



**73<sup>rd</sup> STUDENT SENATE**  
**Statute Revision, Addition or Proposed Constitutional Amendment Form**

**Senate Bill #: 24.**

**Primary Sponsor:** Little, Ramos

**Co-Sponsor(s):** Marcus

**Date:** [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

**Purpose & Description:** officially correcting the nomenclature of the former Golden Tribe Lecture Series to the Golden Torch Lecture Series in statutes.

**Statute Number(s):** §612.1, §612.2, §612.4, 612.5, §802.10

**Statute/Amendment Text:**

**CHAPTER 612 The Student Government ~~Golden Tribe~~ Torch Lecture Series**

612.1

A. Adoption

There shall be a joint initiative of the Executive Branch, Legislative Branch, and Union Productions called the Golden ~~Tribe~~ Torch Lecture Series.

B. Purpose

The purpose of this act is to provide the student body with a series of speakers sponsored by the Student Government Association. The Golden ~~Tribe~~ Torch Lecture Series will be an academically focused speaker series that attempts to connect students to outstanding individuals who are either experts in their field or working at the forefront of a relevant political or social issue. The mission of the series is to engage students in issues and dialogue that will positively benefit their overall academic, scholastic, or humanitarian experience.

612.2 Composition and Terms

- A. The Golden ~~Tribe~~ Torch Lecture Series Committee, hereby to be referred to for the purposes of this statute as “The committee”, shall consist of the following:
1. The Committee shall consist of:
    - a. Director of the Center for Global Engagement or designee
    - b. Two (2) faculty-at-large members appointed by the Faculty Senate
    - c. Student Body President or designee
    - d. Student Senate President or designee
    - e. Four (4) Students-at-large members appointed by the Student Body President
    - f. One (1) Student Senators appointed by the Senate President
    - g. Union Production Lectures Director
    - h. Union Productions Public Relations and Marketing Director
    - i. Union Productions Programming Director
- B. Committee appointments under section 612.2 (A) (1) (e,f) shall last for one (1) year, thereafter reappointment shall be conducted as per statutes.

612.4 The Chair shall be the Union Productions Lectures Chair, and the Vice Chair shall be elected by the Golden ~~Tribe~~ Torch Committee. The Vice Chair can be any student on the committee.

- A. Duties of the Chair
1. Call and preside over all meetings and general business of the committee.
  2. Ensure compliance of Title VIII of Student Body Statutes.
  3. Prepare, and submit to the Student Senate, a proposed budget for each fiscal year.
- B. Duties of the Vice Chair
1. Perform the duties of the Chair in their absence.

2. Maintain accurate minutes and records of the committee meetings.
3. Other duties delegated by the Chair.
4. Give monthly updates to Senate regarding the Golden ~~Tribe~~ Torch Lecture Series Committee.

612.5 Powers and Duties

- A. The committee is primarily responsible for organizing and administering a semesterly or yearly Golden ~~Tribe~~ Torch Lecture Series.
  1. The committee shall also be responsible for organizing any speaker scheduled for Martin Luther King Jr. week that is sponsored by the Student Government Association.
  2. The committee shall hold meetings on a monthly basis.
- B. The Committee shall research adequate speakers that will provide educational content for the student body.
- C. The Committee shall provide speakers who discuss topics pertinent to the Florida State University student body.
- D. The Committee shall provide no less than two (2) speakers per year.
  1. This clause does not apply for any speaker scheduled for Martin Luther King Jr. week that is sponsored by the Student Government Association.
- E. The Committee shall be responsible for adequate advertisement of speakers no less than one week prior to the event. The advertisement shall consist of the time, date, location, name of speaker, and topic to be discussed.
- F. The Committee shall submit reports to the Student Senate once per semester discussing progress and actions taken.
- G. The Committee shall adopt its own rules of procedure for its organization, administration, and procedures.
  1. The committee shall be able to appoint any ex-officio non-voting members as desired through a majority vote of the committee.
- H. The Committee shall exercise sole authority over the expenditure of funds allocated for all or part of any Golden ~~Tribe~~ Torch Lecture Series.

- I. The Committee will organize, promote, and fund any individual lecture events the committee deems worthwhile, providing the event is not in conflict with any other provision of law.
- J. The Golden ~~Tribe~~ Torch Lecture Series account shall not be swept at the end of the fiscal year.

