

Student Body Senate
Florida International University
Miami, Florida

S.R. 02 003

Supporting Trans Athletes' Rights (STAR)

IN THE SENATE

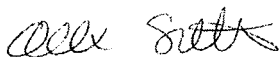
September 13, 2021

Alexander Sutton, SIPA Senator; the Pride Student Union; and Bryan Gomez, introduced the following Resolution, which was presented on the Senate Floor,

A RESOLUTION

To affirm the rights of trans youth, particularly trans girls that seek to compete in sports that validate their gender identity,

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



Alexander Sutton



Nicholas Pastrana



Bryan Gomez

Whereas, there are laws currently in place all over the country that contain provisions delineating sports at most educational facilities by biological sex; and stating that athletic teams and women's and girls' sports may not be open to trans girls, because the law defines their gender as only that which is written on their birth certificate,

Whereas, policies like those described above do irreparable harm to transgender youth and cultivate an environment of hostility that will continue to push violence and discrimination against the transgender community and the LGBTQ+ community as a whole,

Whereas, the AACU states that "52.1 percent of incoming transgender college students reported their emotional health as either below average or in the lowest 10 percent relative to their peers,"

Whereas, we should follow the example of inclusive organizations that have already adopted pro-trans policy as a model, such as the International Olympic Committee, where there are policies allowing trans athletes to compete fairly,

Whereas, the ACLU states that "most sports don't rely on just one aspect or another of athleticism, and they are a combination of athletic attributes, skill, resources, game time, acumen and all sorts of other things,"


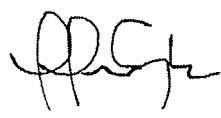
Whereas, FIU affirms LGBTQ+ rights, including the rights of trans youth, and laws like those described above are discriminatory, target trans youth, and invalidate their identity, which damages trans youth's mental health, inhibits their ability to make friends, and harms their prospects for educational advancement, which goes against what FIU stands for,

Now Therefore, the Senate of the Student Body resolves that students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to affirm the rights of trans youth; and that the administration of FIU should make a clear public statement showing support for trans students and trans rights.

Senate Resolution Transmission Form

This Resolution is presented by the Senate of the Student Body at Florida International University presiding in its second 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 resolution has successfully passed in the Senate of the Student Body. The resolution is presented on this day and this hour for signature or veto.

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Date Introduced:	<i>09/13/2021</i>		
Committees Assigned	Committee on Rules and Administration <i>Committee 1</i>	Student Health and Well-being Committee <i>Committee 2</i>	Committee Name <i>Committee 3</i>
Vote in Committee 1	4 <i>For</i>	0 <i>Against</i>	0 <i>Abstaining</i>
Vote in Committee 2	4 <i>For</i>	1 <i>Against</i>	0 <i>Abstaining</i>
Vote in Committee 3	0 <i>For</i>	0 <i>Against</i>	0 <i>Abstaining</i>
Vote on the Senate Floor	26 <i>For</i>	0 <i>Against</i>	0 <i>Abstaining</i>
			
Signature of the Senate President		Signature of the Senate President Pro-Tempore	

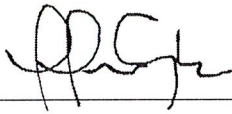
Presidential Signature of a Senate Resolution

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.

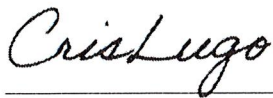
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Nicholas Pastrana Senate President



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Cristhofer Lugo Senate Floor Leader



Alexander A. Rubido Student Body President

Approved

Vetoed