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Decision to Veto Constitutional Amendment 1

October 3rd, 2024 — By the authority vested in me as Student Body President of the Florida State University, under the provisions of Article III, Section 3, of the Constitution of the Student Body, I hereby veto and transmit my objections to Senate Constitutional Amendment 1, passed during the 76th Session of the Student Senate of the Florida State University Student Government Association, in the year 2024:

Revision to the Student Body Constitution Article II, §§ 1, 2, 34, 45, 56, and 6; Article V, § 4;

“A Constitutional Amendment Enacting the Recommendations of the Stronger Future Working Group in Regard to the SGA-COGS Relationship”

As Student Body President, my duty is to ensure that all legislation passed serves the best interests of the entire student body and aligns with our core principles of representation and equity. While I commend the intent behind the Stronger Future Amendment—to bring graduate students closer into the legislative process—I must exercise my veto authority over the Proposed Constitutional Amendment #1.

It is critical to consider not just the immediate goals, but also the long-term impact of restructuring the foundation of our student government. The proposed legislation introduces a bicameral system requiring approval from the Congress of Graduate Students (COGS) for changes to our Student Body Statutes. This amendment, if enacted, would grant the graduate student body disproportionate legislative power creating the potential for unequal representation.

The inclusion of graduate students in critical conversations is essential and I fully support efforts to improve that inclusion. However, this amendment has the potential to substantially delay and destabilize several facets of our legislative process rather than enhance them.

For these reasons, I cannot support the passage of this legislation. Therefore, it is my duty to return Constitutional Amendment #1 to the 76th Student Senate without my approval.

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Student Body President

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