

67th Student Senate
Resolution 31
Sponsor(s): Lusaka,

WHEREAS: The Women Student Union is co-sponsoring an event with Union Productions to host Jessica Williams, a Senior Correspondent on the Daily Show, and

WHEREAS: The Women Student Union is asking permission to spend \$7,000.00 from their contractual services account to assist Union Productions with the total amount of the speaker in the amount of \$25,000, and

WHEREAS: The event will be held in Ruby Diamond Hall on August 27, 2015.

WHEREAS: The event is free to all FSU Students, and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 67TH STUDENT SENATE THAT: the Women Student Union be allowed to spend \$7,000.00 from their contractual services account to assist Union productions in the cost of this event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE SENT TO:

Dr. Mary Coburn, Vice President of Student Affairs
Danielle M. Acosta, Director of SGA
Jean Tabares, Student Body President

The Sixty-Seventh Student Senate
Resolution 30
Sponsored by: Senator Barth

Whereas: Membership in the Senate Hall of Fame is the highest honor a student Senator can achieve, and

Whereas: This honor shall be bestowed upon any Senator who has performed their duty as a member of the Senate with the highest standard of excellence, integrity, and ethics, and

Whereas: Mr. Andrew T. Forst has served his term beginning in the 64th Student Senate and concluding with the 67th Student Senate, and

Whereas: Mr. Forst's exemplary dedication to Student Senate has been showcased in his leadership, namely as Chair of the Budget Committee and in his current term as President of the 67th Student Senate, and

Whereas: Mr. Forst has served as the cornerstone in constructing the Sweepings Budget for 2013, and the Activities and Services Fee Budget for 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 academic years, and

Whereas: Mr. Forst has received multiple awards attributed to his leadership on campus, including the Russell Hellein Award for Exemplary Dedication and Service to Student Government, Chair of the Year Award, Garnet and Gold Key Leadership Honorary, and Seminole Torchbearers recognition, and

Whereas: In his term as Senate President, Mr. Forst has laid the foundation for a collaborative and interactive Student Senate fostered in the trust and ethical fortitude of its leadership, and

Whereas: Mr. Forst reflects the values intrinsic to righteous leadership, and will continue to uphold these principles after his graduation from the Florida State University.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SIXTY-SEVENTH STUDENT SENATE AT THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

Mr. Andrew T. Forst be nominated for the Senate Hall of Fame and forwarded to the Senate Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

A copy of this resolution be sent to:

Dr. Mary Coburn, Vice President of Student Affairs

Ms. Danielle M. Acosta, Interim SGA Director of Student Affairs

Ms. Mattie Durham, Senate Program Assistant

The Sixty-Seventh Student Senate

Resolution 32

Sponsored by: K. Anderson and Barth

WHEREAS: The Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between FSU-BOT and UFF-FSU-GAU is a negotiated document regarding the working conditions and functions of graduate assistants, and

WHEREAS: Graduate Assistants are employed by FSU to perform duties conducive to an academic environment, and

WHEREAS: Graduate Assistants are not employed more than half-time equivalent (0.5 FTE) for any given term, and

WHEREAS: Article 7 of the CBA states that any department that pays a 0.5FTE graduate assistant more than \$7500 per semester has recourse to restrict outside employment for its graduate assistants, amounting to a net stipend of \$15,000 for a 9-month 0.5 FTE appointment, and

WHEREAS: The estimated cost of attendance for graduate assistants, according to the Office of the Controller, is \$18,297.44, and

WHEREAS: 75% of graduate assistants make stipends less than the estimated cost of attendance, and

WHEREAS: The difference between stipend and estimated cost of attendance potentiates a deficit for these graduate students, and

WHEREAS: This deficit combined with a restriction on outside employment necessitates the usage of loans, and

WHEREAS: Many graduates support not only themselves, but their children, and

WHEREAS: The Florida State Constitution Article 6 (Right to Work) Chapter 447.01 states that “[t]he right to work is the right to live,” and

WHEREAS: Any restriction on graduate assistants to seek employment outside FSU that does not result in a conflict of interest is an undue burden on a graduate assistant’s livelihood,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SIXTY-SEVENTH STUDENT SENATE THAT:

Article 7 of the current CBA between FSU-BOT and UFF-FSU-GAU should be amended to allow for no restriction on outside employment that does not constitute a conflict of interest.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Copies of this resolution be sent to:

Jean P. Tabares, Student Body President

Nancy Marcus, Dean of the Graduate School

John E. Thrasher, President of the Florida State University

Edward E. “Ed” Burr, Chair of the Florida State University Board of Trustees

Leslie Pantin, Vice Chair of the Florida State University Board of Trustees
Kathryn Ballard, Member of the Florida State University Board of Trustees
Allan Bense, Member of the Florida State University Board of Trustees
William "Billy" Buzzett, Member of the Florida State University Board of Trustees
Joseph L. Camps, Member of the Florida State University Board of Trustees
Emily Fleming Duda, Member of the Florida State University Board of Trustees
Susan Fiorito, Member of the Florida State University Board of Trustees
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