

75th STUDENT SENATE LEGISLATION PACKET

April 19, 2023

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In Unconquered Pride,

Sofia Binjaku
75th Student Senate Clerk
Florida State University

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75th STUDENT SENATE Allocation, Revision or Transfer Form

Bill #: 51

Primary Sponsor: Widmann

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

Date: April 6, 2023

Amount: \$3,420

From (account name): Senate Projects

To (account name): Facilities

Purpose & Description: A transfer of \$3,420 from Senate Projects to Facilities to purchase and install one water station with bottle filler in the Bellamy Building on FSU's Campus.

Itemized Expenditures:

Quantity	Description	Unit Price
1	Elkay Model EZS8WSLK Unit Installation and Purchase	\$3,420

Total: \$3,420

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Statute Revision, Addition or Proposed Constitutional Amendment Form

Senate Bill #: 52

Primary Sponsor: Dale, Faletti

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

Date: April 10, 2023

Purpose & Description: To remove from the position of Secretaries of Agencies and Bureaus from the list of Major Offices.

Statute Number(s): 100.5

Statute/Amendment Text (please copy below from Word version on Statutes)

100.1

Major Offices

A.

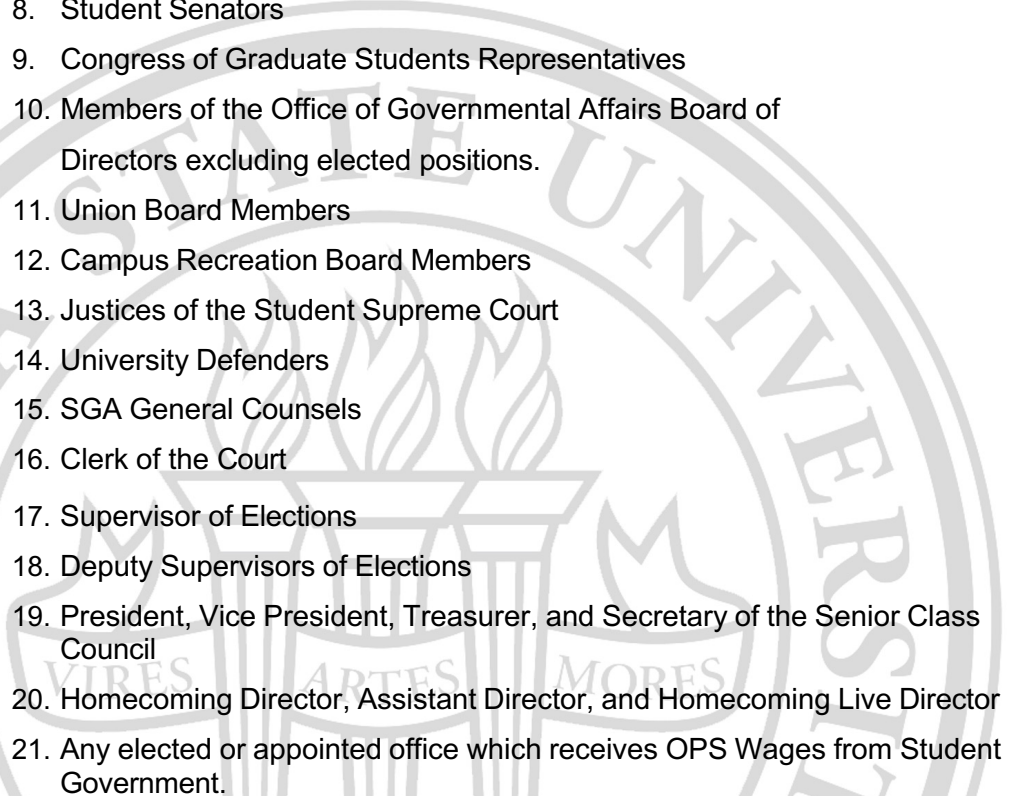
Definitions

1. Director - The chief executive of an entity.
2. Assistant Director - The individual who would assume the role of the chief executive of an entity in the absence of the chief executive.
3. Treasurer - The individual in charge of monitoring the finances of an entity.
4. ~~Secretary - The individual in charge of taking minutes at board meetings of an entity.~~

