

# 75<sup>th</sup> STUDENT SENATE LEGISLATION PACKET April 26, 2023

This legislation is up-to-date as of the publishing date. Any questions or concerns can be addressed to [senateclerk.fsu@gmail.com](mailto:senateclerk.fsu@gmail.com).

In Unconquered Pride,

Sofia Binjaku  
75th Student Senate Clerk  
Florida State University

**CONTENTS:** Click or tap here to enter text.

- **Bill 51, Sponsored by Senator Widmann (P):** A transfer of \$3,420 from Senate Projects to Facilities to purchase and install one water station with bottle filler in the Bellamy Building on FSU's Campus.
- **Bill 52, Sponsored by Senators Salazar (P):** This eliminates the position of secretary from being a major office.
- **Bill 56, Sponsored by Senator Humberg (P):** This bill would allow students enrolled in the Panama City campus the ability to vote for Student Body Treasurer, and also amends the Panama City statutes to modernize the language surrounding their voting procedures.
- **Bill 57, Sponsored by Senators Diaz and Khosh (P):** Amending the appointment procedures for at-large members of the Golden Torch Lecture Series committee, and for other purposes.
- **Bill 58, Sponsored by Senator Gummerman (P):** This was requested by Homecoming to fix their titles in statutes.
- **Bill 59, Sponsored by Senator LoBianco (P):** A transfer of \$5000.00 is made from the VSU Expenses to VSU Clothing and Awards.
- **Bill 60, Sponsored by Senator Raiford (P):** Transferring money from the BSU accounts to buy supplies for summer events with CARE. Helps acclimate new students on campus.
- **Bill 61, Sponsored by Senator Raiford (P):** Transferring funds from BSU's Contractual Services to Clothing & Awards for summer events with CARE.
- **Bill 62, Sponsored by Senator Raiford (P):** Transferring funds from BSU's Contractual Services to Expenses for summer events with CARE.
- **Resolution 38, Sponsored by Senators Dale and Folwell (P):** This resolution opposes the practice of "sugarcane burning".
- **Resolution 42, Sponsored by Senator Lento and White (P):** A resolution praising Florida State University's recent advancements, and commending the current administration's dedication towards furthering these gains.
- **Resolution 43, Sponsored by Senators Seeger and Widmann (P):** Approving allocations made by the Student Academic Program Committee, pursuant to Chapter 614 of Student Body Statutes.
- **Resolution 44, Sponsored by Senators Salazar and White (P):** To amend the Student Senate Rules of Procedures to help our committees work more efficiently.

- **Resolution 45, Sponsored by Senator Widmann (P):** A resolution honoring a valued advisor and faculty member for their hard work and dedication within the Department of Student Governance and Advocacy.



# 75<sup>th</sup> STUDENT SENATE Allocation, Revision or Transfer Form

Bill #: 51

Primary Sponsor: Widmann

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

Date: April 6, 2023

Amount: ~~\$3,420~~ \$1,261.37

From (account name): Senate Projects

To (account name): ~~Facilities~~ Executive Projects

**Purpose & Description:** A transfer of ~~\$3,420~~ \$1,261.37 from Senate Projects to Executive Projects to purchase and install one water station with bottle filler in the Bellamy Building on FSU's Campus.

**Itemized Expenditures:**

Quantity	Description	Unit Price
1	Elkay Model EZS8WSLK Unit Installation and Purchase	<del>\$3,420</del> <u>\$1,261.37</u>

Total: ~~\$3,420~~  
\$1,261.37

# 75<sup>th</sup> STUDENT SENATE

## Statute Revision, Addition or Proposed Constitutional Amendment Form

Senate Bill #: 52

Primary Sponsor: Salazar

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

Date: April 10, 2023

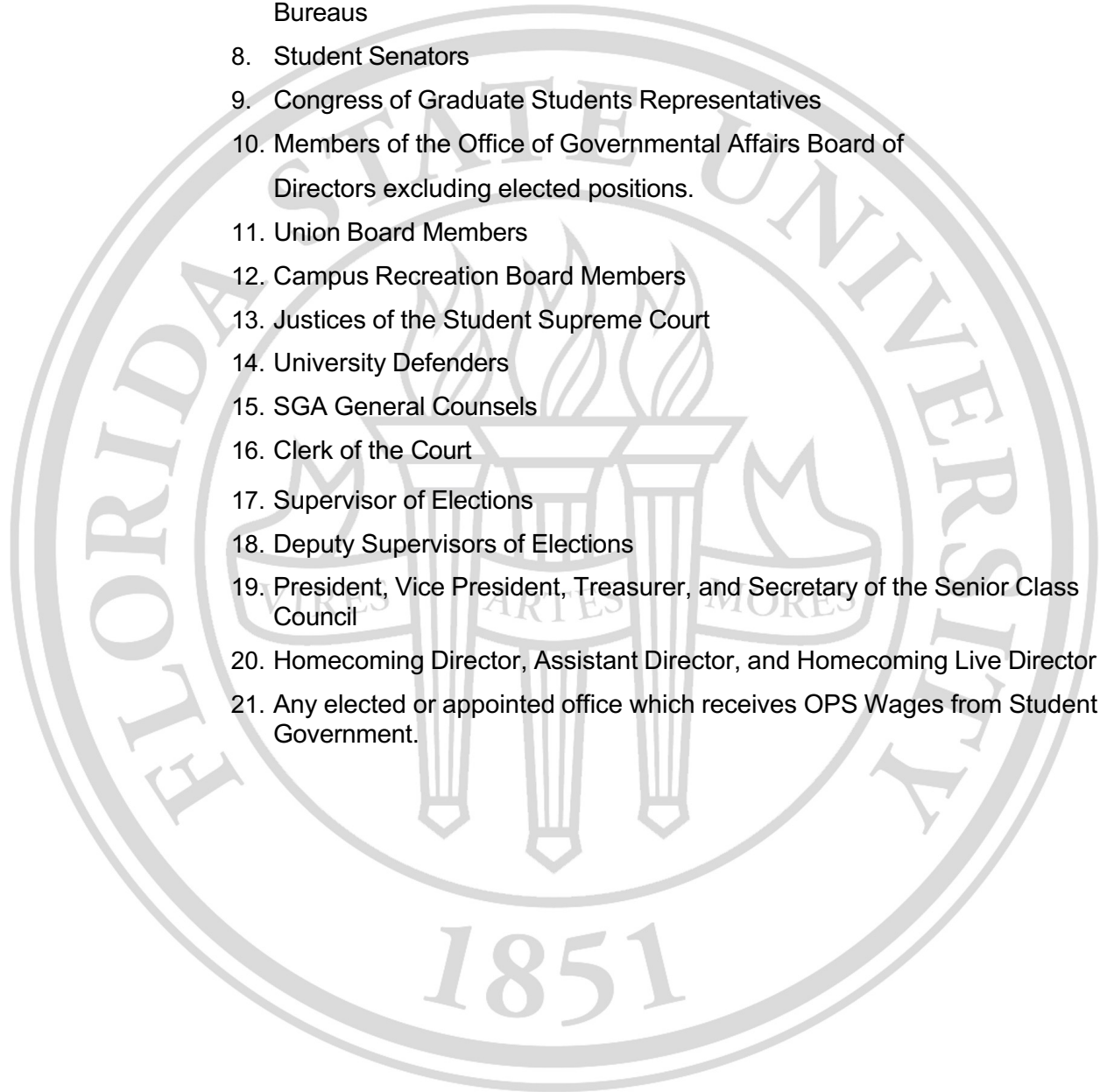
**Purpose & Description:** To remove from the position of Secretaries of Agencies and Bureaus from the list of Major Offices.

