



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Statute Revision, Addition or Proposed Constitutional Amendment Form

73rd Student Senate

Senate Bill #: 1

Primary Sponsors: Ramos and Gerdts

Cosponsors: Villacorta, Rodriguez, Soto, Stults, Arutt, Lessard, Preshia, Murcia, Marcus, Flashman, Fineout, Nasworthy, Linsky, Tackett, Wang, Roy

Date: 11/19/2020

Purpose & Description: Creating Statute 211, enacting an SGA Indigenous Land Acknowledgment Act of 2020

Statute Number(s): 211



Chapter 211 The Student Government Indigenous Land Acknowledgment Act of 2020

211.1 Purpose and Scope of this Act

The Student Government Association of the Florida State University shall:

- A. Adopt this Statement as the official position of the Student Body.
- B. Post this Statement on the official Student Government website in a place of prominence.
- C. Strongly encourage the reading aloud of this Statement, in it's entirety, by the:
 1. Student Body President following their taking of the Oath of Office as outlined in SBS 202.8, during the Fall Inauguration Ceremony, at the introduction of the State of the Student Body Address as outlined in SBS Chapter 306, and at any and all other events or meetings wherein they are present in their official capacity as Student Body President.
 2. Student Senate President at any and all meetings of the Student Senate and at any and all other events or meetings wherein they are present in their official capacity as Student Senate President.
 - a. Furthermore, the Senate and its committees are empowered to include the Indigenous Land Acknowledgment Statement as a listed Calendar item pursuant to Senate and Senate Committee Rules of Procedure.
 3. Chair or Presiding Officer of any Student Government meeting held pursuant to SBS Chapter 203, prior to public comment.
 - a. Furthermore, if any SGA Officer or FSU Student present at such an SGA meeting requests to read the Indigenous Land Acknowledgment Statement, the Chair must recognize that Officer or Student for the time to read the Statement in its entirety at the beginning of the meeting prior to Public Comment.
 1. Such a reading shall not be counted as a Public Comment.
 2. In the case of multiple requests at one meeting, the Chair shall select one requesting individual to read the Statement at their discretion.
 3. In the event that the Chair does not permit an Officer or Student the right to read the Land Acknowledgment Statement after a formal request, that Chairperson shall be found in Violation of SBS 205.3 (F.)(1)



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- D. Strongly encourage the reading aloud of this Statement, in its entirety, by any other SGA Officers and at any and all other events or meetings wherein they are present in their official capacity as an SGA Officer.

- E. Strongly encourage the reading aloud of this Statement, with appropriate alterations to the Collective Nouns of the Statement, by any and all FSU students and organizations at RSO and other private events in their capacity as individual persons or organizations.

211.2 The Indigenous Land Acknowledgment Statement shall be as follows:

The Student Government of Florida State University acknowledges that it is located on land that is the ancestral and traditional territory of the Apalachee Nation, the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida, the Muscogee Creek Nation, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida. We pay respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to their descendants and to all Indigenous people. We recognize this land remains scarred by the histories and ongoing legacies of settler colonial violence, dispossession, and removal. In spite of all this, and with tremendous resilience, these Indigenous Nations have remained deeply connected to this territory, to their families, to their communities, and to their cultural ways of life. We recognize the ongoing relationships of care that these Indigenous Nations maintain with this land and extend our gratitude as we live and work as humble and respectful guests upon their territory. We encourage all to learn about and educate others on the contemporary work of the Indigenous Nations whose land we are on and to endeavor to support Indigenous sovereignty in all the ways that we can.



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Bill #: 2

Primary Sponsor: Villacorta

Co-Sponsor(s): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Date: 12/31/2020

Purpose & Description: : Mandating the publication of minutes from any and all SGA meetings

Statute Number(s): 203

Statute/Amendment Text

203.6

The minutes of any meeting under this chapter shall be recorded at the time of the meeting and such records shall be open to the public and to Student Government Affiliates and be submitted to the SGA Webmaster for publication within two (2) business days following the meeting. The Student Supreme Court shall have jurisdiction to issue injunctions to enforce the purposes of this chapter upon application by any member of the Student Body.



