

75th STUDENT SENATE LEGISLATION PACKET March 8, 2023

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In Unconquered Pride,

Sofia Binjaku
75th Student Senate Clerk
Florida State University

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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
Allocation, Revision or Transfer Form**

Bill #: 27

Primary Sponsor: Bettley

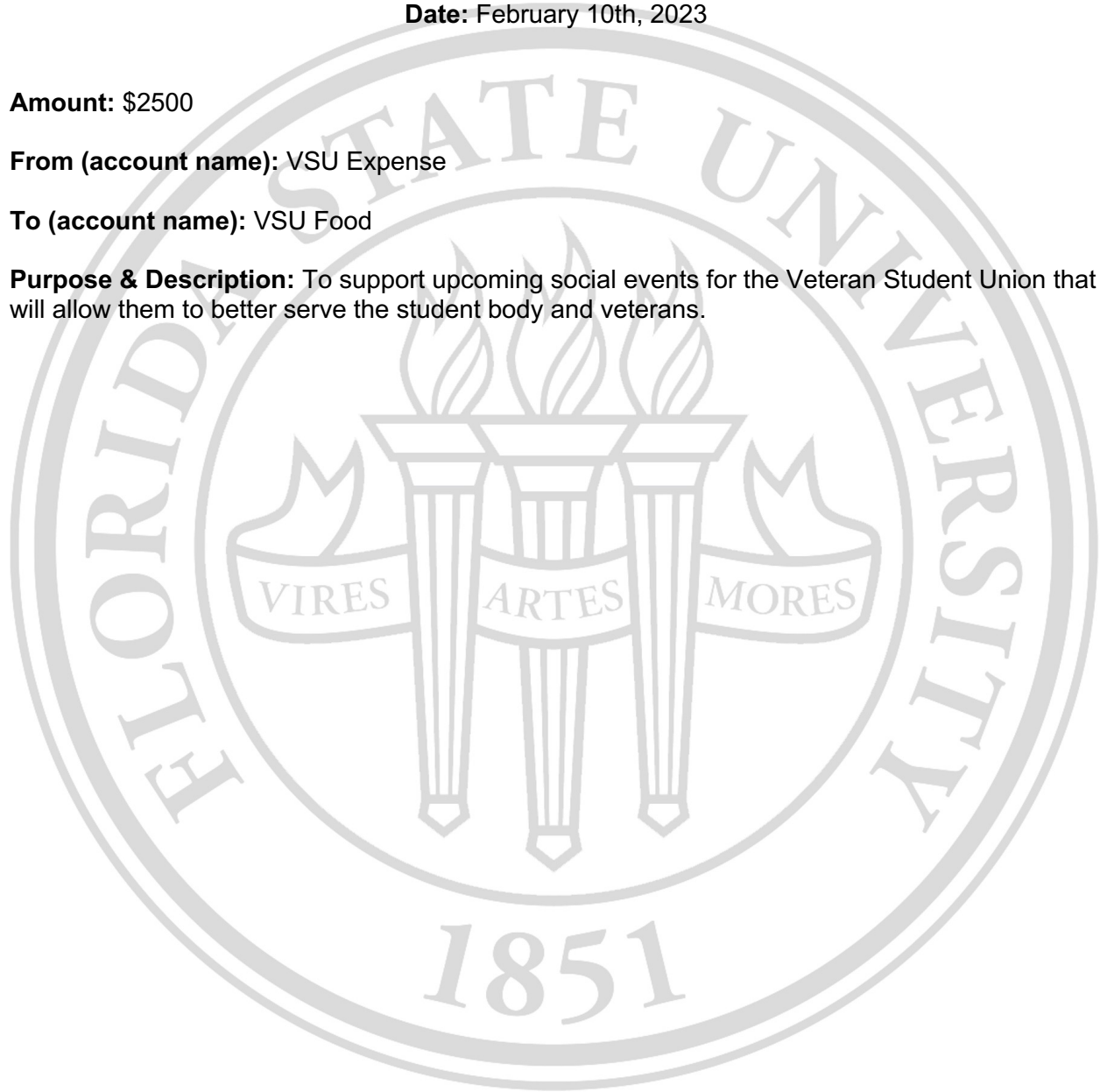
Date: February 10th, 2023

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.



75th STUDENT SENATE Allocation, Revision or Transfer Form

Bill #: 30

Primary Sponsor: Walerio

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

Date: February 27, 2023

Amount: \$6000

From (account name): WSU Contractual Services

To (account name): WSU Expense

Purpose & Description: To fund towards more tote bags, events, movie rights, stickers, water bottles, yoga, kickoff event and banquet for Women's History Month expenses in March hosted by Women's Student Union.