**Statute Number(s):** 100.5

**Statute/Amendment Text** (please copy below from Word version on Statutes)

- 100.1 Major Offices
- A. Definitions
1. Director - The chief executive of an entity.
  2. Assistant Director - The individual who would assume the role of the chief executive of an entity in the absence of the chief executive.
  3. Treasurer - The individual in charge of monitoring the finances of an entity.
  4. ~~Secretary - The individual in charge of taking minutes at board meetings of an entity.~~
- B. The definitions listed in this statute shall include any positions which fit the criteria of the definition.
- C. Within the Student Body the following elected or appointed offices shall be considered major offices
1. Student Body President
  2. Student Body Vice President

3. Student Body Treasurer
4. Student Body Attorney General
5. Members of the Executive Office of the President
6. Cabinet Officers
7. Directors, Assistant Directors, Secretaries, Treasurers of Agencies and Bureaus
8. Student Senators
9. Congress of Graduate Students Representatives
10. Members of the Office of Governmental Affairs Board of Directors excluding elected positions.
11. Union Board Members
12. Campus Recreation Board Members
13. Justices of the Student Supreme Court
14. University Defenders
15. SGA General Counsels
16. Clerk of the Court
17. Supervisor of Elections
18. Deputy Supervisors of Elections
19. President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary of the Senior Class Council
20. Homecoming Director, Assistant Director, and Homecoming Live Director
21. Any elected or appointed office which receives OPS Wages from Student Government.



# 75<sup>th</sup> STUDENT SENATE

## Statute Revision, Addition or Proposed Constitutional Amendment Form

Senate Bill #: 56

Primary Sponsor: Humberg

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

Date: April 18, 2023

**Purpose & Description:** Streamlining language pertaining to the FSU Panama City campus's election procedures, and allowing them to vote for Student Body Treasurer.

**Statute Number(s):** SBS §603.2

**Statute/Amendment Text:**

603.2 PCC Student Elections

A. Franchise

1. All students enrolled at PCC are eligible to vote in the semi-annual PCCSGC elections. Students enrolled at the main campus are ineligible to vote in the semi-annual PCC-SGC elections.
2. All students enrolled at PCC are eligible to vote in FSU-SGA Presidential, ~~and Vice Presidential, and Treasurer~~ elections and/or on Amendments to the Student Body Constitution, in the manner outlined by the FSU-SGA Supervisor of Elections in accordance with Chapter 700 of Student Body Statutes. ~~either by absentee ballot or by vote at a poll established at PCC by FSU-SGA. All sealed absentee ballots are to be delivered to the Commissioner of Elections by the day of voting at the Tallahassee campus.~~



**75<sup>th</sup> STUDENT SENATE**  
**Statute Revision, Addition or Proposed Constitutional**  
**Amendment Form**

**Senate Bill #: 57**

**Primary Sponsor:** Diaz, Khosh

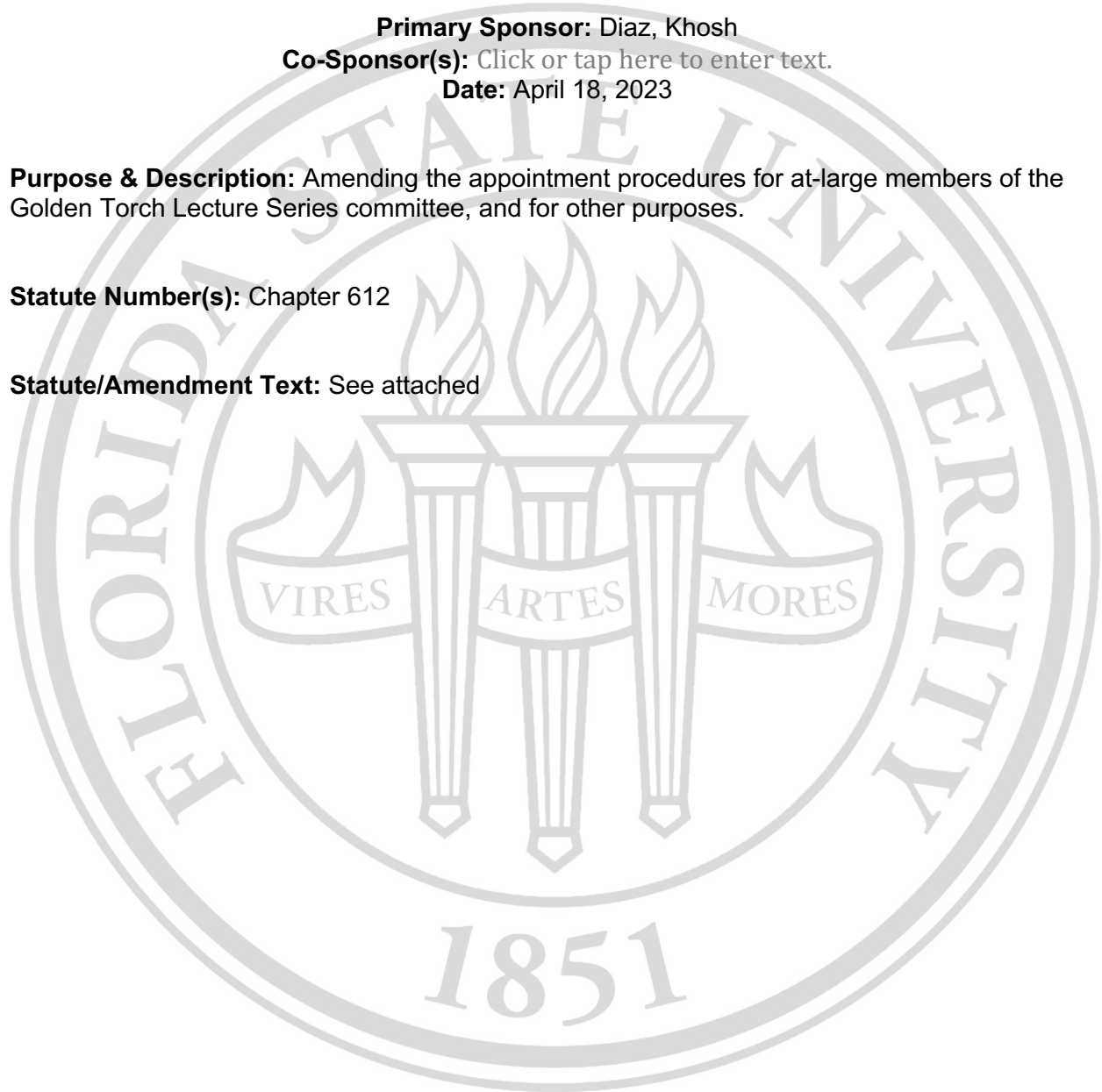
**Co-Sponsor(s):** [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

**Date:** April 18, 2023

**Purpose & Description:** Amending the appointment procedures for at-large members of the Golden Torch Lecture Series committee, and for other purposes.

**Statute Number(s):** Chapter 612

**Statute/Amendment Text:** See attached



## CHAPTER 612 The Student Government Golden Torch Lecture Series

*History: Added by the 58th Senate Bill 71. Revised by the 59th Senate Bill 50. Revised by the 60th Senate Bill 32. Revised by the 62nd Senate Bill 105. Revised by the 66th Senate Bill 1. Revised by the 69th Senate Bill 52. Revised by the 70th Senate Bill 32. Revised by the 73rd Senate Bill 24.*

### 612.1

#### A. Adoption

There shall be a joint initiative of the Executive Branch, Legislative Branch, and Union Productions called the Golden Torch Lecture Series.

#### B. Purpose

The purpose of this act is to provide the student body with a series of speakers sponsored by the Student Government Association. The Golden Torch Lecture Series will be an academically focused speaker series that attempts to connect students to outstanding individuals who are either experts in their field or working at the forefront of a relevant political or social issue. The mission of the series is to engage students in issues and dialogue that will positively benefit their overall academic, scholastic, or humanitarian experience.

### 612.2 Committee Composition and Terms

#### A. The Golden Torch Lecture Series Committee, hereby to be referred to for the purposes of this statute as "The committee", shall consist of the following:

##### 1. The Committee shall consist of:

- a. Director of the Center for Global Engagement or designee
- b. Two (2) faculty-at-large members appointed by the Faculty Senate
- c. Student Body President or designee
- d. Student Senate President or designee
- e. Four (4) Students-at-large members appointed by the Student Body President
- f. One (1) Student Senators appointed by the Senate President
- g. Union Production Lectures Director
- h. Union Productions Public Relations and Marketing Director
- i. Union Productions Programming Director

#### ~~B. Committee appointments under section 612.2 (A) (1) (e,f) shall last for one (1) year, thereafter reappointment shall be conducted as per statutes.~~

#### B. Sub-Committees

##### a. Public Relations Committee

- i. The Golden Torch Lecture Series shall have the power to institute a Public Relations Committee to oversee functions related to proper event advertisement.



