

The 39th Session of the Student Body Senate

Florida International University

Miami, Florida

S.R. 03 002

The International Students Resolution

IN THE SENATE

June 20, 2022

Senator Delano Cicconi, Senator Tiara Campbell, Senator Manuel Soltero, Floor Leader Fernando Melara, Senator Nathalie Jusino and Brian Fogel introduced the following resolution, which was presented on the Senate floor

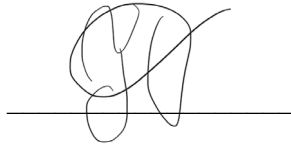
A RESOLUTION

To advocate that international students, receive greater representation in the Student Government Association and to support increased financial assistance for international students.

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



Delano Cicconi



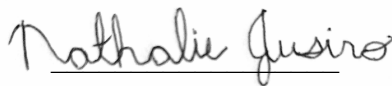
Tiara Campbell



Manuel Soltero



Fernando Melara



Nathalie Jusino



Brian Fogel

Whereas, Florida International University is a world class educational institution that is aware of and recognizes its large body of international students;

Whereas, international students at FIU are underrepresented in SGA, and adding a senate seat solely for students of international origin will provide a voice for these students and alleviate tension amongst them;

Whereas, SGA realizes that struggle knows no nationality, ethnicity, or race, and SGA shall never prioritize or dismiss a student based on their nationality, ethnicity, or race;

Whereas, according to the Office of International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) Florida International University has over 3,800 international students from 142 countries;

Whereas, SGA realizes that current events such as political unrest or war are very sensitive subjects, and instead of supporting or picking a side in such cases, SGA will always and unapologetically take the side of our students, and not a foreign government;

Whereas, there is currently no senator position in the Student Government Association designated for international students;

Whereas, the Senate of the Florida International University Student Government Association supports the amendment of the Student Government Association Constitution to update the current senate apportionment to include International Student Senator as a position;

Whereas, the Student Government Association supports the apportionment of one (1) International Student Senator position;

Whereas, SGA stands by and supports students who struggle with issues relating to economic strife, war, political unrest, or any other unexpected circumstance, such as sudden immigration status change, in which they cannot sustain themselves financially;

Whereas, most international students have to pay significantly higher tuition, \$618.87 per credit hour for undergraduates and \$1,001.69 per credit for graduates, not including costs of housing, books, transportation, medical insurance, education visa, program application, and other expenses;

Whereas, most international students are not able to work while studying and in many cases must sacrifice internship and work opportunities to prevent violating their educational visas;

Whereas, the Student Government Association further advocates for expanding scholarships and grant opportunities for international students;

Whereas, the Student Government Association will continue to advocate for international students by working closely with the University's Administration and departments to find viable solutions to assist international students, providing a better quality experience at Florida International University;

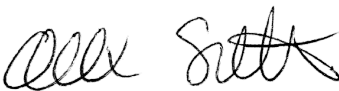

Whereas, the SGA Senate shall review the performance and effectiveness of the International Student Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee and evaluate whether it shall become a permanent standing committee in the future;

Whereas, SGA encourages international students to speak up and express their concerns during the public forum period of our meetings on Monday at 4PM; this resolution also encourages SGA officials to invite speakers so we may address their issues;

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Student Body that the Student Government Association supports the amendment of the Student Government Association Constitution to include an International Student Senator, and will advocate for expanded financial assistance through scholarships and grants specifically for international students.

Senate Resolution Transmission Form

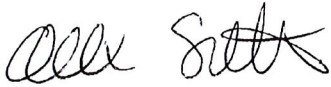
This resolution is presented by the Senate of the Student Body at Florida International University. It is presented affixed with the signatures of Senate Leadership. The Senate President affirms that the information presented below is accurate and that the resolution has successfully passed in the Senate 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:	06/14/2022		
Committees Assigned:	(1) Rules and Administration (2) International Student Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee (3) Student Health and Well-Being		
Vote in Committee 1:	3 <i>For</i>	0 <i>Against</i>	0 <i>Abstaining</i>
Vote in Committee 2:	3 <i>For</i>	1 <i>Against</i>	0 <i>Abstaining</i>
Vote in Committee 3:	4 <i>For</i>	0 <i>Against</i>	0 <i>Abstaining</i>
Vote on the Senate Floor:	33 <i>For</i>	3 <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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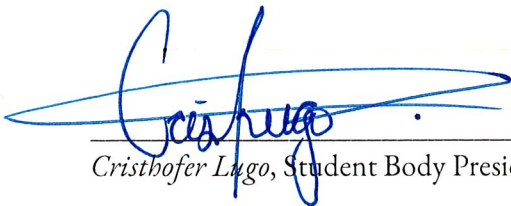
Alexander P. Sutton, Senate President



Zachary Stangl, Senate President Pro-Tempore



Fernando Melara, Senate Floor Leader



Cristhofer Lugo, Student Body President

Approved

Vetoed

