



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

72ND STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 77

Primary Sponsor: Harmon

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

Date: September 2nd, 2020

Whereas: Every member of our campus community including students, advocates, faculty, staff and alumni are important to Florida State University and have a unique place among the campus populace, and

Whereas: Each year Florida State University faces the potential tragedy of losing members of our community, and

Whereas: The Florida State University Student Senate serves the student body as a whole, and

Whereas: Students and their legacies cannot be replaced and deserve the utmost reverence of the student body for their contributions to the campus community, and

Whereas: It is with immense sorrow that the following students at Florida State University have passed on during the 2019-2020 school year; including Christa Bryan, Andrew Ellis, Earle Kelly, Reana Velez, Austin Wolfe, Natalie Nickchen, Daniela Hernandez, Christopher Joel Acosta, Sasha Monique Molina, Toluwani Idowu, Samuel Maclean Stone.

Whereas: These students at the time of their passing, were enrolled in graduate or undergraduate courses at Florida State University, and

Whereas: It is imperative to take the time to reflect on the loss of these students and their impact on our community, therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-second Student Senate at Florida State University that: The Florida State University Student Senate expresses its deepest condolences and sympathy to the family, friends, and loved ones of the members of the Florida State University Student Body that we have lost during the 2019-2020 school year.

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

Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President of Student Affairs
Angela Chong J.D., Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students



72ND STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 78

Primary Sponsor: Senator Sojos
Co-Sponsor(s): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)
Date: September 1st, 2020

Whereas: The Seventy Second Student Senate recently engaged in two motions of no-confidence, and

Whereas: Rules 1.8 and 1.9, as currently written, inhibit the Senate President or Senate President Pro-Tempore from addressing the Senate in their defense other than during short rounds of pro/con debate, therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-second Student Senate at Florida State University that: Rule 1.8 and Rule 1.9 of the 72nd Student Senate Rules of Procedure be amended as follows:

- 1.8 In the event the members of the Senate believe that the Senate President should be removed from their position and a new election for Senate President be held, any member may, at any time, make a motion of no-confidence and shall require a second. The Senate President Pro-Tempore shall then assume the chair, and the Senator who made the motion shall present their motion pursuant to the structure of debate described in Rule Eleven. At no time shall the presiding officer allow any debate that involves personal attacks or slander against the Senate President, although pertinent debate related to character and suitability for office shall be permitted. The Senate President shall be given 5 minutes to address the Senate after the sponsor of the motion of no-confidence has given their closing statement. For the motion of no-confidence to pass, a vote by iClicker shall be cast and shall require a two-thirds majority with no less than three-fourths of the members of the Senate being present. Following passage of the motion of no-confidence, the Senate President Pro-Tempore shall immediately call for the election of a new Senate President following the same procedure above.

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In the event the members of the Senate believe that the Senate President Pro-Tempore should be removed from their position and a new Election for the Senate President Pro Tempore be held, any member may, at any time, make a motion of no-confidence and shall require a second. The Chair next in line of succession shall assume as acting Pro-Tempore, and the Senator who made the motion shall present their motion pursuant to the structure of debate described in Rule Eleven. At no time shall the presiding officer allow any debate that involves personal attacks or slander against the Senate Pro Tempore although pertinent debate related to character and suitability for office shall be permitted. The Senate President Pro-Tempore shall be given 5 minutes to address the Senate after the sponsor of the motion of no-confidence has given their closing statement. For the motion of no-confidence to pass, a vote by iClicker shall be cast and shall require a two-thirds majority with no less than three-fourths of the members of the Senate being present. Following passage of the motion of no-confidence, the Senate President shall immediately call for the election of a new Senate Pro Tempore following the same procedure above.

