



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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

Resolution #: 36

**Primary Sponsor:** Chehaitli, Humberg

**Co-Sponsor(s):** Allgoever, Anandjiwala, Burton, Carter, Crocker, Dale, Diaz, DuChêne, Fineout, Folwell, Kahrier, LoBianco, Maglin, Mantilla, McEntyre, Rivers, Salazar, Severy, Widmann

**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 Megan Bettley has been a member of the 73rd, 74th, and 75th Student Senates, the Chair of the Budget Committee in the 74th and 75th Student Senates, Vice-Chair of the Budget Committee in the 74th Student Senate, a member of the Sweepings Committee in the 74th Student Senate, a member of the Sustainability Ad Hoc in the 75th Student Senate, a member of the Seminole and Peoples Imagery and Education (SIPIE) Ad Hoc in the 73rd Student Senate, FSU Florida Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) Liaison in the 73rd, 74th, and 75th Student Senates, Sustainable Campus Liaison in the 75th Student Senate, and a Student Senate appointee for Student Academic Program (SAP) Funding Committee in the 75th Student Senate, and

**Whereas:** Senator Bettley has allocated over 30 million dollars of Activity and Service Fees throughout her time as a Student Senator, advocating for and ensuring fiscal responsibility of University funds and increasing allocations for FSU’s identity-based Agencies, and

**Whereas:** Senator Bettley was able to restructure the Budget with the same funding as the year prior and still accommodate an increase of funding towards the identity-based agencies, with a \$360 increase towards the Asian American Student Union, a \$1,560 increase towards the Black Student Union, a \$710 increase towards the Hispanic/Latinx Student Union, a \$2,525 increase towards the Jewish Student Union, a \$2,660 increase towards the Pride Student Union, a \$910 increase towards the Veterans Student Union, and a \$1,025 increase towards the Women Student Union, totaling a \$9,750 increase in allocated funds for the identity-based agencies, and,

**Whereas:** Senator Bettley proposed, co-sponsored, and passed legislation during her first entrance to Senate in the 73rd Student Senate regarding issues including but not limited to: modifications to Student Body Statutes defining and adjusting the role of the Senate Historian and aligning OPS wages with the 2022 Budget Bill (Resolutions 78, 79; Bill 65), nominating Senator Emeritus Tackett to the FSU Student Senate Hall of Fame (Resolution 86), transferring \$285,000 from Central Reserves to the Student Union (Bill 68), and the allocation of \$14,615,441.00 in Sweepings funds (Bill 2022), and

**Whereas:** Senator Bettley proposed, co-sponsored, and passed an array of legislation during the 74th Student Senate regarding issues including but not limited to: advocating for the services of Project Callisto on the FSU website (Resolution 1), adjusting the Student Senate’s Rules of Procedure (Resolution 7), funding allocations for SAP (Resolution 16), condemning the

'Don't Say Gay' bill (Resolution 17), nominating Senator Emeriti Roy, Gonzalez, Little, and Wang to the FSU Student Senate Hall of Fame (Resolutions 30, 31, 32, 37), nominating Ms. Eva Killings for the FSU Student Senate Award for Excellence (Resolution 51), transferring funds from PAC to Senate Projects (Resolution 61), transferring funds from Senate Projects to the Horn Studio of FSU (Resolution 62), condemning hate speech in the wake of acts of antisemitism on and around FSU's campus (Resolution 63), aligning the Student Senate's operating hours with those of the Student Union (Resolution 64), recognizing and commemorating Indigenous Peoples' Day (Resolution 67), encouraging RSOs to utilize sustainable techniques and resources in their events (Resolution 72), transferring AASU expenses between expense categories (Bill 5), revising Student Body Statutes regarding the process of sending bills to the Budget Committee and the limitation of use of A&S monies to explicitly prohibit the use of funds for weapons (Bills 6, 13), revising requirements for financial certification surrounding voting procedures (Bill 14), revising suspension rules for Student Senators who are not financially certified (Bill 15), revising Statutes deeming Directors of Executive Institutes as Major Offices (Bill 37), transferring Organizational Funds to PAC to assist in RSO funding (Bill 38), transferring \$1500 from PSU Food (Bill 40), revising Student Body Statutes pertaining to Senate vacancies, election announcements, and Executive Debate questions (Bills 41, 42, 43), increasing maximum funding by PAC towards clothing (Bill 75), amending the amount of funding permitted for lodging expenses (Bill 76), and the allocation of \$580,442.68 in Sweepings funds, and