Itemized Expenditures:

| Quantity | Description | Unit Price |
|----------|------------------|------------|
| 200 | Tote Bags | \$4 |
| 17 | Events | \$80 |
| 1 | Movie Rights | \$600 |
| 2000 | Stickers | \$0.195 |
| 1 | Union Board Yoga | \$25 |
| 1 | Kickoff Event | \$190 |
| 1 | Banquet | \$500 |
| 200 | Water bottles | \$2.25 |

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| | Additional Expenses | \$1685 |
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Total: \$6000



75th STUDENT SENATE Allocation, Revision or Transfer Form

Bill #: 31

Primary Sponsor: Burton, Diaz

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

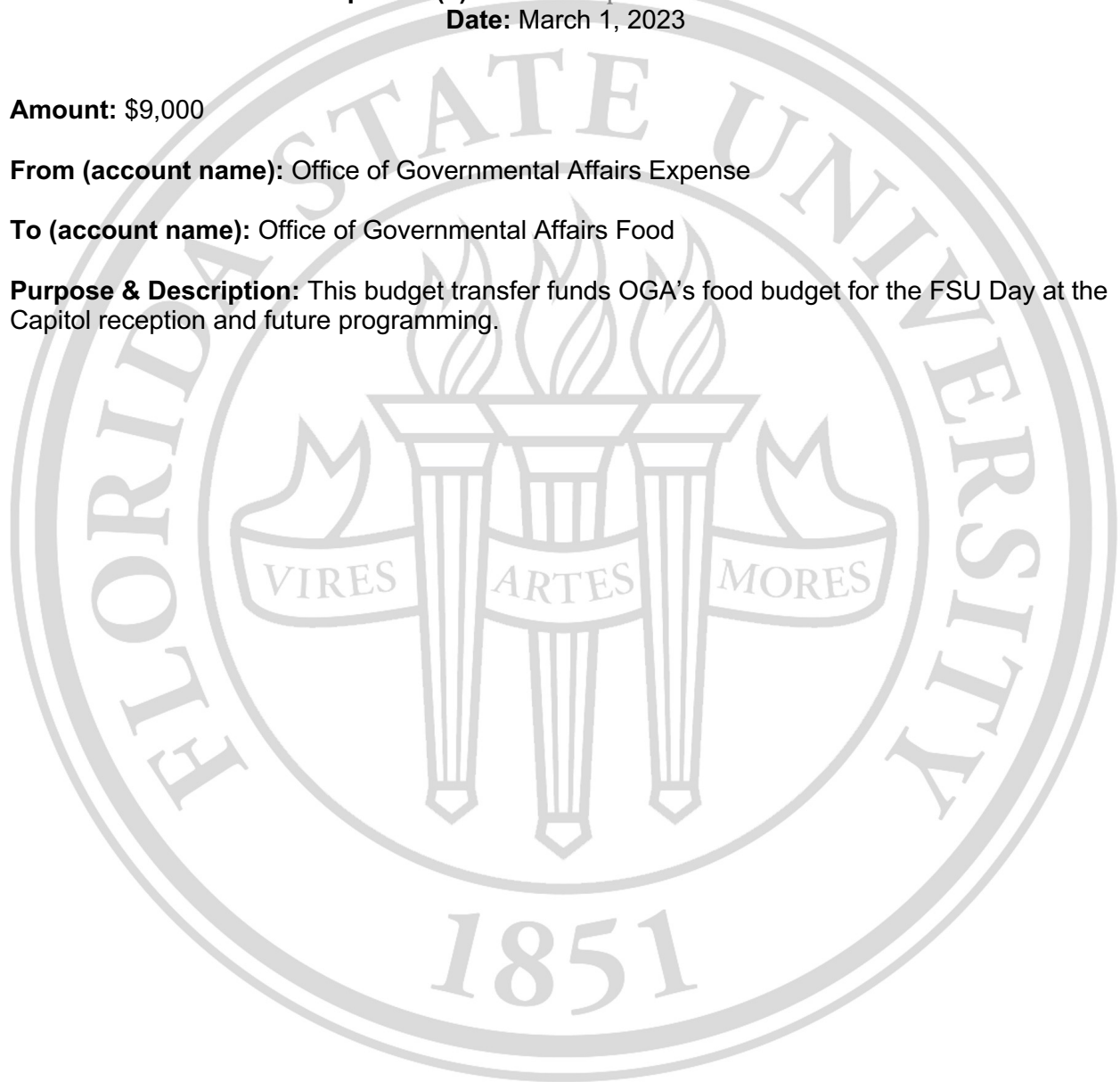
Date: March 1, 2023

Amount: \$9,000

From (account name): Office of Governmental Affairs Expense

To (account name): Office of Governmental Affairs Food

Purpose & Description: This budget transfer funds OGA's food budget for the FSU Day at the Capitol reception and future programming.



75th STUDENT SENATE

Statute Revision, Addition or Proposed Constitutional Amendment Form

Senate Bill #: 32

Primary Sponsor: Dale

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

Date: March 3rd, 2023

Purpose & Description: Eliminates the wording $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{2}{3}$ and instead states just $\frac{2}{3}$. This makes the procedure much more clear and eliminates any confusion on what amount of Senate's vote is needed to overrule the two calendar year requirement for Student Senate service.

Statute Number(s): 413.8 A. 1.

1. The Senate shall determine the criterion for selecting the recipients of the award. The following exceptions to this apply:
 - a. Only the Senator's accomplishments in the Student Senate shall apply.
 - b. Holding a position of Senate leadership shall not be the sole basis for determining if a nominee is qualified.
 - c. Only senators who have served two calendar years or two full terms of office or more in the Student Senate may be considered.
 - i. The length of the Senator's term beyond this threshold shall not count for or against the nominee.
 - ii. Time served shall count time served in Senate Officer positions such as Senate Clerk, Senate Press Secretary, and Senate Parliamentarian.
 - iii. This stipulation may be overruled by a ~~$\frac{3}{4}$~~ $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of the senate in situations where the senate

determines a nominee's work is exceptional (emphasis added) in a shorter amount of time.



