

THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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

Resolution #: 36

Primary Sponsor(s): Staveski, Waller Co-Sponsor(s): Click or tap here to enter text. Date: 3/19/2024

**Whereas:** The use of drugs on campus may lead to unsafe environments, physical and mental health problems, and a decline in student academic performance.

**Whereas:** According to a 2007 study out of Columbia University, approximately 23% of college students met the medical definition for alcohol or substance abuse dependence.

**Whereas:** The presence of organizations like the Collegiate Recovery Program at Florida State University aims to not only promote healthy conversations among peers, but also to eliminate the negative stigmas surrounding recovery.

**Whereas:** The mission of Florida State University's Collegiate Recovery Program, LIFT (Living Intentionally, Finding Togetherness), is to allow students who are interested in recovery from addiction and substance misuse to thrive during their college experience.

**Whereas:** The program includes mentorship opportunities, accountability checks, peer support, as well as service projects, all of which are key for providing a sense of purpose while pushing to eliminate unhealthy habits.

**Be it resolved by the Seventy-Sixth Student Senate at Florida State University that:** The Collegiate Recovery Program's tools and assistance are crucial for student success and academic achievement for not only students recovering from substance misuse, but also for any student looking to make a positive impact. The program should be supported and expanded in whatever ways it can in order to best serve all students in need. We encourage any student passionate about student wellness to get involved with the Healthy Noles Program. A program with the purpose of training student leaders into peer health educators who educate the FSU community through health advocacy events, presentations, and peer discussions.

**Be it further resolved that:** We commend the LIFT Program for creating a supportive community on FSU's campus for students who may be struggling with addiction and substance misuse.

**Be it further resolved that:** A copy of this resolution be sent to: Rose Rezaei, Director of the LIFT Program Dr. Richard McCullough, President of Florida State University Amy Hecht, Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Zduy Chu, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Brandon Bowden, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs Jack Hitchcock, Student Body President Dr. Felicia Williams, Director of Student Engagement Andy Johnson, Student Government and Advocacy Program Director

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SENATE VOTE: Unanimous Consent PASSED: March 27, 2024