Florida Atlantic University
Student Government
Boca Raton House of Representatives
5th Legislative Session
BRHB-11-10

“Promote Academic Achievement and Instruction”

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WHEREAS: Supplemental Instruction (nicknamed SI) is a program managed by the FAU Center for Learning and Student Success (CLASS) that provides weekly study sessions to students taking difficult courses, and;

WHEREAS: These study sessions are put together by SI Leaders, exceptional students who have earned an “A” in the course they provide instruction for, and;

WHEREAS: SI leaders are trained to excel in strategies of college level learning and studying so as to indiscriminately guide students towards more effective note-taking models, self testing strategies and problem solving techniques, and;

WHEREAS: In order to guarantee that all the assistance provided by SI leaders is required to sit amongst the students through various classes and lectures in order to listen and take note of the course material and the professor’s instruction, and;

WHEREAS: These professors are in constant communication with SI leaders, offering them crucial feedback while at the same time receiving leader’s worksheets in addition to accounts of their session, and;

WHEREAS: Communication is also maintained with students in the class through in-class session time reminders, and weekly e-mails providing information or wishing good luck on exams, and;

WHEREAS: There are SI leaders who provide study sessions for math courses such as math for liberal arts I, college algebra, methods of calculus, calculus for engineers, pre-calculus, trigonometry, and calculus with analytic geometry, and;

WHEREAS: There are SI leaders who provide study sessions for science courses such as anatomy and physiology, geology, geography, psychology, life science, general chemistry I and II, organic chemistry I and II, microbiology, biochemistry, and physics, and;
WHEREAS: Data from the fall of 2010 shows that of 9,253 students enrolled in SI courses, 1004 attended sessions, and each session attended produced a greater chance of passing the course with a C or better, with the most dramatic example being the 13% higher likelihood of passing a course with a C or better after 6 or more SI sessions were attended, and;

WHEREAS: Data from the fall of 2010 shows that for twelve of the offered courses by SI, the percentage of getting a C or higher after attending 6 or more sessions surpasses 90%, and;

WHEREAS: If more students are made aware of SI and are encouraged to take part in the study sessions it could result in overall higher passing rates and a drop in the amount of withdrawals from these difficult courses, and;

WHEREAS: Like with Student Government, SI leaders should be recognizable on campus and easily accessible on campus, and giveaways and promotional items can help spread the word and promote engagement in this great service for students, NOW;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Boca Raton House of Representatives allocates $5,152.10 from the House Contingency account (S20012) for the purchase of t-shirts for SI leaders, as well as t-shirts, pencils and squeeze toys to promote SI to students, and;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the t-shirts purchased include text either on the sleeves or back of the shirts that indicate they were paid for by the Boca Raton House of Representatives.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That it is agreed between the Boca Raton House of Representatives and CLASS that any such requests for funding in the future are filed through the annual Campus Budget Allocation process.
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Aarons - No
Alincy - Yes
Anastasi - Absent
Arsolino - Yes
Becker - Absent
Berichi - Absent
Blouin - Yes
Capata - Yes
Dumas - Yes
Fritz - Yes
Gorry - Yes
Grider - No
Lupo - No
Massetti - No
McCoy - No
Mohi - Yes
Montes - Yes
Ortiz - Absent
Phillips - Absent
Pollock - Absent
Robinson - Absent

Rudnick - Absent
Smatrakaleva - Yes
Sosa - Yes
Tepper - Yes
Varela - Yes
Ward - No
Wu - Yes
Bastidas - Yes

BRHB-11-10 PASSED on this 25 day of March, 2011 by a vote of 16 YES and 5 NO

Signature - House Speaker

Boris Bastidas
Legislation Signature Sheet

This Bill / Resolution #BRHB-11-10 (PASSED) on this 25th day of March, 2011 by a vote of 16 YES, 5 NO, 0 ABSTAIN moved by Varela and seconded by Blaun.

Signature – House Speaker:

This Bill / Resolution is hereby ENACTED / VETOED on this 29th day of March, 2011. Signature – Campus Governor:

Allison Gentry

This Bill / Resolution is hereby ENACTED / VETOED on this 29th day of March, 2011. Signature – Student Body President:

Ayden Maher

For All Legislation, Pursuant to University Regulation 4.006:

This Bill / Resolution is APPROVED / SENT BACK FOR RECONSIDERATION on this 3/30 day of March, 2011.

Signature – Vice President for Student Affairs:

Dr. Charles Brown

This Bill / Resolution is Received and Recorded by the Student Government Student Court on this 20th day of March, 2011.