B. The definitions listed in this statute shall include any positions which fit the criteria of the definition.

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

1. Student Body President
2. Student Body Vice President
3. Student Body Treasurer

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4. Student Body Attorney General
 5. Members of the Executive Office of the President
 6. Cabinet Officers
 7. Directors, Assistant Directors, Secretaries, Treasurers of Agencies and Bureaus
 8. Student Senators
 9. Congress of Graduate Students Representatives
 10. Members of the Office of Governmental Affairs Board of Directors excluding elected positions.
 11. Union Board Members
 12. Campus Recreation Board Members
 13. Justices of the Student Supreme Court
 14. University Defenders
 15. SGA General Counsels
 16. Clerk of the Court
 17. Supervisor of Elections
 18. Deputy Supervisors of Elections
 19. President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary of the Senior Class Council
 20. Homecoming Director, Assistant Director, and Homecoming Live Director
 21. Any elected or appointed office which receives OPS Wages from Student Government.

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Senate Bill #: 53

Primary Sponsor: DuChêne, Diaz

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

Date: April 12, 2023

Purpose & Description: Eliminating the statutorily mandated Senate mentor program.

Statute Number(s): 207.4

Statute/Amendment Text (please copy below from Word version on Statutes)

- 207.4 New Senator Orientation
- A. New Senator Orientation shall serve as a means to bring about a more efficient transition into Student Senate for new Senators.
 - B. The current Student Senate President, in conjunction with Student Senate President Pro Tempore, shall be required to conduct New Senator Orientation in the week prior to the Student Government Inaugurations; additional New Senator Orientations shall be conducted at the discretion of the Student Senate President. In the case of a contested election, or special circumstances, New Senator Orientation may be moved to the week after the Inaugurations.
 - 1. New Senator Orientation shall consist of teaching new Senators how to compose and submit a bill for first reading, compose and submit a resolution for first reading, properly follow Robert's Rules of Order during a Senate meeting, properly follow Student Senate Rules of Procedure, and anything deemed necessary by Senate President or Student Senate President Pro Tempore. In addition, new Senators should have a basic understanding of the Student Body Constitution, the Student Body Statutes and the SGA Financial Manual.
 - 2. At New Senator Orientation, the new Senators shall take part in a mock Senate meeting in which the Student Senate President, in conjunction with the Student Senate President Pro Tempore, shall teach the