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

Senate President Ahmad Omar Daraldik
Senate Pro-Tempore Alex Harmon
Student Body President Jonathan Levin



72ND STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #:79

Primary Sponsor: Adams, A. Gonzalez
Co-Sponsor(s): Dean, Leckie, Martin, Rudd, Sam
Date: 07/15/2020

Whereas: Within the Summer of 2020, the Seventy-Second Student Senate addressed complex, deeply-rooted social issues that prompted substantial involvement in the legislative process within the Florida State community, and,

Whereas: Within the Summer of 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic has required the 72nd Student Senate to operate remotely and conduct all business virtually, and,

Whereas: Within Summer 2020, the Senate has worked to ease the financial, mental, and academic strain placed on students by the COVID-19 pandemic through advocating for the creation of an SGA taskforce on the COVID-19 crisis, designated rent relief funds, remote technological assistance, CDC compliant food assistance, and,

Whereas: Within Summer 2020, three Votes of No Confidence were called against Senate Presidents, prompting students to attend Senate meetings and speak passionately during open comments, and,

Whereas: Within Summer 2020, the Senate has heard the advocacy of members of the LGBTQ+ community as it relates to being invalidated and disrespected by Student Senators' personal beliefs and actions. In response, the Student Senate swiftly took action to attempt to alleviate the pain caused and,

Whereas: Within Summer 2020, the Student Senate addressed the effects of a historically oppressive system targeting racially and ethnically marginalized communities, evidenced on both a national and local level. In response, the Racial Inclusivity & Justice Ad Hoc was created to reflect the voices of the student body, and,

Whereas: Within Summer 2020, the Florida State community has called for the removal and renaming of several effigies on campus, including B.K. Roberts Hall, Doak Campbell Stadium, Francis Eppes Hall and statue, which has led the Senate to advocate through legislation for these changes to occur, and,

Whereas: Within Summer 2020, a movement against power-based personal violence, specifically on Florida State's campus, led survivors to share their stories during Student Comments and through a social media campaign. In response, the Survivor's Advocacy Ad Hoc was formed, with the goal of expanding initiatives to better advocate for survivors, and,

Whereas: Within Summer 2020, the Senate has engaged in conversations with the Jewish community regarding antisemitism on campus, and is actively working on initiatives that promote the safety and inclusion of the Jewish community, including adopting the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism, and,

Whereas: Within Summer 2020, the Senate has responded to the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement's policy that "[Visa recipient] students currently in the United States enrolled in such programs [attending schools operating entirely online] must depart the country" by passing a resolution urging the university to allow International Students to remain enrolled and continue their right to receive an education, and,

Whereas: Within Summer 2020, the Senate has taken steps to acknowledge the Florida State University's historic and scarred connection to Indigenous land and symbolism, considering the implementation of an SGA Indigenous Land acknowledgment act to recognize and condemn the ongoing legacies of settler colonial violence, dispossession, and removal, and,

Whereas: With growing division and polarization within and outside of the chambers, the Senate has worked to spearhead conversations to promote unity and understanding, and

Whereas: Within Summer 2020, the Senate has seen historic involvement in the legislative process as senators received a myriad of communication from constituents in the form of emails, meetings, online petitions, social media engagement, and around 255 individual speakers during Student Comments over the course of Summer 2020, and,

Whereas: We acknowledge that as a representative body, it is the duty of the Senate to advocate for the students we represent, ensuring the voices of constituents are at the forefront of decision-making, and,

Whereas: Although student voices are formative to the legislative process, communications between senators, constituents, and organizations have not always been conducted in the safest, healthiest, most helpful, or otherwise productive manner, thus contributing to an unhealthy culture and the stagnation of legislative business, and,

Whereas: The events of this summer unfolding in a virtual setting has highlighted both the importance of constituent engagement and the need for more effective processes of communication, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Seventy-second Student Senate at Florida State University that: The Senate acknowledges that social progress is most effective through collaboration and offers our sincerest gratitude to the student body who has engaged in advocacy during the Summer of 2020, and,

Be it further resolved that: Following the events of Summer 2020, the 72nd Student Senate puts the advancement of constituent engagement at the forefront of business in Fall 2020 with the goal of instating procedures that will be both productive for virtual proceedings and sustainable for the future of the Student Senate, and,

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

Ahmad Omar Daraldik, Student Senate President
John Thrasher, President of Florida State University
Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs
Angela L. Chong, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs
Dr. Brandon Bowden, Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs
Da'Shaun Scott, Interim Director of Student Governance & Advocacy
Jonathan Levin, Student Body President
Nastassia Janvier, Student Body Vice President
Adela Larramendi, Director of the Hispanic Latinx Student Union
Harrison Aiton, Director of the Veterans Student Union
Tanvi Marulendra, Director of the Asian American Student Union
Hannah Llende, Director of the Pride Student Union
D'Vodrek Ponder, Director of the Black Student Union
Jealine Noel, Director of the Women Student Union