75th STUDENT SENATE Allocation, Revision or Transfer Form

Bill #: 33

Primary Sponsor: Kariher

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

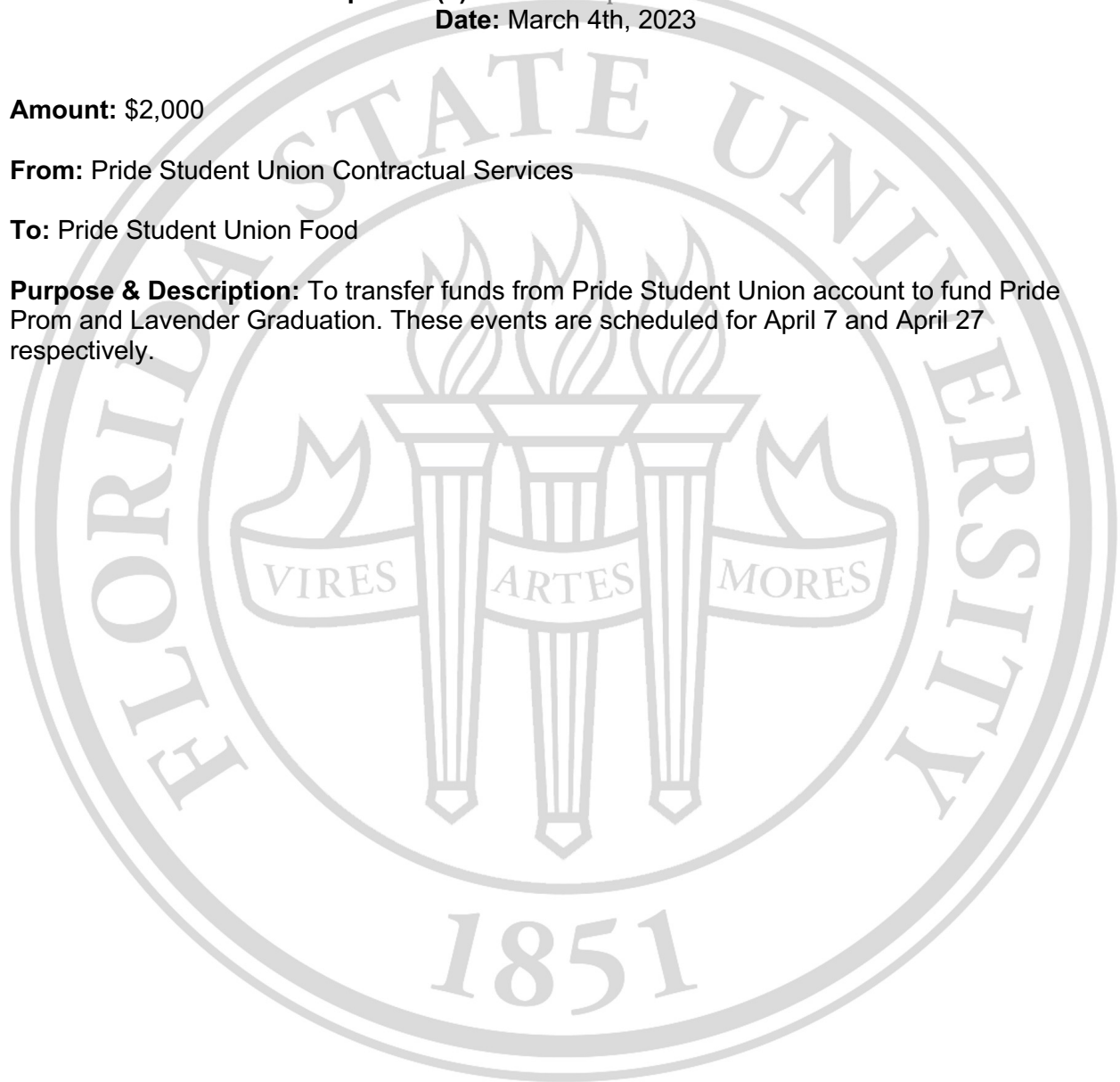
Date: March 4th, 2023

Amount: \$2,000

From: Pride Student Union Contractual Services

To: Pride Student Union Food

Purpose & Description: To transfer funds from Pride Student Union account to fund Pride Prom and Lavender Graduation. These events are scheduled for April 7 and April 27 respectively.