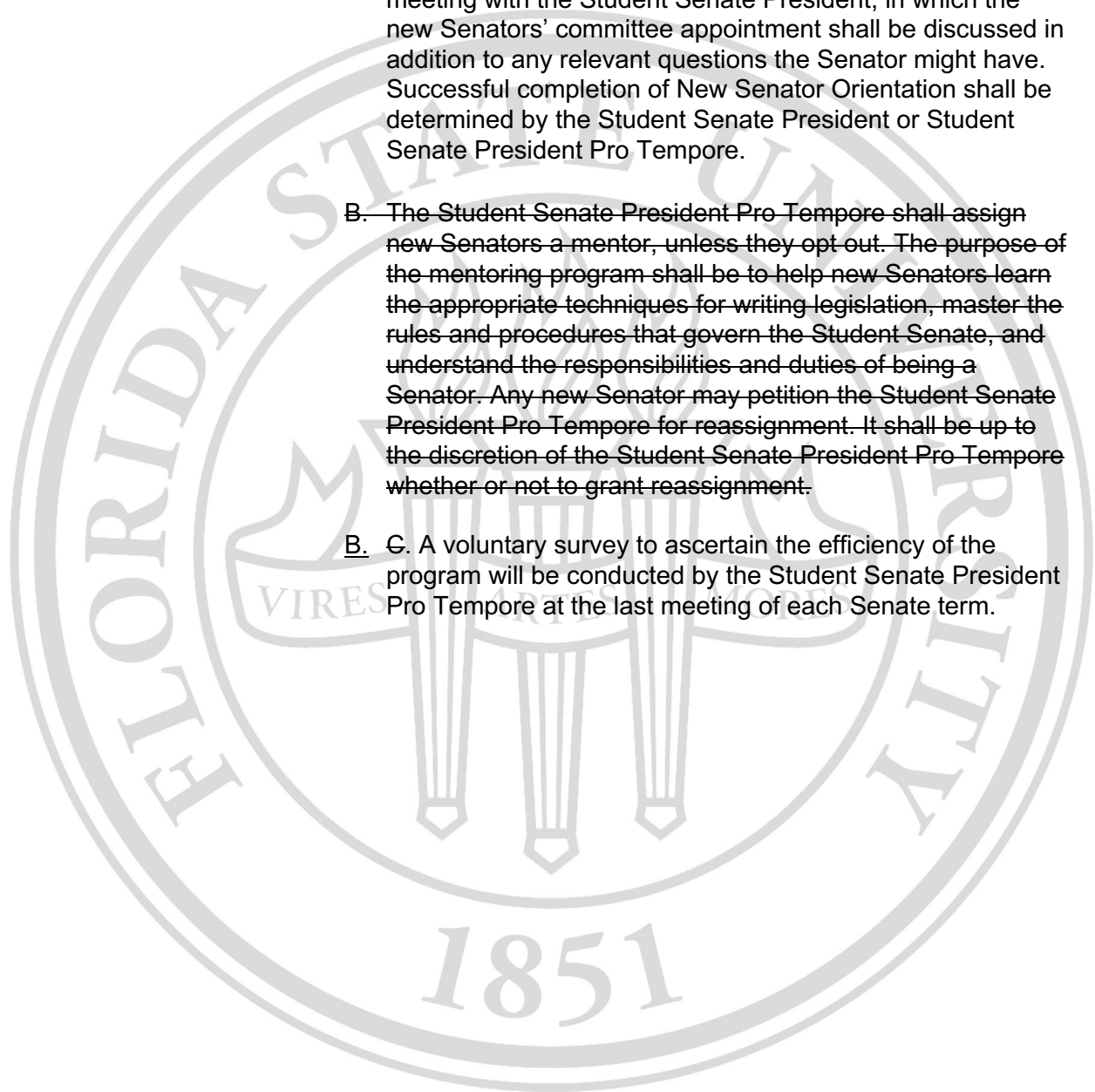
new Senators all relevant information about the procedure of a Senate meeting.

C. After New Senator Orientation

A. New Senators shall be encouraged to attend a scheduled meeting with the Student Senate President, in which the new Senators' committee appointment shall be discussed in addition to any relevant questions the Senator might have. Successful completion of New Senator Orientation shall be determined by the Student Senate President or Student Senate President Pro Tempore.

~~B. The Student Senate President Pro Tempore shall assign new Senators a mentor, unless they opt out. The purpose of the mentoring program shall be to help new Senators learn the appropriate techniques for writing legislation, master the rules and procedures that govern the Student Senate, and understand the responsibilities and duties of being a Senator. Any new Senator may petition the Student Senate President Pro Tempore for reassignment. It shall be up to the discretion of the Student Senate President Pro Tempore whether or not to grant reassignment.~~

~~B. C.~~ A voluntary survey to ascertain the efficiency of the program will be conducted by the Student Senate President Pro Tempore at the last meeting of each Senate term.



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Senate Bill #: 54

Primary Sponsor: DuChêne

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

Date: April 12, 2023

Purpose & Description: To add the option of an abbreviated version of the Indigenous Land Acknowledgment Statement, to be used where deemed appropriate in lieu of the longer statement. This abbreviated version should not be used as standard practice at high-profile events, but rather as an option to make the statement more accessible for programming.

Statute Number(s): Chapter 211

Statute/Amendment Text:

211.2 The Indigenous Land Acknowledgment Statement shall be as follows:

The Student Government of Florida State University acknowledges that it is located on land that is the ancestral and traditional territory of the Apalachee Nation, the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida, the Muscogee Creek Nation, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida. We pay respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to their descendants and to all Indigenous people. We recognize this land remains scarred by the histories and ongoing legacies of settler colonial violence, dispossession, and removal. In spite of all this, and with tremendous resilience, these Indigenous Nations have remained deeply connected to this territory, to their families, to their communities, and to their cultural ways of life. We recognize the ongoing relationships of care that these Indigenous Nations maintain with this land and extend our gratitude as we live and work as humble and respectful guests upon their territory. We encourage all to learn about and educate others on the contemporary work of the Indigenous Nations whose land we are on and to endeavor to support Indigenous sovereignty in all the ways that we can.