1. This sub-committee shall consist of:

- a. The Vice-Chair
- b. Union Productions Public Relations and Marketing Director
- c. At least 2 (two) Student Appointees as defined by 612.2 (A)

~~612.3 Selection of Faculty at Large Members and Student at Large Members  
Appointment of At-Large Members~~

~~A. The Student Body President, Student Senate President, and Faculty Senate shall forward their appointments to the Golden Torch Lecture Series committee via email by the end of the Spring semester.~~

~~B. Appointments to the Golden Torch Lecture Series committee shall last for approximately one academic year before being subject to reappointment in the Spring pursuant to Section 612.3(A).~~

~~A. The Student Government Association Student Body President shall appoint four (4) students at large to serve as members on the committee. Both student shall be from different colleges or division on campus.~~

~~1. The Student Body President must forward candidates to the Student Senate by the end of January of every year. In the case that this is not done, all applicants will be sent to the Senate for appointment at the next regularly schedules session.~~

~~B. The Faculty Senate shall appoint two Faculty at large members through the internal procedures of the Faculty Senate to serve as members on the committee. Both shall be different colleges or divisions of campus.~~

612.4 The Chair shall be the Union Productions Lectures Chair, and the Vice Chair shall be elected by the Golden Torch Committee. The Vice Chair can be any student on the committee.

A. Duties of the Chair

1. Call and preside over all meetings and general business of the committee.
2. Ensure compliance of Title VIII of Student Body Statutes.
3. Prepare, and submit to the Student Senate, a proposed budget for each fiscal year.

B. Duties of the Vice Chair

1. Perform the duties of the Chair in their absence.
2. Maintain accurate minutes and records of the committee meetings.
3. Other duties delegated by the Chair.

4. Give monthly updates to Senate regarding the Golden Torch Lecture Series Committee.

#### 612.5 Powers and Duties

- A. The committee is primarily responsible for organizing and administering a ~~semesterly~~ or yearly Golden Torch Lecture Series.
  1. The committee shall also be responsible for organizing any speaker scheduled for Martin Luther King Jr. week that is sponsored by the Student Government Association.
  2. The committee shall hold meetings on a monthly basis.
- B. The Committee shall research adequate speakers that will provide educational content for the student body.
- C. The Committee shall provide speakers who discuss topics pertinent to the Florida State University student body.
- D. The Committee shall provide no less than two (2) speakers per year.
  1. This clause does not apply for any speaker scheduled for Martin Luther King Jr. week that is sponsored by the Student Government Association.
- E. The Committee shall be responsible for adequate advertisement of speakers no less than one week prior to the event. The advertisement shall consist of the time, date, location, name of speaker, and topic to be discussed.
- F. The Committee shall submit reports to the Student Senate once per semester discussing progress and actions taken.
- G. The Committee shall adopt its own rules of procedure for its organization, administration, and procedures.
  1. The committee shall be able to appoint any ex-officio non-voting members as desired through a majority vote of the committee.
- H. The Committee shall exercise sole authority over the expenditure of funds allocated for all or part of any Golden Torch Lecture Series.
- I. The Committee will organize, promote, and fund any individual lecture events the committee deems worthwhile, providing the event is not in conflict with any other provision of law.
- J. The Golden Torch Lecture Series account shall not be swept at the end of the fiscal year.

# 75<sup>th</sup> STUDENT SENATE

## Statute Revision, Addition or Proposed Constitutional Amendment Form

Senate Bill #: 58

Primary Sponsor: Gummerman

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

Date: April 19, 2023

**Purpose & Description:** Amending titles of Homecoming positions.

**Statute Number(s):** Chapter 615

### Statute/Amendment Text

302.4

Duties and Responsibilities of the Class Councils

A. Senior Class Council

1. The SrCC shall strive to keep all Seniors informed and apprised of all graduation requirements and deadlines.
2. The SrCC shall raise funds for the Senior Class gift.
3. The SrCC shall provide programming to build community and pride for graduating year and/or benefit of the members of the Senior Class.
4. The SrCC shall meet at least twice a month.
5. The SrCC shall provide guidance and information to the Junior and Sophomore Class Councils and students of the university who are interested in being a part of the entity.
6. ~~\_\_\_\_\_ The SrCC shall work with the Homecoming Executive Council to choose and present a gift on behalf of their class to the President of Florida State~~

University during the Homecoming Faculty and Staff reception in the Fall.

## Chapter 615 The Homecoming Executive Council

*History: Added by the 55<sup>th</sup> Senate Bill 40. Revised by the 56<sup>th</sup> Senate Bill 73. Revised by the 58<sup>th</sup> Senate Bills 2 and 17. Revised by the 59<sup>th</sup> Senate Bill 20. Revised by the 62<sup>nd</sup> Student Senate Bill 8. Revised by the 70<sup>th</sup> Senate Bill 1. Revised by 73<sup>rd</sup> Senate Bill 25.*

- 615.1 Title  
There shall be an entity of the Student Government Association known as the Homecoming Executive Council.
- 615.2 Purpose and Intent  
The Homecoming Executive Council, hereinafter referred to as HEC, shall unite the Florida State University's administration, faculty, alumni and students in an inclusive celebration of the University's past accomplishments, present projects, and future initiatives.
- 615.3 Procedure for Selection of Homecoming Executive Council Leadership  
[AN1] [AN2]
- A. The Student Government Association Student Body President appoints the leadership of the Homecoming Executive Council consisting of the Overall Director of Homecoming, Overall Assistant Director of Homecoming, and the Homecoming Live Director in consultation with the outgoing Overall Director of Homecoming, the outgoing Overall Assistant Director of Homecoming and the Homecoming Advisor. ~~The outgoing Homecoming Live Director shall be consulted when selecting the incoming Homecoming Live Director.~~
- B. A Special Application is needed to complete the official Overall Homecoming Director, Overall Assistant Director and Homecoming Live Director application, as authorized by ~~the Director of Student Activities Program Coordinator for Homecoming and Traditions~~ or a designee. The application shall be due no later than the end of the fall semester. The application must be available for a minimum of two weeks.
- C. The Advisor to the Homecoming Executive Council shall be the ~~Assistant Director of Student Activities in the Oglesby Union Student Program Coordinator within Student Organizations and Involvement. Program Coordinator for Homecoming and Traditions~~ or a designee.

D. The Homecoming Executive Council shall include, but not be limited to, Overall Director of Homecoming, Overall Assistant Director of Homecoming, and Homecoming Live Director.

E. The Student Body President must forward candidates to the Student Senate by the first Senate of the Spring Semester. In the case that this is not done, all applicants will be sent to the Senate for appointment at the next regularly scheduled session.

615.4 Additional members of the Homecoming Executive Council

A. There shall be a Homecoming Selection Committee that interviews candidates for Homecoming Executive Council positions.

1. This selection committee must consist of the Overall Homecoming Director, and Overall Assistant Director, Homecoming Live Director, Chief of Staff, three (3) Student Senate appointments, SGA Advisor, Homecoming Advisor. The three (3) advisors will be non-voting members of the selection committee.

2. The Student Senate President must appoint three (3) Senate appointments to the committee by the first Senate of the Spring Semester.

B. The Overall Homecoming Director has the authority to set the schedule for the selection committee but all candidates must be selected by the end of February.

C. No candidates for HEC positions can be selected until the selection committee interviews and deliberates on all possible applicants.

615.5 Power and Duties

A. HEC shall:

1. Govern the timeline and event purposes set forth by the overall University Homecoming Committee.

2. Organize events and spirit activities to unite the campus.



3. Submit the annual Homecoming Budget for the entire student body to the Senate Budget Committee.

4. Be the student body's representative member of the Overall University Homecoming Committee as appointed by the Student Body President.