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Bill #: 5

Primary Sponsor: Villacorta

Co-Sponsor(s): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Date: 12/31/2020

Purpose & Description: Refining the Statutory definitions of Majority and Two Thirds to line up with Roberts Rules and general best practices

Statute Number(s): 400.5

Statute/Amendment Text

400.5 "Majority" and "Two-Thirds" Votes

A majority vote shall be more than half of the votes cast by ~~Senators entitled to vote~~, excluding abstentions, at any properly called meeting at which a quorum is present. A two-thirds (2/3) vote shall be at least two-thirds of the votes cast by ~~Senators entitled to vote~~, excluding abstentions, at any properly called meeting at which a quorum is present. ~~In the case that 25% or more of the votes cast are abstentions, a re-vote is necessary. After three (3) consecutive votes, if no decision is made, the bill will be sent back to committee.~~

- A. In the case that a piece of legislation is on the floor for Second Reading where a vote requires either a majority or two-thirds vote of votes cast, but a majority or two-thirds vote is not met of all Senators present, and 25% or more Senators present have abstained, a revote is necessary. After two (2) additional votes, if no decision is made, the legislation shall be sent to a committee as though it were on first reading.



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Bill #: 4

Primary Sponsor: Villacorta

Co-Sponsor(s): Marcus

Date: 12/31/2020

Purpose & Description: Amending the Candidate Screening Process

Statute Number(s): 304.3

Statute/Amendment Text

304.3 Candidate Screening Process

- A. Upon the receipt of applications for a vacant position in Student Government Association, a screening process shall be overseen by the Student Body President to determine the most qualified candidate.
- B. The Candidate Screening Process shall take no longer than ten (10) school days from the end of the candidate search period.
- C. The Candidate Screening Process, conducted by the Chief of Staff shall include the following.
 1. The Chief of Staff shall interview all candidates.
 2. All candidates shall provide the appropriate application as defined in Chapter 307.3, in completed format, demonstrating their qualifications for the position.
 3. The interview shall be conducted in a standardized and professional form for all candidates, and shall draw at least five interview questions from the forwarding interview questions published on the SGA Website

4. The interview shall consist of a basic questionnaire outlining the candidate's experience, qualifications, and goals for the respective position.
 5. After all candidates have been interviewed, the Student Body President shall forward the candidate deemed most qualified to the Student Senate for confirmation.
- D. The Student Body President may forego the candidate screening process with the exception of Chapter 304.3, subsection C, subsection 5, in cases where the candidate is forwarded to the Student Body President, with a written notice of a proper interview being conducted, by the Agency or Bureau to which the candidate is applying for a position.
- E. It is the responsibility of the Student Body President and the Chief of Staff to ensure that this process is carried out in a fair and constitutional manner. To that end, both shall recuse themselves from the Candidate Screening Process and the processes of determining the most qualified candidate in situations where a candidate for any position has a personal relationship of any kind with the President or Chief of Staff. They shall select, for that particular set of candidates, a non-biased actor or actors to interview candidates for said office and deem the most qualified of those candidates to then be forwarded by the President.
1. The forwarding letter sent to the Senate must include a notice when any recusal occurs for any selection of Officers, stating that there was a recusal and a signed statement from the non-biased actor(s) of their lack of conflict of interest



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Bill #: 7

Primary Sponsor: England

Co-Sponsor(s): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Date: January 11th, 2021

Purpose & Description: To eliminate the conflict between statute 304.3 and 400.2. This deals with the appointment process of candidates by the Student Body President and the appointment of Senate officers by the Senate President.