## **Chapter 802 General Guidelines & Restrictions on Expenditures**

802.10 The Executive Projects Account and the Student Government Association Golden ~~Tribe~~ Torch Lecture Series Account may use the lump sum of funds in the expense account for any purpose.



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Senate Bill #: 25.

**Primary Sponsor:** Ramos, Marcus

**Co-Sponsor(s):** Little

**Date:** 3/14/21

**Purpose & Description:** Correcting Student Body Statutes to reflect the correct nomenclature of FSU Homecoming's signature event Homecoming Live.

**Statute Number(s):** §100.5, §615.3, §615.4, §616.2, §616.3, §617.1, §617.2, §617.3, §617.4, §802.4, §810.2

**Statute/Amendment Text**  
**Chapter 100**

100.5

Within the Student Body the following elected or appointed offices shall be considered major offices:

- Student Body President
- Student Body Vice President
- Student Body Treasurer
- Student Body Attorney General
- Executive Chief of Staff
- Cabinet Officers
- Directors and Assistant Directors, Secretaries, Treasurers of Agencies, Bureaus, and Affiliated Projects
- Senators
- Union Board Members
- Campus Recreation Board Members
- Justices of the Student Supreme Court
- University Defenders
- General Counsels
- Clerk of the Court
- Speaker of the Congress of Graduate Students
- Supervisor of Elections

Deputy Supervisors of Elections  
President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary of the Senior  
Class Council  
Homecoming and ~~PowWow~~ Homecoming Live Directors  
Any elected or appointed office which receives OPS Wages from  
Student Government.

## Chapter 615 The Homecoming Executive Council

### 615.3 Procedure for Selection of Homecoming Executive Council Leadership

- A. The Student Government Association Student Body President appoints the leadership of the Homecoming Executive Council consisting of the Director of Homecoming, Assistant Director of Homecoming, and the ~~PowWow~~ Homecoming Live Director in consultation with the outgoing Director of Homecoming and the Homecoming Advisor. The outgoing ~~PowWow~~ Homecoming Live Director shall be consulted when selecting the incoming ~~PowWow~~ Homecoming Live Director.
- B. A Special Application is needed to complete the official Homecoming Director, Assistant Director and ~~PowWow~~ Homecoming Live Director application, as authorized by the Director of Student Activities or a designee. The application shall be due no later than the end of the fall semester. The application must be available for a minimum of two weeks.
- C. The Advisor to the Homecoming Executive Council shall be the Assistant Director of Student Activities in the Oglesby Union.
- D. The Homecoming Executive Council shall include, but not be limited to, Director of Homecoming, Assistant Director of Homecoming, and ~~PowWow~~ Homecoming Live Director.
- E. The Student Body President must forward candidates to the Student Senate by the first Senate of the Spring Semester. In the case that this is not done, all applicants will be sent to the Senate for appointment at the next regularly scheduled session.

### 615.4 Additional members of the Homecoming Executive Council

- A. There shall be a Homecoming Selection Committee that interviews candidates for Homecoming Executive Council positions.
  1. This selection committee must consist of the Homecoming Director and Assistant Director, ~~PowWow~~ Homecoming Live Director, Chief of Staff, three (3) Student Senate appointments, SGA Advisor, Homecoming Advisor. The

three (3) advisors will be non-voting members of the selection committee.

2. The Student Senate President must appoint three (3) Senate appointments to the committee by the first Senate of the Spring Semester.
- B. The Homecoming Director has the authority to set the schedule for the selection committee but all candidates must be selected by the end of February.
  - C. No candidates for HEC positions can be selected until the selection committee interviews and deliberates on all possible applicants.

### **Chapter 616 The Homecoming Planning Commission**

#### 616.2 Membership

- A. The Commission shall include seven (7) voting members and as many ex-officio non-voting members as desired.
- B. The voting members shall be the Student Body President, the Student Body Vice President, Student Senate President, Student Senate Pro Tempore, Homecoming Director, ~~Pow Wow~~ Homecoming Live Director and Inter Residence Hall Council Director.
- C. The voting members shall be allowed to send a student designee to vote in their place.
- D. The Chair of the Commission shall be the Student Senate President Pro Tempore

#### 616.3 Powers

The Commission is responsible for the authorization and scheduling of all Homecoming activities which are funded by A&S Fees.

