

Student Advocacy Committee Meeting
December 2, 2020 @ 5:00pm EST
Meeting Minutes

Representatives Present: Hirsch, Creigh, Ilesanmi

Excused Absence: NA

Unexcused Absence: Fomberg

Guests: Speaker Hagemeyer

Discussion Points:

1. Representative Creigh sent information about last year's budget of what went to FSU Child Care. Our budgeted amount to childcare goes to OPS wages. Concerns about the price of childcare is concerning because some students may not afford it. We need more questions answered about Childcare's operations. We need a break down of how much our budget helps graduate students who use FSU Childcare.
2. Possible solutions to high childcare fees may be budgeting more money or possibly creating grants for low-income/single parent graduate students.
3. Get Out the Vote sign incident has been handled.
4. Representatives Ilesanmi and Hirsch met with Deputy Speaker Mendez about COGS outreach.
5. GAU bargaining is over and graduate students are voting on the bargaining agreement which includes a one-time bonus of \$750. Some help will be given for health insurance subsidy since out-of-pocket costs for students is high.

Action Items:

1. FSU Childcare: Representative Creigh and Representative Hirsch will reach out to FSU Childcare for more information. We need more information from FSU Childcare before making any decisions. Some questions we have: Is FSU Childcare FSU owned or subsidized by FSU? How many graduate students use FSU Childcare? How many graduate students use FSU Childcare? How much of the money we budget helps subsidize graduate student childcare rates? How does the waitlist work?
2. Another goal is having transparency about the fees, services provided, how much it costs, etc. in order to provide more information to graduate students who use FSU Childcare.
3. Representatives Ilesanmi and Hirsch will work with Deputy Speaker Mendez on improving COGS outreach via social media and the COGS website.