Statute Number(s): 304.3

Statute/Amendment Text:

304.3 Candidate Screening Process

- A. Upon the receipt of applications for a vacant position in Student Government Association, a screening process shall be overseen by the Student Body President to determine the most qualified candidate.
 1. Senate officers shall be excluded from this chapter and follow the process as outlined in Chapter 400.2 H.
- B. The Candidate Screening Process shall take no longer than ten (10) school days from the end of the candidate search period.
- C. The Candidate Screening Process conducted by the Chief of Staff shall include the following.
 1. The Chief of Staff shall interview all candidates.
 2. All candidates shall provide the appropriate application as defined in Chapter 307.3, in completed format, demonstrating their qualifications for the position.
 3. The interview shall be conducted in a standardized and professional form for all candidates.

4. The interview shall consist of a basic questionnaire outlining the candidate's experience, qualifications, and goals for the respective position.
 5. After all candidates have been interviewed, the Student Body President shall forward the candidate deemed most qualified to the Student Senate for confirmation.
- D. The Student Body President may forego the candidate screening process with the exception of Chapter 304.3, subsection C, subsection 5, in cases where the candidate is forwarded to the Student Body President, with a written notice of a proper interview being conducted, by the Agency or Bureau to which the candidate is applying for a position.
- E. It is the responsibility of the Student Body President and the Chief of Staff to ensure that this process is carried out in a fair and constitutional manner.



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Bill #: 6

Primary Sponsor: England

Co-Sponsor(s): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Date: January 11th, 2021

Purpose & Description: Outline the appointment process for Senate officers in Chapter 400.2 and establish the Office of the Senate President.

Statute Number(s): 400.2

Statute/Amendment Text:

400.2

Senate Officers Office of the Senate President

The Office of the Senate President shall consist of the Senate President, Senate President Pro-Tempore and the Officers of the Senate, hence referred to as Senate Officers. The Student Senate President shall be responsible for the duties of all vacant Senate Officers.

- A. There shall be a President of the Student Senate who shall be elected by majority vote of the Senate from its membership immediately following fall inauguration. The Student Senate President shall be the chief legislative officer of the Student Body and shall perform duties as provided by law and Student Senate Rules of Procedure.
- B. There shall be a Student Senate President Pro-Tempore who shall be elected by a majority vote of the Senate from its membership immediately following fall inauguration. The Senate President Pro Tempore shall assist the President of the Senate and perform duties as provided by law and by Senate Rules of Procedure.
- C. There shall be a Senate Parliamentarian, who shall be appointed by the Student Senate President, subject to confirmation by the Student Senate, from outside the membership of the Senate and who shall serve at Student Senate President's discretion. The Parliamentarian shall attend the Student Senate meetings and upon request, give advice on parliamentary procedure and any applicable law(s). This individual shall maintain order under the direction of the Student Senate

President or Presiding Officer. The Parliamentarian shall endorse strictly the rules relating to the privileges of the chamber.

