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RESOLUTION

Florida International University – Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus

Agenda Item: Athletic Partnership Proposal

Sponsors: Gabriel Labrador, Elections Commissioner

Committee: N/A

Date: December 3, 2007

An act in regards to the Athletic Partnership Proposal championed by SGA-UP's Executive Board:

Whereas, Student fees, specifically the athletic fee, were increased this past year with the specific purpose of the construction of the new on-campus football stadium;

Whereas, The University Budget Committee cut \$100,000 from the SGA Emoluments account for this fiscal year for the specific purpose of using the money to benefit a greater number of students;

Whereas, The prime beneficiaries of the proposal will be university organizations that a request a budget from the University Wide Budget committee (e.g. Dance Marathon);

Whereas, A decision to move forward with this proposal will shackle future councils with a \$ 30,000+ yearly expense;

Whereas, This is a time in which the university is facing a budget crisis, not a time to be establishing perks for certain groups of students;

Whereas, A select group of students are committing a large quantity of funds which they do not have the authority to use towards any project;

Whereas, Although the Proposal has allegedly been reviewed by University Counsel it is both immoral and unethical to "double tax" our students by using both Athletic and A&S fees to offset the costs of the construction of the new football stadium;

Whereas, SGA-UP upon realizing that they would not be able to proceed with this measure in the U-Wide Council decided to pull the proposal from the table and continue with it unilaterally;