5. Govern the rules and regulations of spirit activities with a majority vote of the HEC.

6. Appeals may be brought before the Student Body President before Homecoming Week. During the week of Homecoming the appeals must be brought to the Director of Student Activities-Program Coordinator for Homecoming and Traditions or a designee.

7. Pursue and include all Student Government Association entities in events and activities.

B. The Advisor for the HEC shall:

1. Work in collaboration with the Overall Homecoming Director and Overall Assistant Director to plan and execute Homecoming events.

2. Support and advise the Homecoming Executive Council in planning, marketing, and executing Homecoming events and activities.

3. Exercise fiduciary responsibility by aiding in negotiations of all contracts and agreements related to Homecoming activities.

4. The Homecoming Advisor shall have full decision-making authority for all risk management/liability issues and logistics the week of Homecoming.

C. The Overall Homecoming Director, Overall Assistant Director of Homecoming, and the Homecoming Live Director shall appoint Assistant Directors to organize and plan the spirit activities of Homecoming Week.

#### 615.5 Meetings

1. HEC shall adopt bylaws for its organization, administration, and procedures.



2. HEC shall meet at least once a month and submit a written and/or oral report to both the Senate and Student Body President.
3. HEC shall hold one (1) "Online Student Homecoming Feedback Survey" where all students and organization heads are invited to provide feedback and suggestions for the next year. These surveys shall be held within three (3) weeks of the conclusion of Homecoming Week.
4. HEC shall hold fall meetings to distribute information to students and organizations.

#### **Chapter 616 The Homecoming Planning Commission**

*History: Revised by the 49th Student Senate Bill 14. Revised by the 50th Student Senate Bill 108. Revised by the 54<sup>th</sup> Student Senate Bill 82. Revised by the 55<sup>th</sup> Student Senate Bill 40. Revised by the 56<sup>th</sup> Senate Bill 73. Revised by the 62<sup>nd</sup> Senate Bill 103. Revised by the 70<sup>th</sup> Senate Bill 1. Revised by 73<sup>rd</sup> Senate Bill 25.*

##### 616.1 Purpose

There shall exist a commission to sub-allocate funds given to Homecoming by the Student Senate and to represent students in issues related to Homecoming. This shall be referred to as the Homecoming Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission.

##### 616.2 Membership

- A. The Commission shall include ~~seven (7)~~ eight (8) voting members and as many ex-officio non-voting members as desired.
- B. The voting members shall be the Student Body President, the Student Body Vice President, Student Senate President, Student Senate Pro Tempore, Overall Homecoming Director, Overall Assistant Director of Homecoming, Homecoming Live Director, and Inter Residence Hall Council Director.
- C. The voting members shall be allowed to send a student designee to vote in their place.
- D. The Chair of the Commission shall be the Student Senate President Pro Tempore.

616.3 Powers

The Commission is responsible for the authorization and scheduling of all Homecoming activities which are funded by A&S Fees.

- A. The Commission shall have the following authority:
1. Assess the effectiveness of the current Homecoming activities.
  2. Sub-allocate A&S funds no later than the third Senate in the month of March in order to fund Homecoming activities for the following year.
  3. Authorize and approve the schedule of those Homecoming activities and events, including Homecoming Live, and War Chant that are is funded by A&S Fees.

616.4 Allocation Procedures

- A. Request forms shall be available on the SGA website by the beginning of the last week of February.
- B. The Commission shall render its final allocation decision by the last Senate in March.
- C. All requests must be submitted to the Homecoming Commission no later than two (2) weeks from when the request form was released.

616.5 Meetings

- A. The Commission shall meet at least weekly while unallocated monies remain.
- B. The Commission shall hold request hearings if necessary.

616.6 Advertising Requirements

The Commission shall advertise the deadline for proposal requests on the Student Government Association Website. The Chair of the Commission should contact previous recipients to inform them the request form was released on the SGA website.

- 616.7 The Commission shall establish its own bylaws and rules of procedure.

**Chapter 617 The Homecoming Live Planning Committee**

*History: Added by the 55<sup>th</sup> Senate Bill 40. Revised by the 56<sup>th</sup> Senate 73. Revised by the 62<sup>nd</sup> Student Senate Bill 8. Revised by the 70<sup>th</sup> Senate Bill 1. Revised by 73<sup>rd</sup> Senate Bill 25.*

617.1 Title

There shall be a Homecoming Live Planning Committee.

617.2 Purpose and Intent

The Homecoming Live Planning Committee, hereinafter referred to as the Homecoming Live Committee, shall organize and promote an FSU pep rally for the students, faculty and staff during Homecoming Week. The pep rally event shall be referred to as Homecoming Live.

617.3 Membership and Officers

A. The Advisor to the Homecoming Live Committee shall be the ~~Director of Student Activities Student Program Coordinator for Traditions~~ Program Coordinator for Homecoming and Traditions or a designee.

B. The Homecoming Live Committee shall include, but not be limited to, Director of Homecoming Live and an Assistant Director of Homecoming Live. ~~appointed by the Student Body President and Assistant Director of Homecoming Live.~~

C. Other officers will be appointed to the Committee to organize and plan the event by the Homecoming Live Director.

617.4 Powers and Duties

The Homecoming Live Committee shall:

1. Organize and finalize the event known as Homecoming Live.
2. Work in collaboration with student leaders and HEC in planning the event.
3. ~~Attend Student Homecoming Feedback meetings held by the Homecoming Director.~~ Review Online Student Homecoming Feedback Survey.
4. All funding of this event will be allocated by the Homecoming Planning Commission.

The Advisor of Homecoming Live shall:

1. Work in collaboration with the Homecoming Live Committee in planning the event.
2. Exercise fiduciary responsibility by negotiating all contracts related to Homecoming Live.
3. Have full decision-making authority for the day of the show and the logistics related to the production.

