STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION 2016-119

TITLE: Resolution supporting the African American Studies Program’s Request for Departmental Status

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SPONSOR(S): Senator Lucas Zhou, Senator Ernesto Godinez, Minority Party Leader Ford Dwyer, Cabinet Chairwoman Caroline Sessions, William Walker, Tristan Worthington, Judiciary Committee

WHEREAS, it is important that the University of Florida have a hub for Ethnic Studies and learning; and,

WHEREAS, the African-American Studies Program has remained as such since 1969¹ and lacks necessary resources that could be obtained through an upgrade to departmental status; and,

WHEREAS, a diverse student body, faculty, staff, and curriculum create an enhanced academic experience for all students; and,

WHEREAS, the African American Studies Program has increased the number of student participants in its program, surpassing three other departments at the University, and has made a commitment to increase black admission at the University; and,

WHEREAS, every public university in the State of Florida, with the exception of the University of North Florida, has established a department of Africana or African American studies; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida is the flagship university in the state; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the University of Florida Student Senate supports the African American Studies Program’s application for departmental status.

¹ http://afam.clas.ufl.edu/history/
Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to University of Florida President Kent Fuchs, University Provost Joseph Glover, Director of African American Studies Program Dr. Sharon Austin, African-American Studies Professor Dr. Vincent Adejumo, Dr. David E. Richardson, Dr. Henry T. Frierson