



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

## 73<sup>rd</sup> STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

**Resolution #: 37**

**Primary Sponsor:** Marcus, Tackett

**Co-Sponsor(s):** Gabadage, Lessard

**Whereas:** On Friday, May 24th, 2021, the Florida State University Board of Trustees unanimously voted to nominate Dr. Richard McCullough as the 16th President of this esteemed institution, and

**Whereas:** Dr. McCullough currently serves as the Vice Provost for Research at Harvard University, and Harvard University is the second ranked university in the United States, and

**Whereas:** Dr. McCullough's vision for the university includes gaining prestigious AAU membership within five years; promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion; applying lessons learned from virtual education during the COVID-19 pandemic to traditional university operations; increasing the graduation rate; and making Florida State a Top 15 public university within five years, and

**Whereas:** The Florida State University Board of Trustees characterized Dr. McCullough as an "excellent cultural fit" with a "strong academic background," "communication skills," and a "warm and friendly demeanor," who is "passionate about leading Florida State University," and

**Whereas:** The general student and faculty bodies have had a primarily positive response to Dr. McCullough's nomination, such that strong support from the FSU community is evident, and

**Whereas:** Outgoing University President John Thrasher wishes to retire and is past his original intended retirement date, and will remain in the position until a new President is confirmed, and

**Whereas:** The Florida Board of Governors will hold a confirmation vote for Dr. McCullough's nomination on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, therefore

**Be it resolved by the Seventy-third Student Senate at Florida State University that:** The Legislative Branch of Student Government at Florida State University encourages the Florida Board of Governors to confirm Dr. McCullough as the 16th President of our school, and

**Be it further resolved that:** The Seventy-third Florida State University Student Senate, should he be confirmed, will work to hold Dr. McCullough accountable to the aforementioned points in his vision, especially those in regard to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and

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

Sydney Kitson, Chair of the Florida Board of Governors

Brian Lamb, Vice-Chair of the Florida Board of Governors

Tim Cerio, Member

Aubrey Edge, Member

Patricia Frost, Member

Edward Haddock, Member

H. Wayne Huizenga Jr., Member

Ken Jones, Member

Darlene L. Jordan, Member

Alan M. Levine, Member

Charles H. Lydecker, Member

Steven M. Scott, Member

Eric Silagy, Member

Kent Stermon, Member

Marshall McAllister Criser III, Chancellor of the State University System of Florida

John Thrasher, Outgoing Florida State University President

Richard McCullough, Florida State University Presidential Nominee

DocuSigned by:

*Alexander Harmon*

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**Student Senate President**

**PASSED: June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021**