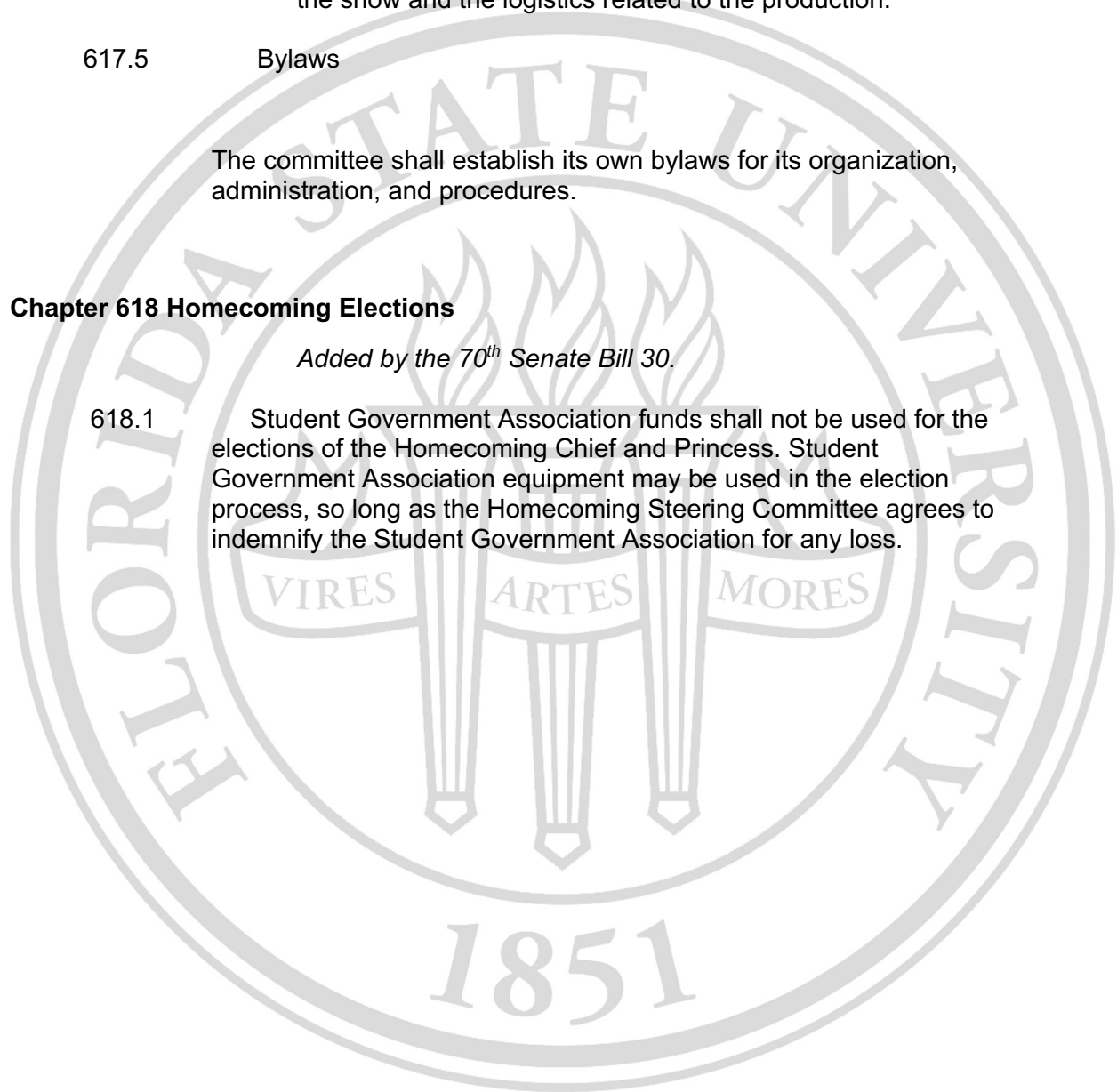
617.5 Bylaws

The committee shall establish its own bylaws for its organization, administration, and procedures.

**Chapter 618 Homecoming Elections**

*Added by the 70<sup>th</sup> Senate Bill 30.*

- 618.1 Student Government Association funds shall not be used for the elections of the Homecoming Chief and Princess. Student Government Association equipment may be used in the election process, so long as the Homecoming Steering Committee agrees to indemnify the Student Government Association for any loss.



**75<sup>th</sup> STUDENT SENATE  
Allocation, Revision or Transfer Form**

**Bill #: 59**

**Primary Sponsor:** LoBianco  
**Co-Sponsor(s):** Anandjiwala, Mchenry  
**Date:** April 24, 2023

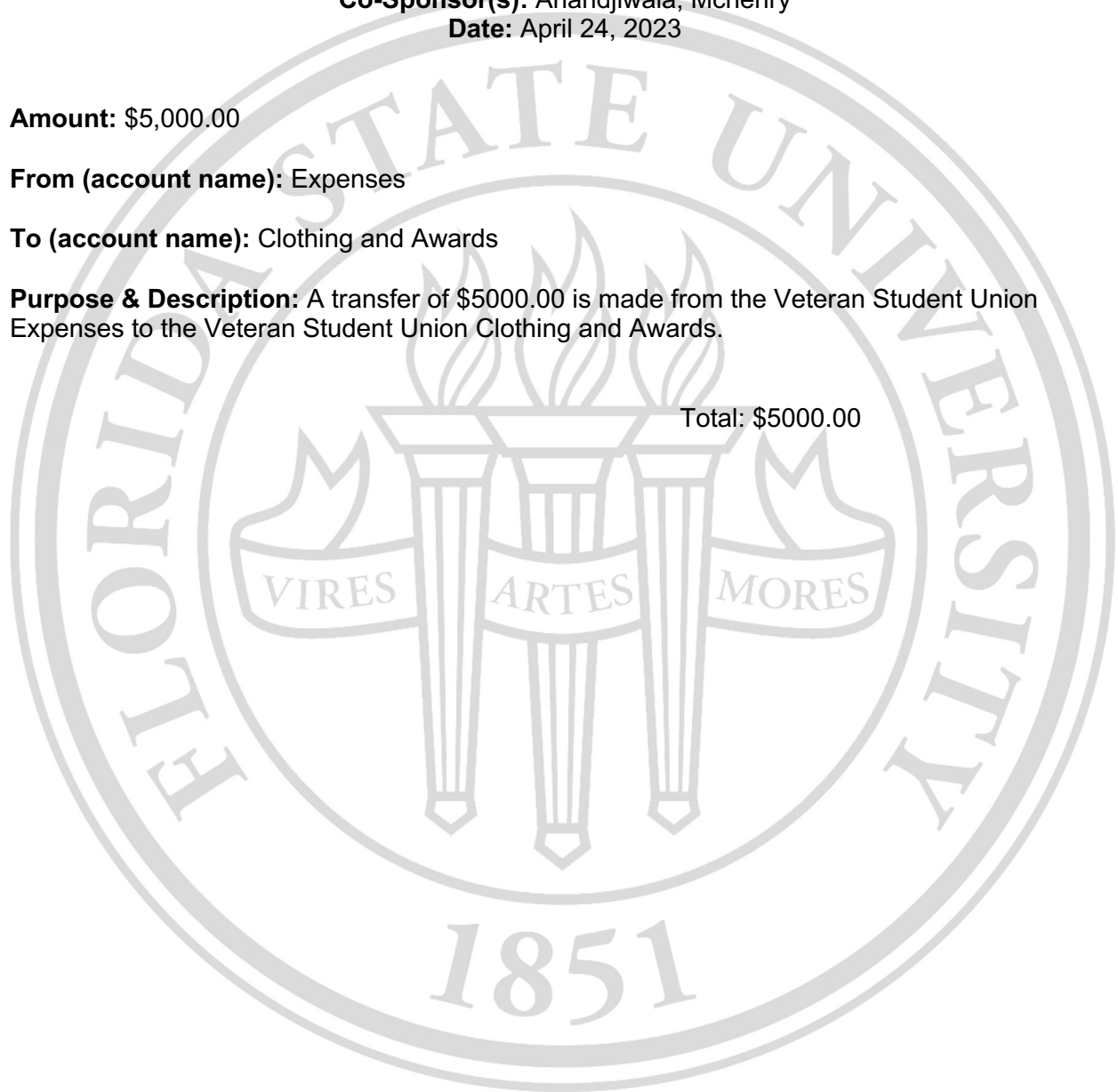
**Amount:** \$5,000.00

**From (account name):** Expenses

**To (account name):** Clothing and Awards

**Purpose & Description:** A transfer of \$5000.00 is made from the Veteran Student Union Expenses to the Veteran Student Union Clothing and Awards.

Total: \$5000.00





# 75<sup>th</sup> STUDENT SENATE

## Allocation, Revision or Transfer Form

Bill #: 60

Primary Sponsor: Raiford

Co-Sponsor(s): Barrett

Date: April 25, 2023

**Purpose & Description:** The Black Student Union plans to collaborate with the CARE program in July to offer a week of events for incoming students to welcome them to the FSU campus community. The funds being requested will be used to fund the week's activities and provide students with T-shirts and other items that will help them welcome on campus. The week is a long standing BSU tradition and chance for incoming Black Students to get acclimated to campus and feel like they have a safe space in the Fall. We want to ensure that we put our best foot forward since this will essentially be our first week of programming. As a Cabinet, we agreed it would be better to not tap into our budget for the academic school year so that we do not have to make any further sacrifices when it comes to Fall & Spring Programming. We also want to display that we care and respect the money that is disseminated to BSU each year and want to make an effort to use all of the remaining funds.