- A. The Commission shall have the following authority:
  1. Assess the effectiveness of the current Homecoming activities.
  2. Sub-allocate A&S funds no later than the third Senate in the month of March in order to fund Homecoming activities for the following year.

3. Authorize and approve the schedule of those Homecoming activities and events, including Pow-Wow Homecoming Live and War Chant that are funded by A&S Fees.

#### **Chapter 617 The ~~Pow-Wow~~ Homecoming Live Planning Committee**

617.1

Title

There shall be a ~~Pow-Wow~~ Homecoming Live Planning Committee.

617.2

Purpose and Intent

The ~~Pow-Wow~~ Homecoming Live Planning Committee, hereinafter referred to as the ~~Pow-Wow~~ Homecoming Live Committee, shall organize and promote an FSU pep rally for the students, faculty and staff during Homecoming Week. The pep rally event shall be referred to as ~~Pow-Wow~~ Homecoming Live.

617.3

Membership and Officers

- A. The Advisor to the ~~Pow-Wow~~ Homecoming Live Committee shall be the Director of Student Activities or a designee.
- B. The ~~Pow-Wow~~ Homecoming Live Committee shall include, but not be limited to, Director of ~~Pow-Wow~~ Homecoming Live and an Assistant Director of ~~Pow-Wow~~ Homecoming Live appointed by the Student Body President and Assistant Director of ~~Pow-Wow~~ Homecoming Live.
- C. Other officers will be appointed to the Committee to organize and plan the event by the ~~Pow-Wow~~ Homecoming Live Director.

617.4

Powers and Duties

The ~~Pow-Wow~~ Homecoming Live Committee shall:

1. Organize and finalize the event known as ~~Pow-Wow~~ Homecoming Live.
2. Work in collaboration with student leaders and HEC in planning the event.
3. Attend Student Homecoming Feedback meetings held by the Homecoming Director.
4. All funding of this event will be allocated by the Homecoming Planning Commission.

The Advisor of ~~Pow-Wow~~ Homecoming Live shall:



1. Work in collaboration with the ~~PowWow~~ Homecoming Live Committee in planning the event.
2. Exercise fiduciary responsibility by negotiating all contracts related to ~~PowWow~~ Homecoming Live.
3. Have full decision-making authority for the day of the show and the logistics related to the production.

## **Chapter 802 General Guidelines & Restrictions on Expenditures**

### 802.4 Accessibility of Meetings & Events

Exempting SGA-sponsored concerts, no FSU student shall be charged admission for any event funded in whole or in part by A&S monies, unless the student is unable or unwilling to provide proof of studentship that shall include, but not be limited to, their valid FSU ID. All SGA-funded events and meetings must also be well publicized and conducted in an environment that is generally accessible to the public.

- A. No event or meeting at which A&S Fees are utilized may be conducted in a private residence. This includes, but is not limited to, apartments, homes, and condominiums. This does not apply to community clubhouses. Exceptions to this rule shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate.
- B. Evidence of an adequate advertisement plan of A&S Fee utilizing meetings and events must be presented at the time the expenditure is initially presented to the Student Body Treasurer. Failure to properly promote an event is grounds for rejection of all expenditures associated with the event.
- C. SGA-sponsored concerts shall include Headliners concerts, ~~PowWow~~ Homecoming Live, and any other concerts that attain the sponsorship of SGA via Senate resolution. Such concerts must have their ticket prices approved by Senate through resolution.
- D. Events should be held on campus if appropriate accommodations on campus are available. Agencies, bureaus, affiliated projects, and SGA offices must have offcampus events approved via a resolution of the Student Senate. For Undergraduate RSOs to host events off campus, must have a majority vote of approval by the Programming Allocation Committee (PAC), or in the event that PAC does not meet, the Student Senate Finance Committee may approve the event. If PAC does not approve an event by majority vote, the Student Senate or the Student Senate Finance Committee may, by majority vote, override the PAC decision. Graduate RSOs must have approval as outlined in the COGS Code.