**Whereas:** Senator Bettley proposed, co-sponsored, and passed an array of legislation during the 75th Student Senate regarding issues including but not limited to: commemorating Native American Heritage Month (Resolution 1), SAP Funding Committee (Resolution 6), supporting the Hunger Free Campus Bill in the Florida Legislature (Resolution 10), commemorating the work of the Center for Participant Education (Resolution 11), condemning the Florida Governor's Higher Education Reform Plan (Resolution 15), creating the Sustainable Campus and Food for Thought Pantry Liaison positions (Resolution 16), commemorating the victims of the Marjory Stoneman-Douglas, Michigan State University, and Nashville shootings (Resolutions 18, 21), establishing Mental Health Days in the University Calendar (Resolution 26), condemning Florida HB999 (Resolution 27), condemning the elimination of insured coverage for gender-affirming care in the Florida Legislature (Resolution 28), condemning Florida's six-week abortion ban (Resolution 29), funding two ADA-accessible beds in the Seminole Organic Garden (Bill 18), banning the purchase of plastic straws with A&S monies (Bill 20), designating the Diversity & Inclusion Institute as an official SGA Executive Institute (Bill 23), and transferring monies to support VSU's upcoming events (Bill 27), and

**Whereas:** Senator Bettley's commitments to the prosperity of FSU continue outside the Senate Chambers, with former University Ambassador Christian Pruitt speaking to her leadership skills in that, "I have worked very closely with Megan during our time as University Ambassadors together for two years. Megan has excelled in this role and I have been impressed by both her attitude and her work performance on the job. Megan possesses stellar interpersonal and communication skills that have allowed her to develop productive working relationships with both our co-workers and administrators. Megan has great organizational leadership qualities. She is a reliable and committed employee that performed all tasks to the best of his abilities. Even outside of his role as an ambassador, she has taken on several leadership opportunities across campus. Through these roles, she has shown his willingness to serve Florida State University and the students who attend here," and

**Whereas:** Senate President Diaz testifies that, "Senator Bettley has been a wealth of knowledge to me from the moment I stepped foot in the Senate chambers that were HCB. In

her, I found a friend, someone always willing to help, and sometimes, challenge me, when I needed it. Her vast experience handling budget processes and funding boards made her a point-person on any questions I or other senators had pertaining to A&S fees; and made her a force to be reckoned with in meetings I was honored to have alongside her with administration officials. She will doubtless be remembered as one of the most effective, knowledgeable, and friendly budget chairs to have graced this Senate. I am happy to endorse her for this prestigious recognition of her work,” and

**Whereas:** Senate Pro-Tempore Patrick DuChêne testifies that, “Megan Bettley, the baddie with the budget, can only be described as a giant of the Senate. Megan is quite literally the only senator still standing who was here the day I got here. She’s been endlessly dedicated ever since. Megan, I’m so thankful to know you. I’m so thankful that you of all people have been by my side for every single meeting since the 73rd. It takes a special kind of senator to truly stick it out through all the ups and downs—to literally never leave. I’m not sure I could have done it without you by my side. Thank you for being an example of what strong progressive representation can look like. Thank you for fighting every battle with every ounce you have. You deserve this,” and

**Whereas:** Senator Allgoever testifies that, “Throughout the past year and a half that I’ve gotten to know Chair Bettley she has become such an inspiration to me. She has helped me find my place within SGA and has been so supportive of everything I’ve done. She is such a strong and intelligent presence within the Senate chambers, and her hard work does not go unnoticed. She strives to meet the needs of the student body, and never fails to stand up for what she believes in. She has impacted me in more ways than she could ever understand, and for that I will forever look up to her. Megan is beyond deserving of this honor,” and

