

## 75<sup>th</sup> STUDENT SENATE Statute Revision, Addition or Proposed Constitutional Amendment Form

Senate Bill #: 54

Primary Sponsor: DuChêne

A revision to the Student Body Statutes

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE SEVENTY FIFTH STUDENT SENATE THAT:

A revision is made to the Student Body Statutes Chapter 211 (See attached).

This bill adds the option of an abbreviated version of the Indigenous Land Acknowledgment Statement, to be used where deemed appropriate in lieu of the longer statement. This abbreviated version should not be used as standard practice at high-profile events, but rather as an option to make the statement more accessible for programming.

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Student Senate President

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## **CERTIFIED TO THE STUDENT BODY**

President of the Student Body	Date
Dr. Felicia Williams	4/28/2023   3:15 PM EC
Director of the Student Governance & Advocacy	
Dr. Amy Hecht	4/28/2023   3:20 PM ED
Vice President of Student Affairs	Date

## **Statute/Amendment Text:**

211.2 The Indigenous Land Acknowledgment Statement shall be as follows:

The Student Government of Florida State University acknowledges that it is located on land that is the ancestral and traditional territory of the Apalachee Nation, the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida, the Muscogee Creek Nation, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida. We pay respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to their descendants and to all Indigenous people. We recognize this land remains scarred by the histories and ongoing legacies of settler colonial violence, dispossession, and removal. In spite of all this, and with tremendous resilience, these Indigenous Nations have remained deeply connected to this territory, to their families, to their communities, and to their cultural ways of life. We recognize the ongoing relationships of care that these Indigenous Nations maintain with this land and extend our gratitude as we live and work as humble and respectful quests upon their territory. We encourage all to learn about and educate others on the contemporary work of the Indigenous Nations whose land we are on and to endeavor to support Indigenous sovereignty in all the ways that we can.

<u>211.3 The Abbreviated Indigenous Land Acknowledgment Statement, to be</u> used where deemed appropriate, shall be as follows:

The Student Government of Florida State University acknowledges that it is located on land that is the ancestral and traditional territory of the Apalachee Nation, the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida, the Muscogee Creek Nation, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida. We recognize this land remains scarred by the legacies of violence and removal, we recognize the ongoing relationships of care that these Indigenous Nations maintain with this land, and we extend our gratitude as we live and work as humble and respectful guests upon their territory. We encourage all to learn about and educate others on the contemporary work of the Indigenous Nations whose land we are on and to endeavor to support Indigenous sovereignty in all the ways that we can.