- D. There shall be a Senate Clerk, who shall be appointed by the Student Senate President, subject by the confirmation of the Student Senate, from outside the members of the Senate and who shall serve at the Student Senate President's discretion. The Senate Clerk shall attend the Student Senate meetings and mainly be responsible for distributing legislation, ballots, messages and other literature to Student Senators within the Chamber. The Clerk shall also perform any other duties that the Student Senate President or President Pro-Tempore shall determine to be necessary for these purposes.
- E. There shall be a Senate Press Secretary, who shall be appointed by the Student Senate President, subject to confirmation by the Student Senate, from outside the members of the Senate and who shall serve at the Student Senate President's discretion. The Press Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the Senate social media presence and outreach and create a weekly calendar of Student Senate funded or related events. The Press Secretary shall work with committee chairs to help inform the student body on committee meeting information. The Press Secretary shall also perform any other duties that the Student Senate President or President Pro-Tempore shall determine to be necessary for these purposes.
1. The Senate Press Secretary Shall attend a training session with the SGA Webmaster to ensure that postings are within the Florida State University communications guidelines. This shall ensure that the social media properly represents the Student Senate.
- G. During the summer meetings of the Senate, the Student Senate President may select a temporary replacement for any appointed officer, if that individual is absent during the session.
- ~~H. Standing committee Chairs and Vice Chairs shall be elected by a majority vote of the committee on which they serve. Elections shall occur immediately after the reading of committee assignments following fall and spring inaugurations, and upon the resignation, impeachment, or departure of a sitting Chair and/or Vice Chair.~~
- ~~1. A Chair or Vice Chair may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the committee they serve on; only those who have served on the committee for a minimum of one (1) calendar month shall be eligible to vote on this motion. At least five (5) committee members eligible to vote on the matter must be present to vote.~~
- ~~I. The Rules and Calendar Committee is exempt from 400.2 H.~~
- ~~J. No Senator may serve on more than one standing committee, at the same time, except that they may serve on Rules and Calendar in addition to being a Chair of their committee.~~
- ~~K. Senators may also serve on Sweepings and Central Reserves Committees in addition to membership on other committees.~~
- H. Upon the receipt of applications for a vacant appointed position as defined by statutes 400.2 C, 400.2 D, and 400.2 E in the Office of the Senate President, a

screening process shall be overseen by the Senate President to determine the most qualified candidate. The process shall be defined by the following:

1. All candidates must receive an interview.
2. The interview shall be conducted in a standardized and professional form for all candidates.
3. The interview shall consist of a basic questionnaire outlining the candidate's experience, qualifications, and goals for the respective position.
4. No officer position shall be filled until it has been advertised properly in accordance with Chapter 404.2 A.
 - a. All positions shall be advertised for at least one week on the SGA Website in accordance with Chapter 404.2 C.
5. After all candidates have been interviewed, the Senate President may appoint and forward a candidate, who they deem most qualified, to the floor of the Student Senate for confirmation.

Chapter(s) 400.3 - 400.6

400.7 Senate Committees

- A. Standing committee Chairs and Vice Chairs shall be elected by a majority vote of the committee on which they serve. Elections shall occur the first meeting after the allocation of committee assignments following fall and spring inaugurations, and upon the resignation, impeachment, or departure of a sitting Chair and/or Vice Chair.
 1. A Chair or Vice Chair may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the committee they serve on; only those who have served on the committee for a minimum of one (1) calendar month shall be eligible to vote on this motion. At least five (5) committee members eligible to vote on the matter must be present to vote.
- B. The Rules and Calendar Committee is exempt from 400.7 A.
- C. No Senator may serve on more than one standing committee, at the same time, except that they may serve on Rules and Calendar in addition to being a Chair of their committee.
- D. Senators may also serve on Sweepings and Central Reserves Committees in addition to membership on other committees.



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Senate Bill #: 3

Primary Sponsor: Villacorta

Co-Sponsor(s): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Date: 12/31/2020

Purpose & Description: Updating the list of major offices to preserve checks and balances and address conflicts of interest

Statute Number(s): 100.5

Statute/Amendment Text

100.5 Within the Student Body the following elected or appointed offices shall be considered major offices:

- Student Body President
- Student Body Vice President
- Student Body Treasurer
- Student Body Attorney General
- Executive Chief of Staff
- Cabinet Officers
- Directors and Assistant Directors, Secretaries, Treasurers of Agencies, Bureaus, and Affiliated Projects
- Senators
- Union Board Members
- Campus Recreation Board Members
- OGA Board Members
- Justices of the Student Supreme Court
- University Defenders
- General Counsels
- Clerk of the Court
- Speaker of the Congress of Graduate Students
- Supervisor of Elections
- Deputy Supervisors of Elections
- President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary of the Senior Class Council
- Homecoming and PowWow Directors
- Any elected or appointed office which receives OPS Wages from Student Government.