**Whereas:** Vice Chair Burton testifies that, “It is with great pleasure that I express my support for Megan’s candidacy for the Senate Hall of Fame. I have had the privilege of working alongside Megan in various SGA settings, and throughout our time together, I have seen her thrive both personally and professionally. Megan’s guidance and mentorship in SURGE have been invaluable to me, and serving as her vice chair of the budget committee has been an honor. Watching Megan in action, both on the senate floor and in her personal life, has been awe-inspiring. Her unwavering commitment to progress and the ongoing struggle is nothing short of remarkable. Megan’s dedication to making a meaningful impact is evident in everything she does, and I couldn’t be prouder of all she has accomplished. In short, Megan’s achievements and unwavering commitment to her constituents make her an exceptional candidate for the Senate Hall of Fame, and I wholeheartedly endorse her for this prestigious honor,” and

**Whereas:** Chair Carter testifies that, “Megan is an incredibly knowledgeable and passionate voice in the Senate chambers. Her vast experience and commendable record earns respect from all corners of campus. While Senate will be worse without her, Florida State University has benefited greatly from her tenure as a student leader,” and

**Whereas:** Senator Chehaitli testifies that, “I met Megan in Prague in an FSU international program dedicated to human rights. There is little I can say to represent her dedication to the good fight better. Our shared passion for work in advocacy brought us together, brought her to introduce me to SGA, and later, brought me to serve alongside her in Senate. Megan is fearless. She is a bold leader who speaks for those who can’t, those who aren’t present, and uplifts those like myself who strive to follow in her footsteps in making our campus a better place for all. I am infinitely grateful to call Megan my peer and mentor, and even moreso to call her my

friend. Megan is beyond deserving of recognition in the Senate Hall of Fame, and her work here is only a small indicator of the potential lying ahead in her incredibly bright future,” and

**Whereas:** Vice Chair Dale testifies that, “During the first few weeks after I applied for a vacant seat in SGA, I hardly knew anyone in the chambers. Fortunately, I was assigned to the budget committee, which was led by Chair Bettley. She was quick to extend a helping hand to me and another freshman senator. Her kindness as I navigated through the new environment exceeded any and all expectations of her role. As I continued my work in the Senate, Megan ensured that I always had someone to turn to for advice and guidance, whether it was related to legislation or campus life in general. Through her altruism, intelligence, and due diligence, Megan exemplifies true leadership, and her positive impact on our campus will be felt for years to come by thousands of students, even if a lot of our work remains behind the scenes. Serving with her was an honor, and I am excited to see what she will accomplish in the years ahead,” and

**Whereas:** Vice Chair Maglin testifies that, “Before entering the Student Senate, I had the privilege to befriend Megan Bettley. I met her during a time where I had no knowledge of or experience in Student Government and after our first conversation, she immediately took me under her wing. I remember campaigning with her and just watching in awe as she spoke about our Student Government. Listening to her fervent dedication to the Senate and how she continuously advocates for the students on our campus truly inspired me then and still does today. She quickly became one of my role models– both inside and outside of the chambers. Megan embodies the true meaning of Student Government: representing the best interests of the student body. I don’t know anybody else that would dedicate themselves so diligently to ensuring every dollar and every cent of our Budget helped the student body in some way. Furthermore, she is a consistent proponent for equality and justice on our campus. Whether through proposing numerous resolutions or, voicing her opinion on legislation, or through her involvement in many facets of student advocacy, Megan continuously works towards not only the betterment of Florida State University, but for all universities in Florida as well. I am honored to have served alongside such a passionate, knowledgeable, and wonderful Senator. I am even more honored to call Megan a friend. I am so proud of all of the work she has done and I am excited to see her success in the future! Love you Megan,” and

**Whereas:** Senator Mantilla testifies that, “Megan Bettley, AKA the Budget Queen, deserves endless amounts of recognition for her tenacious dedication to this Student Senate. At my first senate meeting back in HCB I vividly remember watching Megan speak with a level of confidence and unwavering devotion that set her apart and immediately caught my attention. Fast forward a year later, my admiration and respect for her is indescribable. Megan is the embodiment of a true natural-born leader. I am honored to have worked with her and call her a friend, and I seriously cannot think of anyone more deserving of being in the Hall of Fame,” and

