



Student Body Senate
Florida International University
Miami, Florida

S.R. 01 001

Library Optimization of Rentals and Adjustment Execution (LORAX) Act

IN THE SENATE

MARCH 8, 2021

Business Senator Nicholas Pastrana, Senate President Pro Tempore Bryan Gomez, introduced the following Resolution which was presented on the Senate Floor

A Resolution

To support the library's establishment of Ecosia as the default search engine for all rentable, internet devices

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Body at Florida International University assembled,

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Nicholas Pastrana

Handwritten signature of Bryan Gomez in black ink.

Bryan Gomez

Fiorella Biagioni

Handwritten signature of Giacomo Natteri in black ink.

Giacomo Natteri

Cristina Vale

Ari Salzman

Jordan Morejon Castelli

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Whereas, using a search engine to browse the web generates revenue through advertising engagements;

Whereas, it is estimated that the average Google user utilizes the search engine 3 to 4 times a day;

Whereas, the search engine Ecosia on average plants a tree per 45 searches done on their search engine;

Whereas, at the time of the drafting of this resolution, searches on Ecosia's engine have led to 119,450,553 trees being planted;

Whereas, Ecosia is fully transparent with their expenditures, providing monthly financial reports easily accessible on their website;

Whereas, FIU's Green Library rented out 251,400 iPhones, iPads, and Samsung Galaxy S-Series Phones between 2018 and 2019. FIU's Green Library also rented out 211,811 laptops between 2018 and 2019. Totalling 463,211 rentals of internet-connected devices in the 2018-2019 year;

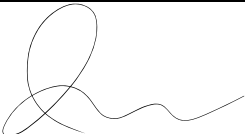

Whereas, if FIU's Green Library were to switch their device's default search engine to Ecosia, and assuming that each student only used the device's search engine one time, the switch to Ecosia would allow FIU to indirectly and passively fund the planting of approximately 10,294 trees per year. Should the students utilize the search engine the average 3-4 times, FIU would be responsible for planting approximately 30,881 to 41,176 trees per year;


Whereas, this initiative is in line with one of FIU's three core goals for the 2025 strategic plan: Assuring Responsible Stewardship. FIU intends to "strengthen our commitment to ensuring a sustainable future for our institution and the South Florida community;"

Now Therefore, The Senate of the Student Body Resolves that it supports the implementation of Ecosia as the default search engine on computers and other rentable internet devices from the Green Library. Should the transition run smoothly it is the Senate of the Student Body's intent to conduct a survey to gather student feedback on the Ecosia search engine and implement Ecosia as the default search engine university-wide.

Senate Resolution Transmission Form

This Resolution is presented by the Senate of the Student Body at Florida International University presiding in its first session in the year 2021. It is presented by the Senate President Pro-Tempore and affixed with the signature of the Senate President. Both the Senate President and the Senate President Pro-Tempore affirm that the information presented below is accurate and that the bill has successfully passed in the Senate of the Student Body. The Resolution is presented on this day and this hour and in this place for signature or veto.

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Date Introduced	February 15th		
Committees Assigned	Committee on Rules and Administration	University Sustainability and Innovation Committee	
Vote in Committee on Rules and Administration	For - 4	Against - 0	Abstaining - 0
Vote in University Sustainability and Innovation Committee	For - 5	Against - 0	Abstaining - 0
Vote Count in the Senate	For - 25	Against - 3	Abstaining - 2
 Signature of the Senate President		 Signature of the Senate President Pro-Tempore	

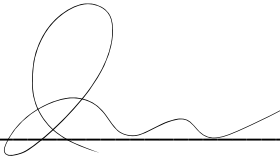

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Alexandra Valdes President of the Student Body

This signature acknowledges the receipt of this Resolution to the desk of the president awaiting signature or veto.

Presidential Signature of a Senate Resolution

On This day, at this time, and in this place, The Senate of the Student Body at Florida International University does hereby present this Resolution to the desk of the President of the Student Body for Signature or Veto. The Senate has passed this Resolution and all its accompaniments, in accordance with the Constitution and Statutes of the Student Government Association at Florida International University. It is presented in good faith, whereas the officers of the Senate have affixed their Signatures to affirm that the Resolution has followed due procedure and is valid. The Senate will await your decision.

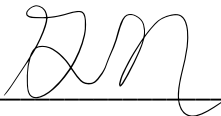
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Janelle Fraga Senate President



Bryan Gomez Senate President Pro-Tempore



Giacomo Natteri Senate Majority Leader



Alexandra Valdes Student Body President

Approved

Vetoed