75th STUDENT SENATE LEGISLATION PACKET February 22, 2023

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In Unconquered Pride,

Sofia Binjaku 75th Student Senate Clerk Florida State University

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Senate Bill #: 15

Primary Sponsor: St. Hilaire Co-Sponsor(s): Folwell

Date: Click or tap here to enter text.

Purpose & Description: Clarifying the parliamentary procedure for objections to a PAC or RTAC consent resolution.

Statute Number(s): SBS §807.6

Statute/Amendment Text:

- I. The information obtained at the committee meeting will be complied into a consent resolution by the committee Chair. This consent resolution will be presented at the next possible Senate Finance Committee meeting, and shall be discussed, debated, and voted on in compliance with the committee's rules of procedure. In order for an amendment to pass there must be a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate Finance Committee. An amendment to the resolution may not be found friendly or unfriendly and must be debated with a period of questions and pro/con debate subject to the committee's rule of procedures. The consent resolution shall be forwarded to the Student Senate, and placed on the Consent Calendar.
 - It shall be the job of the Senate Finance Committee, RTAC, and PAC to keep a
 working knowledge of their budgets and they shall not pass any Resolutions
 exceeding the possible allottable amounts as determined by the publicly
 accessible SGA website.
- J. Once on the Consent Calendar, the <u>consent Rresolution</u> shall be presented to the Student Senate. The Student Senate President must read aloud the RSO name, and amount to be allocated, as approved by the Senate Finance Committee. A motion to confirm the decision of the Senate Finance Committee must be made and seconded for the Resolution to pass. If objected to, the consent resolution shall be treated as any other piece of legislation, and shall require a majority vote for passage.
 - 1. Amendments to a Consent Resolution shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote to pass.

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

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

- Disposable plastic water bottles <u>and straws</u> 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. <u>In the case of accommodating any student's needs, plastic straws</u>
 <u>may be purchased. Advisement from the University's Office of</u>
 <u>Disability Services is recommended in this scenario.</u>
 - 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.

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:

<u>1113.1</u> <u>Purpose and Creation</u>

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. <u>A designee of the Student Senate</u>;
 - 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.

<u>1113.4</u> <u>Operations</u>

- 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.
- <u>D.</u> 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.

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.
- 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

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

- 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.
 - The Executive Branch will then interview and confirm a new Director from the applicant pool for the remainder of the Diversity & Inclusion Institute.

Bill #: 24

Primary Sponsor: Casiple Co-Sponsor(s): Diaz Date: February 13, 2023

Amount: \$245

From (account name): Asian American Student Union Expenses

To (account name): Asian American Student Union Contractual Services

Purpose & Description: To transfer funds from the AASU account to fund an artist for AAMP'd. AMMP'd is an event held by AASU bringing Asian American artists to perform at the ASLC. This event is scheduled to happen March 23. This transfer is to allow AASU to fund their artist.



Bill #: 25

Primary Sponsor: Casiple Co-Sponsor(s): Diaz Date: February 13, 2023

Amount: \$1424

From (account name): Asian American Student Union Food

To (account name): Asian American Student Union Contractual Services

Purpose & Description: To transfer funds from the AASU account to fund an artist for AAMP'd. AMMP'd is an event held by AASU bringing Asian American artists to perform at the ASLC. This event is scheduled to happen March 23. This transfer is to allow AASU to fund their artist.



Bill #: 26

Primary Sponsor: Casiple Co-Sponsor(s): Diaz Date: February 13, 2023

Amount: \$781

From (account name): Asian American Student Union Clothing/Awards,

To (account name): Asian American Student Union Contractual Services

Purpose & Description: To transfer funds from the AASU account to fund an artist for AAMP'd. AMMP'd is an event held by AASU bringing Asian American artists to perform at the ASLC. This event is scheduled to happen March 23. This transfer is to allow AASU to fund their artist.