**Whereas:** Senator Rivers testifies that, “Senator Bettley embodies someone who cares about the Budgetary process and wants to ensure that even dollars of student A&S monies are appropriately accounted for and allocated. She is one of the few Senators who can say they have sat through two budget processes working to allocate almost \$30 million during her time in the Senate. I had the honor of serving with her on the Sweepings committee, where I could see how she became Budget Chair. In addition, I sat in on the 2023-2024 school year’s Budget Allocation meeting. I was in awe at how Senator Bettley managed that meeting and ensured that against all the odds, the agencies continued its recent tradition of getting budget increases. Senator Bettley is my friend, and I saw just how much mental strain Senate put on her, but through it all, she kept her sanity and continued to be a pioneer for the Student Body. She makes Senate an entertaining space that people want to go through. I know she has touched

many people in these chambers with how she will drop anything to help someone learn how to write a bill or understand our financial manual. Even more outstanding is that Senator Bettley has done all this work by being in graduate school and being a Teaching Assistant. It takes a determined person to continue to do Student Government while in grad school, and Senator Bettley is on that short list of people. I want to thank Florida State University, Student Government Association, and Student Senate for putting such a fantastic person like Megan Bettley into my life. I think of Megan as the exact kind of person when I hear Senate Hall of Fame. Therefore, I am more than happy to recommend Megan for FSU's Senate Hall of Fame. I love you, Senator Bettley, and surge forth," and

**Whereas:** Senator Widmann testifies that, "When I first started coming to Senate as a guest, it wasn't hard to notice the true passion of certain senators within the chamber; one of those leaders was Chair Megan Bettley. She is an incredible leader and truly has the passion and charisma a student leader needs to make real change on this campus, from the budgeting of funds to standing up for students across the nation, Megan has proven to be a dedicated student leader and I am honored to support her nomination for the Senate Hall of Fame," and

**Whereas:** Senator and Parliamentarian Emeritus Rowan testifies that, "Senator Megan Bettley has been a good friend of mine for several years now and it has been a pleasure working with her throughout her senatorial career. Megan was proven herself to be one of the most apt Budget Chairs in recent memory and I am grateful that she has been able to guide the senate during some of the most financially challenging times the SGA has ever seen. In a time where inflation rages, the budget has not appreciably increased since 2012, and where issues continued to rage over how members of the administration handled A&S fees, Chair Bettley managed to still raise the allocations to the agencies, which are the lifeblood of FSU. She has also been a relentless activist for the rights of students and I cannot wait to see where she goes in life. Megan, from the bottom of my heart and from the great city of Jacksonville, congratulations on your nomination to the Senate Hall of Fame. You deserve it," and

**Whereas:** Senator Emeritus Staveski testifies that, "I first met Senator Bettley in the 74th Senate Budget Committee. I had just been appointed, and I was entirely new to Senate. Senator Bettley was incredibly welcoming and encouraging. She taught me the ropes of Senate while advocating tirelessly for the needs of students during our Budget deliberations. The Budget process is long and time-intensive; however, despite being graduate student at the time, she dedicated hours upon hours to the FSU community and successfully allocated a 14 million dollar budget when she had over 16 million in requests. I have now won my own seat in the chambers, and that is largely due to the lasting impression older senators left on me, with Senator Bettley being at the top of that list. It is my pleasure to strongly recommend her for this honor as she was a leader both on our campus and within the senate chambers," and

**Whereas:** Hall of Fame Pro-Tempore Emeritus Renee Wang testifies that, "I met Megan Bettley in the 73rd Senate, and it has been incredible to watch her come out of her shell and become the confident and vocal SGA leader she is today. Megan is the definition of leader in all facets of her life including our friendship. She has made me a better person as a fellow senator, and more importantly, as a friend. She has been so supportive since I met her, but she is also never afraid to offer the constructive criticism needed which has made Senate legislation meaningful and strong. Megan, I am so proud to see how far you have come, and you are so deserving of this honor. FSU has become a better place because of your work and passion," and

**Whereas:** Hall of Fame Senator Emeritus Ashley Gonzalez testifies that, "Chair Bettley is a leader everyone is willing to follow. She is one of the most knowledgeable Senators not only in

Finance Code but in all Student Body Statutes. She has developed vast institutional knowledge that I know she will pass on to the next Budget chair, demonstrating her commitment to bettering the student body. Megan is leaving Senate and the Budget committee better than she found it, a feat clear by her investment in the process and her peers. Personally, Megan has always served as a voice of clarity and reason for me. She is kind, generous, thoughtful, and fair. I am so honored to know Megan and proud of her growth toward a remarkable leader, in and out of these chambers. Senate does not know how blessed they were to have you, Meggy. Congratulations, you did a hell of a job. I love you,” and

