

Florida A & M University
54th Student Senate
SR25SP-007

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Title: Formal Integration of the FAMU Student Association into the United States Student Association (USSA)
Legislation: Senate Resolution Bill

Whereas,	The Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Student Senate is the Legislative Branch of the Student Government Association and is empowered to pass legislation as it deems necessary to carry out the functions of the Student Government Association.
Whereas,	Founded in 1947, the United States Student Association (USSA) is the country’s largest and oldest national student-run, and student-led organization, advocating for the interests of every student across the country, including issues of affordability, accessibility, and student rights; and
Whereas,	The FAMU Student Association has a long-standing commitment to advocating for the needs and interests of the students within the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University system; participation in national organizations such as

	USSA can amplify our collective voice and influence on national policy; and
Whereas,	USSA membership offers valuable resources, opportunities for leadership development, and a platform for the FAMU Student Association to collaborate with student governments and associations from other states and countries thereby strengthening our advocacy efforts; and Joining USSA would allow FAMU Student Association Representatives to participate in national conferences, leadership summits, and organize campaigns that directly impact our student body; and
Whereas,	FAMU has a rich history of activism and civic engagement in the US Student Association because they hosted the USSA National Student Congress in July 2011, have always had rattlers on the board of directors, and won civic engagement organizer of the year in 2013.
Whereas,	In order to solidify the FAMU Student Association's involvement with USSA and provide representation for FAMU students at the national level, it is necessary for this membership to be formally approved by the FAMU Student Senate and, subsequently, the FAMU Student Government.
Therefore,	That the FAMU Student Association formally ratifies the FAMU Student Senate's decision to establish membership in the United States Student Association (USSA), thereby enabling full participation in USSA's activities, resources, events, and benefits for all members of the FAMU Student Senate, Student Government Association, and the FAMU Student Body.

Be it resolved,	That upon the ratification by the Student Senate, the FAMU Student Association shall be formally recognized as an official member of the United States Student Association (USSA). This membership empowers FAMU students to advocate effectively on a national level, championing the interests, rights, and needs of FAMU students in key discussions and decisions affecting higher education.

Proviso Language: This piece of legislation will take effect in immediately upon signage by the Senate President and Student Government Association President.

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For: 14 Opposed: Abstain: 1

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54th Student Senate President

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Student Body President

