



12-13 RII

Subject: Recommendation on Amendment 12

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Whereas the Florida Student Association is currently composed of Florida student body presidents who come together to represent the students of the State University System of Florida;

Whereas when Florida State University lobbied for this constitutional statute change, the Florida Student Association required each university to pay dues in order to be a member, so some universities were not members;

Whereas since the time of the Florida State University's appeal for change, the Florida Student Association has taken away these dues, so every Florida university may now be a member of the association;

Whereas because of the removal of the dues requirement, a chairman of the Florida Student Association is now elected democratically by its student members;

Whereas Amendment 12 on the 2012 Florida state ballot is based on Florida State University's appeal for constitutional statute change to replace the current system of the Florida Student Association with a council of members managed by the State Board of Governors;

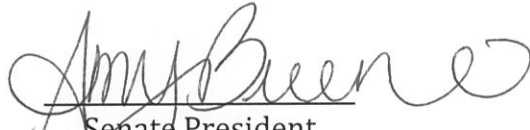
Whereas if Amendment 12 passed, this new council managed by state officials and not by student body presidents would choose the student representative to the Board of Governors;

Whereas if Amendment 12 does not pass, the current system of students democratically electing a student representative to the Board of Governors will remain in place;

Whereas the students of Florida deserve to have a representative on the Florida Board of Governors that is elected by a group of their peers, not state officials;

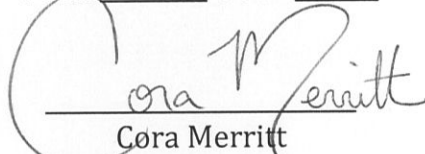
Be it enacted that the Student Government Association of the University of West Florida endorsed a vote of "no" on Amendment 12 on the 2012 Florida state ballot.

First Reading: <u>pass</u> Yes: <u>23</u> No: <u>2</u> Abstain: <u>0</u>	Second Reading: <u>pass</u> Yes: <u>24</u> No: <u>1</u> Abstain: <u>0</u>
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 Senate President
 Amy Bueno

Be it known that Student Government 12-13RI is hereby signed on _____

Pass: Veto:


 Cora Merritt
 Student Body President