Florida Atlantic University

Student Government

Boca Raton House of Representatives

5th Legislative Session

BRHB-11-23

"SEEDS Nature Trail Through the FAU Preserve"

Author(s): Jasmine Coyle
Joshua Scholl

Sponsor(s): Kevin Varela

WHEREAS: Over the last six months SEEDS has been using borrowed tools and supplies they could garner from other interested parties to create a nature trail (Tortuga Trail) through the FAU preserve to promote the conservation of this natural area, and;

WHEREAS: We should collectively strive to maintain the FAU preserve because of the unique habitat it is (scrubland) and the fascinating, federally listed flora and fauna it supports: the gopher tortoise and our mascot, the burrowing owl; several endangered plant species and numerous beneficial insect populations, and;

WHEREAS: By utilizing the FAU preserve in classroom learning, FAU will set the standard in environmental education and real world experience, without the danger and cost of travel, by allowing math students to explore practical applications of their theorems, English and literary students to find inspiration in the beauty of the preserve, architects to understand the natural environment and how they can lead the industry in sustainable building design, etc., and;

WHEREAS: To complete this trail and allow greater utilization of the area for scholastic and recreational usage (which is paramount in protecting the habitat in the face of FAU’s expansion) signs, benches and a butterfly garden are proposed to be incorporated, and;

WHEREAS: Signs will display the FAU student artwork and writing that has been submitted in response to a competition hosted by SEEDS for inspired signage, and;

WHEREAS: The FAU preserve also needs landscaping at either trailhead, to encourage native butterflies to thrive, which adds to its value as an academic resource and to demarcate each area as the entrance to this special part of FAU, and;

WHEREAS: All signs and benches will be constructed by SEEDS volunteers in order to be as cost effective and eco-conscious as possible and SEEDS has acquired several rooms on campus for the storage and preparation of the proposed signs and benches, NOW;

CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the House become a partner with SEEDS in protecting, managing and maintaining this space by providing funding in the amount of $15,652.15 to supply tools, materials, landscaping plants and gardening tools that SEEDS volunteers will make use of in creating, clearing and maintaining Tortuga Tree Trail (the FAU preserve nature trail).
Legislation Signature Sheet

This Bill / Resolution # BR(HB-11-2) PASSED FAILED on this 3rd day of
June 2011 by a vote of 11 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAIN
moved by Phillips and seconded by Varela
Signature – House Speaker:

This Bill / Resolution is hereby ENACTED / VETOED on this 6th day of June 2012.
Signature – Campus Governor: Ryan Ebanks

This Bill / Resolution is hereby ENACTED / VETOED on this 6th day of June 2011.
Signature – Student Body President: Yden Maher

For All Legislation, Pursuant to University Regulation 4.006:
This Bill / Resolution is APPROVED / SENT BACK FOR RECONSIDERATION on this 6th day of June 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 7th day of JUNE 2011.
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Arsolino – Absent
Becker - Absent
Cyrise – Absent
Dunne – Yes
Fritz – Yes
Gordon – Absent
Gorry – Absent
Guimares – Yes
Grider – Yes
Joseph – Absent
Lupo – Absent
Maher - Yes
McCoy – Yes
Montes – Yes
Nicotra – Yes
Ortiz – Absent
Phillips - Yes
Sosa – Absent
Varela – Yes
Wu – Absent
Bastidas - Yes

BRHB-11-23 PASSED on this 3rd day of June, 2011 by a vote of 11 YES and 0 NO

Signature – House Speaker

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