

75th STUDENT SENATE LEGISLATION PACKET February 15, 2023

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In Unconquered Pride,

Sofia Binjaku
75th Student Senate Clerk
Florida State University

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75th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 15

Primary Sponsor: Bettley, Chehaitli

Co-Sponsor(s): Alvarez, Anandjiwala, Burton, Carter, Dale, Diaz, DuChêne, Folwell, Kariher, LoBianco, Maglin, McFarlane, Salazar, St. Hilaire

Date: February 6, 2023

Whereas: On January 31st, 2023, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis released information on the proposed Higher Education Reform plan, and

Whereas: The proposal briefs methods aimed at Westernizing curriculums and eliminating efforts to promote Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Florida colleges and universities, and

Whereas: This limit on diverse education and acknowledgement of the struggles of global and national minorities throughout history and in modern times is a dangerous promotion of ethnocentrism through a Western lens in academic institutions, and

Whereas: The Higher Education Reform proposal would pose challenges to students pursuing majors in the humanities and social sciences as funding redistribution efforts that require “institutions to prioritize graduating students with degrees that lead to high-wage jobs, not degrees designed to further a political agenda” assigns an unjust weight to STEM majors that would filter low-income students from pursuing work in political fields, and

Whereas: The reference to DEI statements as “political filters” ignores and vilifies the importance of ensuring racial equity on university campuses that have a history of excluding minorities, and

Whereas: The commitments of Fortune 100 companies to promoting DEI will place Florida graduates at a disadvantage in the hiring process due to lack of expertise on and experience with DEI initiatives should they be removed, and

Whereas: Distribution of post-tenure review power to university Boards of Trustees will grant an unchecked power to university authority to terminate faculty and administrative entities at any time, and

Whereas: The pursuit of higher education at the college level is not mandated by any institution of the state, and

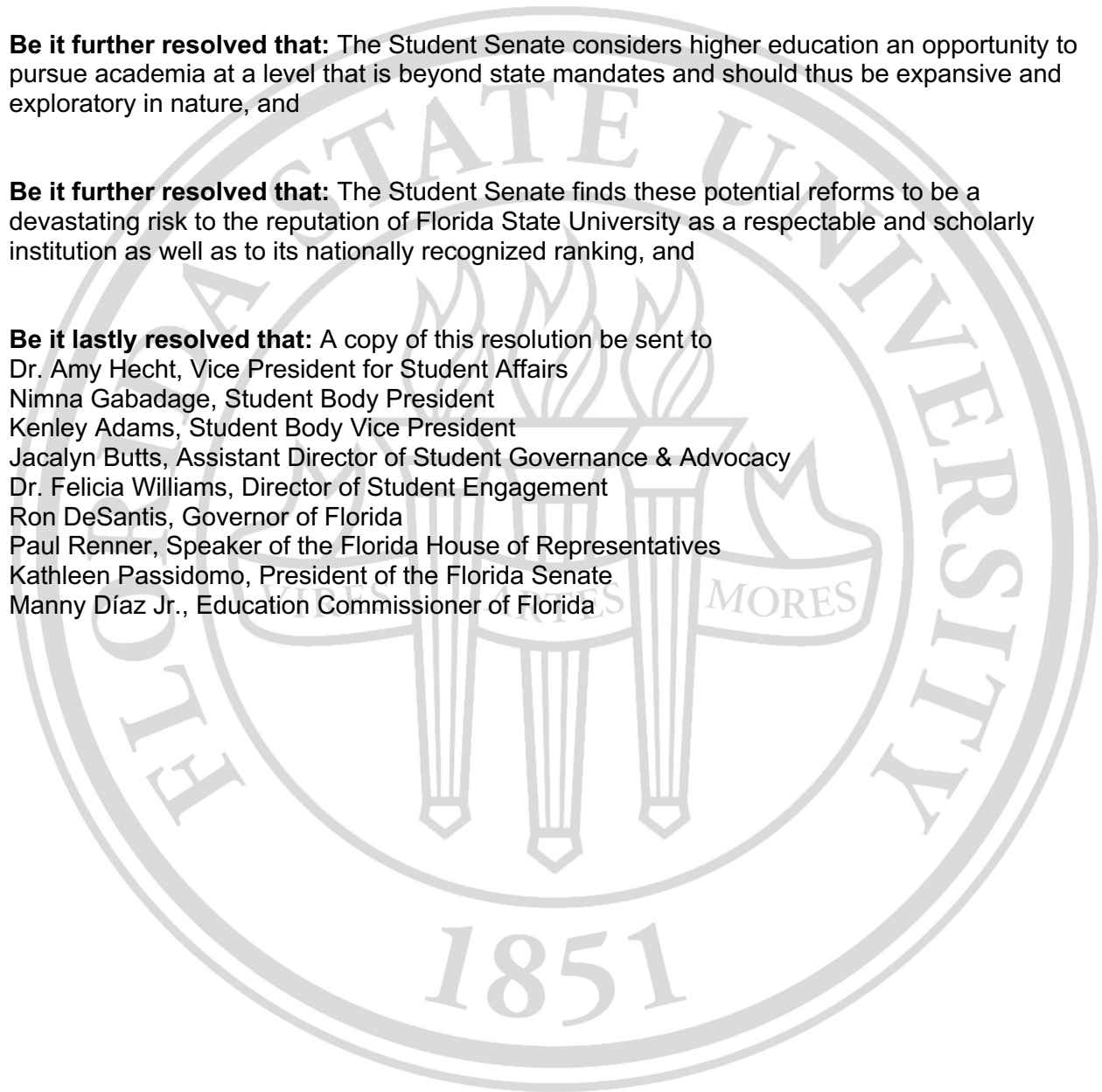
Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: The Student Senate condemns these proposed reforms of higher education in Florida, and