**Amount:** \$1746.76

**From (account name):** Black Student Union Contractual Services

**To (account name):** Black Student Union Clothing and Awards

**Amount:** \$4500.00

**From (account name):** Black Student Union Contractual Services

**To (account name):** Black Student Union Expenses

75<sup>th</sup> STUDENT SENATE



# Allocation, Revision or Transfer Form

Bill #: 61

Primary Sponsor: Raiford

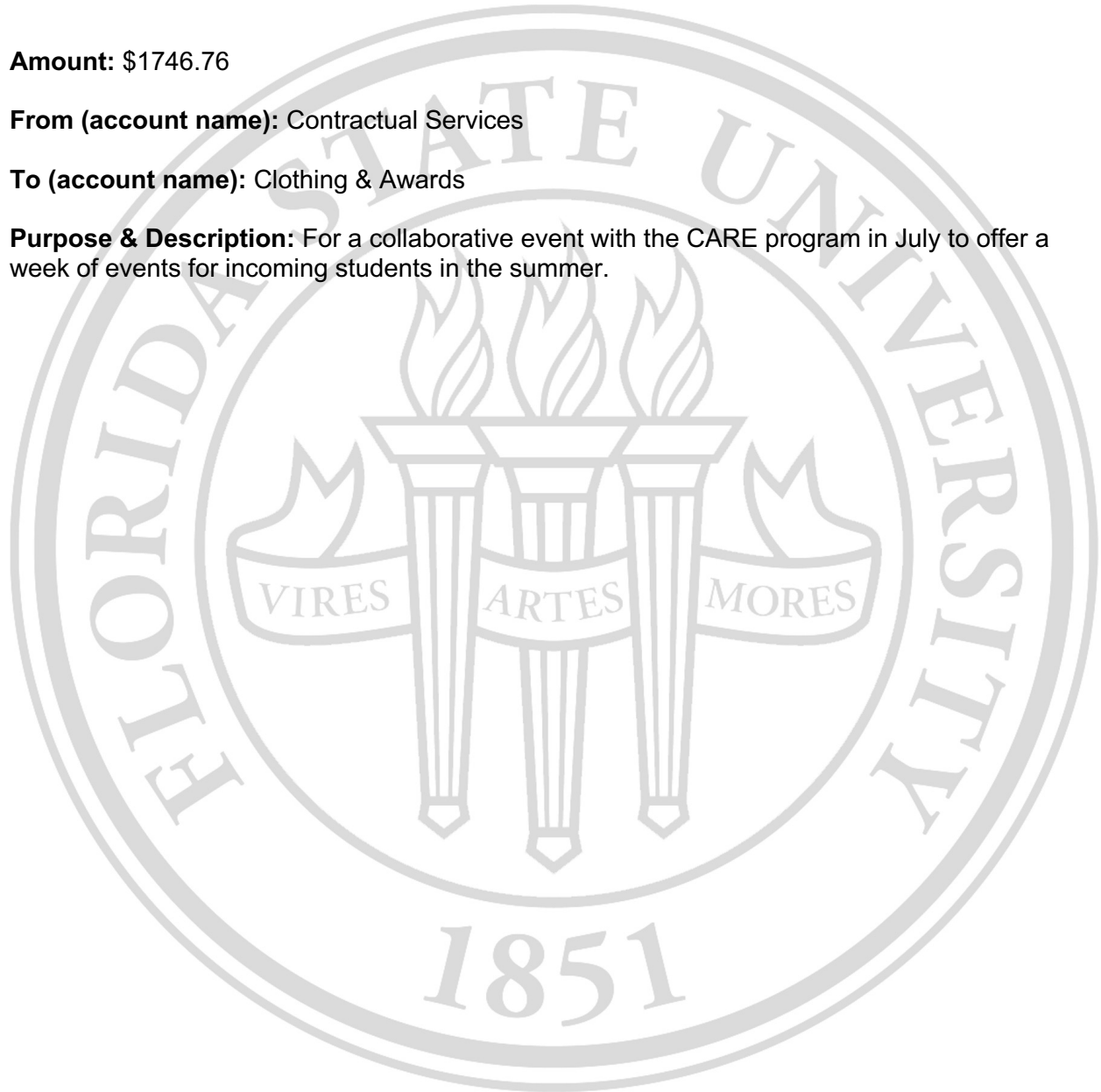
Date: April 26, 2023

Amount: \$1746.76

From (account name): Contractual Services

To (account name): Clothing & Awards

Purpose & Description: For a collaborative event with the CARE program in July to offer a week of events for incoming students in the summer.



**75<sup>th</sup> STUDENT SENATE  
Allocation, Revision or Transfer Form**

**Bill #:** 62

**Primary Sponsor:** Raiford

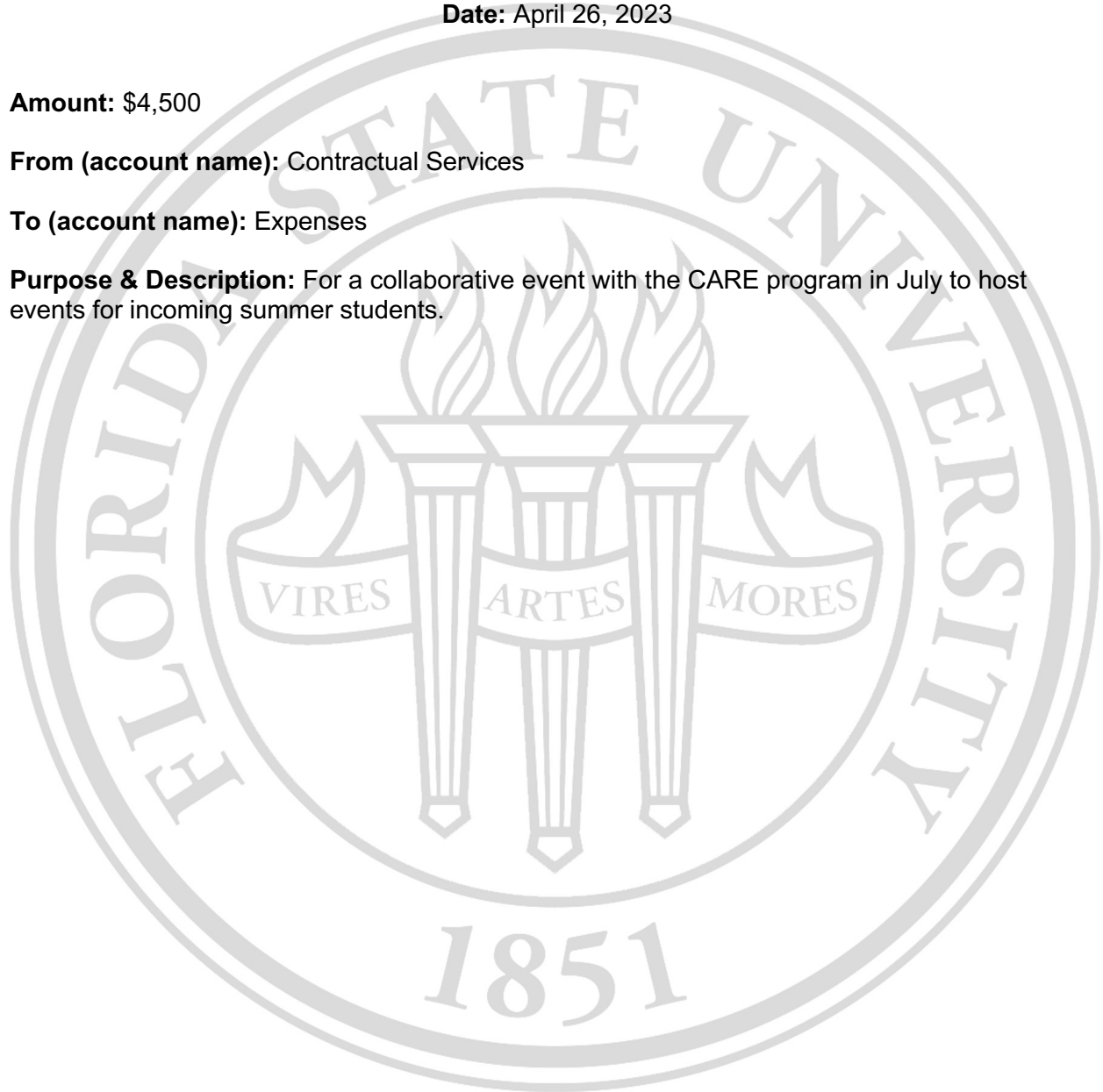
**Date:** April 26, 2023

**Amount:** \$4,500

**From (account name):** Contractual Services

**To (account name):** Expenses

**Purpose & Description:** For a collaborative event with the CARE program in July to host events for incoming summer students.



