

STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2018-117

TITLE: Resolution Increasing Awareness for Financial Hardships of Undergraduate International Students

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WHEREAS, undergraduate international students enrolled in the 2017-2018 term have to pay \$22,278 extra plus relocation costs towards college expenses; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida prides itself for having a student body and faculty with a diverse range of backgrounds and cultures; and,

WHEREAS, approximately 65% of undergraduate international students attending the University of Florida rely entirely on personal and family funds to finance their education; and,

WHEREAS, students who hold an international student visa (F1) “cannot accept off-campus employment opportunities” in their first year; and,

WHEREAS, international students who pursue work on campus may “under no circumstances work longer than 20h/week;” and,

WHEREAS, international students who pursue work on campus are restricted from applying for certain work opportunities, including any Federal Work Study jobs; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate wishes for international students to be fully aware of the opportunities, resources, and financial aid available to them.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate wishes for the UF campus to be an inclusive environment which breeds diversity and encourages students of all cultural, national origin, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds to attend the University of Florida undergraduate school.

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