**Whereas:** Hall of Fame Senator Emeritus Gabrielle Little testifies that, “Megan was, and continues to be, a strong and respected voice in the FSU Student Senate. She joined the Senate at a time when Senators were fighting with each other, and with administration. Despite these hurdles, Megan has flourished in SGA and become a leader that students across party lines look to for opinions when a bill comes to the floor. She has guided the Budget Committee through tough decisions with grace, and written legislation that has created tangible change for various RSOs on campus and her constituents. Above all else, Megan is a kind voice in the Senate - someone that embodies what it means to lead with respect for everyone,” and

**Whereas:** Hall of Fame Senator Emeritus Jason Randall testifies that, “Sen. Bettley deserves our deepest gratitude for her outstanding service to the Student Senate. Her long tenure is a testament to her unwavering dedication to our student body, and her advocacy for agencies and RSOs has been nothing short of remarkable. As a strong female role model, she’s inspired countless students to pursue leadership roles and make a positive impact in their communities. Her collaborative approach to governance has set her apart and fostered a culture of inclusivity and respect within the Senate. Thank you, Sen. Bettley, for all that you have done for the Student Senate and the Florida State University community,” and

**Whereas:** Hall of Fame Senator Emeritus Tyler Roy testifies that, “Megan is a leader in the Florida State community who, through tireless effort, has always found unique ways to help students and leave her mark on our Student Government Association. When I think of Megan’s role in the SGA, I think of a calm yet passionate voice encouraging Senators from both sides of the aisle to hear each-other out and come to fair compromises. As well, I think of a mentor who guides and enables new Senators and students passionate about leadership to become more engaged with our SGA regardless how difficult that may seem. I have honestly seen Megan do so much in her position as a member of the Student Senate, and while the students she has mentored will carry on her legacy, I hope Megan knows that she is admired for the countless hours of work and faith she has put into our Student Senate and its mission to selflessly serve the student body,” and

**Whereas:** Senator Emeritus Nate Tackett testifies that, “Megan is a passionate and intelligent school leader. Budget committee produces some of the best work in SGA, and Megan has led that committee through some of the most difficult situations. She was with us during the great Central Reserves debacle of 2021, which prepared her to lead through the shortfalls she faced this year. Megan grew quickly and flourished in SGA to become a powerful student leader. I am grateful that she has continued the good fight and has fought diligently for the student body,” and,

**Whereas:** Director of Investment for the Executive Cabinet Samuel Youngston testifies that, “Chair Bettley, one of the most senior Senators in these chambers, is a dedicated, knowledgeable, and impactful student leader. Megan's work on the Budget Committee has established a precedent of excellence and requires a vast knowledge of University finances.


Megan is a brilliant Senator, a strong advocate, and an amazing friend. Her commitment to improving the student experience at Florida State has not gone unnoticed, and I wholeheartedly believe she has earned this honor,” and

**Whereas:** Director of External Affairs Andres Cubillos testifies that, “I am proud to submit this testimonial in support of Senator Megan Bettley’s induction into the Senate Hall of Fame. Through her entire time as a student at Florida State University Megan has exhibited an unrelenting desire to be a force for good in her community. I first met Megan when we first started working on Florida PIRG Students at FSU together. Megan worked tirelessly to build up the organization and it was her efforts that paved the way for PIRG to become the organization that it is today. In every issue that affects students Megan can be found working to make the voices of students heard; be it in Senate, at the capital, or in the community at large, Megan has been on the frontline of positive change and I am so proud to have been able know her and work with her in the serve of the public interest,” therefore

**Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that:** Senator Megan Bettley is nominated to the Florida State University Student Senate Hall of Fame.

**Be it further resolved that:** A copy of this resolution be sent to:  
Jacalyn Butts, Assistant Director of Student Governance & Advocacy  
Dr. Felicia Williams, Director of Student Engagement  
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President of Student Affairs  
Megan Bettley, Budget Chair of the 75<sup>th</sup> Student Senate

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**Senate Vote: 54-0-0  
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