

Student Body Senate  
Florida International University  
Miami, Florida

**S.R. 01 004**

Bright Futures Transparency Resolution

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IN THE SENATE

MARCH 19, 2021

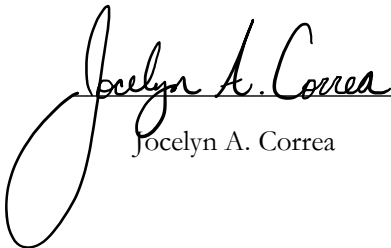
Nursing and Health Sciences Senator Jocelyn A. Correa, Nursing and Health Sciences Senator Joshua Lovo-Morales, and Engineering and Computing Senator Cristhofer Lugo introduced the following Resolution which was presented on the Senate Floor

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**A Resolution**

In favor of increasing the awareness of the extended hours form for students exceeding 120 credits throughout their degree

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

  
Jocelyn A. Correa

*Joshua Lovo-Morales*  
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Joshua Lovo-Morales

*Crist Lugo*  
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Cristhofer Lugo

**Whereas,** Students may receive funding for up to five years from high school graduation for a maximum of 120 semester hours toward the completion of the first baccalaureate degree;

**Whereas,** Extended hours of funding are available to Florida Academic and Florida Medallion students enrolled in a single program of study requiring more than 120 hours by completing the form Application for Extended Hours of Eligibility and mailing to the address available on the form or uploading to the Bright Futures website;

**Whereas,** The Office of Financial Aid at Florida International University does not currently alert students when they are approaching the 120-hour cut off;

**Whereas,** The widespread information of this extended hours form could save students hundreds to thousands of dollars a semester and increase the trust students have within the university;

**Whereas,** Other Florida universities such as University of Central Florida provide an entire FAQ page dedicated to questions related to Bright Futures, as well the link to the extended hours form;

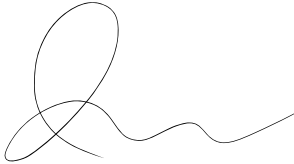

**Whereas,** In a survey conducted within the generic Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, 100% of the students surveyed stated they did not know about an extended hours form, 92% said they would have filled out the form if the office of financial aid had emailed them, and 56% of students surveyed paid money out of pocket due to the lack of knowledge;


**Now Therefore,** The Senate of the Student Body Resolves that it is in favor of The Office of Financial Aid advertising and emailing Bright Futures recipients at the university when they are near the 120 credit hour limit, including the link to apply for extended hours, especially those who belong to the College of Nursing and College of Engineering and Computing who exceed 120 credits in order to complete their baccalaureate degree.

**Furthermore,** The Senate of the Student Body Resolves that a new webpage be added to the Financial Aid department that includes a Bright Futures frequently asked questions (FAQ) section and have the extended hours form linked on the website.

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 2020. 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	March 15th		
Committees Assigned	Committee on Rules and Administration	Appropriations Committee	
Vote in Committee on Rules and Administration	For - 6	Against - 0	Abstaining - 0
Vote in Appropriations Committee	For - 4	Against - 0	Abstaining - 0
Vote Count in the Senate	For - 25	Against - 0	Abstaining - 0
 Signature of the Senate President		 Signature of the Senate President Pro-Tempore	

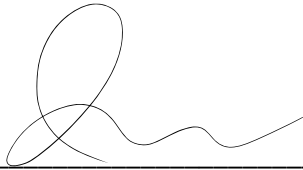
  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ( 03 / 29 / 2021 )  
*Alexandra Valdes* President of the Student Body

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.

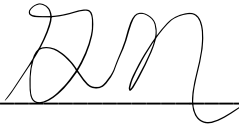
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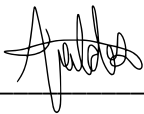
*Janelle Fraga* Senate President



*Bryan Gomez* Senate President Pro-Tempore



*Giacomo Natteri* Senate Majority Leader



*Alexandra Valdes* Student Body President

Approved

Vetoed