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Constitutional Amendment #: 2

Primary Sponsor: Villacorta

Co-Sponsor(s): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Date: 12/31/2020

Purpose & Description: Remove redundant language referring to the office of the Student Body Treasurer in the Student Body Constitution

Const. Article Number(s): Art III, Sections 2, 3, and 4

Resolved by the Student Senate at Florida State University (with two-thirds concurring therein), that the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the Student Body, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by two-thirds vote of the Student Body electorate, and

Further resolved, that the following article be placed on the Ballot of the Election in the Spring Academic term of the year 2021.

Statement of Intent:

This amendment removes redundant, and out of place, language referring to the office of the Student Body Treasurer. This amendment does not alter any powers or functions of the Executive Branch.

ARTICLE III THE EXECUTIVE

SECTION 2 ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE POWERS

- C. ~~There shall be a~~ The Student Body Treasurer who shall be elected by plurality of those voting in the student body elections. ~~The Student Body Treasurer shall have all the powers and duties granted to them by statute.~~

~~D. As specified in Section 2 of this Article, the Student Body Treasurer shall have all the powers and duties granted to him or her by statute.~~

SECTION 3 DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT

The President shall:

A. Administer and enforce all laws of the Student Body.

B. Appoint Cabinet members as specified in the Statutes. Such appointments shall require a majority vote of Senate to be approved.

C. Have the power to veto or sign acts of the Senate, provided that they exercise such power within five (5) school days of presentation to the Student Body President. A veto may be overridden by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of not less than a quorum of the Senate.

~~D. As specified in Section 2 of this Article, the Student Body Treasurer shall have all the powers and duties granted to him or her by statute.~~

DE. Call and preside over meetings of the Student Body.

EF. Make recommendations for legislation to the Student Senate.

FG. Address the Senate at the beginning of each semester and at other times upon invitation by the Senate.

GH. Instruct and require reports from Cabinet members and approve all policies made from them.

HI. Remove, at their discretion, any officer whom they have appointed to a position in the Executive Branch.

IJ. Have the power to call for a referendum subject to two-thirds majority Senate concurrence.

Section 4 DUTIES OF OTHER EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

A. The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in their absence or upon their request.

B. The Vice President shall coordinate the efforts of the Cabinet and shall serve as coordinator for the formulation and completion of Cabinet projects.

C. The Office of the Vice President shall direct grievances and ideas to the proper functionary and see that they are acted upon.

~~D. As specified in Section 2 of this Article, the The Student Body Treasurer shall have all the appropriate powers and duties granted to them by statute.~~



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Constitutional Amendment #: 4

Primary Sponsor: Villacorta

Co-Sponsor(s): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Date: 12/31/2020

Purpose & Description: To Create a Constitutional Review Commission to ensure periodic review and modernization of the Student Body Constitution

Const. Article Number(s): Article VI Section 1, Article VI Section 5

Resolved by the Student Senate at Florida State University (with two-thirds concurring therein), that the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the Student Body, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by two-thirds vote of the Student Body electorate, and

Further resolved, that the following article be placed on the Ballot of the Election in the Spring Academic term of the year 2021.

Statement of Intent: To Create a Constitutional Review Commission to ensure periodic review and modernization of the Student Body Constitution

ARTICLE VI AMENDMENT PROCESS AND REFERENDUM ELECTIONS

Section 1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate, ~~or~~ by petition of 1,500 members of the Student Body, or by recommendation from the Constitutional Review Commission, and shall become part of this Constitution upon ratification by two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast in an election of the Student Body, provided that the proposed amendments have been published in a campus newspaper at least one week prior to the vote of the Student Body.

Section 2 REFERENDUM

History: Revised by Constitutional Amendment 10, 56th Senate.

The Student Body may demand a referendum election upon the properly signed petition of at least five hundred (500) students. The Student Body President can also demand a referendum election with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate. The result of the election shall serve as a mandate for the Student Body Government provided that ten percent (10%) of the Student Body shall have participated in the election. At no time shall a referendum election demand any result that would violate the provisions of the Student Body Constitution or any result contrary to federal, state, local or university law.

