



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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

Resolution #: 15

Primary Sponsor(s): Velazquez

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Date: 1/22/24

**Whereas:** The Florida State University Student Government Association's Office of Government Affairs is tasked with advocating and representing the interests of the student body at the university, local, state, and federal levels; and

**Whereas:** The Board of Directors of the Office of Governmental Affairs compiled, debated, and approved a legislative agenda for the 2024 regular Florida legislative session; and

**Whereas:** FSU SGA recommends measures to enhance student life and learning in the State of Florida, including a textbook/course materials stipend awarded through the Florida Academic Scholars Award in HB 1667, improvements to the Florida Academic Scholars award eligibility criteria through SB 262/HB 25, and a Bright Futures Scholarship mentorship program established in SB 1484/HB 895; and

**Whereas:** FSU SGA recognizes the critical need for mental health awareness, resources, and services, including a resolution to be entitled "Sunshine Day" acknowledging the mental and physical impact Covid-19 has had on students in our higher education system, and SB 164/HB 147 establishing a scholarship and loan forgiveness program aimed at providing financial support to students pursuing mental health professions and encouraging their service in areas suffering from critical shortages; and

**Whereas:** FSU SGA recognizes the dedication and sacrifice of service members serving in the United States Armed Forces and supports initiatives that ease the transition of servicemembers into advanced academic degree programs, including SB 494/HB 511 which waives GRE and GMAT scores for military men and women; and

**Whereas:** FSU SGA recognizes the important work graduate students provide on campus and in the classroom through associate programs and assistantships, and shall receive fee waivers provided in SB 1518/HB 183; and

**Whereas:** FSU SGA recognizes the profound and lasting impact teachers have on the lives of students, shaping their educational journey, and advocates for policies that reflect the value of educators, contingent on tenured teachers being adequately supported, provided in SB 136/HB 13; and

**Whereas:** FSU SGA recognizes and supports scholarships for marginalized groups in our higher education system, specifically direct descendants of the 1920 Ocoee Election Day Riots, as provided in SB 926/HB 249; and

**Whereas:** FSU SGA recognizes and strongly supports provisions relating to services for students experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness as provided in SB 1308/HB 1067; and

**Whereas:** FSU SGA supports fiscally conservative measures and practices in the management of state university funds, as provided in SB 1128/HB 707; and

**Whereas:** FSU SGA opposes any limitation on the First Amendment Rights of university students, vague language surrounding stipulations of enforcement, and the transfer of authority or jurisdiction to public institutions in determining the security of American citizens originally vested to Federal or State Law Enforcement, including SB 470/HB 465 and SB 1120/HB 901; and


**Whereas:** FSU SGA opposes any discrimination on the basis of gender or sex in the inclusion of on campus organizations, and supports the inclusivity of any potential members to any on campus organization, as provided by SB 1728/HB 1027.

**Be it resolved by the Seventy-Sixth Student Senate at Florida State University that:** This resolution is formally adopted as the 2024 Legislative Agenda for the Florida State University Student Government Association.

**Be it further resolved that:** This resolution is sent to:

- Dr. Richard McCullough, President of Florida State University
- Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President of Student Affairs
- Clay Ingram, Chief Legislative Affairs Officer of Florida State University
- Dr. Brandon Bowden, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs of Florida State University
- Jack Hitchcock, Student Body President
- Kathleen Passidomo, President of the Florida Senate
- Paul Renner, Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives
- Ron DeSantis, Governor of Florida

**OFFICIAL:**

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**Student Senate President**

**SENATE VOTE: 58-0-0  
PASSED: January 24, 2024**