211.3 The Abbreviated Indigenous Land Acknowledgment Statement, to be used where deemed appropriate, shall be as follows:

The Student Government of Florida State University acknowledges that it is located on land that is the ancestral and traditional territory of the Apalachee Nation, the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida, the Muscogee Creek Nation, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida. We recognize this land remains scarred by the legacies of violence and removal, we recognize the ongoing relationships of care that these Indigenous Nations maintain

with this land, and we extend our gratitude as we live and work as humble and respectful guests upon their territory. We encourage all to learn about and educate others on the contemporary work of the Indigenous Nations whose land we are on and to endeavor to support Indigenous sovereignty in all the ways that we can.



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Senate Bill #: 56

Primary Sponsor: Humberg

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

Date: April 18, 2023

Purpose & Description: Streamlining language pertaining to the FSU Panama City campus's election procedures, and allowing them to vote for Student Body Treasurer.

Statute Number(s): SBS §603.2

Statute/Amendment Text:

603.2 PCC Student Elections

A. Franchise

1. All students enrolled at PCC are eligible to vote in the semi-annual PCCSGC elections. Students enrolled at the main campus are ineligible to vote in the semi-annual PCC-SGC elections.
2. All students enrolled at PCC are eligible to vote in FSU-SGA Presidential, ~~and Vice Presidential, and Treasurer~~ elections and/or on Amendments to the Student Body Constitution, in the manner outlined by the FSU-SGA Supervisor of Elections in accordance with Chapter 700 of Student Body Statutes. ~~either by absentee ballot or by vote at a poll established at PCC by FSU-SGA. All sealed absentee ballots are to be delivered to the Commissioner of Elections by the day of voting at the Tallahassee campus.~~

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Senate Bill #: 57

Primary Sponsor: Diaz, Khosh

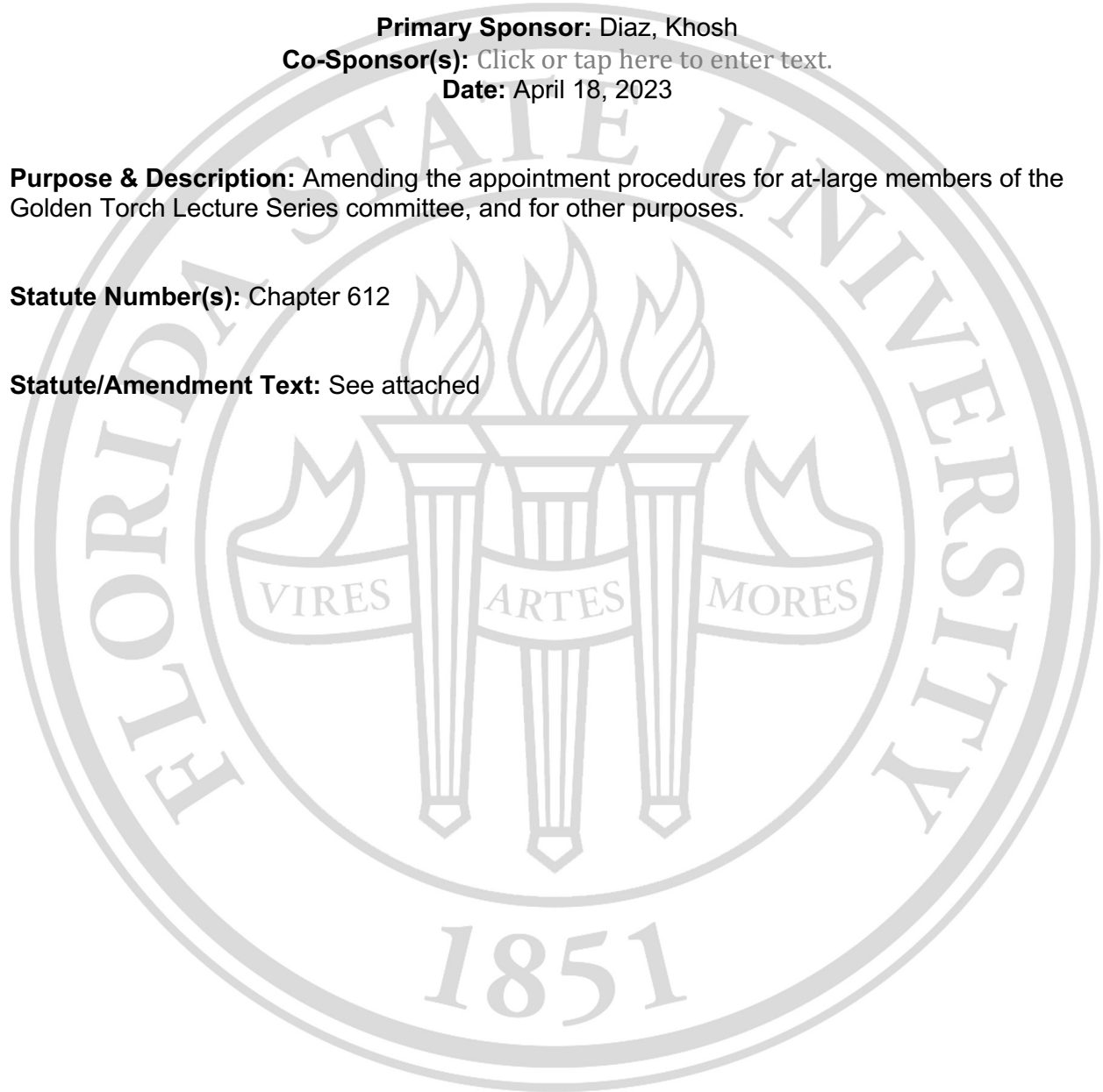
Co-Sponsor(s): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Date: April 18, 2023