# 75<sup>th</sup> STUDENT SENATE

## Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 38

**Primary Sponsor:** Dale, Folwell  
**Co-Sponsor(s):** Barrett, Bettley, St. Hilaire  
**Date:** April 4, 2023

**Whereas:** Since 1965, global production of sugar cane has quadrupled in scale, with two billion metric tons of the crop being produced in recent years; and

**Whereas:** Harvesting sugar cane can be difficult due to the buildup of dried leaves at the base of the sugar cane crop, which accumulates over the course of the season; and

**Whereas:** Sugar cane producers across the state of Florida resort to the burning of this leafy material to simplify the farming process, leading to several issues in Floridian communities; and

**Whereas:** This “sugar cane burning” releases harmful particulate matter into the air, which pollutes the Florida environment, rivalling even the amount of pollution created by automobiles, with research done by Florida State University finding that sugarcane fires resulted in 5,100 metric tons of this particulate matter every year, whereas on-road motor vehicles in Florida emitted about 6,100 metric tons every year; and

**Whereas:** Sugar cane burning has also been linked to environmental racism, with marginalized communities being disproportionately affected by the burns, due to the proximity of many of these communities to the burn sites and there being many more active burn permits in these historically marginalized communities than in other parts of the state and area; and

**Whereas:** The particles produced by sugar cane burning negatively affects the life of all residents in Florida, with the matter being linked to respiratory issues and exacerbating conditions such as asthma and bronchitis, and directly leading to an estimated three deaths per year; and

**Whereas:** There are many tried and tested alternatives to sugar cane burning, such as “green harvesting”, which involves cutting sugar cane while it is still green for immediate processing, in order to preserve the soil and air quality of our great state, among other methods; and

**Whereas:** Even though Florida’s cane sugar industry is the largest in the nation, producing a two billion dollar economic impact to the state, the burning process leading to pollution and long-term environmental damage, and disadvantaging already-marginalized communities, despite there being safer and more environmentally-friendly alternatives, is a willful neglect of the corporate responsibility to public wellbeing; therefore

**Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that:** The Seventy-fifth Student Senate opposes the practice of sugar cane burning, and urges sugar cane producers in Florida and the Florida government to explore other options to replace this outdated practice.

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

Resolution #: 42

**Primary Sponsor:** Lento, White

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

**Date:** April 11, 2023

**Whereas:** Florida State University has recently climbed 24 spots to be No.19 among U.S. News and World Report Best Colleges ranking of public universities, and has more than 30 graduate programs in the top 25 U.S. News and World Report's 2022 edition of "Best Graduate Schools", and,

**Whereas:** Florida State is known for its great value for students, striving to offer an affordable education for all, and was named the No. 11 Best Value College among public colleges and universities by the Princeton Review, and,

**Whereas:** Florida State University had a record 99 percent freshman retention rate between the fall and sophomore semester, and holds a 95 percent overall freshman retention rate, placing among the top 15 in the country, and,

**Whereas:** the university's acceptance rate recently dropped to 24 percent for the incoming class of 2026, marking the most academically accomplished incoming class in Florida State's history, and,

**Whereas:** Florida State University offers more than 300 programs of study across 16 colleges and schools, including prestigious and widely respected colleges such as Florida State University's College of Business, FSU's Department of Psychology, The College of Criminology and Criminal Justice, FSU's Department of Biological Science, and The Department of Computer Science at FSU, and,

**Whereas:** The FAMU-FSU College of Engineering offers undergraduate and graduate programs in civil, electrical, mechanical, and chemical engineering, representing one of the strongest and proudest partnerships of the university that will only continue to deepen, and,

**Whereas:** Florida State University is respected nationwide for being a leading research university. Florida State University offers students the chance to participate in research with the

Center for Research and Engagement, and offers undergraduates the ability to be a part of the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, and,

**Whereas:** Florida State University's National High Magnetic Field Laboratory is the only one of its kind in the Western Hemisphere and one of only a dozen such facilities in the world, and consistently provides unmatched research opportunities for students, and,

**Whereas:** Florida State University has over 750 Recognized Student Organizations, over 40 Fraternity and Sorority chapters, 7 identity-based agencies, a thriving Student Government Association, and a consistently ranked top 20 best athletics program, on campus for students to explore, participate in and find a community in, and,

**Whereas:** Florida State University's football program has won three national championships, eighteen conference titles and six division titles, has sent 293 players to the NFL, including 46 first-round picks, has had three Heisman trophy winning players, and,

**Whereas:** Florida State University's soccer program has a history of consistent excellence. With the program winning two NCAA championships, appearing in the College Cup 12 times, winning 19 ACC championships, and sending many players on to the US Women's National Team and other professional leagues, and,

**Whereas:** FSU baseball has a long history of success, with a winning tradition that spans over 70 years, including 57 consecutive appearances in the NCAA tournament, the longest active streak in the nation, in addition to 18 conference championships, 23 College World Series appearances, and the development of several Major League Baseball Hall of Famers, and,

**Whereas:** Florida State University perfectly represents the idea of work hard, play hard creating a fun and scholarly environment for its students that will serve to build lifelong connections and skills for all its students, and,

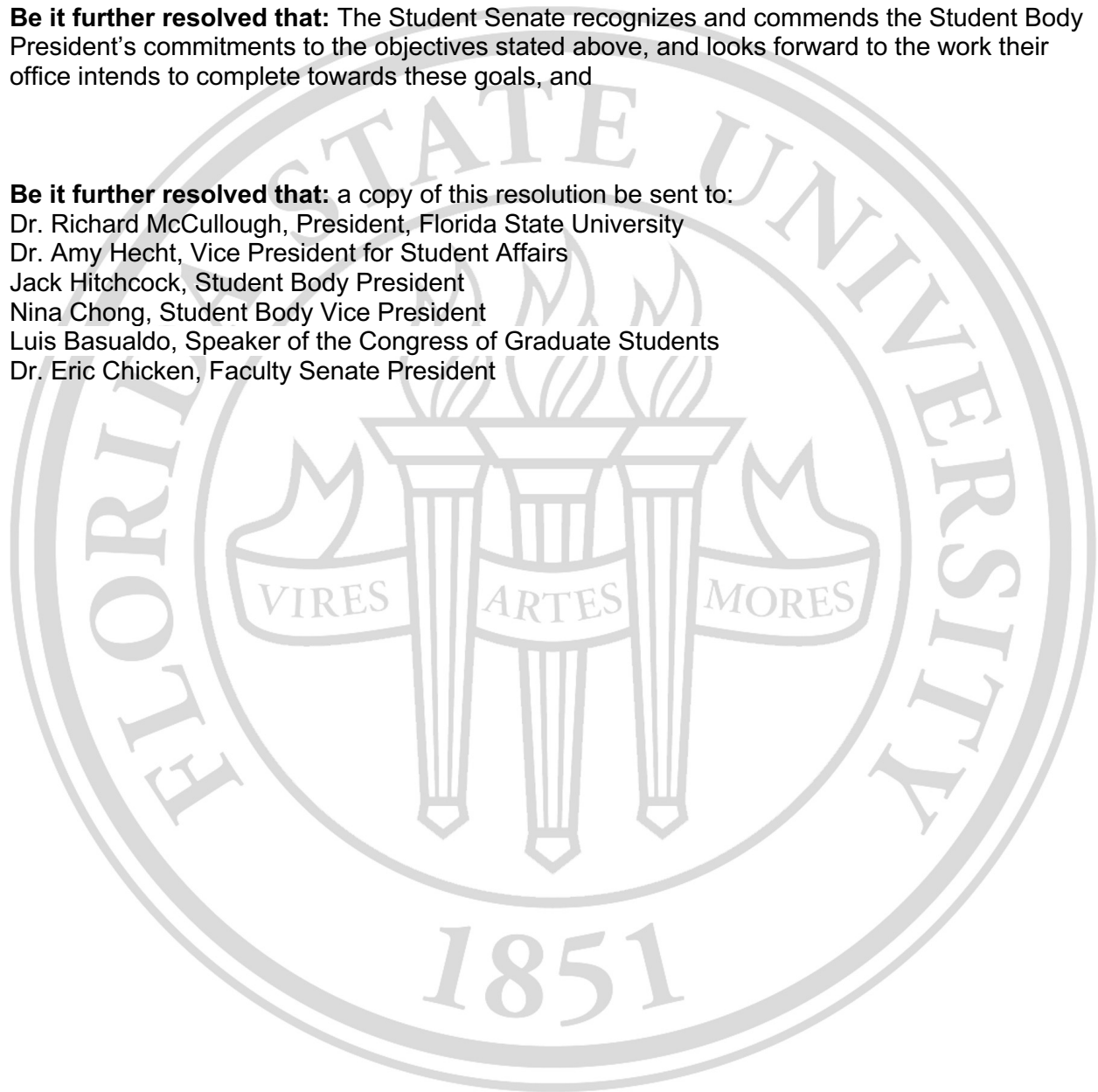
**Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that:** the hard work by students, faculty, and alumni alike to move our university forward is recognized, appreciated, and commended. Additionally, the Student Senate recognizes the work that is still needed to elevate our university, provide opportunities to all students, create a community of diverse viewpoints and backgrounds, and,