**75th STUDENT SENATE
Allocation, Revision or Transfer Form**

Bill #: 34

Primary Sponsor: Kariher

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

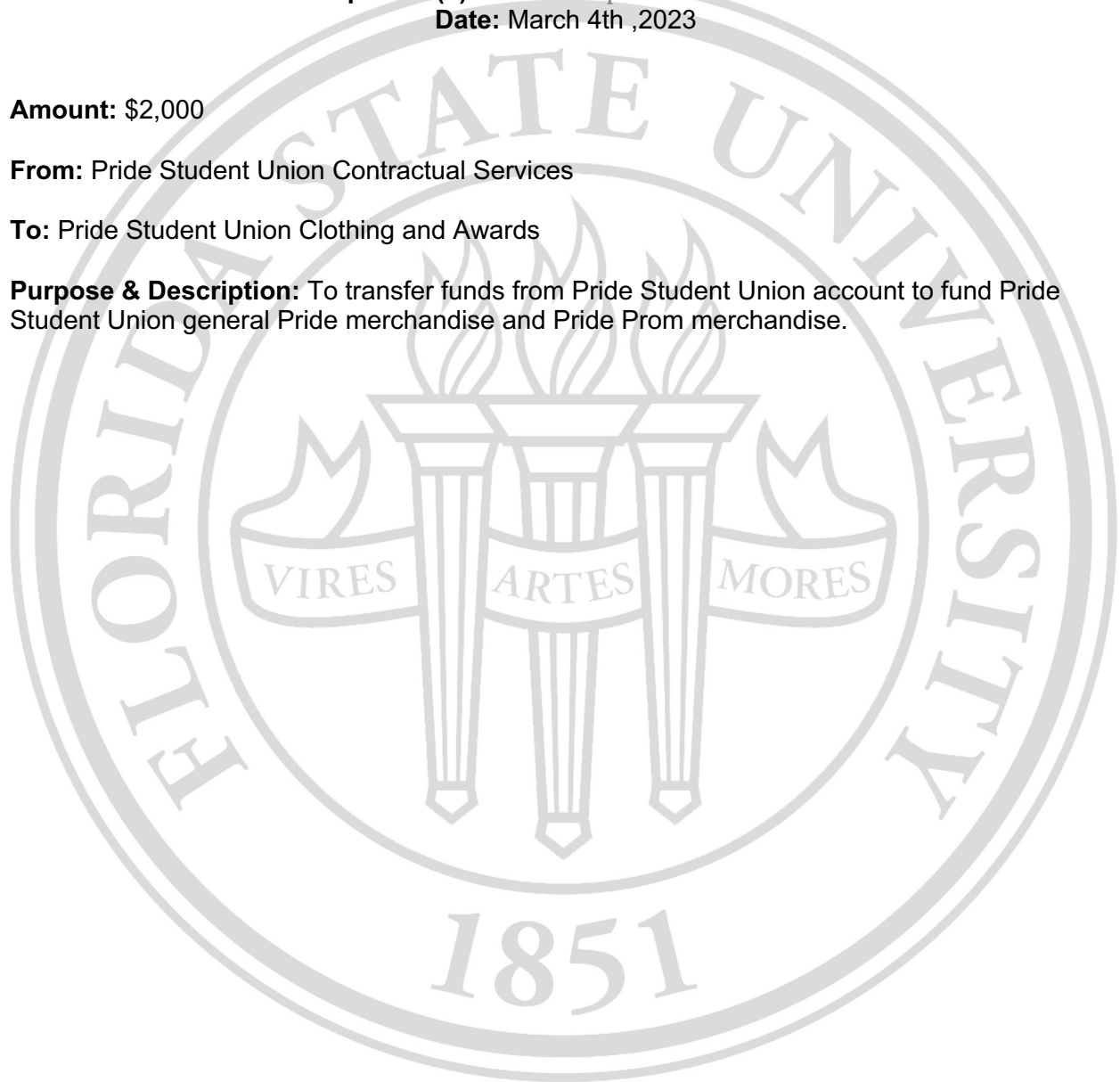
Date: March 4th ,2023

Amount: \$2,000

From: Pride Student Union Contractual Services

To: Pride Student Union Clothing and Awards

Purpose & Description: To transfer funds from Pride Student Union account to fund Pride Student Union general Pride merchandise and Pride Prom merchandise.



75th STUDENT SENATE Allocation, Revision or Transfer Form

Bill #: 35

Primary Sponsor: LoBianco

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

Date: March 6th, 2023

Amount: \$1,445.12

From (account name): Senate Projects

To (account name): All Night Yahtzee

Purpose & Description: A transfer of \$1,445.12 is made from Senate Projects to All Night Yahtzee to assist them in covering registration for the Boston Sings Acappella Festival.

Itemized Expenditures:

| Quantity | Description | Unit Price |
|----------|--------------|------------|
| 16 | Registration | \$90.32 |

Total: \$1,445.12

75th STUDENT SENATE Allocation, Revision or Transfer Form

Bill #: 36

Primary Sponsor: Bettley

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

Date: March 7, 2023

Amount: \$846

From (account name): Senate Projects

To (account name): FL PIRG Students

Purpose & Description: To fund FL PIRG Students' food distribution event on March 11th.

Itemized Expenditures:

| Quantity | Description | Unit Price |
|----------|---|------------|
| 4 | Purcell Hand Sanitizer (72 pack) | \$33.99 |
| 2 | Men's Ankle Socks (150 pack) | \$60.99 |
| 17 | Paper Towels (15 pack) | \$10.49 |
| 1 | Toothbrushes with toothpaste (300 pack) | \$69.99 |
| 1 | Travel bar soap (400 pack) | \$62.99 |
| 3 | Deodorant (96 pack) | \$43.51 |
| 2 | Body Lotion (144 pack) | \$69.99 |

Total: \$845.16

75th STUDENT SENATE

Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 25

Primary Sponsor: Pedraja

Co-Sponsor(s): Anderson, Barrett, Boisvert, Brown, Crusey, Dale, Gummerman, Jones, Lewis, Patel, White, Widmann

Date: February 22, 2023

Whereas: Counseling & Psychological Services at Florida State University provides students with confidential counseling services and mental health resources from licensed staff, and

Whereas: Counseling & Psychological Services provide weekly opportunities for Zoom, in-person, or self-paced Psychoeducation Workshops in order to educate students on topics such as mindfulness, anxiety, depression, resilience, and self-esteem, and

Whereas: Counseling & Psychological Services are available for crisis support, one-on-one sessions, couples sessions, group sessions, and walk-in services accessible on the second floor of the Askew Student Life Center Monday through Friday from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: We encourage those who are seeking mental health resources to connect with Counseling & Psychological Services on campus by calling 850-644-TALK (8255) or visit their office located in 250 Askew Student Life Building, and