Purpose & Description: Amending the appointment procedures for at-large members of the Golden Torch Lecture Series committee, and for other purposes.

Statute Number(s): Chapter 612

Statute/Amendment Text: See attached



CHAPTER 612 The Student Government Golden Torch Lecture Series

History: Added by the 58th Senate Bill 71. Revised by the 59th Senate Bill 50. Revised by the 60th Senate Bill 32. Revised by the 62nd Senate Bill 105. Revised by the 66th Senate Bill 1. Revised by the 69th Senate Bill 52. Revised by the 70th Senate Bill 32. Revised by the 73rd Senate Bill 24.

612.1

A. Adoption

There shall be a joint initiative of the Executive Branch, Legislative Branch, and Union Productions called the Golden 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 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 Committee Composition and Terms

A. The Golden 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.~~

B. Sub-Committees

a. Public Relations Committee

- i. The Golden Torch Lecture Series shall have the power to institute a Public Relations Committee to oversee functions related to proper event advertisement.

1. This sub-committee shall consist of:

- a. The Vice-Chair
- b. Union Productions Public Relations and Marketing Director
- c. At least 2 (two) Student Appointees as defined by 612.2 (A)

612.3 Selection of Faculty at Large Members and Student at Large Members
Appointment of At-Large Members

A. The Student Body President, Student Senate President, and Faculty Senate shall forward their appointments to the Golden Torch Lecture Series committee via email by the end of the Spring semester.

B. Appointments to the Golden Torch Lecture Series committee shall last for approximately one academic year before being subject to reappointment in the Spring pursuant to Section 612.3(A).

~~A. The Student Government Association Student Body President shall appoint four (4) students at large to serve as members on the committee. Both student shall be from different colleges or division on campus.~~

~~1. The Student Body President must forward candidates to the Student Senate by the end of January of every year. In the case that this is not done, all applicants will be sent to the Senate for appointment at the next regularly schedules session.~~

~~B. The Faculty Senate shall appoint two Faculty at large members through the internal procedures of the Faculty Senate to serve as members on the committee. Both shall be different colleges or divisions of campus.~~

612.4 The Chair shall be the Union Productions Lectures Chair, and the Vice Chair shall be elected by the Golden 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 Torch Lecture Series Committee.

