

Student Advocacy Committee Meeting

Sept 28th, 2023 @ 6:30pm

Meeting stop: 7:52 pm

Representatives Present: Galeano, Joyner, Salimi, Ebuara, Hussain

Excused Absence: Balogun, Ratzlaff

Unexcused Absence:

Guests: NA

Discussion Points:

1. Voted in representative Joyner as Vice Chair of the committee. Won unanimously.

2. Motion to adopt last meeting notes from March 31st 2022

- Representative Ebuara moved the motion to adopt and representative Salimi seconded the motion.

3. Major Task for the year/semester

- Representative Galeano discussed our major task for the semester/ year, student parking specifically faculty and staff parking for teacher assistants. Another task is to increase student presentation and attendance grants, discussed (9/24/23). Open to having subcommittees for each task. Representative Salimi discussed his unfair parking ticket and discussed how maybe having students pay for parking because its too open. Representative Joyner discussed how TAs cannot pay for faculty staff parking anymore. Representative Galeano discussed how maybe parking is included in student fees. Representative Salimi brought up the point of information about transportation is included in fees but they pay for parking garage, FSU busses and the FSU PD. (Topic Change 7:09Pm)

Representative Rowaski on 9/25/23 gave us the conference and presentation data.

Representative Jorge changed the topic to COGS presentation grants. Representative Salimi brought up how he used ChatGPT data feature to work to generate a graph. Rep Salimi is unsure if we can increase funding because of the number of students, this is because he was looking at trends. On the contrary, only 93 students applied for presentation grants, 20 people applied for attendance grants. Average leftover funds for Attendance Grants:

\$3927.9862499999995. Average leftover funds for Presentation Grants: 25438.17125
Average percentage of students completing expense reports for Attendance Grants:
89.92690058479532. Average percentage of students completing expense reports for
Presentation Grants: 97.11908601532446. Representative Salimi realized that the data is
different because it doesn't discuss the incumbent. Representative Joyner discussed that we
needed consistency with these meetings, but we need to avoid COGS meeting days and avoid
scheduling with other committees. Rep. Joyner also discussed that we can't meet the same
days as other committees because this is open to the public! Representative Ebuara brought up
last time the committee met discussed the application requirements for international students
(west evaluation). Application requirements are unfair for only Nigeria and Ghana, point of
information Rep Hussain brought up how Bangladesh students must go through that as well.
They must be evaluated on the same caliber as the US students, must equate to same degree as
US students. Any international students, the degree you got from your previous university must
have degree evaluation, if they can't evaluate the degree on a US level then WES Evaluation will
be used to evaluate. Rep Joyner said I think we should ask admissions before we assume this is
an advocacy issue. It was confirmed that it is true, we need to discuss with an admission before
we make an argument. Motion to stop meeting Rep Ebuara and seconded by Rep Salimi and
Galeano.

3. Meeting schedule:

- Every other week on Tuesday @ 6:30

Next two meetings for October are.

October 10th 6:30pm

October 24th 6:30pm

3. Future:

- With graphs that Rep. Salimi created to see how much we can increase the funding we need to take a more critical look into this.
- Also continue discussing the parking issues, we need to find who is the student advocacy chair that works with BOT.
- subcommittees were created for the WES Evaluation information from the admissions.