Be it further resolved that: We encourage the Student Government Association at Florida State University to help in the promotion of mental health awareness and continue to work with the Mental Health Council to further programing and publicize resources available for the student body, and

Be it further resolved that: We support and will continue to support the initiatives and mission of Counseling & Psychological Services at Florida State University in order to further the health and wellness of the student body 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

Dr. Carlos Gomez, Director of Counseling & Psychological Services

Nimna Gabadage, Student Body President

Kenley Adams, Student Body Vice President

Ashley Boudreaux, Interim Director of Mental Health Council

75th STUDENT SENATE

Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 26

Primary Sponsor: Maglin

Co-Sponsor(s): Alvarez, Anandjiwala, Bettley, Boisvert, Brown, Burton, Carter, Casiple, Chehaitli, Crocker, Dale, Diaz, DuChêne, Fineout, Folwell, Humberg, Jones, Kariher, LoBianco, Mantilla, McMahan, Prui, Salazar, Severy, St. Hilaire, Walerio, Widmann

Date: February 28th, 2023

Whereas: College students are inherently at a higher risk for the development of mental health complications due to the disruptions associated with attending college as well as exposure to new stressors, substances, and experiences. Additionally, by twenty-five years of age, seventy-five percent of people who will develop a mental disorder have had their first onset (Kessler et al. 2005), and

Whereas: Prior to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the prevalence of Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD) and Major Depressive Disorder (MDD) amongst undergraduate and graduate students were fifteen to twenty-five percent and twenty-five to twenty-eight percent respectively (Chirkov et al. 2020). After the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, those ranges of GAD and MDD prevalence increased to thirty-one to thirty-nine percent and thirty-two to forty-eight percent respectively (Soria et al. 2021). This increase in anxiety and depressive disorders is a result of the emotional turmoil, isolation, and revocation of human experience caused by the pandemic, and

Whereas: The maintenance of mental health is necessary for student advancement, retention, and wellness. Florida State University offers a variety of mental health services, but awareness and utilization of these services lacks across the student population. A variety of circumstances can impede students' ability to utilize these services, thus its efficacy is not fully potentiated. Additionally, the number of students impacted by mental health issues severely outweighs the number of mental health professionals available, therefore initiatives that impact the entire student body should be considered to account for these limitations, and

Whereas: According to the Florida State University academic calendars, the Fall semesters typically consist of seventy-five (75) days of classes and three (3) recognized class cancellations. These cancellations are as follows: Labor Day (September 5th), Veteran's Day (November 11th), and Thanksgiving Break (November 23rd-27th). The Spring semesters typically consist of seventy-nine (79) days of classes and two (2) recognized class cancellations. These cancellations are as follows: Martin Luther King Jr. Day (January 16th) and Spring Break (March 13th-17th), and

Whereas: During the Spring semesters, the first recognized class cancellation typically occurs within the first two (2) weeks of classes. Thus, there are forty (40) consecutive school days without reprieve, increasing the likelihood for mental and academic burnout during this period, and

Whereas: The implementation of one additional recognized class cancellation into Florida State University's academic calendar ~~to be designated as a university-wide "Mental Health Day", and to be decided by~~ **dedicated to the prioritization of mental wellness, decided upon by** the

appropriate administrative staff, during which all classes cease for undergraduate, graduate, and faculty populations would provide directly observable benefits to student and faculty mental health, and

Whereas: The intention of this day is to prompt a university-wide ~~appreciation and advocacy~~ **advocacy and appreciation** for mental health. Class cancellation removes academic pressure as a stressor from undergraduate and graduate students' lives and allows students and faculty an opportunity to address any outstanding mental, personal, or familial issues, and

Whereas: This day would not prompt university-wide closure, as transportation services, dining locations, student spaces (Student Union, Campus Recreation facilities, etc.), the libraries, and administrative staff would continue scheduled operation, and

Whereas: Amendments to the official Florida State University academic calendar cannot take effect until at least a year after the change is enacted, thus all teaching faculty would receive ample time and notification to adjust Spring teaching curriculums in response to the selected "Mental Health Day" **calendar day**, and

Whereas: Florida State University's Panama City campus follows the academic calendar established by Florida State University's Tallahassee administration, so the undergraduate, graduate, and faculty populations would cease courses held on the selected day, and

Whereas: Any changes to the official Florida State University academic calendar must be communicated with the appropriate administration at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University via the Registrar offices to account for the students at both universities within the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering. The Registrar offices of both Florida State University and Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University meet annually to accommodate the needs of the College of Engineering and account for any changes to each university's schedule. The implementation of this university-wide "Mental Health Day" **day for mental wellness** will need to be communicated between the Registrar offices so that courses for undergraduate, graduate and faculty populations within the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering are effectively canceled on the selected day, and

Whereas: The professional graduate programs within the Colleges of Law and Medicine operate under academic calendars that differ from the general undergraduate and graduate populations, thus it shall be up to the discretion of the administration within these programs and the university Registrar office to determine if annual participation in the university-wide "Mental Health Day" is appropriate, and

Whereas: ~~As Florida State University's International Program campuses operate under a separate academic calendar and administrative jurisdiction from the Tallahassee and Panama City campuses, therefore these programs are exempt from this change, and~~ **Florida State University's International Program campuses follow academic calendars that are adjusted to best align with their residing country's customs and program needs.** **Therefore, it shall be up to the discretion of the administration within these programs to determine if annual implementation and participation in this initiative is appropriate, and**

