



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

75th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 41

Primary Sponsor: Maglin, Bettley

Co-Sponsor(s): Allgoever, Alvarez, Anandjiwala, Burton, Carter, Chehaitli, Crocker, Dale, Diaz, Fineout, Humberg, Kariher, LoBianco, Mantilla, McMahon, Salazar, Severy, Rivers

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 DuChêne has been a member of the 73rd, 74th, and 75th Student Senates, where he served as the Chair of the Student Life during the 74th Senate, Pro-Tempore and Chair of the Rules Committee during the 75th Senate, a member of the Seminole and Peoples Imagery and Education (SIPIE) Ad Hoc in the 73rd Student Senate, and a member of the Sustainability Ad Hoc during the 75th Student Senate, and

Whereas: Senator DuChêne was voted Senator of the Month in March 2022, New Senator of the Year in the 74th Student Senate, and the Robert Brandewie Student Life Senator in the 74th Student Senate, and

Whereas: Senator DuChêne served as the liaison for the Jewish Student Union in the 74th Student Senate, where he passionately advocated for Jewish students on this campus, condemning every instance of antisemitism at Florida State University. Senator DuChêne consistently upheld the mission of the Student Government Association by ensuring that there is no space for hatred on this campus, and he actively ensured that all of the Student Government Association was a safe and welcoming space for all, and

Whereas: Senator DuChêne has worked diligently throughout not only his time as a Senator, but also as a student, to acknowledge the deep-rooted Native American heritage and history at Florida State University. He has consistently advocated for Native American education, representation, and appreciation, ensuring that Native American students at Florida State University are recognized and that Native American culture, especially the Seminole Tribe, is protected at this University, and

Whereas: As a member of the LGBTQ+ community, Senator DuChêne has continuously advocated for, supported, and uplifted members of the LGBTQ+ community, not only on this campus, but throughout the state of Florida. With the rise of hate perpetrated against the LGBTQ+ community, Senator DuChêne has condemned any acts of homophobia and transphobia committed at Florida State University at every opportunity. Despite the homophobic and transphobic legislation circulating the Florida Legislature, Senator DuChêne has maintained and unwavering mission to ensure that LGBTQ+ students at Florida State University are protected, respected, and appreciated, and

Whereas: Senator DuChêne went above and beyond to organize, advocate for, and pass six (6) amendments to the 2023 OGA Legislative Agenda to ensure that the Agenda aligned with the values of and represented the best interests of both the Florida State University student

body and the Student Senate. These amendments were in the interest of lowering costs, increasing accessibility, public health, safety, inclusivity, and Florida State University's relationship with the Seminole Tribe of Florida. With the 2022 Legislative Agenda, Senator DuChêne ensured that the recommendations from the FSU President's Task-Force on Anti-Racism, Equity, and Inclusion were acknowledged. This includes, but is not limited to, the support for funding the creation of a Center of Native American & Indigenous Studies at Florida State University, and

Whereas: Senator DuChêne has proposed, co-sponsored, and passed legislation during his first entrance to Senate in the 73rd Student Senate regarding issues including but not limited to: Hall of Fame Resolutions for Jason Randall and Alex Harmon (Resolution 85, 87), 9/11 remembrance (Resolution 69), encouraging a Native American 'land acknowledgement' be adopted by the Schools of Theater, Dance, and the College of Music (Resolution 72), and the redirection of Pay-To-Park revenue towards free student spaces (Resolution 75), and

