



**The University of West Florida  
Student Government Association Senate**

**Recommendation:** 12-13 R IV

**Subject:** "Aim Higher"

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To read as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the Florida State University System is composed of eleven public universities consisting of 330,000 students,

**WHEREAS**, in 2012, the Florida Legislature cut \$300 million dollars from state universities and colleges,

**WHEREAS**, equaling more than \$1 billion dollars in cuts in five years to Florida's public universities,

**WHEREAS**, individually, the University of West Florida has experienced \$21.8 million in reductions of state funding over the last five years,

**WHEREAS**, causing UWF to raise the tuition \$144.48 per class for an in-state student over the course of 3 years,

**WHEREAS**, the students in the Florida State University System have created the Aim Higher initiative to raise awareness of the beneficial impact Florida universities have on the economy and to show that cuts to higher education have detrimental effects on the universities and the students,

**WHEREAS**, UWF generates approximately \$1.47 billion in total annual sales across Florida's economy,

**WHEREAS**, for every dollar of state funding and student tuition, UWF creates \$5.99 in total spending in the Florida economy,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESLOVED**, the students of the University of West Florida encourage the Florida Legislature to "Aim Higher" and invest in the Florida State University System and discontinue cutting funding to higher education.

First Reading : _____	Second Reading: _____
Yes: _____	Yes: _____
No: _____	No: _____
Abstain: _____	Abstain: _____

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Amy Bueno

Be it known that Student Government \_\_\_\_\_ is hereby signed on \_\_\_\_\_

Pass: \_\_\_\_\_ Veto: \_\_\_\_\_

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Cora Merritt  
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