Bill #: 27

Primary Sponsor: Bettley **Date:** February 10th, 2023

Amount: \$2500

From (account name): VSU Expense

To (account name): VSU Food

Purpose & Description: To support upcoming social events for the Veteran Student Union that will allow them to better serve the student body and veterans.



Senate Bill #: 28

Primary Sponsor: Rivers, Burton

Co-Sponsor(s): Bettley, Kariher, Maglin, DuChêne, Alvarez, LoBianco, Salazar, Fineout,

Severy, Chehaitli, Mantilla, Anandjiwala

Date: February 21, 2023

Purpose & Description: A bill to establish the Minority Executive Council

Statute Number(s): Chapter 1202 The Minority Executive Council

Statute/Amendment Text:

Chapter 1202 Minority Executive Council

1202.1 Title and Purpose

A. Title

This act shall be called the "Minorities in Power Act of 2023"

- B. Purpose
 - 1. To convene representatives from various ethnic, cultural, religious, and social minority groups to develop a greater awareness in the FSU community of the problems and concerns of minority students
 - 2. To advise the Executive Branch of minority issues and concerns and assist in the planning and implementation of programs designed to assist minority students.
 - 3. To promote unity among all FSU students.

1202.2 Membership and Duties

A. Membership

- 1. The Executive Council of Minority Executive Council shall consist of one representative from each of the following.
 - a. Asian American Student Union
 - b. Jewish Student Union
 - c. Women Student Union
 - d. Black Student Union
 - e. Pride Student Union
 - f. Hispanic/Latix Student Union
 - g. Office of Governmental Affairs
 - h. Congress of Graduate Students
 - i. Student Senate
 - j. Student Body Vice-President
 - k. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
 - Career Center
 - m. Progressive Black Men
 - n. National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)
 - o. Multicultural Greek Council (MGC)
 - p. Presidential Scholars
 - q. New Student & Family Programs (Orientation Leaders)
 - r. Mexican American Student Association
 - s. Arab American Student Association
 - t. Center For Academic Retention & Enhancement (CARE)
 - u. Club Downunder
 - v. Homecoming
 - w. Chinese Student Association
 - x. Center for Global Engagement
 - y. Department of Student Affairs
 - z. Transfer Student Services
- 2. Only groups with Agency or Registered Student Organization status shall serve on the Council.
 - a. <u>Temporary inclusion of further groups with Agency or Registered Student</u>
 <u>Organization status into the Council shall be subject to a majority vote of</u>
 the Council.
 - i. This inclusion shall only last until the end of the academic year.
 - b. Permanent inclusion temporary inclusion of further groups with Agency or Registered Student Organization status into the Council shall be subject to a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Council.
 - If this vote passes a bill shall be presented to the Senate by the Minority Executive Council Senate Liaison to include the Agency/Registered Student Organization into the Minority Executive Councils statues.
- 3. The Chair shall keep a letter on file from the President/Director of all member organizations stating who their official representative to the Council shall be. The letters must be updated for each session of the Council, or at any time a change in representatives has been made.

- a. The President/Director of all member organization shall not be eligible to be a member of the council.
- 4. The Student Body President, Student Senate President, and Speaker of the Congress of Graduate Students shall serve as ex-officio members of the Council.

B. Duties

- 1. The Council shall assist the Chair in determining procedural policies for the Council and in planning the program and activities of the council.
- 2. The Council shall also recommend and suggest guidelines and policies relating to minority student issues to the Executive Branch.
- 3. The Council shall also work to plan a university wide event at least once a semester.

1202.3 Meetings

- A. The Council may be convened at the request of the Chair of by one-third (1/3) of the Council members.
- B. <u>Notification shall be given at lease forty-eight hours in advance of the designated</u> meetings.
- C. The Council shall meet at least once a month during the fall and spring semesters.

1202.4 The Chair of the Council (Minority Affairs Advocate)

A. Selection

The Chair of the Council shall be titled the "Minority Affairs Advocate." They shall be appointed by the Student Body President Subject to confirmation by the Senate.