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: This body strongly encourages the appropriate Florida State University administrative offices to deliberate this request and consider the implementation of a university-wide "Mental Health Day" **of a university-wide class cancellation dedicated to the advocacy, appreciation, and**

prioritization of mental wellness which would produce observable, tangible benefits to overall ~~student mental health~~ **student and faculty well-being** at this University, and

Be it further resolved that: In addition to removing academia as a stressor from students' lives, this additional class cancellation produces an excellent opportunity for wellness-based programming to take place on the selected day. Potential programming opportunities on the selected day would center around mental health awareness, appreciation, and de-stigmatization. Entities within Florida State University's Student Government Association (i.e., Identity-Based Agencies, the Bureaus, the Executive Branch, etc.) and a variety of Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) may work in conjunction with other facets of student life to generate programming which would ultimately generate a larger sense of community on both Panama City and Tallahassee campuses, and

Be it further resolved that: The mission of the Mental Health Council at Florida State University is to "empower students with mental health resources through de-stigmatization, community involvement, and advocacy" (Student Body Statutes, 915.1.C.). As the intention surrounding programming for this "~~Mental Health Day~~" **proposed day** aligns with the purposes outlined in the Florida State University Student Body Statutes, primary organization of events, initiatives, and programs will be annually led by the Mental Health Council, and

Be it further resolved that: This body urges Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University's Student Government Association to meet with their appropriate administration to begin processes to enact their own ~~campus-wide mental health day~~ **university-wide mental wellness initiative** to be determined in conjunction with Florida State University's administration to account for the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical students within the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering. If a "~~Mental Health Day~~" **this initiative** is held on the same day between Florida State University and Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, then logistical concerns regarding the College of Engineering will cease, as the College will directly follow the changes to the academic calendars. Additionally, if enacted on Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University's campus, then Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University's and Florida State University's Student Government Associations can increase overall communication and accountability to annually work together to plan events and initiatives that will bring the two universities together to appreciate and advocate for mental health on the selected day, and

Be it further resolved that: In the event that Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University cannot implement their own "~~Mental Health Day~~" **day for mental respite** that is held in conjunction with Florida State University, the students within the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering are up to the discretion of appropriate academic administrators to decide if the university-wide class cancellation is appropriate. If this is the case, mental-health-based programming will still be held at the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering campus to promote mental health resources, awareness, and advocacy for these undergraduate and graduate students, and

Be it further resolved that: Student Senator, Isaiah Long, representing the Student Government Council at Florida State University's Panama City campus has written a statement on behalf of the Student Government Council's perspective on this initiative which reads: "Members of the Florida State University Student Government Association Senate, I am writing to express the support of the FSU Panama City Student Government Council for the Mental Health Day resolution. We believe that mental health is a critical component of overall well-being, and that prioritizing mental health awareness and resources is essential to ensuring the

success and happiness of our student body. As a branch of the larger FSU community, we recognize the importance of taking action to promote mental health, particularly considering the challenges and stresses faced by students in today's world. We believe that dedicating a day to mental health awareness and education would be a valuable step in this direction. We appreciate the efforts of the FSU Student Senate in advocating for this important issue and urge you to continue to prioritize the well-being of our fellow students. I additionally, encourage the FSU Student Senate to offer Zoom accommodations for future matters of FSU Panama City. Please feel free to contact us if we can be of any assistance on this matter. Go Noles, Isaiah Long, Senator, 41st Student Government Council, Florida State University Panama City”, and

Be it further resolved that: If implemented, the Mental Health Council in conjunction with other facets of student life will draft a contingency plan to be completed prior to the Spring of 2024 which would outline the logistics, funding allocations, events, and ideas for future Student Government Association, Registered Student Organizations, and administrative leaders to reference annually, and

Be it further resolved that: The implementation of this day emphasizes the value that Florida State University administration places on its students' overall health, both physical and mental. This initiative will create a longstanding legacy of community, understanding, and academic success at Florida State University in years to come.

Therefore, be it further resolved that: A copy of this resolution be sent to:

Dr. Richard McCullough, President of Florida State University
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President of Student Affairs
Dr. Janet Kistner, Vice President for Faculty Development
Dr. Kim Barber, University Registrar at Florida State University
Dr. Angela L. Chong, J.D., Associate Vice President for Student Affairs
Dr. Zduy Peter Chu, Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs
Dr. LaToya Stackhouse, EdD., Director of Student Affairs, Florida State University's Panama City Campus
Kristal Greaves, Student Activities Coordinator at Florida State University's Panama City Campus
Lucy Rodriguez, Student Engagement Coordinator at Florida State University's Panama City Campus
Michael McLaughlin, LCSW, Mental Health Specialist at Florida State University's Panama City Campus
Dr. Mark Riley, Dean of the Graduate Schools
Dr. Michelle Rambo-Roddenberry, Associate Dean of the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering
Dr. Carlos J. Gomez, Director of Counseling and Psychological Services
Dr. Felicia Williams, Director of Student Governance and Advocacy
Jacalyn Butts, Assistant Director of Student Governance and Advocacy
Ninma Gabadage, Student Body President of Florida State University
Kenley Adams, Student Body Vice President of Florida State University
Sam Diaz, President of the 75th Student Senate at Florida State University
Patrick DuChêne, Pro-Tempore of the 75th Student Senate at Florida State University
Daniel Muniz, Director of Student Wellness for the Executive Cabinet
Tyler Tice, President of Panama City's Student Government Council
Luis Basualdo, Speaker of the 31st Congress of Graduate Students
Elijah Hooks, Student Senator at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
Jeffrey Francis, Student Body Vice President-Elect at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University