Whereas: Senator DuChêne has proposed, co-sponsored, and passed an array of legislation during the 74th Student Senate regarding issues including but not limited to: OGA statutory revisions (Bill 1), prohibition of weapons bought with A&S monies (Bill 13), creating internal accountability for the financial certification of senators (Bill 15), revising statutes for the Jewish Student Union (Bill 29), amending language pertaining to FSU Student Senate Awards for Excellence (Bill 36), allowing seats without sworn-in senators to be filled (Bill 41), changing Student Body Elections results to be read during Special Introductions (Bill 42), increasing amount of PAC funding towards clothing (Bill 75), waiving rule 803.7 for the Jewish Student Union Banquet 2022 (Resolution 2), celebrating the end of Britney Spears' conservatorship (Resolution 3), congratulating and supporting newly selected university administrators (Resolution 4, 15) condemning the Florida 'Don't Say Gay' Bill and any homophobic and transphobic legislation in Florida (Resolution 17, 55), Hall of Fame Resolutions for Tyler Roy, Renee Wang, and Gabbi Little (Resolution 30, 31, 32), FSU Student Senate Awards for Excellence (Resolution 51, 62), recognizing Florida State University as a Top 20 University (Resolution 58), urging Homecoming to consult the Religious Holiday Calendar when planning events (Resolution 61), condemning acts of antisemitism towards the Jewish community, and all acts of hatred, at Florida State University (Resolution 63), and recognizing Indigenous People's Day (Resolution 67), and

Whereas: Senator DuChêne has proposed, co-sponsored, and passed legislation during the 75th Student Senate regarding issues including but not limited to: the revitalization of the Legislative Certification Program (Bill 1), acknowledging Native American Heritage Month (Resolution 1), condemning actions taken by the Florida Legislature that infringe on student's rights (Resolution 15, 27, 28, 29), the implementation of a university-wide 'mental health day' (Resolution 26), condemning acts of hate against Jewish and LGBTQ+ communities both on Florida State's campus and in the United States (Resolution 5, 24), advocating against gun violence (Resolution 21, Amendments to the 2023 Legislative Agenda), misrepresentation of SGA offices (Bill 17), and the codification of the Diversity and Inclusion Institute, and

Whereas: Senate President Diaz testifies that, "Patrick. From the day I became a member of the Student Senate and saw him run for the position he would one day earn, I knew he was a special person. The passion he has for his community, college, and beliefs are second-to-none, and the attention to detail he put into the job of being our President Pro-Tempore is unparalleled. Senator DuChêne's oratory abilities are no doubt one of the reasons he is beloved inside and outside the Senate chambers, and his ability to persuade, doubtless why he transcends partisan divides and earns the respect of virtually every person in the Senate. In

Patrick, I've found a friend, ally, and tireless partner in my position over the last semester. He is one of the reasons the job of Senate President has been so rewarding, and I could not endorse him highly enough for this honour," and

Whereas: Senator Kariher testifies that, "Senator DuChêne truly an incredible leader and his presence in Senate provides a level of comfort and familiarity to everyone. His comedic interjections and voting memes made Senate much less stuffy. Senator DuChêne always stood for what he believes in and articulated himself in a way that is respectful and unabashedly true to his morals. Thank you for being a mentor to me and so many others," and

Whereas: Senator Humberg testifies that, "Pro Tempore DuChêne has served as a guiding light within the senate for me since the beginning of my term, going as far as reaching out to me online despite our party difference to offer me advice and assistance as I fulfilled a new role. Beyond his dedication to building up those within the professional sphere of the chambers, he is an irreplaceable joy to be around and his dashing good looks nearly outweigh his wit. Love you Patrick!", and

Whereas: Senator Bettley testifies that, "It has been an absolute honor, and truly the best time, serving alongside Patrick. I would not have wanted to enter the Senate with anyone else, and I am proud to call him a friend outside of these chambers. Patrick is not only an amazing human being; he is the model for what a Senator should be. He carries himself with such respect, passion, and kindness at all times, and I am sad to see him go. I know Patrick will do amazing things in his life, and I cannot wait to cheer him on as he does. Love you Patty <3," and

Whereas: Senator Maglin testifies that, "I have never met someone with the ability to transcend political contention and adversity to be such an advocate for equality for everyone. Patrick is the true definition of a leader. He is selfless, using his position as a Senator to fight for communities who lack representation both on campus and across the United States. He is compassionate, creating an environment of acceptance and understanding whenever he walks into a room. He is assertive, unafraid to voice his opinion and ensure that those he represents are protected. From my first meeting until now, I have tried to emulate Patrick and follow in his footsteps. I, like many of my fellow senators, find myself in awe of Patrick's sharpness, eloquence, and poise. These qualities can be seen as much in his speech as in his writing. His numerous pieces of legislation are so well-written, thoughtful, and the prime example of what a senator should be. The Florida State University Student Senate was extremely lucky to have such a superb senator grace its chambers. I am honored to have served in the Senate alongside you and even more honored to call you a friend. Love you Patty," and

