



Statute Revision, Addition or Proposed Constitutional Amendment Form

72nd Student Senate

Constitutional Amendment #: 5

Sponsored by: Alvarez

Date: 7.8.20

Purpose & Description: To make the Student Body President and Student Body Vice President run separately

Const. Article Number(s): Article III, Section 2, Clause B

Resolved by the Student Senate at Florida State University (with two-thirds concurring therein), that the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the Student Body, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by two-thirds vote of the Student Body electorate, and

Further resolved, that the following article be placed on the Ballot of the Election in the Fall Academic term of the year 2020.

Statement of Intent:

Furthering the cause towards a more representative government, and by recognizing the institutional and practical differences between the offices of the Student Body President and Vice President, this amendment shall allow for candidates for either of these two Student Body Executive Offices to do so without a running mate, and place the two offices on separate ballots for the electorate to decide from.

ARTICLE III THE EXECUTIVE

SECTION 2 ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE POWERS

B. The Vice President shall be elected by a plurality of those voting in the student body elections, as a separate office from the President. ~~the President's running mate.~~



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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72nd Student Senate

Constitutional Amendment #: 6

Sponsored by: Alvarez

Date: 7.8.2020

Purpose & Description: Remove redundant language referring to the office of the Student Body Treasurer in the Student Body Constitution

Const. Article Number(s): Art III, Sections 2, 3, and 4



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Resolved by the Student Senate at Florida State University (with two-thirds concurring therein), that the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the Student Body, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by two-thirds vote of the Student Body electorate, and

Further resolved, that the following article be placed on the Ballot of the Election in the Fall Academic term of the year 2020.

Statement of Intent:

This amendment removes redundant, and out of place, language referring to the office of the Student Body Treasurer. This amendment does not alter any powers or functions of the Executive Branch.

ARTICLE III THE EXECUTIVE

SECTION 2 ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE POWERS

~~C. There shall be a~~ The Student Body Treasurer who shall be elected by plurality of those voting in the student body elections. ~~The Student Body Treasurer shall have all the powers and duties granted to them by statute.~~

~~D. As specified in Section 2 of this Article, the Student Body Treasurer shall have all the powers and duties granted to him or her by statute.~~

SECTION 3 DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT

The President shall:

A. Administer and enforce all laws of the Student Body.

B. Appoint Cabinet members as specified in the Statutes. Such appointments shall require a majority vote of Senate to be approved.

C. Have the power to veto or sign acts of the Senate, provided that they exercise such power within five (5) school days of presentation to the Student Body President. A veto may be overridden by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of not less than a quorum of the Senate.

~~D. As specified in Section 2 of this Article, the Student Body Treasurer shall have all the powers and duties granted to him or her by statute.~~

DE. Call and preside over meetings of the Student Body.

EF. Make recommendations for legislation to the Student Senate.



FG. Address the Senate at the beginning of each semester and at other times upon invitation by the Senate.

GH. Instruct and require reports from Cabinet members and approve all policies made from them.

HI. Remove, at their discretion, any officer whom they have appointed to a position in the Executive Branch.

IJ. Have the power to call for a referendum subject to two-thirds majority Senate concurrence.

Section 4 DUTIES OF OTHER EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

A. The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in their absence or upon their request.

B. The Vice President shall coordinate the efforts of the Cabinet and shall serve as coordinator for the formulation and completion of Cabinet projects.

C. The Office of the Vice President shall direct grievances and ideas to the proper functionary and see that they are acted upon.

D. ~~As specified in Section 2 of this Article, the~~ The Student Body Treasurer shall have all the appropriate powers and duties granted to them by statute.