## Chapter 810 Headliner Account Restrictions

### 810.2

No more than thirty-three (33) percent of the Headliners account may be used to perform or support activities related to Homecoming or ~~PowWow~~ Homecoming Live. The amount available for such people shall be based on the total amount in the Headliners account at the time of the first such expenditure.



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## 73rd Student Senate

**Senate Bill #:** 26.

**Primary Sponsor(s):** Linsky

**Co-Sponsor(s):**

**Date:**

**Purpose & Description:** To ensure that records of official SGA meetings are kept, maintained, and publicized.

**Statute Number(s):** § 203



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**Chapter 203 The Florida State University Student Government Association in the Sunshine Law**

*History: Revised by the 59<sup>th</sup> Senate Bill 85. Revised by 60<sup>th</sup> Student Senate Bill 60. Revised by the 72<sup>nd</sup> Student Senate Bill 40. Revised by the 73<sup>rd</sup> Student Senate Bill (#)*

203.1 This Act is to be entitled the “Florida State University Student Government Association in the Sunshine Act of 2021”, referred to hereafter as the “Sunshine Act.”

203.2 Definitions

The following definitions shall be fully applicable for the purpose of this act.

A. “The Public” shall be defined as any member of the Student Body who is neither an officer nor candidate for office in the Student Government Association, as well as University faculty and staff unaffiliated with Student Government, as well as any person not affiliated with the Florida State University or the Student Government Association.

B. “Student Government Association Affiliates” shall be defined as all officers and candidates for office in the Student Government Association, as well as all staff members of the same.

C. “Official Acts” shall be defined as:

- i Formal actions taken by an SGA body or its members. This includes, but is not limited to:
  - 1 Legislative acts;
  - 2 Allocation of funds;
  - 3 Passage of resolutions;
  - 4 Passage of executive orders;
  - 5 Presidential vetoes;
  - 6 Presidential appointments;
  - 7 Presidential dismissals;
  - 8 Adoption of rules; and
  - 9 Execution of projects funded by SGA
- ii Deliberations around the taking of formal actions by either an SGA body or its members.

203.3 All meetings held under the auspices of Student Government Association, except as otherwise provided in the Constitution, at



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which official acts are to be taken, are declared open to the public at all times. ~~No resolution, rule, or formal action shall be considered binding, except if enacted at such meeting.~~

- 203.4 Student Government Association Affiliates shall be entitled to attend all meetings held under the auspices of the Student Government Association except as provided for in these statutes, the Constitution, in the Student Senate Rules of Procedure, or any other duly authorized Rule of Procedure regardless of whether official acts are being taken.
- 203.5 There shall be no less than two (2) minutes per person reserved at the beginning of any meeting held under the auspices of Student Government Association, in which official acts take place, for members of the public and all Student Government Association affiliates to address those assembled upon application by any member of the Student Body.
- a In cases where the assembled body deems necessary, the body may vote to place a time restriction of no less than two minutes on members of the public and all Student Government Association affiliates who wish to address those assembled. This motion shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote.
- 203.6 The minutes of any meeting ~~under this chapter~~ held under the auspices of the Student Government Administration, regardless of whether official acts are taken, shall be recorded at the time of the meeting and such records shall be open to the public and to Student Government Affiliates and be submitted to the SGA Webmaster for publication within two (2) business days following the meeting. The Student Supreme Court shall have jurisdiction to issue injunctions to enforce the purposes of this chapter upon application by any member of the Student Body.
- 203.7 Any person may be requested to leave any meeting held under the auspices of Student Government Association; however the person must be explicitly informed of their access rights granted under the Sunshine Act.
- 203.8 No provision within this Act shall be construed so as to prohibit the chair of a meeting from maintaining decorum necessary to the facilitation of business, nor to waive any officer's right to call upon law enforcement officials in the event of a criminal disturbance.



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- 203.9 Any meeting in which official acts are to take place held without twenty-four (24) hours prior public notice shall be considered in violation of the provisions of this chapter.
- 203.10 Public notice shall consist of an announcement on the SGA website of the meeting time, place, and purpose. Social media posts shall not serve as official public announcements.
- 203.11 No card or written notice of intent to comment may be required in any meeting (Executive, Senate committee, etc.) to speak, except regular Senate meetings, unless the presiding officer wishes to do so and gives adequate notification to those wishing to speak. Presence at the beginning of a non-Senate meeting (including Senate's Committees) can indicate intent to comment. Nothing here shall prohibit the presiding officer of a meeting from maintaining order or facilitate the allowing of student comments in an organized system.
- 203.12 Any actions taken at meetings found in violation of this act are to be declared null and void.