**Be it further resolved that:** the Student Government Association is committed to provide the resources and support needed to make Florida State University the best academic institution in the state of Florida, become recognized as the best public university in the nation, raise our national rankings, and,

**Be it further resolved that:** The Student Senate recognizes and commends the Student Body President's commitments to the objectives stated above, and looks forward to the work their office intends to complete towards these goals, and

**Be it further 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  
Jack Hitchcock, Student Body President  
Nina Chong, Student Body Vice President  
Luis Basualdo, Speaker of the Congress of Graduate Students  
Dr. Eric Chicken, Faculty Senate President





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

Resolution #: 43

**Primary Sponsor:** Seeger, Widmann

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

**Date:** April 17, 2023

**Whereas:** As determined by Chapter 614 of the Florida State University student body statutes, the Student Academic Program (SAP) funding committee shall hear fiscal requests from student academic programs and allocate its budgeted allocations accordingly, and

**Whereas:** The budgeted line item for the SAP funding board was \$22,000 for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024, and

**Whereas:** The SAP Funding Committee met on April 17th, 2023, and heard one SAP proposal from the World Affairs Program at FSU, and

**Whereas:** The Committee deliberated on April 17th, 2023, for the following hearings and voted unanimously on the decided allocations, therefore

**Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that:** the SAP committee allocates the funds available as shown below:

Organization	Expense
The World Affairs Program	\$22,000
Total	\$22,000

**Be it further resolved that:** The Student Senate approves the allocation and expenditures of all organizations listed above, with the following recommendations:

- Student Academic Programs at Florida State University will not use funds generated through A&S fees to provide travel, lodging, or any expenses to non-students.
- Student Academic Programs at Florida State University will follow all travel guidelines within the FSU Student Government Financial Manual

# 75<sup>th</sup> STUDENT SENATE

## Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 44

**Primary Sponsor:** Salazar, White

**Co-Sponsor(s):** Patel

**Date:** April 18, 2023

**Whereas:** The Internal Affairs often time gets overwhelmed by the amount of confirmation hearings that need to take place, and

**Whereas:** The Finance Committee, according to the Senate Rules of Procedure, maintains the oversight to “debate, amend, reject, or recommend the passage of measures pertaining to fiscal matters and to Chapter 800 of the Student Body Statues,” and

**Whereas:** The Finance Committee should assume the responsibility of all financial nominations for agencies and bureaus, therefore

**Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that:** to help our committees work more efficiently that the Student Senate Rules of Procedure be amended as follows

6.2 **The Senate Finance Committee** shall:

- a. Debate, amend, reject, or recommend the passage of measures pertaining to fiscal matters and to Chapter 800 of the Student Body Statues.
- b. Review Chapter 800 of the Finance Code and suggest possible amendments.
- c. Conduct reviews and provide legislative oversight for all A&S fee recipients and expenditures as deemed necessary by the Student Senate President in consultation with the Chair.
- d. Review Senate Funds Distribution Committee consent resolutions, approve or disapprove nominations to the Funds Distribution Committees, and inform the Senate of any relevant actions.
- e. Forward or deny all agency, bureau, and affiliated project nominees for financial officers.

# 75<sup>th</sup> STUDENT SENATE

## Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 45

**Primary Sponsor:** Widmann

**Co-Sponsor(s):** Barrett, Dlugos, Garrison, Humberg, McEntyre, Newsome, Pruum, Walerio

**Date:** April 25th, 2023

**Whereas:** Ms. Jacalyn Butts has been a valued resource within the Student Senate, College of Graduate Students, Transfer Leadership Institute, Freshman Leadership Institute, and the entire student body of the Florida State University for over three years, and

**Whereas:** Ms. Jacalyn's leadership and guidance has allowed for student leaders to grow their leadership skills while also creating positive change for FSU students and the greater Tallahassee area, and

**Whereas:** Senate President Samuel Diaz testifies: "Ms. Jacalyn Butts first welcomed me into the SGA space while I was a member of the Freshman Leadership Institute, and I knew from then that she was an incredibly friendly and helpful individual that I knew I would be able to go to when needed. Little did I know that she would become my advisor when I first got elected to Senate, and would help me navigate Student Government when I wanted to enact change most. Since becoming President, every week, we've gotten together to discuss the rumblings and happenings of the Senate chambers, discuss ways to improve SGA services, and she's been present for countless conversations I and others have had with Student Affairs administration on ways to leave FSU a better place than we found it. Throughout my life, I've come to learn that the best leaders are those that find the inner leader in others, and motivate their followers to do their best work. I'm proud to say that Ms. Jacalyn has done that for me and countless others. We will be sad to see her go, and I am happy to recognize her for her service to Florida State University," and

**Whereas:** Senate President Pro-Tempore Patrick DuChêne testifies: "Jacalyn's support and guidance as I grew in my role as Pro-Tempore were crucial to building the confidence I needed to succeed. Her encouragement and ability to listen and reason brought down the temperature and allowed a level of human connection and understanding that can be rare in the midst of SGA drama. Jacalyn, I'll miss you and your laugh so much. Thank you for putting up with us; we're forever grateful for you," and

**Whereas:** Senate Clerk Sofia Binjaku testifies: "While I have not known Jacalyn for very long, she was one of the first people that welcomed me into the senate. She has invited me to sit with her during senate meetings, walked me through the whole Senate Clerk position, and answered any questions I had. She made me feel comfortable in the chambers and I know that she is someone I can always go to. Jacalyn, wherever you go next, they are lucky to have you. Thank you for everything," and

**Whereas:** Senate Parliamentarian Reghan Chartrand testifies: "Jacalyn is an amazing advisor and resource for students and is always making sure that our senate meetings remain in order. She isn't afraid to give us well needed critiques and always pushes everyone to be the best we can be in our positions while also always acknowledging that we are students first.", and

**Whereas:** Senator Marshall Widmann testifies: “The first time I met Ms. Jacalyn Butts was at FSU new student orientation in Fall of 2022, which is when I first learned about Student Government and had the opportunity to SGA. I had no idea that I would later have the privilege to work alongside her to make FSU better than the way I found it. I am forever grateful for the lessons I have learned within the Student Government Association, and attribute many of those lessons to the leadership and guidance provided by Ms. Jacalyn,” and

**Whereas:** Supervisor of Elections Spencer Greenwood testifies: “Jacalyn was one of the first people I met at FSU, and she was extremely welcoming to a new transfer student like me. Her kindness and professionalism are felt in every room she walks in. She is always making sure we’re okay both mentally and physically demonstrating her immense care. She will be sorely missed, and her successor will have big shoes to fill,” and

**Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that:** We recognize and thank Ms. Jacalyn Butts for the incredible work she has done in service to the Department of Student Governance and Advocacy and the legacy that she has made on the Florida State University, and

**Be it further resolved that:** A copy of this resolution be sent to:  
Jacalyn Butts, Assistant Director of Student Governance & Advocacy  
Dr. Felicia Williams, Director of Student Engagement  
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President of Student Affairs