1. If there is a vacancy in the Chair position the Student Body Vice-President shall act as the Interim Chair.

B. Term of Office

The Chair's term of office shall end with the completion of the Student Body President's elected term of Office.

C. Powers and Duties of the Chair

- 1. The Chair shall be responsible for the efficient organization of the Council and its activities.
- 2. The Chair shall advise the Executive Branch on matters concerning minority students.
- 3. The Chair shall submit a report to the Student Senate once a month.

Senate Bill #: 29

Primary Sponsor: Folwell

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

Date: February 21, 2023

Purpose & Description: This bill corrects an error in Bill 9 which made the Assistant Directors

of Institutes Senate-confirmed.

Statute Number(s): 303.1

Statute/Amendment Text:

303.1 Creation and Purpose

E. Leadership Structure

 All Institutes shall have a Director and Assistant Director who shall be interviewed and selected by the outgoing Director and Assistant Director, unless otherwise specified in the individual Institute's statutes. These individuals The Director shall be sent as recommendation to the Student Body President and may be forwarded to the Student Senate pursuant to Section 304.3 (D).

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 #: 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



75th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 22

Primary Sponsor: Rivers

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

Date: February 16, 2023

Whereas: A resolution is needed to change the Senate Rules of Procedures, therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: The Rules of Procedure are amended as follows:

Rule 6.4 The Senate Internal Affairs Committee shall:

- a. Forward or deny all nominations to offices in Student Government by the Student Body President not including those approved by any other Senate Committees, pending confirmation by the full Senate.
 - 1. Members of this committee must be present for a nominee's interview, in its entirety, to be allowed to vote.
- b. Review and propose any changes deemed necessary to the format or content of Student Government applications. Changes must pass the committee as well as the Senate by a two-thirds (2/3) vote in order to be formally adopted. Any changes to the form shall be in compliance with Chapter 202 of the Student Body Statutes.
- c. The Internal Affairs Committee shall create and maintain a Master Senate Calendar, with the dates, times, and locations of major campus events, as submitted by any student organization, agency, bureau, or other student program, to be distributed to all Senators with their weekly agenda. With this Calendar, the committee will assign representatives of the Senate to attend these events to show support and to give a report of the entire Senate body during the closing announcements portion of the Senate each week.
- e. <u>d.</u> Create surveys for the senate and committees to determine satisfaction and provide recommendations to the President.
- d. f. Review bureaus funded by Student Government to determine their compliance with the Student Body Statutes. e. Conduct oversight of the appointment process to ensure that all statutes in relation to the candidate search and selection process are being followed.
- f. g. Review and propose any changes to the appointment process to ensure a fair consideration of all applicants in line with Chapter 304 of the Student Body Statutes.

<u>g. h.</u> The committee shall be responsible for maintaining a list of suggested interview questions to be asked during the confirmation process. The Vice-Chair shall ensure that this list of interview questions is made available on the SGA website.



75th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 23

Primary Sponsor(s): McMahon, Crocker
Co-Sponsor(s): Anderson, Adonis, Diaz, Dlugos, LoBianco, Roogow, Vollick
Date: February 20, 2023

Whereas: The Student Senate and Internal Affairs committee have long heard complaints regarding the format and questions asked on the Student Government Association (SGA) application, which hundreds of students use each year to apply for positions within our SGA, and

Whereas: Student Body Statute 307.3(A) states, "The Student Senate Internal Affairs Committee shall determine the format for the Student Government Association application. Once a format has been originally selected, the Internal Affairs Committee may propose any changes it deems necessary, which must pass the committee as well as the Student Senate by a two- thirds (2/3) vote to be formally adopted," and

Whereas: Student Body Statute 307.3(C) states, "In changing or creating forms, the Internal Affairs committee shall seek the advice of the Attorney General, the Student Body Chief of Staff, the SGA Director of the Student Affairs and the Student Senate Program Assistant," and

Whereas: The Internal Affairs committee met with the aforementioned individuals and deliberated on changes to the SGA Application on October 17, 2022, February 6, 2023, and

