



**Student Government
Association**
Office of the
Student Body President

Executive Order 02-001

Student Space Improvement Commission Organization and Founding

- WHEREAS,** The Florida International University Leadership and administration is actively involved in seeking student feedback and focused on student success; and
- WHEREAS,** The University sees strategic investments as a priority for funding allocations; and
- WHEREAS,** The University maintains and operates multiple spaces designed for student use across numerous university buildings, campuses and centers; and
- WHEREAS,** Currently there are spaces that students at Florida International University are using for the purpose of student space that are neither designed nor intended for the purpose; and
- WHEREAS,** Student Space is crucial to the University experience and facilitates extra and co-curricular learning experiences both academically and socially; and
- WHEREAS,** The Student Government Association has and continues to represent and advocate for student success and student needs; and
- WHEREAS,** Accurate and updated student feedback on these student spaces is required to maintain comprehensive documents and present strategic investment opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALEXANDER A. RUBIDO, as Student Body President of Florida International University, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Student Government Association Constitution and Statutes issue the following Executive Order, to take immediate effect:

Section 1. The Student Space Improvement Commission is hereby created and mandated to perform its mission as per the organizing document amended to this document.

Section 2. The Student Space Improvement Commission be recognized as an entity of the Executive Branch of the Student Government Association at Florida International University



I HAVE HEREUNTO set my hand
and caused the Seal of the Student
Government Association at Florida
International University to be affixed,
this Tuesday, July 27, 2021

A blue ink signature of Alexander A. Rubido, written in a cursive style.

Alexander A. Rubido

Student Body President FIU



Organizing Document

July 21st, 2021



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Letter from the Student Body President

To whomever may read this document,

My name is Alexander Rubido and I have the honor of serving as the Student Body President at Florida International University for the years 2021-2022. Throughout my time at the University, I have taken notice of the lack of spaces for students to express themselves comfortably in a social setting. While there are many areas that have received strategic investments to accomplish this goal, they have either gone unnoticed or disregarded. Additionally, students have been congregating in areas that have not been designed, nor intended for that purpose. Additionally, having students stay comfortably on campus, regardless of the classification



of the student as a commuter or resident, will be beneficial to the overall goals and metrics of the University and the Student Government Association.

Students who have access to spaces that meet their needs whether they be studying, social, or temporary, are more likely to stay longer on Campus, giving them greater access to University resources, thereby increasing their connection and affinity to the University. It is for these reasons that the Student Government Association has formed the Student Space Improvement Commission. My vision for this commission is that it will serve as a method to analyze where investment dollars should be placed for greater student success, and serve as a long-term entity of the Student Government Association to execute this vision and bring greater enjoyment and affinity to the students of Florida International University to their respective campuses and centers.

The success of this commission cannot rest solely on the Student Government Association. In order for the commission to be effective, we will need students to actively participate in the process of evaluating and responding to polls and questionnaires from the commission members. It is only when the student body can come together that we can be successful. I am now asking that any student who may read this letter be a part of the process, commit your time to improving your University and play a role in shaping what FIU may look like in the future.

Best Regards,

A stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alexander Rubido'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Alexander A. Rubido

Student Body President



Statement of Creation

Vision

The operating vision of the Student Space Improvement Commissions shall be to make recommendations and assessments as to the utilization, current state, and potential improvements to student spaces on campus. These spaces shall include but not be limited to tables and chairs, plush seating, seating available in hallways, dedicated study spaces, student lounges, food courts, computer lounges, and areas where students are currently congregating which are not designed nor intended for said purpose. The commission shall work so that the future of the university contains concrete data on student spacing and improvements to spaces already existing

Timeline

The Commission shall convene regularly throughout the months of July, August and September to organize membership and evaluate spaces. Following this period, the commission shall compose a working document with all observations and assessments. No later than the second week of October the Commission Executive Leadership shall draft a plan of action which shall be presented to University Administration. The Commission will then recess until funding can be identified for projects, when the commission will then reconvene to be a part of the design and implementation process.

Following this initial year of work the commission will then revert to bi-monthly meetings to evaluate the student space on campus and continue to collect data and make recommendations.

Relationship to the Student Government Association

The Student Space Improvement Commission shall be an arm of the Executive Branch of the Student Government Association at Florida International University, however membership in the commission shall not be limited to members of the Student Government Association. The Student Body President shall be the overall manager of the Student Space Improvement Commission. Members of the commission need not be confirmed by the Student Senate and shall be independent of the Student Government Association.

Organization of the SSIC

Officers of the Board

The Chair of the Student Space Improvement Commission (SSIC) shall be the Student Body President. They shall be responsible for the organization and execution of all commission activities and reports. Additionally, they shall speak on behalf of the commission and may disband or call the commission to order at any time. The Student Body President shall select Vice-Chairs to head specific committees within the commission. The Chair shall also be able to head as many committees as they should elect to run

Vice Chairs of the SSIC shall be responsible for individual committees on the commission. No Vice Chair shall head more than one committee with the exception of the Chair who shall chair as many committees as deemed necessary. Vice Chairs of the SSIC must be Student Government Association Members but are not exclusive to the Executive Board of the Student Government Association. Vice Chairs of the commission shall draft and execute polls, surveys, questionnaires, and analyses of Student Spaces under their jurisdiction with the support of their committee members.

The Secretary of the SSIC shall be the Chief of Staff of the Student Government Association. The Chief of Staff shall serve in this role but may serve in the role of Vice Chair in addition to being the Secretary of the SSIC. The Secretary shall be responsible for the generation and record of the minutes of the full commission meetings. In addition to this function the Secretary shall also be responsible for liaising between commission members and the other officers of the commission.

Members of the Commission

Any Student registered at the University may be considered for a space on the SSIC. Non-Student Government Members shall be limited to serving as members. Members shall assist Commission Vice Chairs in the execution of their duties and contribute to the final report of the SSIC. Members of the SSIC shall be voluntary participants in the process and will not receive compensation for any role they may play in the commission. Commission Vice Chairs may select their members without approval of the Commission Chair.

Committees of the SSIC

The SSIC shall be comprised of ten (10) committees. Listed below in numerical order. No committee shall hold greater significance than another based on its location on this numbered list.

1. Committee on College of Business Complex (CBC), Ryder Business Center (RB), and Management and New Growth Opportunity Building (MANGO)
2. Committee on Housing
3. Committee on Primera Casa (PC), Deuxieme Maison (DM), Viertes Haus (VH), and Owa Ehan (OE)
4. Committee on the Academic Health Centers

5. Committee on PG4, PG5, and PG6
6. Committee on Outdoor Spaces
7. Committee on the Student Academic Success Center (SASC) and School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA)
8. Committee on the Graham Center
9. Committee on University Centers and FIU in DC
10. Committee on the Biscayne Bay Campus

Organizational Chart of the SSIC