612.5 Powers and Duties

- A. The committee is primarily responsible for organizing and administering a ~~semesterly~~ or yearly Golden 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 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 Torch Lecture Series account shall not be swept at the end of the fiscal year.

75th STUDENT SENATE

Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 38

Primary Sponsor: Dale, Folwell

Co-Sponsor(s): Barrett, Bettley, St. Hilaire

Date: April 4, 2023

Whereas: Since 1965, global production of sugar cane has quadrupled in scale, with two billion metric tons of the crop being produced in recent years; and

Whereas: Harvesting sugar cane can be difficult due to the buildup of dried leaves at the base of the sugar cane crop, which accumulates over the course of the season; and

Whereas: Sugar cane producers across the state of Florida resort to the burning of this leafy material to simplify the farming process, leading to several issues in Floridian communities; and

Whereas: This “sugar cane burning” releases harmful particulate matter into the air, which pollutes the Florida environment, rivalling even the amount of pollution created by automobiles, with research done by Florida State University finding that sugarcane fires resulted in 5,100 metric tons of this particulate matter every year, whereas on-road motor vehicles in Florida emitted about 6,100 metric tons every year; and

Whereas: Sugar cane burning has also been linked to environmental racism, with marginalized communities being disproportionately affected by the burns, due to the proximity of many of these communities to the burn sites and there being many more active burn permits in these historically marginalized communities than in other parts of the state and area; and

Whereas: The particles produced by sugar cane burning negatively affects the life of all residents in Florida, with the matter being linked to respiratory issues and exacerbating conditions such as asthma and bronchitis, and directly leading to an estimated three deaths per year; and

Whereas: There are many tried and tested alternatives to sugar cane burning, such as “green harvesting”, which involves cutting sugar cane while it is still green for immediate processing, in order to preserve the soil and air quality of our great state, among other methods; and

Whereas: Even though Florida’s cane sugar industry is the largest in the nation, producing a two billion dollar economic impact to the state, the burning process leading to pollution and long-term environmental damage, and disadvantaging already-marginalized communities, despite there being safer and more environmentally-friendly alternatives, is a willful neglect of the corporate responsibility to public wellbeing; therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: The Seventy-fifth Student Senate opposes the practice of sugar cane burning, and urges sugar cane producers in Florida and the Florida government to explore other options to replace this outdated practice.

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Resolution #: 42

Primary Sponsor: Dale

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

Date: April 11, 2023

Whereas: Florida State University has recently climbed 24 spots to be No.19 among U.S. News and World Report Best Colleges ranking of public universities, and has more than 30 graduate programs in the top 25 U.S. News and World Report's 2022 edition of "Best Graduate Schools", and,

Whereas: Florida State is known for its great value for students, striving to offer an affordable education for all, and was named the No. 11 Best Value College among public colleges and universities by the Princeton Review, and,

Whereas: Florida State University had a record 99 percent freshman retention rate between the fall and sophomore semester, and holds a 95 percent overall freshman retention rate, placing among the top 15 in the country, and,

Whereas: the university's acceptance rate recently dropped to 24 percent for the incoming class of 2026, marking the most academically accomplished incoming class in Florida State's history, and,

Whereas: Florida State University offers more than 300 programs of study across 16 colleges and schools, including prestigious and widely respected colleges such as Florida State University's College of Business, FSU's Department of Psychology, The College of Criminology and Criminal Justice, FSU's Department of Biological Science, and The Department of Computer Science at FSU, and,

Whereas: The FAMU-FSU College of Engineering offers undergraduate and graduate programs in civil, electrical, mechanical, and chemical engineering, representing one of the strongest and proudest partnerships of the university that will only continue to deepen, and,

Whereas: Florida State University is respected nationwide for being a leading research university. Florida State University offers students the chance to participate in research with the

Center for Research and Engagement, and offers undergraduates the ability to be a part of the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, and,

Whereas: Florida State University's National High Magnetic Field Laboratory is the only one of its kind in the Western Hemisphere and one of only a dozen such facilities in the world, and consistently provides unmatched research opportunities for students, and,

