

## **Student Advocacy Committee Meeting**

**June 30, 2021 @ 6:00pm EST**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Representatives Present:** Hirsch, Creigh, Wiley, Graves, and Gfatter

**Excused Absence:** NA

**Unexcused Absence:** NA

**Guests:** NA

#### **Discussion Points:**

1. FSU Childcare Updates: Representatives Graves and Wiley discussed childcare options around Tallahassee. Included information about funding/scholarships and childcare that is less expensive than FSU Childcare Center. Representative Hirsch discussed newsletter with Deputy Speaker Collins; no solid timeline on when first version will be released. Childcare information will be included and cycled through newsletter on periodic basis.
  - a. Representative Gfatter suggested a one-time scholarship/assistance for graduate students. Currently cannot recommend because budgeting has already been approved for the year.
  - b. Representative Hirsch proposed making poll to see where students stand on childcare concerns so we have data to back-up suggestions to FSU Childcare Center. Poll already conducted within GAU and childcare garnered 3% of votes as “biggest concern.”  
Propose to talk to graduate students with children specifically.
2. Representative Hirsch spoke with Deputy Speaker Collins about separate communication accounts for different committees and link trees on social media for contacting committees. Deputy Speaker Collins agreed; no plan to implement determined.
  - a. Issue was brought up within Executive Board meeting; suggested having committee chair and vice-chair emails listed on website. Moving “Contact Us” section on website so it is easier to find.
3. Student Senate Updates: Representative Hirsch in contact with Senator Soto with SGA on LGBTQ student concerns and COGS support needed. Increase graduate student involvement with Pride Student Union. Allowing students to have chosen name instead of legal name displayed on university wide materials; no update as of now on progress.

#### **Action Items:**

1. Representatives Wiley and Graves to send rough draft of childcare information to Deputy Speaker Collins for newsletter release; work on formatting for newsletter.
2. Representative Gfatter to reach out to GAU about next bargaining session and determine if bargaining will include childcare subsidies for graduate RAs and Tas.
3. Representative Creigh to add childcare to to-do list for COGS Executive Board meeting for correspondence with Childcare Advisory Board.
4. Representative Hirsch to collaborate with Deputy Speaker Collins on how to streamline committee contact for students and newsletter updates.