



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

75th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 15

Primary Sponsor: Bettley, Chehaitli

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Date: February 6, 2023

Whereas: On January 31st, 2023, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis released information on the proposed Higher Education Reform plan, and

Whereas: The proposal briefs methods aimed at Westernizing curriculums and eliminating efforts to promote Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Florida colleges and universities, and

Whereas: This limit on diverse education and acknowledgement of the struggles of global and national minorities throughout history and in modern times is a dangerous promotion of ethnocentrism through a Western lens in academic institutions, and

Whereas: The Higher Education Reform proposal would pose challenges to students pursuing majors in the humanities and social sciences as funding redistribution efforts that require “institutions to prioritize graduating students with degrees that lead to high-wage jobs, not degrees designed to further a political agenda” assigns an unjust weight to STEM majors that would filter low-income students from pursuing work in political fields, and

Whereas: The reference to DEI statements as “political filters” ignores and vilifies the importance of ensuring racial equity on university campuses that have a history of excluding minorities, and

Whereas: The commitments of Fortune 100 companies to promoting DEI will place Florida graduates at a disadvantage in the hiring process due to lack of expertise on and experience with DEI initiatives should they be removed, and

Whereas: Distribution of post-tenure review power to university Boards of Trustees will grant an unchecked power to university authority to terminate faculty and administrative entities at any time, and

Whereas: The pursuit of higher education at the college level is not mandated by any institution of the state, therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: The Student Senate condemns these proposed reforms of higher education in Florida, and

Be it further resolved that: The Student Senate recognizes the promotion of this agenda as a threat to minorities on Florida campuses, and

Be it further resolved that: The Student Senate considers higher education an opportunity to pursue academia at a level that is beyond state mandates and should thus be expansive and exploratory in nature, and

Be it further resolved that: The Student Senate finds these potential reforms to be a devastating risk to the reputation of Florida State University as a respectable and scholarly institution as well as to its nationally recognized ranking, and

Be it lastly resolved that: A copy of this resolution be sent to:
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs
Nimna Gabadage, Student Body President
Kenley Adams, Student Body Vice President
Jacalyn Butts, Assistant Director of Student Governance & Advocacy
Dr. Felicia Williams, Director of Student Engagement
Ron DeSantis, Governor of Florida
Paul Renner, Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives
Kathleen Passidomo, President of the Florida Senate
Manny Díaz Jr., Education Commissioner of Florida

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Student Senate President

SENATE VOTE: 29-5-9

PASSED: February 8th, 2023