

The 39th Session of the Student Body Senate

Florida International University

Miami, Florida

S.R. 03 001

FIU President Requirements in the Eyes of the Students (FIU PRES) Act

IN THE SENATE

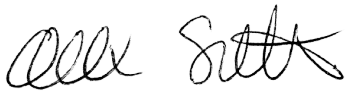
June 20, 2022

Senate President Alexander Sutton, Senator Sofia Castillo, Senator Tiara Campbell, Senator Matthew Gaynor, and Senator Kaitlyn Coll introduced the following resolution, which was presented on the Senate floor

A RESOLUTION

To list the attributes necessary for a University President that puts students first.

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



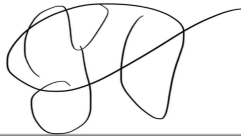
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Whereas, the Board of Trustees appointed Dr. Kenneth Jessell as Interim President on Jan. 21, 2022;

Whereas, the FIU Presidential Search Committee met for the first time on April 5, 2022, with the purpose of selecting FIU's next President;

Whereas, Student Body Vice President Valentina Casanova is a member of the Presidential Search Committee, and as such is regarded as the strongest advocate of students' interests, and is entrusted to be the principal liaison of the student body to the Search Committee;

Whereas, Student Body President Cristhofer Lugo is a member of the Board of Trustees, which will make the ultimate hire of our next University President;

Whereas, the Presidential Search Committee is collaborating closely with the Dallas-based search firm R. William Funk and Associates to identify, recruit and vet presidential candidates; and the process includes individual outreach as well as advertisements in national higher education publications;

Whereas, the Search Committee approved its official criteria for FIU's next President at its meeting on April 26, 2022;

Whereas, the first of the approved criteria is "Passionately student-centered... dedicated to enhancing the quality of student life and learning";

Whereas, the Search Committee and R. William Funk and Associates ought to further take into consideration the needs and desires of FIU's student body in choosing our next President, as the students are the lifeblood of the university and the reason the institution exists in the first place;

Whereas, the SGA Senate is the official representative body of the students, and ought to act on behalf of the student body in providing the Search Committee and R. William Funk and Associates with a more detailed list of student-approved suggestions for our next President, to be considered parallel to and on equal footing with the criteria approved by the Search Committee;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Student Body that the Presidential Search Committee ought to consider the following suggestions in all candidates for FIU President, and that the final choice of the Committee ought to exhibit as many of the following attributes as possible.

The next President of Florida International University, ideally, should:

1. Be a student-focused leader that interacts with students daily, crosses generational barriers to relate to youth on a genuine level, and charismatically makes all students feel welcomed and at home on campus, becoming an icon of FIU in the process.
2. Be an advocate for increased involvement of undergraduate and graduate students in research, and expand student access to research opportunities and resources.
3. Value the Biscayne Bay Campus as a center of student life and learning, support efforts to revitalize student culture at the Biscayne Bay Campus, and oppose any efforts towards removing the *Campus* status of the Biscayne Bay Campus.
4. Push for sustainability initiatives, advocate to reduce the environmental impact of our university, and work towards creating a cleaner, greener FIU.
5. Make a valiant effort to become conversational in Spanish, if they do not know it already, in a show of respect for the traditions and values of our unique Miami-based, Hispanic-Serving, and Minority-Serving Institution.
6. Make an effort to become familiar with the many prestigious academic teams and affinity clubs supported by our student body.
7. Be an advocate for our Greek Life population, recognizing the valuable cultural and philanthropic contributions made by members of Fraternity and Sorority Life.
8. Commit to developing FIU Athletics into a world-class athletics program, with many sports teams that continually receive investment by the administration, including a football team that eventually becomes on par with the teams of competitor institutions in Florida such as FSU, UF, and UM.
9. Be an advocate for our international student population, which makes up about one tenth of the population of the student body and adds invaluable contributions to campus culture.
10. Prioritize inclusivity by setting personal, political, or personal beliefs aside, while displaying thoughtfulness, knowledge, and an appreciation for the vast array of cultural identities within Florida International University's community.

Proviso: Upon its passage, this Resolution shall be sent to:

Rogelio Tovar, *Chair of the Presidential Search Committee; Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees*

R. William Funk, *President of R. William Funk and Associates*

Cesar L. Alvarez, *Member, Presidential Search Committee; Member, Board of Trustees*

Deanne Butchey, *Member, Presidential Search Committee; Vice Chair, Faculty Senate*

Valentina Casanova, *Member, Presidential Search Committee; Student Body Vice President, SGA*

Carlos A. Duarte, *Member, Presidential Search Committee; Member, Board of Trustees*

Eric Eikenberg, *Member, Presidential Search Committee; CEO, The Everglades Foundation*

Patricia Frost, *Member, Presidential Search Committee; Member, Board of Governors*

Jill M. Granat, *Member, Presidential Search Committee; Member, FIU Foundation Board*

Gerald C. Grant, Jr., *Member, Presidential Search Committee; FIU Trustee Emeritus*

Barbara Lagoa, *Member, Presidential Search Committee; Judge, 11th Circuit Court of Appeals*

Albert R. Maury, *Member, Presidential Search Committee; Chair Emeritus, Board of Trustees*

Richard Olson, *Member, Presidential Search Committee; SIPA Faculty Member*

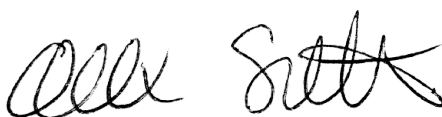

Claudia Puig, *Member, Presidential Search Committee; Chair Emeritus, Board of Trustees*

H.T. Smith, *Member, Presidential Search Committee; FIU Law Faculty Member*

Rebecca Lyn Toonkel, *Member, Presidential Search Committee; HWCOM Faculty Member*

Senate Resolution Transmission Form

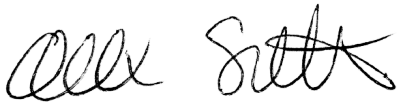
This resolution is presented by the Senate of the Student Body at Florida International University. It is presented by the Senate President Pro-Tempore and affixed with the signature of the Senate President. Both the Senate President and the Senate President Pro-Tempore affirm that the information presented 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 at this hour for signature or veto.

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Date Introduced:	06/07/2022		
Committees Assigned:	(1) Rules and Administration (2) Student Life and Academic Concerns		
Vote in Committee 1:	3 <i>For</i>	0 <i>Against</i>	0 <i>Abstaining</i>
Vote in Committee 2:	6 <i>For</i>	0 <i>Against</i>	0 <i>Abstaining</i>
Vote on the Senate Floor:	22 <i>For</i>	0 <i>Against</i>	2 <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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Alexander P. Sutton, Senate President



Zachary Stangl, Senate President Pro-Tempore



Fernando Melara, Senate Floor Leader



Cristhofer Lugo, Student Body President

Approved



Vetoed