Senate Resolution

72nd Student Senate

Senate Resolution #: 65

Primary Sponsor(s): Alvarez

Co-Sponsor(s): Leckie, Murcia, Chabot, Gnanam, Hinks, Wang

Date:

WHEREAS: Florida State University has official traditions, titles, and positions relating to the culture and history of the Seminole people, and

WHEREAS: Florida State University was granted a waiver by the NCAA in 2005 for the use of such imagery due to “unique relationship between the university and the Seminole Tribe of Florida”, and

WHEREAS: The Seminole Tribal Council of Florida stated in 2005 that, “(the) Seminole Tribe of Florida has an established relationship with Florida State University”, and

WHEREAS: The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma also has claim to the title of “Seminole”, and

WHEREAS: The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma General Council passed a resolution on October 26th, 2013 stating that, “The Seminole Nation condemns the use of all American Indian sports team mascots in the public school system, by college and university level and by professional teams” and,

WHEREAS: Florida State University has no official affiliation, relationship, or channels of communication with the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SEVENTY SECOND STUDENT SENATE AT THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY THAT: The Student Senate believes that The Florida State University Administration and Student Government Association should continue its dialogue with the Seminole Tribe of Florida and expand the means in which the Student Body are educated about Indigenous history and contemporary Indigenous movements, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Student Senate believes that The Florida State University Administration and Student Government Association must begin to reach out to other Indigenous Nations affiliated with the title of Seminole for their input and consent on the use of Seminole imagery and affiliation by the University.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: a copy of this resolution is sent to the following,

Marcellus W. Osceola Jr, Chairman of the Seminole Tribal Council of Florida
Greg Chilcoat, Principal Chief of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma
John E. Thrasher, President of Florida State University
Renisha Gibbs, Associate Vice President of Human Resources
Jonathan Levin, Student Body President



72ND STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 66

Primary Sponsor: Hinks & Gnanam
Co-Sponsor(s): Wang, Bogle, & Murcia
Date: 7/6/2020

Whereas: A statement titled "With Love Guiding Me" written by student Ireland Hadley was released on June 22nd, 2020 publicly via Instagram, and

Whereas: The FSU SGA Senate meeting occurred on July 1st, 2020 at 5:00pm and had over one hundred students on it, and

Whereas: Dozens of survivors of Power-Based Personal Violence came to the provide emotional testimonies, make critiques of the university's systems, and give suggestions for administration and members of SGA as a call to action, and

Whereas: While this was a public call to action that was advertised for many days, this was only a fraction of the survivors of Power-Based Personal Violence at FSU, and

Whereas: According to the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN), 75% of acts of power-based personal violence are never reported, and

Whereas: Disclosing one's experience with power-based personal violence often contributes to revictimization, fear of retaliation, depression, erratic heart rate and/or other physical and psychological effects, and

Whereas: With exception given to technical issues, including access to a camera, three motions of personal privilege were raised asking for all present Senators, Executive Branch Members, and Administrators to have cameras turned on. This was to ensure that the survivors who appeared to share their story saw active listening and regard given to their experience, and

Be it resolved by the Seventy-second Student Senate at Florida State University that: We acknowledge the strength and courage it took to publicly disclose one's experience with trauma, and apologize on behalf of the members of SGA and the administration who were not exhibiting signs of active listening and showcasing their support for survivors of Power-Based Personal Violence the entirety of the Senate Meeting. We, the Senate, will be doing our best to support the survivors of Power-Based Violence and create protections for survivors in the FSU community.

Be it further resolved that:

Ireland Hadley, AASU Outreach Coordinator
Jonathan Levin, Student Body President
Ahmad Daraldik, Student Senate President
Alex Harmon, Student Senate Pro-Tempore
Sarah Castillo, Director of the Victim Advocate Program
Tricia Buchholz, Director of Title IX
John Thrasher, President of Florida State University
Amy Hecht, Vice President of Student Affairs
Angela L. Chong, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs
Dr. Daniella Acosta, Director of Student Governance and Advocacy
Terri Brown, Chief of Police of the FSU Police Department



72ND STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 67

Primary Sponsor: Leckie

Co-Sponsor(s): Chabot

Date: July 7th, 2020

Whereas: The COVID-19 crisis has ravaged the economic and health infrastructure of the United States and the State of Florida, and,