Section 3 In cases where Senate votes on a budget that would result in an A&S Fee increase greater than five percent (5%) over that of the previous year (subject to later approval by the Activity and Service Fee Committee) it shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote to pass such a budget. This must be done by a roll call vote and is a special type of referendum election that is uniquely carried out by the Senate.

Section 4

A. It shall be possible to place questions on the ballot to determine student opinion on issues.

B. Such questions shall be placed on the ballot in the same manner as referenda, although they shall only require a properly signed petition of at least two hundred (200) students, or a majority vote of the Senate at the request of the Student Body President. However, they may only be used to access student opinion on issues and shall not be binding on Student Government, nor subject to Court Review before being placed on the ballot.

Section 5 Constitutional Review Commission

- A. There shall be a Constitutional Review Commission to review the Student Body Constitution and present amendments for ratification by the Student Body.
- B. The Commission shall have the authority to propose amendments to the Student Body Constitution.
- C. The Commission shall meet every two years and submit all proposed amendments before the following Spring Election.
- D. The Commission shall consist of the following 10 members:
1. The Student Body President shall appoint 3 members.
 2. The Student Senate President shall appoint 3 members from the Student Senate and shall serve as an Ex-Officio, non-voting member.
 3. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall appoint 3 members.
 4. All members of the commission must be enrolled students at Florida State University.
- E. The Commission shall be organized as follows:
1. The Senate President shall serve as the Commission's Chair

2. The Commission shall elect a Vice Chair by majority vote.
3. Any proposals to be forwarded for ratification by the Student Body must pass the commission by majority vote.
4. The Commission shall adopt a rules of procedure at their first convening by majority vote.



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Constitutional Amendment #: 6

Primary Sponsor: England

Co-Sponsor(s): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Date: January 11th, 2021

Purpose & Description: To eliminate the conflict between statute 304.3 and 400.2. This deals with the appointment process of candidates by the Student Body President and the appointment of Senate officers by the Senate President.

Statute Number(s): 304.3

Statute/Amendment Text:

304.3 Candidate Screening Process

- A. Upon the receipt of applications for a vacant position in Student Government Association, a screening process shall be overseen by the Student Body President to determine the most qualified candidate.
 1. Senate officers shall be excluded from this chapter and follow the process as outlined in Chapter 400.2 H.
- B. The Candidate Screening Process shall take no longer than ten (10) school days from the end of the candidate search period.
- C. The Candidate Screening Process conducted by the Chief of Staff shall include the following.
 1. The Chief of Staff shall interview all candidates.
 2. All candidates shall provide the appropriate application as defined in Chapter 307.3, in completed format, demonstrating their qualifications for the position.
 3. The interview shall be conducted in a standardized and professional form for all candidates.

4. The interview shall consist of a basic questionnaire outlining the candidate's experience, qualifications, and goals for the respective position.
 5. After all candidates have been interviewed, the Student Body President shall forward the candidate deemed most qualified to the Student Senate for confirmation.
- D. The Student Body President may forego the candidate screening process with the exception of Chapter 304.3, subsection C, subsection 5, in cases where the candidate is forwarded to the Student Body President, with a written notice of a proper interview being conducted, by the Agency or Bureau to which the candidate is applying for a position.
- E. It is the responsibility of the Student Body President and the Chief of Staff to ensure that this process is carried out in a fair and constitutional manner.



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Amendment #: 4

Primary Sponsor: Villacorta

Co-Sponsor(s): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Date: 12/31/2020

Purpose & Description: To make the Student Body President and Student Body Vice President run separately

Const. Article Number(s): Article III, Section 2, Clause B

Resolved by the Student Senate at Florida State University (with two-thirds concurring therein), that the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the Student Body, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by two-thirds vote of the Student Body electorate, and

Further resolved, that the following article be placed on the Ballot of the Election in the Spring Academic term of the year 2021.