Be it further resolved that: The Student Senate recognizes the promotion of this agenda as a threat to minorities on Florida campuses, and

Be it further resolved that: The Student Senate considers higher education an opportunity to pursue academia at a level that is beyond state mandates and should thus be expansive and exploratory in nature, and

Be it further resolved that: The Student Senate finds these potential reforms to be a devastating risk to the reputation of Florida State University as a respectable and scholarly institution as well as to its nationally recognized ranking, and

Be it lastly resolved that: A copy of this resolution be sent to
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs
Nimna Gabadage, Student Body President
Kenley Adams, Student Body Vice President
Jacalyn Butts, Assistant Director of Student Governance & Advocacy
Dr. Felicia Williams, Director of Student Engagement
Ron DeSantis, Governor of Florida
Paul Renner, Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives
Kathleen Passidomo, President of the Florida Senate
Manny Díaz Jr., Education Commissioner of Florida



75th STUDENT SENATE Allocation, Revision or Transfer Form

Bill #: 19

Primary Sponsor: Barrett, Bettley

Co-Sponsor(s): Dale

Date: February 7th, 2023

Amount: \$132.93

From (account name): Senate Projects

To (account name): Sustainable Campus

Purpose & Description: To fund 7 U-Bike Locks as part of Sustainable Campus' bike rental program. These locks will be available to rent at no cost by students already owning bikes.

Itemized Expenditures:

Quantity	Description	Unit Price
7	U-Bike Locks	\$18.99

Total: \$132.93

75th STUDENT SENATE

Statute Revision, Addition or Proposed Constitutional Amendment Form

Senate Bill #: 20

Primary Sponsor: Dale

Co-Sponsor(s): Folwell, Salazar, Jones, Bettley, Chehaitli, Humberg

Date: 2/13/2023

Purpose & Description: A revision is made to the Student Body Statutes 802.9. To ban the purchase and use of plastic straws with A&S Monies

Statute Number(s): 802.9

Statute/Amendment Text

- 802.9 Disposable plastic water bottles and straws may not be purchased with A&S monies. In lieu of disposable plastic water bottles, RSO may not purchase other environmentally harmful materials such as Styrofoam.
- A. In the case of accommodating any student's needs, plastic straws may be purchased. Advisement from the University's Office of Disability Services is recommended in this scenario.
 - B. In the case of a natural disaster or any other unforeseen emergency in which sustainable methods of water distribution are hindered, plastic water bottles may be purchased.
 - C. This may be waived by a 2/3 vote of the committee.

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Statute Revision, Addition or Proposed Constitutional Amendment Form

Senate Bill #: 22

Primary Sponsor: Folwell

Co-Sponsor(s): Kariher, St. Hilaire, White, Widmann

Date: February 14, 2023

Purpose & Description: This bill codifies the Garnet & Gold Voting Commission as a biannual affiliated project of the Florida State University Student Government Association.

Statute Number(s): Chapter 1113

Statute/Amendment Text:

1113.1 Purpose and Creation

The Garnet & Gold Voting Commission shall be an affiliated project of the Student Government Association that shall occur every other year, aligning with any school year that is an election year. The Garnet & Gold Voting Commission shall engage key stakeholders to strategically increase civic engagement and voter turnout among the FSU Student Body for each election year through programming, education, and action.