Whereas: This crisis has created the greatest disruption to student life since the Second World War, with student unemployment levels not seen since the Great Depression, and,

Whereas: As of 2019, the Florida State University employed over 7,907 students¹, many of whom have since lost their jobs following the closure of the University, and many thousands of other students have lost their off-campus employment, and,

Whereas: As of July 7th, 2020, the State of Florida has confirmed over 203,376 COVID-19 positive residents, with 3,778 deaths², presenting the state with one of the worst outbreaks on the planet, and,

Whereas: Many student governments of other large universities around the country have responded to the coronavirus crisis by providing direct cash repayments to students³, establishing and maintaining mutual aid spreadsheets⁴, and coordinate with school administration to increase the availability of resources and vital information for the student body⁵, and,

Whereas: The Florida State University Student Government Association has yet to create an official organization dedicated to assisting students during this time of economic and health crisis, and,

Whereas: Cooperation between the legislative branch, which possesses the power of the purse, and the executive branch, which possesses access to the Board of Trustees and a wide audience of students, is critical to ensuring that the Student Government assists students in the most efficient way possible, and,

Whereas: Creating a formal Student Government Taskforce on the COVID-19 Crisis will be imperative to helping the student body, and, therefore,

¹ <https://ir.fsu.edu/facts.aspx>

² <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov>

³ <https://www.uab.edu/studentaffairs/news/supporting-students/576-sga-covid-19-emergency-grant-available-for-students-in-need>

⁴ <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1iWHHAgZvH0MpdLRpeixOWvzN7P5teREAJuLdY1pJ7y8/edit#gid=1539060295>

⁵ <https://clinowl.com/the-role-of-medical-student-government-in-responding-to-covid-19/>

Be it resolved by the Seventy-second Student Senate at Florida State University that: The Student Senate sponsors the creation of an SGA Taskforce on the COVID-19 Crisis, and,

Be it further resolved that: This taskforce will focus on coordinating financial relief for students, increasing communication between the school administration and the student body, establishing a mutual aid spreadsheet, and doing anything else possible to assist the student body as the school faces an uncertain fall semester, and,

Be it further resolved that: Any member of the executive or legislative branch may join this taskforce, and the taskforce may allow members of the student body to join, and,

Be it further resolved that: The taskforce shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order and Chapter 203 of Student Body Statutes, and,

Be it further resolved that: The contents of this resolution be binding to the Student Senate, and,

Be it further resolved that: This resolution be sent to the following:

John Thrasher – President of Florida State University

Ahmad Omar Daraldik – President of the FSU Student Senate

Jonathan Levin – President of the FSU SGA

Nastassia Janvier – Vice President of the FSU SGA

Christian Hall – Treasurer of the FSU SGA

Sofia Slimak – Secretary of Student Life of the FSU SGA

Jalen Blocker – Secretary of Student Engagement of the FSU SGA



72ND STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 68

Primary Sponsor: Chabot, Murcia

Co-Sponsor(s): Waters, J. Alvarez, Wang, Garcia, Martin, Hinks, Palacio

Date: June 30, 2020

Whereas: Francis W. Eppes is credited with helping establish what would be Florida State University, and

Whereas: Historical documents prove that Francis W. Eppes did not “singlehandedly” found FSU but was rather a “stabilizer” serving on the Board of Education for West Florida Seminary, an early predecessor to Florida State University, and

Whereas: Historical documents show that slaves manufactured the bricks and did much of the heavy lifting for West Florida Seminary and,

Whereas: There is a statue placed on the Mina Jo Powell Green near the Eppes Building in his honor and the College of Criminology and Criminal Justice building is named in his honor, and

Whereas: Francis W. Eppes was a known plantation and slave owner, contributing to the systematic oppression of Black people and people of color that has lasted for centuries, and

Whereas: Florida State University should not celebrate people who have historically supported a racist ideology and have committed racist actions, and