Ashley Boudreaux, ~~Interim~~ Executive Director of Florida State University's Mental Health Council



75th STUDENT SENATE

Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 27

Primary Sponsor: Diaz, DuChêne

Co-Sponsor(s): Bettley, Boisvert, Brown, Carter, Casiple, Chehaitli, Dale, Fineout, Kariher, Lewis, LoBianco, Maglin, Mantilla, McEntyre, McMahon, Patel-Qadir, Rivers, Severy, Walerio, Widmann

Date: February 28, 2023

Whereas: The mission of the Student Government Association (SGA) is to provide FSU students with representation, services, and advocacy within the university structure. The SGA provides quality leadership for, and accountability to, its constituency by recognizing that strength arises from diversity, engagement, and dialogue, and

Whereas: Diversity, equity, and inclusion are all central pillars of a modern, world-class education in the 21st century, and

Whereas: Through their rhetoric, political leaders in the State of Florida have, for months, attacked, downplayed, and belittled the importance and impact that diversity, equity, and inclusion have had in our society, and

Whereas: State Representative Alex Andrade has filed HB 999 in the Florida House of Representatives, which would block Florida State University's ability to "expend any funds, regardless of source" on efforts to "promote, support, or maintain any programs or campus activities that ... espouse diversity, equity, and inclusion or Critical Race Theory rhetoric," and

Whereas: This provision in the proposed legislation has the potential to wholly dismantle entities promoted by Florida State University and this Student Government Association, which have been the backbone of student life for decades, including the Center for Leadership & Social Change, CARE, the RISE Office, and the Student Government agencies, including the Asian American Student Union, Black Student Union, Hispanic/Latinx Student Union, Jewish Student Union, Pride Student Union, Veterans Student Union, and Women's Student Union, and

Whereas: This erasure would constitute an unprecedented attack on the minority communities served by these entities, and would be a shameful step backwards in our efforts to form a united community and Student Body, and

Whereas: This bill would also overhaul the educational standards for general education courses by suppressing more nuanced views of events in American history while promoting ethnocentric "philosophical underpinnings of Western civilization," and

Whereas: This bill would take steps toward prohibiting state universities from offering majors or minors in the fields of "critical race theory, gender studies, or intersectionality, or any derivative major or minor of these belief systems," and

Whereas: The changes made in the bill to the faculty hiring and tenure review process further weaken academic freedom in Florida by threatening professors and the curricula they teach by allowing for tenure review "at any time with cause," and

Whereas: HB 999 specifically targets the Florida State University's Institute of Politics (IOP) by removing references to the Institute's mission to "nurture a greater awareness of and passion for public service and politics" and to "provide students with an opportunity to be politically active and civically engaged" erode the purpose of the Institute, and

Whereas: The Institute of Politics is further made weaker in its purpose by removing its stated intent to provide fellowships and internships to students interested in non-profit and community organizations, and strictly limits IOP fellows to pursue internships in government through its programming, and

Whereas: Student Body Statute 908.7(B) allows for the Student Senate to amend the Student Body Legislative Agenda in conjunction with the Office of Governmental Affairs (OGA), therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: The Student Senate, in its efforts to live up to the Student Government's motto of promoting "unity and diversity," condemns House Bill 999, as proposed in the 2023 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature, in the strongest possible terms, and

Be it further resolved that: Pursuant to Student Body Statute 908.7(B), the 75th Student Senate hereby amends the 2023 Student Body Legislative Agenda by stating its strong and steadfast opposition to HB 999 for the aforementioned reasons, and

Be it further resolved that: In line with Resolution 15 of the 75th Student Senate, the Senate reiterates its opinion that higher education is an opportunity for interested students to pursue academia in a way that is expansive and exploratory in nature, and thus condemns any attempts to limit instruction of the following topics: critical race theory, gender studies, intersectionality, and the histories of minority groups, and

Be it further resolved that: As long as it is in operation, the Student Senate at Florida State University will always stand with marginalized communities at Florida State University, and with the entities across the breadth of this university that work tirelessly to support said communities, and

Be it lastly resolved that: A copy of this resolution be sent to:
Trevor Schaettle, Legislative Aide to Representative Alex Andrade
Dr. Richard McCullough, President of Florida State University
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs at Florida State University
Dr. Brandon Bowden, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs at Florida State University
Dr. Felicia Williams, Director of Student Engagement at Florida State University
Clay Ingram, Chief Legislative Affairs Officer of Florida State University
Nimna Gabadage, Student Body President at Florida State University
Kenley Adams, Student Body Vice President at Florida State University
The Executive Cabinet of the Florida State University Student Government Association
The Executive Agency Directors of the Florida State University Student Government Association
The Board of Directors of the Office of Governmental Affairs at Florida State University

75th STUDENT SENATE

Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 28

Primary Sponsor: Kariher

Co-Sponsors: Anandjiwala, Bettley, Carter, Crocker, Chehaitli, Dale, DuChêne, Fineout, Folwell, Humberg, LoBianco, McEntyre, Maglin, Rivers, Salazar, Severy, St. Hilaire