## 73<sup>rd</sup> STUDENT SENATE Allocation, Revision or Transfer Form

**Bill #:** Do not fill.

**Primary Sponsor:** Tackett  
**Co-Sponsor(s):** Arutt, Stults, Linsky  
**Date:** 3/15/2021

**Amount:** \$845.60

**From (account name):** Senate Projects

**To (account name):** Food for Thought Pantry

**Purpose & Description:** To provide 500 reusable bags to the Food for Thought Pantry to help them sustain through the 2021 Summer Semester. The price for 500 bags at \$1.44 is \$720 and a \$50 "set up fee" is required by the manufacturer. An additional \$75 is quoted as the shipping cost. The pantry relies on donations to continue operations. Since the pandemic started, the pantry has utilized reusable bags to distribute food to students each semester while adhering to CDC guidelines of minimal physical contact. The number of students who are food insecure rose during the start of the pandemic, and the Food for Thought Pantry has seen an increase in use. While many students are utilizing the pantry and its resources, many are still going hungry because of the stigmatization of hunger amongst young adults. This epidemic of hunger has not spared Florida State University. Funding for 500 reusable bags is just one step in many that can help the pantry comfortably continue its operations during the pandemic while also working to de-stigmatize hunger. 500 bags are the estimation given by Food for Thought Pantry administrators to sustain these operations through the summer semester. It is highly recommended that non-A&S fees be provided by the university to sustain their operations in the future.

### Itemized Expenditures:

Quantity	Description	Unit Price
500	Non-woven Grocery Shopper Bags	\$1.44
1	Fees	\$50
1	Shipping	\$75.60

Total: \$845.60



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

**Resolution #:** 30.

**Primary Sponsor:** Gonzalez and Stinson

**Co-Sponsor(s):** Bateman, Bergen, Daraldik, England, Flashman, Gabadage, Gonzales, Grunberger, J. Hitchcock, Hunter, Lessard, Linsky, Little, Marcus, Melian, Mougey, Murcia, Murray, Nemeth, Preshia, Sam, Soto, Stults, Villacorta, Wang

**Date:** March 16, 2020

**Whereas:** Dr. Brandon Bowden serves as the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs at Florida State University where he directly supervises areas such as the Center for Leadership and Social Change, the Center for Global Engagement, the Student Union, the Student Engagement Department and co-supervises the Center for Academic Retention and Enhancement (CARE) along with the Dean of Undergraduate Studies and,

**Whereas:** Dr. Bowden stepped in as Interim Director of the Student Governance and Advocacy and Interim Director of Student Engagement at the end of July 2020 following the departure of Dr. Danielle Acosta and,

**Whereas:** With this role, he became the Interim Advisor of the Student Senate, tasked with supporting Student Senators personally and professionally while assuring administrative tasks were being performed in an efficient and statutory form and,

**Whereas:** Student Senators would like to personally thank Dr. Bowden for his contribution and influence to the Student Senate and our individual growth in the following way and,

**Whereas:** Senator Bateman says "Thank you for providing the candor, advice and guidance of an excellent advisor. I've greatly enjoyed working for you over these past few months" and,

**Whereas:** Senator Bergen says "Thank you for everything you do, Dr. Bowden. The effort and time you contribute to SGA and Senate does not go unappreciated" and,

**Whereas:** Senator Daraldik says "Dr. Bowden I want to express my most gracious respect and gratitude for you and your presence within the Student Senate Legislative body. You have as a Black Man been such an inspiration for me as a man of color that I will never forget the positive impact you have had on my life and FSU experience. Throughout everything I always knew I could come to you and express my thoughts which provided me with so much stability during my tenure as the Student Senate President. You helped me realize that every individual has no limitations beyond self limitation, a lesson I will never lose sight of. Thank you for being a true role model and inspiring many others and myself to be our genuine selves; forever and always love you Dr.B" and,

