



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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

Resolution #: 65

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Diaz

**Co-Sponsor(s):** Behar, M. Brown, Garcia, Humbert, Lento, LoBianco, McEnery, Randall, Sparling, Staveski, Valdes-Herrera, Windlan

**Date:** September 12, 2023

**Whereas:** Local fees are defined as the Activity & Service (A&S) fee, the Athletics fee, and the Health fee, which are paid by students each semester as part of their overall tuition fees, and

**Whereas:** Florida Statute 1009.24 stipulates that the local fees "a student is required to pay to register for a course may not exceed 40 percent of the tuition established in law," and

**Whereas:** The current local fees per credit hour consist of an A&S Fee of \$12.86, an Athletics Fee of \$7.90, and a Health Fee of \$13.97, and

**Whereas:** These local fees combined add up to \$34.73 per credit hour, which represents 16.1% of the total cost of tuition for in-state, undergraduate students, and

**Whereas:** Local fees for Florida State University have not increased since the 2012-2013 school year, and

**Whereas:** According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, \$1 in January 2012 now has the same buying power as \$1.32 in January 2023, representing a 32% increase in inflation since the last time local fees were increased, and

**Whereas:** Florida Statute 1009.24 establishes an annual Local Fees Committee for FSU that is roughly composed of half-student and half-faculty members, which reviews and recommends potential Local Fee increases for Florida State University, and

**Whereas:** The 2023 Local Fees Committee recommended a per-credit-hour increase in the A&S Fee of \$0.65 (\$13.51 total), an Athletics Fee increase of \$0.39 (\$8.29 total), and a Health Fee increase of \$0.69 (\$14.66 total), and

**Whereas:** Should these recommended increases go into effect, the new local fee total would be \$36.46 per credit hour, representing 16.9% of the total current tuition cost of \$215.55 for in-state, undergraduate students, and

**Whereas:** Florida Statute 1009.24 establishes the maximum possible increase permitted by the Local Fees Committee to be 5%, or \$1.73 per credit hour, and

**Whereas:** These recommendations represent a 5% increase in the current fee levels, in compliance with state law, therefore

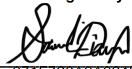
**Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that:** It is the opinion of the Student Senate that tuition rates have not kept up with the rate of inflation, and

that it is incumbent upon this body to support FSU students by advocating for ample funding and resources, and

**Be it further resolved that:** In keeping with these beliefs, the Student Senate supports the above-referenced recommendations made by the 2023 Local Fees Committee, and urges the FSU Administration and the Board of Trustees to approve said recommendations, and

**Be it further resolved that:** A copy of this resolution be sent to:  
Dr. Richard McCullough, President of Florida State University  
Marissa Langston, Chief of Staff, Office of the President of Florida State University  
Heather Mayo, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the President of Florida State University  
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs at Florida State University  
Cassandra Brown, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Student Affairs  
Kyle Clark, Vice President for Finance at Florida State University  
Jack Hitchcock, Student Body President of Florida State University  
Adam Bowling, Student Body Treasurer of Florida State University  
Dr. Felicia Williams, Director of Student Engagement  
Andrew Johnson, Program Director for Student Governance & Advocacy

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**Student Senate President**

**SENATE VOTE:** Do not fill.  
**PASSED:** Do not fill.