Whereas: In 2018, the Florida State President’s Advisory Panel on University Namings and Recognitions recommended “that Francis Eppes’ name be removed from the College of Criminology building and that an educational/historical record of the building having previously been named for Eppes be provided somewhere on campus,” and

Whereas: The Panel also recommended “that the Francis Eppes Statue be removed and curated in a historically accurate manner and replaced with a more complete and historically accurate recognition of the University’s founders, the participation of slavery in the construction of the University, and the Seminole Tribe or other First Nation people,” and

Whereas: The President of Florida State University failed to remove the statue, ignoring the recommendations of the President’s Advisory Panel, instead, relocating it less than a few feet from its original position, and

Whereas: The Eppes Building still maintains its namesake despite the Panel’s recommendations, and

Whereas: FSU continues to marginalize the black community and other minorities on campus by continuing to ignore the voices calling to remove Eppes Statue and rename Eppes Hall, and

Whereas: Many professors within the College of Criminology have expressed their support for the removal of the Eppes statue and the renaming of the Eppes building, and

Whereas: The Florida State University Coalition of Black Leaders released a statement on June 28, 2020, calling for the removal of the Eppes statue and the renaming of the Eppes building, stating that “There should be no place on the campus of Florida State University that gives homage to the pains or benefactors of our dark past,” and

Whereas: A petition calling for the “Removal of Francis Eppes statue & renaming Eppes Hall for civil rights leader C.K. Steele” has gained over 3,300 signatures as of June 30, 2020, and

Whereas: C.K. Steele was a prominent Tallahassee civil rights leader and pastor whose involvement in the Tallahassee bus boycotts led to the integration of Tallahassee buses in 1958, and

Whereas: C.K. Steele would continue to fight for equality and civil rights during his life, leading the Florida State University administration to confer on Steele the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree in 1980, making him the first African American to receive this honor in the University’s history, and

Whereas: C.K. Steele clearly represents the values and beliefs of Florida State University and has contributed greatly to the improvement of the Tallahassee community, therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-second Student Senate at Florida State University that: the Florida State University Student Senate strongly supports the removal of the Eppes statue and the renaming of the Eppes building to the C.K. Steele building, and

Be it further resolved that: Should the Florida State Administration and the FSU Board of Trustees be unable to change the name of the Francis W. Eppes Building to the C.K. Steele building, that the Student Senate then urges the Board to consider any other member of FSU’s Black community in addition to reviewing all other statues, roads, and buildings that are named after segregationists to cement our university’s progress and commitment to Black voices and,

Be it further resolved that: Should neither the Florida State Administration nor the FSU Board of Trustees take action, the Student Senate urges Student Body President Jonathan Levin to use his authority as a member of the Board of Trustees to advocate for the renaming of Eppes building and the removal of the Eppes statue on behalf of the Student Body and,

Be it further resolved that: The Student Senate of Florida State University recognizes that Black Lives Matter and stands in solidarity with those fighting against systemic racism, and

Be it further resolved that: The Student Senate calls on the Florida State Administration and Florida State University Board of Trustees to make concrete changes within our community to combat the systemic oppression of Black and Indigenous people of color, and

Be it further resolved that: an FSU student, Benjamin Stults, reached out to multiple College of Criminology Professors and their responses are to be attached to this resolution, and

Be it lastly resolved that: A copy of this resolution is sent to the following:

Mr. John Thrasher, President of Florida State University

Edward Burr, FSU Board of Trustees Chair

Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs

Jonathan Levin, Student Body President

Nastassia Janvier, Student Body Vice President

Ahmad Omar Daraldik, Student Senate President

Ms. Renisha Gibbs, Vice President for Human Resources and Finance and Administration Chief of Staff

Dr. Camron Beatty, Black Faculty and Staff Network

Charee Williams, Black Alumni Association President

Thomas Blomberg, Dean of the College of Criminology and Criminal Justice

Ms. Julie Decker, FSU Alumni Association

Jaze Shaw-Young, FSU NAACP President

D'Vodrek Ponder, Black Student Union President

Dr. Danielle Acosta, Director of Student Governance and Advocacy

Statements from Professors in the College of Criminology

I would fully support the renaming of Eppes Hall and the removal of the Eppes statue from campus. Our college is welcoming to all students, and our building name should reflect those values.