**Whereas:** Senator England says "There are nine areas within the Division of Student Affairs that direct reports to you. This did not stop you from going out of your way to ensure all areas of student government were covered after Dr. Danielle Acosta's departure. I find it hard enough dealing with my two hats - student and senator - yet you somehow juggle nine. You are an inspiration to us all and your hard work will not soon be forgotten by the students of today and of tomorrow" and,



**Whereas:** Senator Flashman says “Thank you for the work you’ve done in the short time I’ve been a member of the 73rd student senate. I am thankful for the effort you put into SGA, going above and beyond to help run our student government” and,

**Whereas:** Senator Gabadage says “Dr. Bowden has consistently been a light within student government even at the most stressful times. He has displayed throughout his time here how much he genuinely cares for the well being of senators and our personal growth. I cannot thank him enough for his dedication” and,

**Whereas:** Senator Gonzales says “This administrator has been there for me when I was lost and I didn’t know what to do, and for that I am thankful” and,

**Whereas:** Senator Grunberger says “Thank you so much Dr. Bowden, for all you have done for SGA and the FSU community. You always respond when I reach out and you try to help no matter what, with no hesitation. I appreciate all the work you have done for the FSU community as well as the work we have done on the Jewish Student-Life Task Force and the work that we will continue to do. Thankful for all that you do Dr. B!” and,

**Whereas:** Senator J. Hitchcock says “Thank you, Dr. Bowden for being our anchor when life was most volatile. Thank you for being there for the new senators in our time of need. Thank you so much for showing us professionalism, courage, and respectfulness!” and,

**Whereas:** Senator Hunter says “I am eternally thankful for your guidance during my short time in senate. Your care for students has always been evident and at the forefront of all the work you do. I am grateful for your commitment to bettering not only students’ lives within the senate chamber but also beyond. Thank you for the time you dedicated to us, it will never be forgotten!” and,

**Whereas:** Senator Lessard says “While I have only been in Senate for a short time, I will forever be grateful for everything I have learned from you. Thank you Dr. Bowden for carrying us through the good and the bad. Thank you for your encouraging words after long senate meetings or even emotionally difficult ones. We appreciate everything you do!” and,

**Whereas:** Senator Linsky says “I am very grateful for the opportunities to have learned from you, rely on your experience, and better understand how students and administrators can collaborate to best represent our University. Thanks for setting a tone and tempo that will continue to guide us through the good, the bad, and the uncertain” and,

**Whereas:** Senator Little says “Dr. Bowden, your hard work has been so essential to the success of this body. Thank you for stepping up and being a prominent leader during one of the most difficult and insane times for this Senate and for FSU as a whole. I am immensely grateful for your guidance while I was learning the ropes of Senate leadership. You encouraged and supported me through some of my hardest times in Senate, showing me that I am capable of more than I think when I am confident and fair. Many of my personal successes in Senate wouldn’t have been possible without you, so thank you. We’ll miss you, but can’t wait to see the next big thing you do!” and,

**Whereas:** Senator Marcus says “Thank you for going out of your way and giving us ample amounts of your time to help us serve the student body! We have spent many a Wednesday

evening staring at zoom boxes and your efforts to help us help students by overseeing these long meetings are so appreciated” and,

**Whereas:** Senator Melian says “Thank you for your continued servitude and attentiveness. Your aid has well served us, and I give eternal thanks. I appreciate your time and effort and it inspires me to put my best foot forward” and,

**Whereas:** Senator Mougey says “Dr. Bowden, I truly cannot thank you enough for your dedication to the student government of Florida State University. Your time, energy, and love for the students of our institution is inspirational. Throughout my time at FSU, I am honored to have had the opportunity to work with you. You are an inspiration to so many students and a strong leader that we needed so desperately. I will be forever grateful for the past couple of years” and,

**Whereas:** Senator Murcia says “Dr Bowden, thank you for all the work you did with the 72nd Student Senate. I know that working with us can sometimes be difficult and I know it is very time consuming. So I really appreciate the work you did! I also want to thank you for helping me through Sweepings. It was a hard week, but we got through it and a large part of that was your help and guidance. Thank you for setting an example for how the senate should be run and thank you for allowing the late night meetings. I am grateful for getting the chance to work with you” and,