Statement of Intent:

Furthering the cause towards a more representative government, and by recognizing the institutional and practical differences between the offices of the Student Body President and Vice President, this amendment shall allow for candidates for either of these two Student Body Executive Offices to do so without a running mate and place the two offices on separate ballots for the electorate to decide from.

ARTICLE III THE EXECUTIVE

SECTION 2 ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE POWERS

B. The Vice President shall be elected by a plurality of those voting in the student body elections, as a separate office from the President. ~~the President's running mate.~~



73rd STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 1

Primary Sponsor: Martin, Randall

Co-Sponsor(s): Lewis, Grunberger

Date: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Whereas: On Wednesday, January 6th, 2021 the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives met to certify the 2020 Presidential and Vice-Presidential election results, and

Whereas: Thousands of violent extremists interrupted the proceedings of our democratically elected government in an attempt to lead a coup and circumvent the will of the people by forcibly declaring President Donald Trump to be the winner of the 2020 election, and

Whereas: President Trump repeated false conspiracies about the integrity of the 2020 U.S. election and incited violence by telling his supporters to "walk down to the Capitol," "show strength," and "demand that Congress do the right thing, and only count the electors who have been lawfully slated," and

Whereas: President Trump's statements directly and indirectly resulted in the seditious attack on the U.S. Capitol and an appalling yet predictable example of systemic racism, antisemitism, and white supremacy.

Whereas: According to the Constitution of the Florida State University Student Body, SGA aims to provide "quality leadership for, and accountability to its constituency by recognizing that strength arises from diversity, engagement, and dialogue" and the riot at the U.S. Capitol building was the antithesis of this statement and every democratic value that our government was founded upon.

Whereas: Over a hundred supporters of President Donald Trump rallied outside the old Florida Capitol, barely one mile from Florida State University's campus, on January 6th to protest baseless claims of widespread election fraud similar to the concerns of the rioters at the U.S. Capitol, and

Whereas: An internal FBI bulletin advises law enforcement agencies to increase their security measures at and around local, state, and federal government buildings, specifically statehouses, due to the threat of riots carried out by armed protestors, and

Whereas: Many students live and attend classes near the Florida Capitol building and have serious concerns about their physical and emotional safety regarding potential attacks in the coming weeks, and

Whereas: According to the FSU Healthy Campus 2020 Initiative, “anxiety also ranks among the top five academic impediments among college students nationally,” and

Whereas: There are resources on campus to help students cope during this difficult time including but not limited to the University Counseling Center, the Resilience Project, the Psychiatry Clinic at University Health Services, the Psychology Clinic, and Case Management Services, and

Be it resolved by the Seventy-third Student Senate at Florida State University that: the Student Senate strongly condemns the lawless acts committed by violent rioters in our nation’s capital on January 6th, reaffirms our commitment to “unity and diversity” as enshrined on the seal of the Student Government Association, and echoes President Trasher’s call “to support the peaceful transition of power, end the polarization that is dividing our country and work together to build a more unified America.”

Be it further resolved that: the Student Senate pledges to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America, the State of Florida, and the Florida State University Student Body by working in a civil, collaborative, and bipartisan manner for the benefit of all students.

Be it further resolved that: the Student Senate encourages the Florida State University Police Department to ensure law enforcement are prepared to respond to situations proactively and efficiently from January 16th until the end of the month and coordinate with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to ensure the safety of students, faculty, and staff.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to:

Alexander Harmon, Senate President

Dr. Brandon Bowden, Student Governance & Advocacy Interim Director

Jonathan Levin, Student Body President

Carlos J. Gomez, Director of the University Counseling Center

Terri Brown, Chief of Police, Florida State University Police Department

Kyle DiMatteo, Director of the Mental Health Council