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RESOLUTION

Florida International University – Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus

Agenda Item: In Support of FIU2013: Investing in Miami Dade County's Economy

Date: 11/26/2012

Committee: of the Whole

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In Support of FIU2013: Investing in Miami Dade County's Economy

WHEREAS, Founded in 1965, Florida International University opened its doors to the community in September of 1972 and to date is Miami's only Public Urban Research University, offering over 100 programs of study with over 200 majors in over 20 colleges and schools;

WHEREAS, In achieving its objective of providing a quality, *Worlds Ahead* public post-secondary education to all students, Florida International University is the 3rd largest university in Florida, ranks first in the nation in awarding Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics degrees to minorities, and is set to award degrees to 100,000 students over the next decade, most of whom will contribute to the local workforce and economy;

WHEREAS, The long-term vision of FIU2013: Investing in Miami Dade County's Economy, is to educate members of the community, as well as the state legislature, of Florida International University's role as a primary driver in the local economy, and of the role that this university will play in shaping a more robust economy;

WHEREAS, The objective of FIU2013: Investing in Miami Dade County's Economy, is to urge the state legislature to *Keep the Promise* to ensure the continued success and long-term sustainability of Miami Dade County's Economy by restoring the \$24 million cut to Florida International University in the 2012 Legislative Session,



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and to provide additional performance funding that is critical to the success of one of the county’s economic drivers;

WHEREAS, A report prepared by Peter Thompson of the Department of Economics at FIU in August of 2010 entitled *Contributions of Florida International University to the Regional Economy* summarizes FIU’s impact on the local economy as follows: that the value of education produced each year by FIU that remains in Miami Dade County is about \$1.83 billion, that the non-payroll operating expenditures of FIU and the personal expenditures of its employees sustain 10,666 jobs—4, 261 of which are at the university—and induces \$710 million in economic output in Miami Dade County, that expenditures by FIU students not already accounted for in FIU’s operating expenditures sustains an additional 7,292 jobs and \$724 million in output in Miami Dade County, and that incremental expenditures induced and jobs sustained by the enhancement of FIU Alumni Income is \$1.4 billion and 14,373 jobs, respectively, in Miami Dade County;

WHEREAS, The Preamble of the Student Body Constitution of Florida International University stipulates that the system of student governance exists to ‘best represent the voice of our individual and collective interest,’ hence obligating Student Government to act as advocates of the entire Student Body;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Biscayne Bay Campus Student Government Senate is in support of *FIU2013: Investing in Miami Dade County’s Economy*.

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Pablo Adam Haspel, SGC – BBC President				