

**Florida A & M University
52nd Student Senate**

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**Title: Freedom of Expression and Civil Discourse
Legislation: Senate Resolution**

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| Whereas, | The Florida Board of Governors adopted a Statement of Free Expression and approved Civil Discourse Initiatives for the State University System of Florida in January 2022; |
| Whereas, | The Civil Discourse Initiatives encourages the Student Government Association to promote the practice and principles of civil discourse and free speech on campus; |
| Whereas, | The Civil Discourse Recommendations have been reviewed by the Student Government Association Student Senate and aims to cultivate a culture of free expression and civil discourse for the FAMU student body; |
| Whereas, | FAMU is a diverse environment with students from various backgrounds, cultures, beliefs, and experiences who collectively strive for academic excellence where the right to freedom of speech is instrumental and greatly contributes to individuality and success; |
| Whereas, | Students have the right to express themselves and must be free to do so without fear of being bullied, threatened, or silenced, even if a member of the student body or university committee views their expression of speech as offensive or detestable; |
| Whereas, | FAMU students' free speech must be protected as members of the university as it is protected as a public institution that is bound by Florida Statutes and the United States Constitution, and all local ordinances prescribing expressions of speech on the FAMU campus; |
| Therefore, | Be it resolved by the FAMU 52nd Student Senate that all Student Government Association departments and entities endorses and affirms the Florida Board of Governors Statement of Free Expression and commits the civil discourse, and |

Be it further resolved that: A copy of this resolution be sent to:

Dr. Larry Robinson, President of Florida A&M University

Dr. William E. Hudson Jr., Florida A&M Vice President for Student Affairs

Zachary C. Bell, Florida A&M University Student Body President

Kelton Williams, Florida A&M University Senate President

Londe Mondelus, Florida A&M University Senate Pro-Tempore