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# RESOLUTION

*Florida International University – Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus*

**Agenda Item:**            **In Opposition of Florida Senate Bill 234**  
**Authors:**                 Daniel Usma, Arts and Science Senator  
**Sponsors:**              Pablo Haspel, Senator At-Large  
**Committee:**               Rules and Judiciary Committee  
**Date:**                        Feb 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011

## **In Opposition of Florida Senate Bill 234**

- Whereas,**                     According to the Student Government Association Constitution, SGA serves as “the governing body responsible for representing the student interests and addressing student needs,”
- Whereas,**                     Campus safety is of great concern to the student body, and several gun related incidents have occurred in universities campus across the nation such as, the 2002 University of Arizona shooting, the 2007 shooting at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Virginia,
- Whereas,**                     The Presence of openly carried weapons on University ground would represent a major concern for the security of the Student Body of Florida International University,
- Whereas,**                     Senate Bill 234, introduced by Senator Greg Evers of Florida Senate District Two, proposes that “a person in compliance with the terms of a concealed carry license may carry openly notwithstanding specified provisions, [and] limits a prohibition on carrying a concealed weapon or firearm into an elementary or secondary school facility, career center, or college or university facility to include only a public elementary or secondary school facility or administration building, etc;”
- Whereas,**                     This bill S.B 234 transforms Florida into an open-carry state; with restrictions on carrying concealed weapons in a police station, courthouse, or elementary,

middle and high schools, but it would allow gun owners to carry concealed weapons on a university campus;

**Therefore be it**

**Resolved:** The Biscayne Bay Campus Student Government Council is in full opposition of this Senate Bill 234, and strongly encourages the Florida Senate to reject this bill as it stands, and should it pass, urges Governor Rick Scott to veto the bill for the safety of university students in the state of Florida.

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<b>x</b> <u>Christin "Cici" Battle</u> Christin "Cici" Battle, SGC President				

*Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Senator Greg Evers, Senate President Mike Haridopolis, Senator Anitere Flores, State Representative Debbie Wasserman Schultz, State Representative Mark Pafford, State Representative Trudi Williams, State Representative Juan C. Zapata and Governor Rick Scott's Office to express this council's disapproval of the proposed Senate Bill.*