



Thirty-Second CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

31st Congress of Graduate Students

Student Advocacy meeting

November 7th , 2023

Call to Order: 6:33pm

Members Present: Joyner, Pehdeki, Galeano, Salimi, Ebuara.

Members Tardy: Hussain

Members Absent: Ratzlaff, Balogun

Suspended:

Guests:

Approval of the Minutes:

- Salimi moves to approve the minutes from October 24th , 2023
 - **Galeano** Seconds

Announcements:

- Chair
 - Land Acknowledgement:
 - The Student Government of Florida State University acknowledges that it is located on land that is the ancestral and traditional territory of the Apalachee Nation, the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida, the Muscogee Creek Nation, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida. We pay respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to their descendants and to all Indigenous people. We recognize this land remains scarred by the histories and ongoing legacies of settler-colonial violence, dispossession, and removal. In spite of all this, and with tremendous resilience, these Indigenous Nations have remained deeply connected to this territory, to their families, to their communities, and to their cultural ways of life. We recognize the ongoing relationships of care that these Indigenous Nations maintain with this land and extend our gratitude as we live and work as humble and respectful guests upon their territory. We encourage all to learn about and educate others on the contemporary work of the Indigenous Nations whose land we are on and to endeavor to support Indigenous sovereignty in all the ways that we can.
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- Vice-Chair
 - [N/a]

- Members
 - [Rep Gealano: WES , FSU fully supports the WES evaluation, they received documents that were valid from certain countries. Very soon all international students will be under WES. The number of applications from these two countries is greater in comparison to others countries.
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- Guests
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Committee Business:

- Business 1
 - Making sure everyone was able to access teams! All data has been switched over to teams. Refer to speaker Susan email! This data is needed to prove that we can increase the grants, if we answer yes then by how much.
 - No updates on parking, there is an issue with parking, and we met with the transportation there were many updates on parking at FSU.
 - Salimi fought for us to have a seat in this committee, but the issue is staff don't listen. Rep Joyner will serve on that committee.
 - We should create a google questionnaire asking what the student body wants to form the SAC committee.
 - Creating a document about the housing in Tallahassee for incoming students and things to do when they come to Tallahassee, and even campus resources.
 - Discuss legal counsel and how to get SSN, and share information to students.

Final Announcements:

- Chair
 - [n/A
- Vice-Chair
 - [N/a]
- Members
 - Rep Salimi last meeting.
- Guests
 - [N/a]

Date and Time of Next Meeting: 11/21/23. 6:30PM

Adjourned at 7:30pm