1113.2 Board of Directors

A. The Garnet & Gold Voting Commission shall have a Board of Directors responsible for the operation of the Commission. The Board of Directors shall be composed of the following members:

1. A designee of the SGA Executive Branch;
2. A designee of the Student Senate;
3. A designee of the Office of Governmental Affairs;
4. SGA Attorney General;
5. A designee from each SGA Agency;
6. A designee of the Interfraternity Council;
7. A designee of the Multicultural Greek Council;

8. A designee of the National Panhellenic Council;
9. A designee of the Panhellenic Association;
10. The Student Body President, as an ex officio member;
11. The Student Senate President, as an ex officio member;
12. The Supervisor of Elections or a designee;
13. A designee from any other relevant Registered Student Organizations or Campus Entities that may prove beneficial to the mission of the Commission, which shall be chosen by the Student Body President, Student Senate President, and SGA Advisor prior to the opening of the Commission. Ideological organizations may be permitted, but they must be evenly divided between conservative and liberal organizations.

B. At the first meeting of the Garnet & Gold Voting Commission, the members shall take an anonymous vote to elect a Chair of the affiliated project, who shall preside over all meetings of the Commission. The Chair shall not vote on any matters except in the event of a tie, in which case their vote shall act as the tiebreaking vote.

C. Following the opening of the Commission, all organizations shall send the Student Body President their designees no later than two weeks following the Commission's opening. Designees shall not require Senate confirmation nor a forwarding letter.

1113.3 Opening of the Commission

A. The Student Body President, prior to the beginning of the Fall Semester of any school year which has an election, shall call a meeting with the Student Senate President and the SGA Advisor in order to organize the opening of the Garnet & Gold Voting Commission. During this meeting, the three shall decide any Registered Student Organizations or Campus Entities that shall have a designee on the Commission.

B. During the first week of the Fall semester that contains the election, the Student Body President shall issue an executive order that shall formalize the Opening of the Commission. This executive order shall detail the list of organizations which shall require a designee,

as well as the timeline to submit them.

- C. Upon the appointment of all designees, the Student Body President shall make it public the composition of the committee.

1113.4 Operations

- A. The Commission shall work with campus and community partners to maximize the voter turnout of the FSU Student Body during the relevant election. These partnerships may include, but are not limited to, voter registration drives, voter education events, social media campaigns, and any other efforts that would increase civic engagement.
- B. The Commission may make and publish recommendations to the Student Government Association on how to best further civic engagement on campus.
- C. The Board of Directors shall meet no less than once every two weeks between the appointment of all designees and the end of the relevant election. These meetings shall be open to the public and subject to all requirements of SGA meetings. The Chair shall schedule these meetings, with consent of the Board of Directors.
- D. Following the end of the election, the Garnet & Gold Voting Commission shall present a report of voter turnout and civic engagement to the Student Senate.

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Statute Revision, Addition or Proposed Constitutional Amendment Form

Senate Bill #: 23

Primary Sponsor: Folwell

Co-Sponsor(s): Bettley, Crusey, Dale, Diaz, DuChêne Kariher, Maglin, McEntyre, St. Hilaire, Widmann

Date: February 14, 2023

Purpose & Description: This bill designates the Diversity & Inclusion Institute as an official Executive Institute of the Student Government Association.

PROVISO: The provisions in this bill shall take effect upon the end of the Spring 2023 Semester.

Statute Number(s): 303.1, 303.4

Statute/Amendment Text:

Chapter 303 The Executive Institutes

History: Added by the 67th Senate Bill 34.

303.1 Creation and Purpose

E. The Institutes

The following is a list of the SGA Executive Institutes and corresponding section numbers that appear in Chapter 303:

1. Freshman Leadership Institute (Section 303.2)
2. Transfer Leadership Institute (Section 303.3)
3. Diversity and Inclusion Institute (Section 303.4)

303.4 Diversity and Inclusion Institute

A. Purpose

The Diversity and Inclusion (D&I) Institute is an 8-week program held in the Spring semester dedicated to providing a space for students to fully understand the range of diversity and multiculturalism, including but not limited to ability, socio-economic, age, rural/urban, veterans, sexual orientation, ethnicity, race, gender identity & expression, religion, and faith structures through workshops that are focused on awareness, discussion and collaborative learning activities.

B. Program

1. Participant Selection

- a. The application will be made available to prospective participants at least three (3) weeks before the end of the Fall Semester and will close on the last day of the Fall Semester.
- b. The selection of the participants shall be conducted at the discretion of the Executive Board.

