



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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

**Resolution #: 40**

**Primary Sponsor:** Rowan, Fermin

**Co-Sponsor(s):** Rivers

**Whereas:** The Student Senate is tasked with representing the student body in both Student Government and the University at-large and advocating for the interests of the student body, including those who are not financially well off, and

**Whereas:** As a rulemaking body of the State of Florida, the Florida State University Board of Trustees must publish notice for all amendments of the University's Regulations and provide a format for members of the public to provide comment on the proposed amendment, and

**Whereas:** On May 24, 2022, notice was given of a proposed amendment to FSU-2.009 (Parking and Traffic Regulations) and on May 26, 2022, an email was sent by Vice President Kyle Clark to the student body informing them of the proposed amendment, and

**Whereas:** The proposed amendment, which will be voted on at the June 22, 2022 Board of Trustees, in addition to proposing minor Scribner's edits, creates a "VRES" virtual permit for FSU students which, for \$325 on an academic year basis and \$415 on an annual basis, would give select students 24/7 access to special reserved parking spots, as well as clarifying that no permit of any type is required to park in non-reserved spots between 10PM and 7:30AM Monday through Friday, as well as all day on the weekends, and

**Whereas:** At the November 10, 2021 meeting of the 73rd Student Senate, FSU Parking & Transportation Services Director Richard Rind addressed the Senate about the issues facing student parking and suggested multiple solutions to the issues, including the possibility of introducing paid parking permits for students, and

**Whereas:** Upon proposing the paid parking permits, members of the 73rd Senate overwhelmingly voiced their opposition to the proposal on the grounds that it would negatively impact students who are not financially well off, and

**Whereas:** This proposal is another occasion where the University has sought to shift the burdens that come out of their expansion onto students, and that such burden shifting has the largest impact on students who are already struggling to make ends meet, and

**Whereas:** The introduction of a two-tiered parking system would constitute nothing less than an act of state-sponsored discrimination against students on the basis of income and the Student Senate must be on the frontline of protecting the student body from such blatant acts of income discrimination, therefore

**Be it resolved by the Seventy-Fourth Student Senate at Florida State**

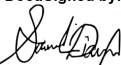
**University that:** The Senate strongly disapproves of the proposed amendment to FSU-2.009 as noticed on May 24, 2022 and considered June 22, 2022 and requests that the Board of Trustees vote to reject the proposed amendment for the reasons set out in this resolution, and

**Be it further resolved that:** As the representative of the Student Body on the Board of Trustees, the Senate asks Student Body President Nimna Gabadage to vote against the proposed amendment and to speak out against it at the June 22, 2022 meeting of the Board of Trustees, and

**Be it further resolved that:** This resolution shall be considered as the formal comment of the Student Senate to the Board of Trustees on the proposed amendment and that, if at all possible, the Senate President, or their designee, should attend the Board's meeting to express the Senate's opposition to the proposed amendment, and

**Be it finally resolved that:** A copy of this resolution shall be sent to:  
Nimna Gabadage, Student Body President and FSU Trustee,  
Student Senate President,  
Richard Rind, FSU Parking & Transportation Services Director,  
Arthur Wiedinger Jr., FSU Office of General Counsel,  
Peter Collins, Chair of the FSU Board of Trustees,  
Maximo Alvarez, FSU Trustee,  
Kathryn Ballard, FSU Trustee,  
Dr. Eric Chicken, FSU Trustee,  
Vivian de las Cuevas-Diaz, FSU Trustee,  
Jorge Gonzalez, FSU Trustee,  
Jim Henderson, FSU Trustee,  
Deborah Sargeant, FSU Trustee,  
Bob Sasser, FSU Trustee,  
John Thiel, FSU Trustee,  
Drew Weatherford, FSU Trustee.

**Official:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Student Senate President**

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**Senate Vote: 6/1/2022  
PASSED: 19-3-2**