



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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

**Resolution #:** 45

**Primary Sponsor:** Rivers

**Co-Sponsor(s):** Burton, Clermont, Kariher

**Whereas:** The vision of Florida State University is to “positively shape the future of our state” and create a “powerful impact that betters the lives of those around us, near and far.”, and

**Whereas:** The Student/Farmworker Alliance at Florida State is a Registered Student Organization that aims to educate the student body about farmworker rights and advocate for justice on campus and in our larger community through its partnership with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, and

**Whereas:** The Coalition of Immokalee Workers is an internationally-recognized human rights organization founded by farmworkers in Immokalee, FL to fight against modern-day slavery and gender-based violence in the U.S. agricultural industry, and

**Whereas:** The Fair Food Program was founded in 2011 as a unique partnership among farmers, farmworkers, and retail food companies to ensure fair wages and humane working conditions for farmworkers on participating farms, and

**Whereas:** Partners of the Fair Food Program include 14 multi-billion-dollar companies, including Whole Foods, McDonald’s, Subway, Chipotle, Trader Joe’s, Walmart, Burger King, The Fresh Market, Stop and Shop, Bon Appetit, KFC, Pizza Hut, Aramark, and Compass Group, and

**Whereas:** Wendy’s stands alone as the last of the five major fast-food corporations to reject participation in the Fair Food Program, ignoring the demands of hundreds of thousands of farmworkers and consumers for verifiable protections against human rights abuses in its supply chain, and

**Whereas:** The Fair Food Program’s Code of Conduct includes zero tolerance provisions for forced labor, child labor, sexual harassment with physical contact, and other forms of violence. It also includes provisions for implementing fair wages, worker-to-worker education, increased transparency, healthy and safe work environments, supervisor training, and more, which makes it uniquely successful in preventing abuses in the fields, and

**Whereas:** The food service provider to the Florida State University, Aramark, is already a partner of the Fair Food Program and works with its produce distributors to ensure the ethical purchasing of tomatoes, and

**Whereas:** Wendy’s stopped buying tomatoes from Florida farms in 2015 because of the implementation of the Fair Food Program and deliberately moved its purchases to the Mexican agricultural industry, which is rampant with farm labor abuses such as slavery and sexual assault that go unchecked, and

**Whereas:** In 2015, the Fair Food Program received the “Presidential Medal for Extraordinary Efforts to Combat Human Trafficking” and has received recognition from The Washington Post, New York Times, United Nations, White House, and former Presidents, and

**Whereas:** Ultimately, by failing to join the Fair Food Program, Wendy’s supports an industry where abuse still happens to farmworkers, and

**Whereas:** The CIW is encouraging a national boycott of Wendy's until the company agrees to join the Fair Food Program, and

**Whereas:** Florida State University has an opportunity to positively impact the lives of those who put food on our tables across the state and the country by supporting the CIW and their Fair Food Program, and

**Be it resolved by the Seventy-fourth Student Senate at Florida State University that:** The Florida State University 74th Student Senate stands in support with the Student/Farmworker Alliance at FSU and the Coalition of Immokalee Workers for their work in ensuring safe working conditions for farmworkers, and

**Be it further resolved that:** The 74th Student Senate asks that Florida State University not to partner with Wendy's for dining services until they join the Fair Food Program, and

**Be it further resolved that:** The 74th Student Senate asks that Tallahassee Community College and Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University also not partner with Wendy's until they join the Fair Food Program, and

**Be it further resolved that:** The 74th Student Senate asks that Florida State University, Tallahassee Community College, and Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University have conversations that work to ensure that their dining services are supporting their workers and the hard-working farmworkers that are providing the food that they are providing their students, and

**Be it further resolved that:** The 74th Student Senate encourages Florida State University students to support farmworker rights by boycotting Wendy's until they join the Fair Food Program, and

**Be it further resolved that:** The 74<sup>th</sup> Student Senate asks that the President of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University and Tallahassee Community College share this resolution with their dining services and Student Government Association, and

**Be it further resolved that:** The Seventy-fourth Student Senate Press Secretary are encouraged to publicize this resolution to the Student Senate Instagram page, therefore

**Be it lastly resolved that:** A copy of this resolution be sent to the following:  
Richard McCullough, President of Florida State University  
Larry Robinson, President of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University  
Jim Murdaugh, President of Tallahassee Community College  
Chris Arthur, ARAMARK District Manager  
John Meyer, ARAMARK Director of Operations  
Annabelle Chapman, Student/Farmworker Alliance President  
The Coalition of Immokalee Workers  
Nelson Peltz, Co-Founder of Trian Partners  
Peter May, Co-Founder of Trian Partners  
Dr. Brandon Bowden, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs  
Jacalyn Butts, Assistant Director of Student Governance & Advocacy  
Nimna Gabadage, Student Body President  
Kenley Adams, Student Body Vice President  
Ashley Allen, Student Senate Press Secretary

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**Student Senate President**

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