

The 40th Session of the Student Body Senate

Florida International University

Miami, Florida

S.B. 04 003

Campus Sustainability Month Sustainability Fair Act

IN THE SENATE

October 1, 2023

Senator Karina Hernandez and Senator Hua Hui Vogel introduced the following bill, which was presented on the Senate floor.

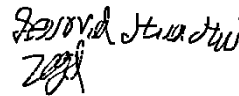
A BILL

To appropriate \$2,629.61 for the purpose of providing vegetarian/vegan catering, plastic-free foodware, and marketing for the bi-annual Sustainability Fair, to be held on October 24th, 2023.

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



Karina Hernandez



Hua Hui Vogel

Whereas, FIU is located in South Florida, one of the nation's areas most susceptible to environmental issues, including water quality, sea level rise, habitat loss, and plastic waste pollution;

Whereas, To enhance environmental stewardship at FIU, it is essential that we take the necessary steps to transmit our sustainability efforts to our students, faculty, and community in an engaging manner;

Whereas, the Office of University Sustainability collaborates with many sustainability-focused student organizations such as the Sustainable Panther Network and the Society of Sustainable Souls; FIU departments such as the Healthy Living Program and the College of Arts, Sciences and Education; external partners such as the Miami Dade County Office of Resilience, The Everglades Foundation, and U.S. Green Building Council to host an annual Sustainability Fair for the aforementioned purpose;

Whereas, the Sustainability Fair is intended to promote a culture of sustainability at FIU by creating a collaborative atmosphere in which the student body can learn about climate change, engage in eco-friendly practices, and develop the necessary tools to advocate for climate justice in an evermore climate-vulnerable world;

Whereas, the Sustainability Fair will be held on October 24th, 2023 at GC Lawns from 10 am to 2 pm, allowing for one hour of set up from 9 am to 10 am and clean up from 2 pm to 3 pm;

Whereas, FIU Parking, Sustainability and Transportation plans to financially support the event by providing MTS Live Events (outdoor screen and speaker for slideshow presentation) accommodations valued at \$2,107.90, 500 sustainable giveaway items valued at \$1,245.00, a one hour appearance of FIU mascot, Roary, valued at \$200.00, 25 tents, tables and chairs valued at \$1,224.00, display signs for event marketing, about 200 giveaway stickers for water bottles/laptops valued at \$200.00, and promotion of sustainable transportation services offered at FIU for a total financial support of approximately \$4,976.90;

Whereas, The Sustainable Panther Network reserved GC Lawns Hill, West, and Triangle as an outdoor location to host the Sustainability Fair;

Whereas, feedback received from our Spring Sustainability Fair revealed concerns regarding the accessibility of the event for Disabled individuals, highlighting the need for improvements in making our Sustainability Fair more inclusive;

Whereas, in response to this valuable feedback, we are committed to ensuring the fair aligns with the principles of sustainability, diversity, equity, and inclusion, and to address these concerns, we plan to obtain ADA-compliant mobility mats to enhance accessibility and inclusion for all attendees;

Whereas, for the purpose of promoting the Sustainability fair, the Student Government Association and University Sustainability & Innovation Committee members and other supporting senators intend to host tabling events at least once every week, 3 weeks in advance of the fair at the location they see best fit;

Whereas, the Student Government Association intends to continue distribution of the reusable giveaway items available at the Student Government Association MMC office such as tumblers, reusable utensils, tote bags, etc. to attract students during the tabling events;

Whereas, with the help of promotional events such as tabling several weeks prior to its hosting, we estimate more than 400 students at the Sustainability Fair;



Whereas, The Student Government Association intends to purchase catering from Chartwells for the Sustainability Fair to provide food, priced at \$2,522.29;

Whereas, in our efforts to host an example of a plastic-free event, plastic alternatives will be ordered from sustainable vendor, EcoChoice at a total of \$107.32. This replaces the \$2,425.50 quote by Chartwells.

Now Therefore, the Senate of the Student Body resolves to expend \$2,629.61 from the Legislative Branch Line Item of the Student Government Association for the purpose of providing vegetarian/vegan catering, plastic-free foodware, and marketing for the biannual Sustainability Fair, to be held on October 24th, 2023.

Senate Bill Transmission Form

This bill 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 bill has successfully passed in the Senate of the Student Body. The bill is presented on this day and at this hour for signature or veto.

<i>SB 04 003</i>			
Date Introduced:	<i>10/01/2023</i>		
Committees Assigned:	(1) Appropriations Committee (2) Rules and Administration Committee		
Vote in Committee 1: <i>09/22/2023</i>	5 <i>For</i>	1 <i>Against</i>	0 <i>Abstaining</i>
Vote in Committee 2: <i>10/09/2023</i>	2 <i>For</i>	3 <i>Against</i>	1 <i>Abstaining</i>
Vote on the Senate Floor: <i>10/16/2023</i>	21 <i>For</i>	2 <i>Against</i>	1 <i>Abstaining</i>
 _____ Signature of the Senate President	 _____ Signature of the Senate President Pro Tempore		

Presidential Signature of a Senate Bill

On this day, at this time, and in this place, the Senate of the Student Body at Florida International University does hereby present this bill to the desk of the President of the Student Body for signature or veto. The Senate has passed this bill 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 bill has followed due procedure and is valid. The Senate will await your decision.

SB 04 003



Kaily Lachapelle, Senate President



Tiara Campbell, Senate President Pro-Tempore



Karina Hernandez, Senate Floor Leader



Lara Raggio, Comptroller



Alexander Sutton, Student Body President