**Whereas:** Senator Murray says “Dr. Bowden, thank you for playing such a vital role in our 73rd student senate. Your work does not go unnoticed and inspires me to not only become a better senator, but a better human! Thank you for guiding us in our time of need, even if it is at 12’ o’clock at night. Your passion for students and willingness to lend a hand to anyone is incredibly appreciated and admirable” and,

**Whereas:** Senator Nemeth says “Dr. Bowden, thank you for contributing so much of your time to the student body and for setting such an amazing example of how administrators and students can work together towards a common goal. Your hard work does not go unnoticed. The 73rd Student Senate has been so lucky to have you” and,

**Whereas:** Senator Preshia says “Dr. B, I appreciate the time and dedication you put into Senate. I recognized your impact even before I was elected. I saw the many hours you put in over Summer 2020 making sure that student’s voices were represented and making sure the legislative body was able to effectively exercise its power. Even though I came in towards the end of your student government advisory period, I know that you will continue to make an impact on the Florida State University community in so many ways!” and,

**Whereas:** Senator Sam says “Thank you for being a light in the dark path of what summer Senate was. I will forever appreciate the support you gave me during my term, and I hope you know I found it invaluable in my journey in student leadership” and,

**Whereas:** Senator Soto says “Thank you for making yourself available enough to help run Senate meetings smoothly! Also, a HUGE thank you for helping myself and the Senate Finance Committee with the start of revisions to the Finance Code! Your guidance and willingness to help us as not only senators, but also as students, will never be forgotten, even if it means replying to our emails at 11 o’clock at night!” and,

**Whereas:** Senator Stults says “Thank you for making the Senate run smoothly and assisting all the Senators in all our efforts. You made SGA a better place and you helped me gain the

experience and knowledge necessary to function as a Student Senator. We will all miss you!" and,

**Whereas:** Senator Villacorta says "Dr. Bowden was the first administrator I have had the pleasure of working with who showed genuine concern for the issues in student government, from corruption and ethics concerns to student health and well-being, and never made senators feel like any idea was unattainable, but instead encouraged cooperation and always kept his door open for me. Dr. Bowden shuns the elitism and gatekeeping that is too often present in the University administration, and for that he will be always remembered as an administrator that truly worked for the benefit of the students" and,

**Whereas:** Senator Wang says "Words are powerless to express my gratitude to you Dr. Bowden. Thank you for making my transition to Pro-Tempore as smooth as possible in a virtual setting amidst a pandemic. I appreciate your guidance and willingness to help at all times. You stepped up in the most tumultuous time SGA has ever seen. From 1 AM meetings to constantly checking through statutes to answer our questions, your efforts have not gone unnoticed. Thank you for caring about us beyond what your job required" and,

**Whereas:** Senator Gonzalez says "Dr. Bowden, your name carries weight and your words carry value. But not value simply in purpose, but value in empathy, morality, and truth. Beyond the unbiased, just nature in which you conducted yourself as an administrator, you managed to instill the power of kindness and fairness in every single one of us. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for taking this on, for opening your arms and heart to us, and for supporting me as an individual. You came into my life and provided that balance, that listening heart and open soul that makes someone feel truly valued, despite all else going on. You deserve the world, and I truly hope Florida State recognizes the worth you bring to the table" and,

**Whereas:** Senator Stinson says "Dr. Bowden, you have truly been a role model in the realm of professionalism for me. You have shown me that compassion can carry weight across all aisles. You've been selfless in your actions and in your allegiance to making Florida State the amazing place it is today. Seeing how hard you work from 8am to midnight inspires me and many others to give our work the same commitment and dedication you do. You make me want to be a better person and I cannot show my appreciation enough. Thank you for being you!" and,

**Whereas:** Dr. Bowden shall be recognized for his outstanding efforts during this past year, where he was thrust into a difficult position at a volatile time and nonetheless worked tirelessly to guide Student Senators to the principles of amity, compromise, and respectful disagreement, therefore,

**Be it resolved by the Seventy-third Student Senate at Florida State University that:** The Student Governance and Advocacy expresses it's deepest gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Brandon Bowden for his endless devotion to the individual and organizational success of SG&A. We recognize his worth and acknowledge the influence he has had on our growth as individuals and leaders.