Whereas: Senator Dale testifies that, "Working with Pro Tempore DuChêne has been a great gift to me as I've become adjusted to the ins and outs of the Student Government Association. Patrick offered his kindness to everyone and anyone around him, and ensured that new senators always felt welcome. Patrick handled his leadership position with neutrality and wisdom, while still keeping his flame for advocacy alive. He knows the world he wants to see created, isn't afraid to fight for it, and has used his time in the Senate to bring us closer to it," and

Whereas: Senator Carter testifies that, "I chose Student Life as my #1 committee preference because Chair Patrick DuChêne seemed funny, and I couldn't resist a fellow theatre kid. Although Pro-Tempore DuChêne is an incredibly hilarious performer, he is far more than that. Patrick's influence on the Student Senate and Florida State University is one of passionate advocacy for marginalized communities. He never fails to defend others and, in doing so, has

fostered a greater, safer community for all individuals at our University. Florida State is more accepting, bold, and celebratory, due to Pro-Tempore DuChêne's student leadership, and I'll always be thankful that his passion ignited mine. Go Student Life!!!", and

Whereas: Senator Rivers testifies that, "Pro Tempore DuChêne is a senator that truly works to uphold the ideals of the students he represents. As a student in the College of Fine Arts, I am happy to have someone like Pro Temp DuChêne in the Student Senate to ensure that one of the smallest colleges on campus has one of the strongest voices in the Senate to speak for it. Senator DuChêne has always made sure that he speaks up for FSU's LGBTQ+ community and that they are being protected and uplifted. For this I want to thank Senator DuChêne and happily recommend him for the Senate Hall of Fame," and

Whereas: Senator Chehaitli testifies that, "I cannot express how deeply I admire Patrick's work ethic and passion, only outdone by my love for his heart. Everything Patrick does both within and outside the Senate Chambers is a product of the intersection of his empathy and strength; Patrick is the epitome of doing the good work, advocating for everyone to the best of his ability. He is a Pro-Tempore that I am proud to have served my first Senate term under, and I could not be more ecstatic to see his nomination for the Student Senate Hall of Fame," and

Whereas: Senator Burton testifies that, "I am thrilled to lend my voice in support of Patrick's candidacy for the Senate Hall of Fame. Throughout his tenure, Patrick has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to doing what is right and just, even in the face of opposition. He has dedicated countless hours to serving both his fellow students and the broader campus community, embodying the ideals of what John Lewis referred to as "good trouble." Patrick's leadership as Pro Tempore of the 75th Student Senate has been nothing short of remarkable. His tireless efforts and dedication to the betterment of the student body have not gone unnoticed. Patrick has consistently advocated for what is in the best interest of his constituents, even when it meant standing up to those who did not agree with him. It is Patrick's steadfast commitment to serving his community and his unwavering moral compass that makes him such an exceptional candidate for the Senate Hall of Fame. I do not doubt that he will continue to serve as a beacon of inspiration for all those around him, and I wholeheartedly endorse his candidacy for this esteemed honor," and

Whereas: Senator Mantilla testifies that, "Patrick DuChêne is an exceptional senator, a natural-born leader, and a compassionate friend. His relentless devotion to the student body should not go overlooked. Patrick is someone I initially looked up to as a new senator, and one year later, that has not changed. His ability to speak with poise and intensity on pressing matters while overlooking party politics is precisely what makes him a powerful, uniting force within SGA. His dedication to the student body here at FSU is unlike any other I have seen. Senator DuChêne unquestionably deserves to be in the Hall of Fame and he has my full support," and

