

The 40th Session of the Student Body Senate

Florida International University

Miami, Florida

S.B. 04 010

Disabled Student Union

IN THE SENATE

October 1, 2023

Senator Hua Hui Vogel, Senator Daniel Salup-Cid, Senate President Kaily LaChapelle, Disabled Student Union Executive Board Member Karamot Adeola, Disability Resource Director Dr. Amanda Niguidula, and Assistant Director of Education and Learning Dr. Mario Lewis introduced the following bill, which was presented on the Senate floor

A BILL

To establish the Disabled Student Union (DSU) as a Bureau of the Student Government Association.

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

Whereas, According to SGA Constitution §9.01.3 “Bureaus shall be student organizations whom have their creation, purpose, structure, and constitution approved by the Student Government Association. Bureaus shall be the student organizations created for the express purpose of serving specific areas of student concern such as race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, culture, affinity, social group, or other purpose as approved by the Student Government Association for the University Community as a whole.”

Whereas, The Disabled Student Union is a Student Organization that serves Disabled students and the Student Body as a whole for the specific purpose of providing education, awareness, and advocacy through events and initiatives to promote inclusivity and accessibility while fostering an affirming community for all.

Whereas, The Disabled Student Union is a Student Organization that serves the Student Body as a whole with the mission statement to provide a safe, accessible, and inclusive space for all students by empowering students to advocate for Disability justice, educate others about barriers of inaccessibility, build relationships with administration, establish a strong FIU community through impactful intersectional programming, and create connections in South Florida, and the greater community.

Whereas, The Disabled Student Union has submitted all documents necessary and proper for their formation as a Bureau in the Student Government Association.

Whereas, The Disabled Student Union registered under the Registered Student Organization Council (RSOC), in July 2023, with tremendous traction by the Student Body.

Whereas, The Student Government Association and the Student Body as a whole gain an extreme benefit from this organization and its continued existence.

Whereas, The Disabled Student Union has submitted documentation detailing their intent to join the Student Government Association as a Bureau.



Whereas, The Disabled Student Union has over 80 active members in the organization.

Now Therefore, the Senate of the Student Body does hereby recognize the Disabled Student Union (DSU) as a unit of the Student Government Association and does hereby confer the status of Bureau to the Disabled Student Union from this point forward.

Now Therefore, the Senate of the Student Body encourages the Budget Committee allocate money to the Disabled Student Union for the 2024-2025 fiscal year to ensure the solidification of being an SGA Bureau on campus.

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.

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Date Introduced:	11/27/2023		
Committees Assigned:	(1) Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee (2) Rules and Administration Committee		
Vote in Committee 1: <i>10/24/2023</i>	4 <i>For</i>	0 <i>Against</i>	0 <i>Abstaining</i>
Vote in Committee 2: <i>11/20/2023</i>	4 <i>For</i>	0 <i>Against</i>	0 <i>Abstaining</i>
Vote on the Senate Floor: <i>11/27/2023</i>	28 <i>For</i>	1 <i>Against</i>	0 <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.

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Kaily LaChapelle, Senate President



Tiara Campbell, Senate President Pro-Tempore



Karina Hernandez, Senate Floor Leader



Alexander P. Sutton, Student Body President