**Be it further resolved that:** As a token of our appreciation, Dr. Brandon Bowden is to be nominated for the FSU Student Senate Award for Excellence for his distinguished service to the Florida State University and his outstanding performance in representing the institution.

**Be it lastly resolved that:** A copy of this resolution be sent to:  
Dr. Brandon Bowden, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs

Dr. Angela Chong, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs  
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs  
John Thrasher, President of Florida State University



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

Resolution #: 29

**Primary Sponsor:** Ahmad Daraldik, Joshua Flashman

**Co-Sponsor(s):** Jonathan Marcus, Ryan Villacorta

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**Whereas:** Muslim students have expressed concern over a lack of protections from discrimination in the form of Islamophobia, and

**Whereas:** Islamophobia has been experienced by many Muslim students on campus, by or from people such as the Co-Chair of Turning Point/Founder of Students for Trump Ryan Fournier, and President of The Free Thinker Project CJ Pearson, referring to legislation by a Muslim student senator as “anti-American”, and

**Whereas:** The All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on British Muslims was created in 2017 to research an appropriate universal Definition of Islamophobia, and in 2018 published a report on defining Islamophobia, and

**Whereas:** The APPG Definition of Islamophobia contains the following definition:

*“Islamophobia is rooted in racism and is a type of racism that targets expressions of Muslimness or perceived Muslimness”*

**Whereas:** The APPG Definition of Islamophobia contains the following contemporary examples:

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- *Calling for, aiding, instigating or justifying the killing or harming of Muslims in the name of a racist/ fascist ideology, or an extremist view of religion.*
- *Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Muslims as such, or of Muslims as a collective group, such as, especially but not exclusively, conspiracies about Muslim entryism in politics, government or other societal institutions; the myth of Muslim identity having a unique propensity for terrorism, and claims of a demographic ‘threat’ posed by Muslims or of a ‘Muslim takeover’.*
- *Accusing Muslims as a group of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Muslim person or group of Muslim individuals, or even for acts committed by non-Muslims.*
- *Accusing Muslims as a group, or Muslim majority states, of inventing or exaggerating Islamophobia, ethnic cleansing or genocide perpetrated against Muslims.*
- *Accusing Muslim citizens of being more loyal to the ‘Ummah’ (transnational Muslim community) or to their countries of origin, or to the alleged priorities of Muslims worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.*
- *Denying Muslim populations the right to self-determination e.g., by claiming that the existence of an independent Palestine or Kashmir is a terrorist endeavour.*
- *Applying double standards by requiring of Muslims behaviours that are not expected or demanded of any other groups in society, eg loyalty tests.*

- *Using the symbols and images associated with classic Islamophobia (e.g. Muhammed being a paedophile, claims of Muslims spreading Islam by the sword or subjugating “Islamophobia is rooted in racism and is a type of racism that targets expressions of Muslimness or perceived Muslimness.” minority groups under their rule) to characterize Muslims as being ‘sex groomers’, inherently violent or incapable of living harmoniously in plural societies.*
- *Holding Muslims collectively responsible for the actions of any Muslim majority state, whether secular or constitutionally Islamic.*

**Be it resolved by the Seventy-Third Student Senate at Florida State University that:** The 73<sup>rd</sup> Student Senate implores the SGA Executive Branch, FSU Administration, and any entity incorporated as a part of the Florida State University to adopt and recognize the APPG Definition of Islamophobia and its contemporary examples.

**Be it further resolved that:** The 73<sup>rd</sup> Student Senate condemns the statements made by Ryan Fournier and CJ Pearson directed at student senators and recognizes these statements as Islamophobic attacks against him. No student or their work should ever be referred to as “anti-American”, and these tweets were inappropriate and in bad taste.

**Be it lastly resolved that:**

A copy of this resolution be sent to:

Jonathon Levin, Student Body President

Alex Harmon, Student Senate President

Julie Ducey, Supreme Court Chief Justice

Jacey Hanley, Student Alumni Association President

Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs

John Thrasher, President of Florida State University

Ed Burr, Chairman of the Florida State University Board of Trustees

Julie Decker, President of the Florida State Alumni Association

Zachary Bethel, Editor-In-Chief of FSView

Ryan Fournier, Co-Chair of Turning Point & Founder of Students for Trump

CJ Pearson, President of The Free Thinker Project