Whereas: Senator Emeritus Nate Tackett testifies that, "Patrick's fiery passion for advocacy originates from his French roots. He is never silent on issues that affect the marginalized communities around him and he will always fight for what is right. I have always admired his ability to reach across the aisle and put his differences aside when it came to bettering the student body. He is an amazing artist, person and advocate that represents the best of SGA," and

Whereas: Hall of Fame Senator Emeritus Ashley Gonzalez testifies that, "Pro-Tempore DuChêne embodies all the values and characteristics a Senator should have. He is fierce in his devotion to the student body, passionate in his defense of student rights, and exemplary in his

commitment to developing relationships with all in these chambers. He is fair, kind, generous, and thoughtful in every word he speaks and every action he takes. Personally, Patrick has always been someone I can go to in times of need and in times of purpose. He shows up for the student body, every single time. I am so honored to have known him the past two years and to have seen him grow into a remarkable leader in these chambers. Hall of Fame was created for Senators like Patrick. Pattyboo, you're amazing. Congratulations on a remarkable two terms," and

Whereas: Hall of Fame Senator Emeritus Gabrielle Little testifies that, "Patrick is one of the most creative and ambitious Senators that our campus has seen in a long time. He is a true advocate for the students he represents, and has introduced multiple unique and innovative pieces of legislation that directly impact his constituents. Regardless of political affiliations or pressures, Patrick is unwavering in his beliefs and moral character, which is reflected in the work he produces for the Senate. He is someone that all new Senators should look up to as the example for how to be an effective leader and advocate," and

Whereas: Hall of Fame Senator Emeritus Tyler Roy testifies that, "Patrick is a leader who has never let party lines come in the way of fighting for Florida State's student body. Whether through the effort he takes in starting discussions with student leaders from all across campus or through simply showing respect to every Senator in our chamber, Patrick clearly exemplifies the importance of communication and compassion in our SGA. As one of the most active, outspoken, and visionary Senators I've had the pleasure to work with, Patrick has pushed for ideas our Senate had never considered and stood up for marginalized groups our SGA has often neglected," and

Whereas: Hall of Fame Pro-Tempore Emeritus Renee Wang testifies that, "I have had the pleasure and honor of watching Pro-Tempore Duchene grow into his role in SGA today. For someone who comes from a very small college on campus, Patrick has made a massive impact on FSU as a whole. He is unwavering in his opinions and never fails to make them known for the good of the student body. Each piece of legislation and every project he has ever worked on shows his passion and advocacy, and I am so proud to have left the Senate in his hands. Patrick is so deserving of this honor, and FSU is so lucky to have felt his impact," and

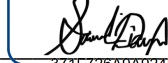
Whereas: Hall of Fame Senator Emeritus Jason Randall testifies that, "Sen. DuChêne's dedication to the Student Senate has left a lasting impact on our student body. His tenacity in advocating for minorities and marginalized communities has been remarkable, and his commitment to building a more inclusive university has been unwavering. Sen. DuChêne's creative flair and innovative approach to problem-solving have been a driving force for change, and his contributions have not gone unnoticed. I thank him for his hard work and commitment to making Florida State University a better place for all students," and

Whereas: Executive Cabinet Director of Investment Samuel Youngston testifies that, "Throughout his time in the Student Senate, Pro-Tempore DuChêne has demonstrated an unwavering dedication to the student body. I have had the pleasure of watching Patrick thrive in the Student Senate, and I cannot overstate how proud I am of his growth as an individual, a Senator, an advocate, and a leader. As he has ascended in Senate leadership, his commitment to his constituents in the College of Fine Arts has not faltered. His impact on the Florida State experience deserves the highest praise. Patrick's admirable approach to leadership, steadfast commitment to his values, determination to work across party lines, and tireless advocacy for underrepresented students make him one of the most qualified candidates for this honor," therefore

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

Be it further resolved that: A copy of this resolution be sent to:
Jacalyn Butts, Assistant Director of Student Governance and Advocacy
Dr. Felicia Williams, Director of Student Governance and Advocacy
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President of Student Affairs
Patrick DuChêne, Pro-Tempore of the 75th Student Senate

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Student Senate President

**Senate Vote: 49-0-0
PASSED: April 5th, 2023**