will put up a strong case as to why she believes what she does and that she has put the time and effort in to come to that. It is always a pleasure to work with and see Senator Wang, both inside, and outside of Student Senate. She has been a special senator who has accomplished much in terms of visible achievement, has been of great assistance to others, and is always a great voice of opinion in the senate chambers. It’s not often you find a senator as capable and accomplished as Senator Wang and because of this, she has earned a place among the greatest of FSU’s Student Senators” and,

Whereas: Hall of Fame Senator Jake Alvarez testifies that “In my time serving as a mentor and colleague of Senator Wang, she embodied the greatest examples of public service, scholarship, legislative achievement, and friendship that can be manifested in the halls of the Student Senate at FSU and should be acclaimed for her patience and care to all that she set herself to therein” and,

Whereas: Hall of Fame Senator Ashley Gonzalez testifies that “Renee is the epitome of a girl boss. Her knowledge on statutes, her willingness to build relationships and help others understand things, and her ability to find mistakes and loopholes within statutes is unlike no other. Renee served as Pro Tempore for an entire year through COVID, and always extended empathy and

grace, leading the Rules committee to do the same. She has taught me so much and has cared about these chambers and the work we do within them immensely (It's exemplified in that long list that was just read!). The Senate will not be the same without her, and she is most deserving of this nomination. Renee, I would not have accomplished everything I did without your mentorship and friendship. From the bottom of my heart, thank you" and,

Whereas: Hall of Fame Senator Gabi Little testifies that "Senator Wang is one of the most resilient people I have ever met. She is a strong leader and always stands up for what she believes in. I served alongside Renee in the Judiciary Committee, the Rules Committee, and I served while she was Pro Tempore for a year. She looks at every piece of legislation with a fine-toothed comb. As Pro Tempore, Renee revolutionized the way we vote in our chambers, and she was an integral part of Senate leadership during one of the tumultuous times this body has seen. She has impacted the lives of so many Senators who have served within the last two years, and I could not be more proud to call Senator Wang my colleague and friend. These chambers will miss you, but we can't wait to see what you accomplish in NYC!" and,

Whereas: Hall of Fame Senator Nate Tackett testifies that "Senator Wang is one of the most resourceful, clever, and empathetic senators to grace these chambers. In a Senate where it seems that rational thought has grown scarce, Senator Wang's steady and logical reasoning came as a palliative remedy for the many issues that the Student Body faced. I admired her leadership as Pro-Tempore during the 73rd as I watched her mend the deep divide that plagued the previous Senate. When I look back on my time in the senate, it's impossible to not think of one of the thousands of conversations I had with Senator Wang. Whether it was topics regarding streamlining the Rules of Procedure or reinstating the FSU War Department, every conversation we had was centered around trying to make this university just a little bit better. I will cherish our time together in the Senate for years to come, and I am glad to call you a friend" and,

Whereas: President Emeritus Alex Harmon testifies that "During my time as President, I relied on my team to handle the daily functions of Senate. Pro-Tempore Wang was part of that team. She always showed up when needed and provided a necessary perspective to issues we faced. There was never a time when she wasn't up to the challenge of the goals we proposed. Although she always offered her support, she also offered her criticism. This criticism, however, was constructive and is an idealistic aspect of leadership that many struggle to embody. This is how Senator Wang stands out. As a leader who is unafraid to make her opinion known and always works towards leaving the spaces she occupies in a better state than when she started." Therefore,

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

Be it further resolved that:

- 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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