-Brendan

I strongly support the removal of the Eppes statue and the renaming of Eppes Hall. Francis Eppes' history of slave ownership is clearly inconsistent with the values that FSU promotes and pursues. This would serve as an important affirmation of our steadfast commitment to equal rights, inclusivity, and social justice.

Thanks for working on this important issue.

Sincerely,
Brian Stults

Your scholarly activism and insightful criticism concerning the name and likeness of Eppes are much appreciated. My personal thoughts and feelings on the issue would support a renaming and removal of the likeness. Beyond the symbolic change resulting from the removal and renaming, what are the systemic or structural corrections being considered to mitigate the unequal access and unequal opportunities available to black and other ethnic/racial individuals and groups on campus?

I hope this helps.

Billy

Thank you for taking this on. I am fully in support of renaming Eppes Hall and removing the Eppes statue from campus. I think it would be an important gesture of our values and goals toward anti-racism.

Please let me know if you need anything else or if I can help in anyway.

Thanks!

Marin

On the renaming of Eppes Hall: I support this. As part of that, I would support having a plaque in the building that describes the re-naming effort and puts into historical context. The transition from being Eppes Hall to something else would itself be part of history that should be remembered.

On the Eppes statue, I'm a little more conflicted. Given the role (overstated but also real) that Eppes played in the university's early history, I'm fine having this recognized on campus. In this sense, my feeling is that his involvement in the unconscionable practice of slavery doesn't eliminate the good things he did in other respects. **However**, if the statue is to remain, I support a plaque that is much different than the one placed there in 2019. Its language condemning slavery and Eppes's involvement in it was too brief by a great deal. It seemed as if it was put there somewhat half-heartedly. I think there should be much stronger language, including stronger language about the university's commitment to an inclusive and socially just society.

I also think there should be mention of the removal of the statue from its earlier location and the dilemma that emerges when early contributors to a university engaged in or promoted abhorrent practices. Again, the process that we are going through right now will itself be part of the history that people should reflect on. In fact, future visitors and students may reflect on these things MORE in the presence of a well done display than if the Eppes name and statue were entirely scrubbed from the campus.

Okay, that's all from me. Thanks for your efforts on this!

carter

I support removing the statue and also renaming the building, since FSU should not honor slave-holders. Further, going beyond the narrow issue of the Eppes Building, we also should not honor supporters of Secession or the Confederacy, as these were nothing more than efforts to preserve and extend slavery.

Gary Kleck

I would be in strong support of removing the Eppes name from the building, as well as permanently removing the Eppes statue. Although solving structural and systemic racism will not happen overnight, the removal of the Eppes name and the Eppes statue is an important step to show that we are committed to rebuilding an academic space that is rooted in anti-racist ideology.

I also know that the majority of graduate students in Criminology feel strongly about this and would be willing to help join you in efforts to remove the Eppes name and the Eppes statue.

Please let me know what I can do to help.

Thanks!

Jillian



72ND STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 69

Primary Sponsor: Wang and Gerdtz
Co-Sponsor(s): Bogle, Gnanam, and Hinks
Date: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Whereas: Ad Hoc committees are vaguely defined and lack any clear role in Senate and;

WHEREAS: Article II, Section 5, Clause A (1) of the Constitution of the Student Body states, "(Senate shall) Enact its own Rules of Procedure, which shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote", therefore

Whereas: Rule 15.3 of the 72nd Student Senate states, "Any amendment to these rules shall be presented to the Senate in the form of a resolution", therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-second Student Senate at Florida State University that: The Senate Rules of Procedure be amended to read as follows:

- 5.12** The President shall have the power to create ad hoc committees and shall initially appoint no less than five (5) members and Chairs. The intent to create an ad hoc committee must first be announced in the New Business section of a Senate meeting to allow Senators and members of the public to reach out to be appointed. Non-Senators may participate as voting members of ad hoc committees. Under no circumstances shall an ad hoc committee prevent any measure from reaching the floor of the full Senate.
- a. Ad hoc committees shall be directed by the President to resolve a specific legislative issue deemed especially significant by the President of the Senate.
 - b. Any senator may join an ad hoc committee. Following initial appointments, the President may appoint or remove members with consultation from the ad hoc committee Chair.
 - 1. The Senate body may request the President to reconsider ad hoc committee assignments by two thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.
 - c. Upon the first meeting of an ad hoc committee, elections for Chair and Vice Chair shall occur in the same manner as laid out in Rule 5.4.
 - d. An ad hoc committee shall adopt rules of procedure upon its first meeting; however, due to the directed nature of the committee, the Chair of an ad hoc committee must be permitted to explicitly provide their opinion on the processes under the rules adopted by the committee.

- e.** Upon the conclusion of an ad hoc committee, the Chair and Vice Chair of that committee shall submit their recommendations to the President which shall include a summary of the committee's recommendations, research conducted, and the activities conducted by the committee throughout its existence.
- f.** All pieces of Legislation recommended by the committee shall be submitted following the closing of the committee with the Chair and Vice Chair as the primary sponsors of the legislation with the remaining committee members listed as cosponsors.

 - 1.** Should the situation arise where both the Chair and Vice Chair of the committee are non-Senators, the committee shall designate two Senators within the committee to be primary sponsors of such legislation
- g.** Following the formation of a new Senate, the President may reinstate previous ad hoc committees, but they shall require new elections for Chair and Vice Chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: These amendments to the Senate Rules be adopted at the first meeting of the 73rd Student Senate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: A copy of this resolution is sent to the following:
Ahmad Daraldik, Senate President



72ND STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 70

Primary Sponsor: Senators Rudd, Stinson
Co-Sponsor(s): Senator Adams, Chabot, Wang, Waters
Date: 06/19/2020

Whereas: In 1957, the Florida Supreme Court in an opinion written by Chief Justice B.K. Roberts denied Virgil Hawkins admission to the University of Florida College of Law, solely based on race, B.K. Roberts Hall at Florida State University was named after segregationist and racist Chief B.K. Justice Roberts, and

Whereas: The court recognized that Virgil Hawkins had a right to attend a public law school in Florida, but Chief B.K. Roberts said the State of Florida had done enough to uphold this right by creating a public law school for Blacks, further denying his acceptance into University Florida's Law School thus engraining his personal ideologies of segregation and racism into the roots of Florida State University's Law School, and

Whereas: Not only did Chief B.K. Justice Roberts block Virgil Hawkins to the University Florida's College of Law, he established a precedent by stating that Black people would be a "critical disruption to the university system" if enrolled, and

Whereas: Chief Justice B.K. Roberts openly defied the United States Supreme Court ruling in Brown v. Board of Education, which stated that the segregation of schools was in violation of the 14th Amendment, and

Whereas: This was openly defying the United States Supreme Court exemplifies the core mission of the Florida State University's College of Law and at large, the mission of Florida State University itself, and

Whereas: The mission of Florida State University "is dedicated to excellence in teaching, research, creative endeavors, and service. The university strives to instill the strength, skill, and character essential for lifelong learning, personal responsibility, and sustained achievement within a community that fosters free inquiry and embraces diversity," and

Whereas: The Florida State University Strategic Plan specifically states under Goal 3 of the 2017-2022 Strategic Plan; "Foster a campus culture that celebrates diversity and inclusion," and

Whereas: Allowing the B.K. Roberts' name to remain on the Florida State University's College of Law is against the Florida State mission and fostered culture of diversity and inclusion in which Florida State advocates for, and