Whereas: Florida State University has over 750 Recognized Student Organizations, over 40 Fraternity and Sorority chapters, 7 identity-based agencies, a thriving Student Government Association, and a consistently ranked top 20 best athletics program, on campus for students to explore, participate in and find a community in, and,

Whereas: Florida State University's football program has won three national championships, eighteen conference titles and six division titles, has sent 293 players to the NFL, including 46 first-round picks, has had three Heisman trophy winning players, and,

Whereas: Florida State University's soccer program has a history of consistent excellence. With the program winning two NCAA championships, appearing in the College Cup 12 times, winning 19 ACC championships, and sending many players on to the US Women's National Team and other professional leagues, and,

Whereas: FSU baseball has a long history of success, with a winning tradition that spans over 70 years, including 57 consecutive appearances in the NCAA tournament, the longest active streak in the nation, in addition to 18 conference championships, 23 College World Series appearances, and the development of several Major League Baseball Hall of Famers, and,

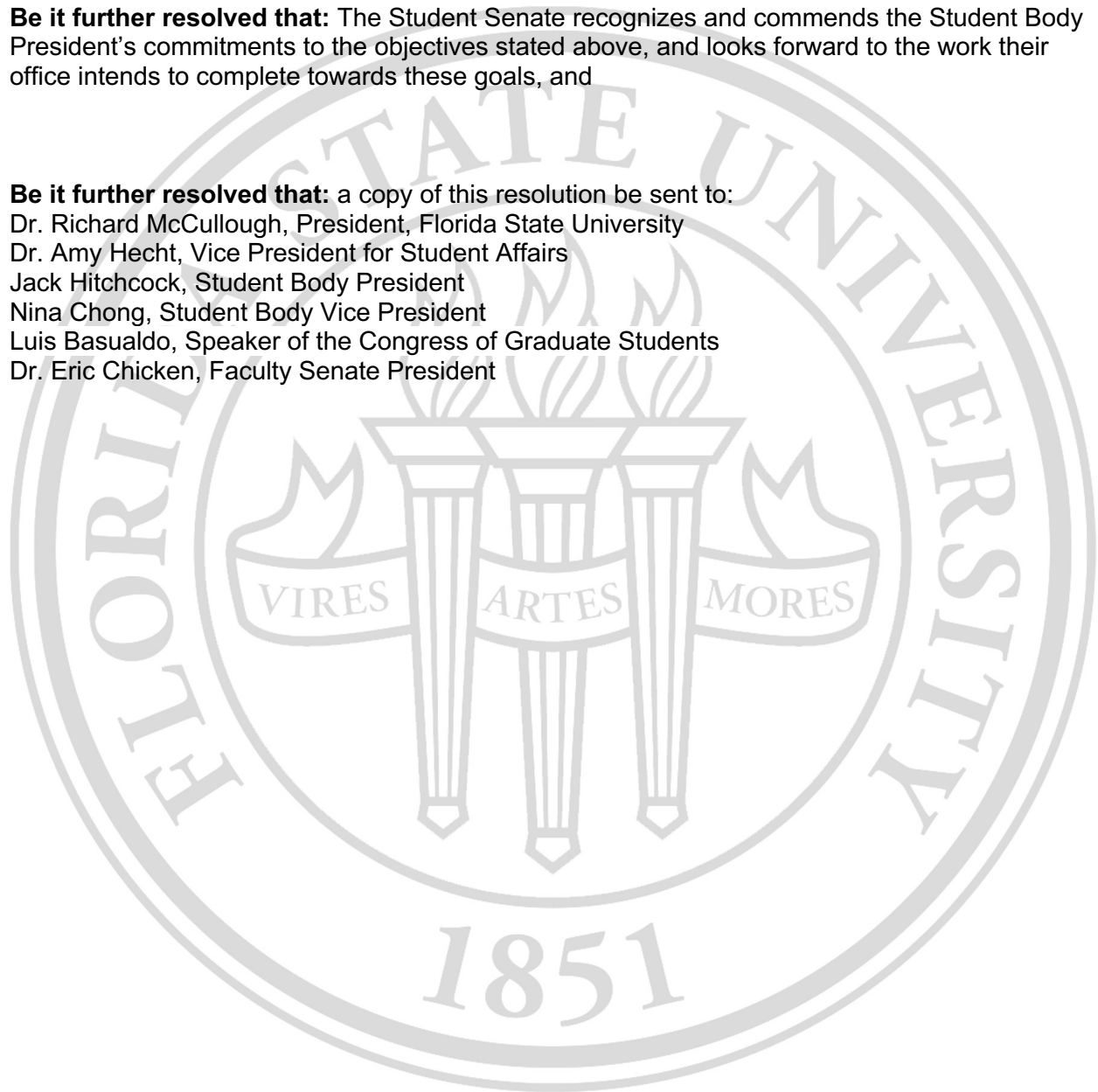
Whereas: Florida State University perfectly represents the idea of work hard, play hard creating a fun and scholarly environment for its students that will serve to build lifelong connections and skills for all its students, and,