2. Meetings

- a. The D&I Institute shall meet once a week for the duration of the program during the Spring Semester.
 - i. Additional meetings may be held at the discretion of the Director of the D&I Institute to fulfill the purpose stated in 303.4 Section A.

C. Leadership Team Selection

1. Director

- a. The Director of the D&I Institute shall be selected by the outgoing Leadership Team.
 - i. The Leadership Team is defined as any officer positions, including the Director, that has been appointed by the Executive Branch to fulfill the stated purpose in 303.4 Section A.
- b. The application for the Director of the Diversity & Inclusion Institute shall be made available on the Student Government Association Website on the 1st Friday after Spring Break and close two (2) weeks thereafter.
- c. Once selected by the outgoing Leadership Team, the candidate will then be forwarded to the Executive Branch for Student Senate confirmation.

D. Responsibilities

The responsibilities of the Director shall include, but not be limited to the following:

1. Represent the interests of the Diversity & Inclusion Institute on the campus of Florida State University in accordance to the stated purpose.
2. Be responsible for the effective operations of the Diversity & Inclusion Institute.

3. Make and execute decisions on program structure, D&I Institute affiliated events, finances, and other activities with the advice of the Leadership Team, Student Body Vice President, and Student Program Coordinator.
4. Be financially certified for the fiscal year.
5. Recommend officer positions, to the Executive Branch, that are needed, in order to fulfill the stated purpose in 303.4 Section A.

E. Removal from Office

1. If the Director fails to fulfill the stated purpose, it will be up to the discretion of the Student Program Coordinator or Student Body Vice President to determine whether the Director shall be removed from office.

F. Vacancies

1. If any vacancy occurs during the duration of the Diversity & Inclusion Institute that is under the Director, the Executive Branch shall appoint a person at the recommendation of the Director to fulfill the duties of said position.
 - a. If the Director position becomes vacant, the Student Body Vice President shall fill in as the presiding Director until a new Director is selected.
 - b. The application for the Director of the Diversity & Inclusion Institute shall be made available on the Student Government Association Website within five (5) school days of the Director renouncing the position and shall remain open for no less than ten (10) school days.
 - c. The Executive Branch will then interview and confirm a new Director from the applicant pool for the remainder of the Diversity & Inclusion Institute.

75th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 17

Primary Sponsor: Brown, Widmann

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

Date: February 13th, 2023

Whereas: Millions of students across the United States as university courses increasingly rely on students purchasing costly textbooks and access codes; and

Whereas: According to research conducted by the Public Interest Research Group, 63% of students go without purchasing the additional materials in a course because of costs; and

Whereas: Specific to Florida State University, research finds that 72% of students do not purchase their textbooks due to high costs, and

Whereas: The monetary barrier to success in many classes at Florida State University raises concern for the experiences of Florida State students, especially transfer, first-generation, and low socio-economic status students; and

Whereas: Florida State University through its OER Initiative Coalition has recognized the importance of Open Educational Resources as a solution to achieving equity for students in their courses; and

Whereas: Research has indicated such OER formats can result in an improved average student performance and increased course completion rates; and

Whereas: Underfunded grant programs are in need of support as barriers to the wider adoption of OER manifest both financially and culturally; and

Whereas: The Affordable College Textbook Act aims to offer grants to higher education institutions to increase the use of open textbooks, improving the educational experience and equity; and

Whereas: The pilot program in 2018 received a five-million-dollar budget and has since been estimated to have saved students \$220 million; and

Whereas: Student PIRGs at FSU has run a textbook affordability campaign on the campus, promoting the use of OER and e-textbooks in partnership with the FSU OER Initiative Coalition; and

Whereas: Student PIRGs will be sending student lobbyists to Washington D.C. on February 27th to lobby for the passage of the Affordable College Textbook Act;

Whereas: The Affordable College Textbook Act will be introduced during the 2023 legislative session and aims to offer grants to higher education institutions to increase the use of open textbooks while simultaneously making the educational experience equitable and improving course content and structure. When introduced in 2018 the pilot program received a five-million-dollar budget. In action, this act would not only assist in financing the grant of more professors willing to make their courses equitable but will also serve symbolically to represent federal support of the initiatives undertaken by dozens of OER grant programs across the nation. Since 2018, the budget supplied by the Open Textbook grant program has been estimated to have saved students \$220 million; and