Whereas: On July 17th, 2018, in a statement published by the Florida State University Office of the President, President John Thrasher stated that he accepted the recommendation of the Advisory Panel on University Namings and Recognitions to seek legislative action to remove B.K. Roberts' name from the College of Law building, and

Whereas: Nearly two years later, the Florida House of Representatives has still not completed the legislative action required to allow the Advisory Panel on University Namings and Recognitions to rename the College of Law,

Be it resolved by the Seventy-second Student Senate at Florida State University that: The Student Body Senate urges the Florida House of Representatives to repeal Chapter 73-370, Laws of Florida, as well as urge the Advisory Panel on University Namings and Recognitions to uphold their decision and to the Board of Trustees to uphold their commitment to all students of Florida State University to remove B.K. Roberts' name from the College of Law immediately following the repeal of this law. We urge the Office of Governmental Affairs to continue to work on these issues by again placing the renaming of B.K. Roberts on their legislative agenda for the 2020-2021 school year.

Be it further resolved that: A copy of this statement be sent to the following:

John Thrasher, President of Florida State University

Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President of Student Affairs

Renisha Gibbs, Chair of the Advisory Panel on University Namings and Recognitions

Erin O'Hara O'Connor, Dean of FSU College of Law

Jose Olivia, Current Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives

Chris Sprowls, Incoming Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives

Jonathan Levin, Student Body President

Nastassia Janvier, Student Body Vice President

D'Vodrek Ponder, Black Student Union President

Jaze Shaw-Young, NAACP President at Florida State University

Charee L. Williams, Florida State University Black Alumni Association President

Kristian Diaz, Incoming Director of the Office of Governmental Affairs

Dr. Danielle Acosta, Director of Student Governance and Advocacy



Senate Resolution

72nd Student Senate

Senate Resolution #: 71

Primary Sponsor(s): Alvarez and England

Co-Sponsor(s): Gnanam, Selva, Sam, Hinks, and Gonzalez

Date:

WHEREAS: Article I, Section 5, Clause (E)(2) of the Constitution of the Student Body states that the purpose of the Florida State Student Government Association is, "(To take action on behalf of the student body in general, and to specifically work for) The recognitions of access to education as a basic human right." And,

WHEREAS: 5.79% of all FSU students are international students on a visa, and

WHEREAS: 1.38% of all FSU undergraduate students are international students on a visa, and

WHEREAS: 13.89% of all FSU graduate students are international students on a visa, and

WHEREAS: 30.83% of all FSU doctoral students are international students on a visa, and

WHEREAS: On July 6th, 2020, US Immigration and Customs Enforcement announced that "[Visa recipient] students currently in the United States enrolled in such programs [attending schools operating entirely online] must depart the country", and

WHEREAS: Florida State University should stand by all of its students seeking to find their place in an institution of higher learning, and

WHEREAS: In the Spring General Election in 2017, the Florida State University Student Body voted by a supermajority margin in favor of making FSU a sanctuary campus for immigrant and undocumented students, and

WHEREAS: The 71st Student Senate passed Resolution 32, which stated, "[the] Student Senate advocates to ensure that all communities of students have due process under law and are entitled to constitutional rights", and

WHEREAS: Many students of Florida State University are opting not to attend any course offered on campus in the Fall academic term due to the increased risk of exposure to COVID-19, and keeping their course schedule entirely online, and

WHEREAS: Many International Graduate Students who serve the University as Teaching Assistants may be unable to perform their duties for the campus at large if they are unable to attend in-person courses, and