Whereas: The Internal Affairs committee voted on, and approved, the below-mentioned recommendations to the SGA application at its meeting held on February 20, 2023, and

Whereas: The Internal Affairs committee recommended that the format of the SGA application no longer be made using the Qualtrics platform, and instead be made available to all students via Survey Monkey, so that students may submit applications that can be processed through the appropriate channels within the Office of Student Governance and Advocacy (SG&A) and the SGA, including, but not limited to: the Assistant Director of SG&A, the Chief of Staff and Student Body President when appropriate, and then to the leadership of the Senate Internal Affairs committee, and

Whereas: The Internal Affairs committee recommended that all of the dropdown box options for SGA departments prospective candidates can apply to be deleted and replaced with the following options:

- Executive Branch
- Student Senate
- Judicial Branch
- Agencies (BSU, HLSU, etc.)
- Bureaus (OGA, IRHC, etc.)
- Institutes (FLI, TLI, D&I)
- Funding Boards (PAC, RTAC)

- Affiliated Projects
- Class Councils
- Elections Office
- Homecoming

Whereas: The Internal Affairs committee recommended that all of the current questions on the SGA application below the "Personal Information" section be deleted and replaced with the following list of questions:

- What is the title of the position you are applying for? (Ex. Director, Secretary, Committee Member, Business Seat 2)
- What are your reasons for applying to this position and what are your goals?
- Explain a previous experience you have that makes you a strong candidate for position.
- Are you financially certified?

Whereas: The Internal Affairs committee encourages entities wanting to ask more questions of their prospective candidates to continue the practice of requiring supplemental applications, which shall continue to be provided as an option on the SGA Application, and

Whereas: The Internal Affairs committee recommends that the final question on the application, which currently only reads "Additional Documents" be amended to read "Additional Documents and Supplemental Application, if required," and

Whereas: The Internal Affairs committee recommends that the requirement for applicants to supply a letter of recommendation no longer be necessary, and that it shall be deleted as a question from the SGA application, and

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: The Student Senate approves the aforementioned changes to the Student Government Association Application, as recommended and approved by the Internal Affairs committee, and

Be it lastly resolved that: A copy of this resolution be sent to:
Nimna Gabadage, Student Body President
Kenley Adams, Student Body Vice President
Quentin England, Student Body Chief of Staff
Daylyn Randolph, Student Body Deputy Chief of Staff
Jack Hitchcock, Executive Branch Administrative Director
Katie Russell, Director of Appointments
Maggie Gahan, Executive Branch Advisor
Khamisi Thorpe, Student Body Attorney General
Sam Diaz, Student Senate President
Jacalyn Butts, Assistant Director of Student Governance & Advocacy
Dr. Felicia Williams, Director of Student Engagement
Ben Young, SGA Webmaster

75th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 24

Primary Sponsor: Jones, Salazar

Co-Sponsor(s): White, Dale, Maglin, LoBianco, Folwell, McEntyre, Alvarez, Fineout, Chehaitli,

Carter, St. Hillaire, Anandjiwala **Date:** February 20th, 2023

Whereas: Antisemitism has no place on our campus, and

Whereas: Over the past several weeks, there were multiple attacks on Jewish communities across the U.S., including 2 Los Angeles shootings, one on February 16th and the other on February 15th, and

Whereas: That same day, February 15th, students defaced Florida State property with the remarks of an antisemitic conspiracy, only weeks after the campus had students tabling with a #yeisright sign the same week as an attempted arson of a new jersey synagogue and synagogue shooting in Jerusalem killing seven people, 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 and reaffirms its commitment to creating an inclusive campus for students of all backgrounds, and

Be it further resolved that: The Florida State University Senate encourages university administration to take the necessary steps to reduce and condemn antisemitism on campus, offer support to the Jewish community and other marginalized groups on campus, and continue to seek to empower those often-unheard and unrepresented voices, therefore

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 Caroll, Jewish Student Union Treasurer