Whereas: The student organization, Student PIRGs exists as a recognized student organization on Florida State campus and operates as a non-profit, non-partisan advocacy organization working toward achieving social change in favor of students' needs. PIRG at FSU has run a textbook affordability campaign on the FSU campus for two years, working to raise awareness surrounding textbook inaccessibility as well as promote the use of OER and e-textbooks. The textbook affordability campaign has partnered with the FSU library OER initiative coalition and has initiated discussions surrounding solutions to this issue of equity with the provost office, faculty senate, and more administrative bodies on the FSU campus. On February 27th, Student PIRGs will be sending student lobbyists to Washington D.C. to lobby for the passage of the Affordable College Textbook Act with legislators, white house staff, and the Department of Education; therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: The Seventy-Fifth Student Senate supports the Affordable College Textbook Act and recognizes the efforts of Student PIRGs in advocating for student needs; and

Be it further resolved that: The Seventy-Fifth Student Senate supports the Affordable College Textbook Act and recognizes that the Student Senate sends its support to the student lobbyists attending the legislative session, affirming the university's values of diversity, equity, and inclusion; and

Be it lastly 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
Nimna Gabadage, Student Body President
Kenley Adams, Student Body Vice President
Graceanne Hoback, President, PIRG at FSU

75th STUDENT SENATE

Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 19

Primary Sponsor: Jones, Salazar

Co-Sponsor(s): White, Dale, Diaz, Maglin, LoBianco, Folwell, McEntyre, Alvarez, Fineout, Chehaitli, Carter, St. Hillaire, Anandjiwala

Date: 2/10/23

Whereas: Antisemitism, in the form of discrimination and prejudice against Jewish people, has no place on our college campus, and

Whereas: The display of the #yeisright sign on campus and the recent acts of violence, including the Jerusalem synagogue shooting and attempted arson at a New Jersey synagogue on January 29th, are clear examples of antisemitism and hate speech and have caused distress to members of our Jewish community, and

Whereas: Our university has a responsibility to provide a safe and inclusive environment for all students, regardless of their religion or ethnicity, therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: The Florida State University Student Senate expresses its condolences to the Jewish community on campus and reaffirms its commitment to creating a safe and inclusive environment for all students of all backgrounds, and

Be it further resolved that: The Florida State University Student Senate encourages university administration to take action to address and condemn antisemitism on campus, provide support to the Jewish community, and implementing educational and awareness-raising programs, and

Be it further resolved that: That the senate of Florida State stands in solidarity with the Jewish community and other marginalized groups on campus and across the country, and it actively seeks to empower those often-unheard and unrepresented voices, and

Be it lastly resolved that: A copy of this resolution be sent to:

Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs

Nimna Gabadage, Student Body President

Kenley Adams, Student Body Vice President

Kaitlynn Adams, Director of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

Emily Boden, Jewish Student Union Director

Tori Carroll, Jewish Student Union Treasurer

75th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 20

Primary Sponsor: Dale, Jones

Co-Sponsor(s): Brewer, Humberg, Salazar, Widmann, White, St. Hilaire, Tevlin, Wyatt

Date: 2/14/2023

Whereas: Florida State University's Facilities Office works diligently to uphold a positive physical environment on the University's Campus, and

Whereas: Florida State University's Facility Office provides 24/7 assistance to student and faculty needs, and

Whereas: The Facilities Office manages over 400 buildings, and employs nearly 700 people, and

Whereas: The Facilities Office has committed to quality service while upholding FSU's commitment to sustainability ensuring that there is both an attractive and green environment, and

Whereas: Building Services has been foundational in growing the infrastructure and capabilities of Florida State, and

Whereas: Grounds and Landscaping Operations uphold Landis Green and many other beloved outdoor spaces on our campus, and

Whereas: This office is a critical, yet often underappreciated part of ensuring the success of educational outcomes at Florida State, and

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: the Student Senate celebrates the work done by the Facilities Office and expresses its gratitude for its service to the community, and

Be it further resolved that: A copy of this resolution be sent to
Nimna Gabadage, Student Body President
Kenley Adams, Student Body Vice President
Daniel Sheets, Director of Maintenance
Mike Materna, Director of Planning, Design and Construction
Elizabeth Swiman, Director of Sustainability
Sadie Greener, Interim Associate VP Facilities
Angela Crawford, Sr. Administrative Specialist
Arnel Bacani, Director of Building Services
Marvin Woods, Interim Director
Scott Cisson, Director of Grounds,
Courtney Gogan, Assistant Director of Human Resources
Dave Plichta, IT Manager
Jimmy Carlton, Key Shop Supervisor

Trey Gossett, Interim Director of Utilities and Engineering Services
Debbie Lee, Waste Management Superintendent

