

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

Resolution #: 46

Primary Sponsor: White Co-Sponsor(s): Kerley, Randall Date: May 1, 2023

**Whereas:** Florida State University has recently climbed 24 spots to be No.19 among U.S. News and World Report Best Colleges ranking of public universities, and has more than 30 graduate programs in the top 25 U.S. News and World Report's 2022 edition of "Best Graduate Schools", and.

**Whereas:** Florida State is known for its great value for students, striving to offer an affordable education for all, and was named the No. 11 Best Value College among public colleges and universities by the Princeton Review, and,

**Whereas:** Florida State University had a record 99 percent freshman retention rate between the fall and sophomore semester, and holds a 95 percent overall freshman retention rate, placing among the top 15 in the country, and,

**Whereas:** the university's acceptance rate recently dropped to 24 percent for the incoming class of 2026 2027, marking the most academically accomplished incoming class in Florida State's history, and,

**Whereas:** Florida State University offers more than 300 programs of study across 16 colleges and schools, including prestigious and widely respected colleges such as Florida State University's College of Business, FSU's Department of Psychology, The College of Criminology and Criminal Justice, FSU's Department of Biological Science, and The Department of Computer Science at FSU, and,

Whereas: The FAMU-FSU College of Engineering offers undergraduate and graduate programs in civil, electrical, mechanical, environmental, computer, industrial, biomedical, manufacturing, and chemical engineering, representing one of the strongest and proudest partnerships of the university, as well as, a spirit of diversity that will only continue to deepen, and,

**Whereas:** Florida State University is respected nationwide for being a leading research university. Florida State University offers students the chance to participate in research with the Center for Research and Engagement, and offers underclassmen the ability to be a part of the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, and,

**Whereas:** Florida State University's National High Magnetic Field Laboratory, the Los Alamos National Laboratory, and University of Florida are home to the strongest magnet in the world, is the only one of its kind in the Western Hemisphere and one of only a dozen such facilities in the world, and consistently provides unmatched research opportunities for students in condensed matter physics, geochemistry, and cryogenic physics, and,

**Whereas:** Florida State University has over 750 Recognized Student Organizations, over 40 Fraternity and Sorority chapters, 7 identity-based agencies, a thriving Student Government Association, and a consistently ranked top 20 best athletics program, on campus for students to explore, participate in and find a community in, and,

**Whereas:** Florida State University's football program has won three national championships, eighteen conference titles and six division titles, has sent 293 players to the NFL, including 46 first-round picks, has had three Heisman trophy winning players, and,

**Whereas:** Florida State University's soccer program has a history of consistent excellence. With the program winning two NCAA championships, appearing in the College Cup 12 times, winning 19 ACC championships, and sending many players on to the US Women's National Team and other professional leagues, and,

**Whereas:** FSU baseball has a long history of success, with a winning tradition that spans over 70 years, including 57 consecutive appearances in the NCAA tournament, the longest active streak in the nation, in addition to 18 conference championships, 23 College World Series appearances, and the development of several Major League Baseball Hall of Famers, and,

**Whereas:** Florida State University softball program has been one of the most successful softball programs in the history of collegiate softball, they have one 19 ACC Championships, advanced to the Women's College World Series 12 times, honored 36 players as All-American's, and never endured a losing season, and,

**Whereas:** Florida State University perfectly represents the idea of work hard, while creating a fun and scholarly environment for its students that will serve to build lifelong connections and skills for all its students, and,

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: the hard work by students, faculty, and alumni alike to move our university forward is recognized, appreciated, and commended. Additionally, the Student Senate recognizes the work that is still needed to elevate our university, provide opportunities to all students, create a community of diverse viewpoints and backgrounds, and,

**Be it further resolved that:** the Student Government Association is committed to provide the resources and support needed to make Florida State University the best academic institution in the state of Florida, become recognized as the best public university in the nation, raise our national rankings, and,

**Be it further resolved that:** The Student Senate recognizes the Student Body President's commitments to the objectives stated above, and looks forward to the work their office intends to complete towards these goals, and

Be it further resolved that: a copy of this resolution be sent to: Dr. Richard McCullough, President, Florida State University Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs Jack Hitchcock, Student Body President Nina Chong, Student Body Vice President Luis Basualdo, Speaker of the Congress of Graduate Students Dr. Eric Chicken, Faculty Senate President

OFFICIAL: DocuSigned by:

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## **Student Senate President**

SENATE VOTE: 21-7-3 PASSED: June 21st, 2023