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS: Such a reduction in capable staff and students enrolled at our University will be devastating for the lived experiences of those attending our University, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SEVENTY-SECOND STUDENT SENATE THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY THAT: The Florida State University Student Senate urges the University Administration to take all possible means of ensuring that student visa recipients be permitted to attend courses in the Fall by any legal means, such as by giving international students first priority for on-campus class selection so that they may continue in their constitutional and human right to receive an education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: A copy of this resolution is sent to the following:
John Thrasher, Florida State University President
Dr. Cynthia Green, Director for the Center for Global Engagement
Kristen Hagan, Associate Director for the Center for Global Engagement
Dr. Sally E. McRorie, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
Edward Burr, Chair of the Board of Trustees
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs
Jonathan Levin, Student Body President
Bill Montford, Florida State Senator, District 3
Ramon Alexander, Florida State House Representative, District 8
Loranne Ausley, Florida State House Representative, District 9
Al Lawson, US House Representative, FL District 5



72ND STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 72

Primary Sponsor: Sam

Co-Sponsor(s): Dean, Gonzalez, Martin

Date: July 7, 2020

Whereas: Private First Class (PFC) Vanessa Guillén was a Latina soldier at Fort Hood, a US military post in Central Texas, and a victim of sexual harassment from a superior officer, and,

Whereas: PFC Guillén went missing on April 22, 2020; last seen at Fort Hood, and,

Whereas: PFC Guillén had told her family that she was being sexually harassed by her superior, Specialist (SPC) Aaron David Robinson, weeks before her disappearance, and,

Whereas: Other soldiers had filed complaints against SPC Robinson, but they had all been dismissed, and,

Whereas: PFC Guillén confronted SPC Robinson, who was the last one to see her, about his harassment and she threatened to file a complaint on April 22, 2020, and,

Whereas: SPC Robinson then killed PFC Guillén by striking her with a hammer on her head repeatedly, according to his accomplice, and,

Whereas: SPC Robinson's accomplice was discovered to have been Cecily Aguilar, a married 22-year old civilian woman who was SPC Robinson's girlfriend, and,

Whereas: Aguilar admitted that SPC Robinson told her he had placed PFC Guillén's body in a box and transported said box to the Leon River, located 23 miles from Fort Hood, and,

Whereas: Aguilar then confessed to having been picked up by SPC Robinson and assisted him in mutilating and disposing of a body, later realizing it was PFC Guillén's, and,

Whereas: Unrecognizable remains, believed to be PFC Guillén's, were found near Fort Hood on July 1st, 2020, and,

Whereas: Later DNA tests conducted by the FBI confirmed that the remains were PFC Guillén's, and,

Whereas: SPC Aaron Robinson took his life with a handgun after police found him, after they received a tip on Robinson's location on July 1st, 2020, and,

Whereas: Military services have received a total of 7,825 reports of sexual assaults in the 2019 Fiscal Year, and,

Whereas: 2018 Surveys provided by the Department of Defense Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program demonstrate a difference in assaults reported by the military vs. those anonymously reported of +30%, indicating high numbers of assaults going unreported by the military, and,

Whereas: Service members spanning the country are taking to social media to share their stories where minimal attention was given to survivors in the military, therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-second Student Senate at Florida State University that: We condemn the actions of Fort Hood in regard to their mishandling of the investigation and lack of concern for the safety of survivors. We stand in solidarity with Survivors who serve our country and are not being given the privilege of a proper investigation toward their sexual assault and harassment claims. We stand in unity with all service members, especially those who have experienced sexual violence within their official military capacities.

Be it further resolved that: The Florida State University Seventy-Second Student Senate pledges to do their part in paving a path with the Veteran Community at Florida State University to serve within the Student Government and Advocacy to represent Student Veterans.

Be it further resolved that: A copy of this resolution is sent to the following:

John Thrasher, President of Florida State University

Ahmad Omar Daraldik, Student Senate President

Harrison Aiton, Director of the Veteran's Student Union

Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President of Student Affairs

Dr. Brandon Bowden, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs

Colonel Rodney Singleton, Commander, Air Force ROTC Detachment 145

Lt. Colonel Keith Pruitt, Commander, Army ROTC Seminole Battalion

Billy Francis, Director of the Student Veterans Center

Ryan Bauer, President of the Collegiate Veteran's Association