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: the hard work by students, faculty, and alumni alike to move our university forward is recognized, appreciated, and commended. Additionally, the Student Senate recognizes the work that is still needed to elevate our university, provide opportunities to all students, create a community of diverse viewpoints and backgrounds, and,

Be it further resolved that: the Student Government Association is committed to provide the resources and support needed to make Florida State University the best academic institution in the state of Florida, become recognized as the best public university in the nation, raise our national rankings, and,

Be it further resolved that: The Student Senate recognizes and commends the Student Body President's commitments to the objectives stated above, and looks forward to the work their office intends to complete towards these goals, and

Be it further resolved that: a copy of this resolution be sent to:
Dr. Richard McCullough, President, Florida State University
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs
Jack Hitchcock, Student Body President
Nina Chong, Student Body Vice President
Luis Basualdo, Speaker of the Congress of Graduate Students
Dr. Eric Chicken, Faculty Senate President



75th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 43

Primary Sponsor: Seeger, Widmann

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

Date: April 17, 2023

Whereas: As determined by Chapter 614 of the Florida State University student body statutes, the Student Academic Program (SAP) funding committee shall hear fiscal requests from student academic programs and allocate its budgeted allocations accordingly, and

Whereas: The budgeted line item for the SAP funding board was \$22,000 for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024, and

Whereas: The SAP Funding Committee met on April 17th, 2023, and heard one SAP proposal from the World Affairs Program at FSU, and

Whereas: The Committee deliberated on April 17th, 2023, for the following hearings and voted unanimously on the decided allocations, therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: the SAP committee allocates the funds available as shown below:

Organization	Expense
The World Affairs Program	\$22,000
Total	\$22,000

Be it further resolved that: The Student Senate approves the allocation and expenditures of all organizations listed above, with the following recommendations:

- Student Academic Programs at Florida State University will not use funds generated through A&S fees to provide travel, lodging, or any expenses to non-students.
- Student Academic Programs at Florida State University will follow all travel guidelines within the FSU Student Government Financial Manual

75th STUDENT SENATE

Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 44

Primary Sponsor: Salazar, White

Co-Sponsor(s): Patel

Date: April 18, 2023

Whereas: The Internal Affairs often time gets overwhelmed by the amount of confirmation hearings that need to take place, and

Whereas: The Finance Committee, according to the Senate Rules of Procedure, maintains the oversight to “debate, amend, reject, or recommend the passage of measures pertaining to fiscal matters and to Chapter 800 of the Student Body Statues,” and

Whereas: The Finance Committee should assume the responsibility of all financial nominations for agencies and bureaus, therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fifth Student Senate at Florida State University that: to help our committees work more efficiently that the Student Senate Rules of Procedure be amended as follows

6.2 **The Senate Finance Committee** shall:

- a. Debate, amend, reject, or recommend the passage of measures pertaining to fiscal matters and to Chapter 800 of the Student Body Statues.
- b. Review Chapter 800 of the Finance Code and suggest possible amendments.
- c. Conduct reviews and provide legislative oversight for all A&S fee recipients and expenditures as deemed necessary by the Student Senate President in consultation with the Chair.
- d. Review Senate Funds Distribution Committee consent resolutions, approve or disapprove nominations to the Funds Distribution Committees, and inform the Senate of any relevant actions.
- e. Forward or deny all agency, bureau, and affiliated project nominees for financial officers.