Date: March 7th, 2023

Whereas: This body values the dignity of all persons, and

Whereas: Florida House Bill 1421 states that public postsecondary institutions may not provide funding or reimbursement for gender affirming care, and

Whereas: Florida House Bill 1421 prohibits anyone in the State of Florida from changing their sex assigned at birth, and

Whereas: Florida House Bill 1421 prohibits health insurance policies from providing coverage for gender affirming care, and

Whereas: Florida House Bill 1421 prohibits health maintenance contracts from providing coverage for gender affirming care, and

Whereas: The public state universities are leading the nation in gender affirming care and provide an affordable way for patients to access physicians specialized in transgender primary care, hormone therapy, hair removal, mental health services, OBGYN services, surgical care, urology, and voice therapy, and

Whereas: According to the American Medical Society, youth who receive gender affirming care had a 60% lower odds of moderate or severe depression and 73% lower odds of suicidality, and

Whereas: The American Medical Society states that interfering in the medical care of transgender youth would be detrimental to their health, and these measures insert the government into clinical decision-making and force physicians to disregard clinical guidelines, therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: The passage of Florida House Bill 1421, or any bill that aims at limiting or banning gender affirming care is antithetical to the values of our institution and is condemned in the strongest possible terms, and

Be it further resolved that: The 75th Student Senate amends the Legislative Agenda by strongly opposing House Bill 1421, and

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

Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President of Student Affairs

Dr. Brandon Bowden, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs

Dr. Amy Magnuson, Florida State University Health and Wellness Director

Dr. Christopher DeLisle, Florida State University Health and Wellness Medical Director

Nimna Gabadage, Student Body President
Kenley Adams, Student Body Vice President
Ash Soto, Director of Pride Student Union
Marcus Williams, Center Director of Pride Student Union
Grace Wilson Fennema, Advisor of Pride Student Union
Clay Ingram, Florida State University Chief Legislative Affairs Officer
Jason Puwalski, Director of Office of Governmental Affairs



75th STUDENT SENATE

Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 29

Primary Sponsor: Carter, Folwell

Co-Sponsor(s): Bettley, Chehaitli, DuChene, Kariher, Widmann

Date: March 7th, 2023

Whereas: On March 7, 2023, Florida State Senator Erin Grall proposed Senate Bill 300, “Pregnancy and Parenting Support”; and

Whereas: This bill outlines a near-complete ban on abortions that occur after six weeks of gestation in the state of Florida, with exceptions for survivors of incest and rape, whose abortion access is limited to occur before fifteen weeks of gestation; and

Whereas: This transgression of reproductive rights is just the latest in a long series of attacks from a local, state, and national level, which started with the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court case *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*, which overturned the historical precedent set in *Roe v. Wade* that legalized abortion nationwide, and the Florida passage of the “Reducing Fetal and Infant Mortality Act”, which banned abortions after fifteen weeks of gestation; and

Whereas: Though the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* did not itself ban abortion, it did open the door for malicious legislators to attempt to institute such bans, as can be seen through the archaic Senate Bill 300; and

Whereas: Florida’s Constitution guarantees the right to privacy in Article I, Section 23, which would seem to prohibit any bans such as the ones already passed and proposed; and

Whereas: The most effective way to reduce abortions does not come through the restriction of reproductive freedoms, but rather through the expansion of access to contraceptives, which sees far higher rates of success, according to the Guttmacher Institute; and

Whereas: Abortion bans disproportionately affect college students, as 42% of all abortions are obtained by individuals aged 18-24, according to the Guttmacher Institute; and

Whereas: Abortion bans have been proven to decrease college enrollment, specifically for Black women, reduce out-of-state enrollment in anti-abortion states, disrupt medical school training, encourage qualified faculty to discontinue their employment in anti-abortion states, and enable innumerable troubling effects on institutions of higher education, according to the Brookings Institute; and

Whereas: It is the duty of the Student Senate to defend the rights and wellbeing of students with or without uteruses at Florida State University; and

Whereas: Although the Student Senate cannot directly introduce legislation on a state or national level to alleviate the concerns that have resulted from recently proposed legislation and

court decisions, it can address the issues and urge lawmakers to consider the implications of their actions, in order to best represent the Florida State University Student Body; therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: The Florida State University Student Senate condemns Senate Bill 300, "Pregnancy and Parenting Support", in the highest possible terms; and

Be it further resolved that: The Student Senate stands with all students affected by this legislation and will continue to provide support to best ensure that the wellness of the Student Body remains in tact; and

Be it further resolved that: The Student Senate encourages Florida legislators and courts to review the Florida Constitution, which makes Senate Bill 300 illegal and an inherent violation of the privacy of Florida citizens and residents; and

Be it further resolved that: The Student Senate, as the elected representatives of the Student Body, reminds the Florida legislature that they represent and serve their constituents, and that the 30,000 voters who are students at Florida State University stand against Senate Bill 300, and to consider the alarming ramifications of this legislation during voting; and

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

Dr. Richard McCullough, President of Florida State University

Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs at Florida State University

Nimna Gabadage, Student Body President

Kenley Adams, Student Body Vice President

Sam Diaz, Student Senate President

Emma Daly, Director of the Women Student Union

Kaitlynn Adams, Political Action Coordinator of the Women Student Union

Clay Ingram, Chief Legislative Affairs Officer at Florida State University

Ron DeSantis, Governor of Florida

Kathleen Passidomo, President of the Florida Senate

Paul Renner, Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives

Erin Grall, Sponsor of Senate Bill 300