



73rd Student Senate
Racial Inclusivity and Justice Ad Hoc
Date: 02/15/2021 via Zoom

Call to Order: 7:06 p.m.

Members Present: Chair Hunter, Vice Chair Gonzalez, Senator(s) Daraldik, Lewis, Ramos, Randall,

Members Absent: Senator Soto (Excused), Senator Wang (Excused), and Ad Hoc Member Williams (Unexcused)

Guests: None.

Announcements:

- Chair - None
- Vice Chair - None
- Members - None
- Guests - None.

Unfinished Business:

- Roundtable
 - Ramos moves to go into a roundtable to discuss unfinished business.
 - Lewis seconds.
 - Ramos
 - Ramos talked to Anna and received emails for the Division of Student Affairs professionals that work on Homecoming Council and Campus Recreation
 - She will be drafting emails this weekend to send to Homecoming and Campus Recreation on Monday.
 - She plans on attending a meeting of the Judiciary Committee and asking for their help to rename or remove Pow-Wow and the Golden Tribe Lecture Series from Student Body Statutes.
 - Randall
 - Randall replied to Terrell Williams in FSU Admissions this week asking for more information on the Partner Promise Scholarship in general, how he'd like to receive stories from BIPOC students, and how FSU admissions recruits minority, transfer undergraduate students.
 - Chair Hunter commented that, specifically, we would like to know the number of applicants last year that would have been eligible

for the Partner Promise Scholarship and what the current number of applicants for the 2021-2022 academic year are.

- Randall submitted a research request with the Torchlight Center to determine the success of the University of North Florida's "Apply in July" program and the existence of any similar programs throughout the state.
- Lewis
 - Lewis wants to work with the Caribbean Students' Association to draft a Resolution recognizing Caribbean Heritage Month.
 - She has created a qualitative survey with the three questions asking people about their experience as a Caribbean student at FSU.
 - She will need help drafting this Resolution once the research is complete.
- Gonzalez
 - The second meeting with Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Hecht, and the Vice President of Finance & Administration, Mr. Clark, to discuss student concerns with the Aramark dining services contract will be held at 4:00 P.M. on Monday, February 22nd.
 - Chair Hunter, Vice Chair Gonzalez, Senator Ramos, Senator Soto, and Student Senate President Harmon will be attending this meeting.
 - FSU administration reached out to Vice Chair Gonzalez with a proposed amendment for the Aramark contract. The amendment is as follows:
 - "The Contractor shall ensure that no individual employed by Aramark Educational Services, LLC to work on the Florida State University campus or render service under this Contract will be a part of a 'prison labor' or incarceration work program. Failure to disclose such arrangement with Florida State University will be in direct violation of this Contract and may result in the termination of this Contract."
 - Vice Chair Gonzalez is still working with the FSU administration to craft amendments regarding diversity, employee benefits, and fair wages.
- Hunter
 - Out of state students receiving counseling
 - Chair Hunter met with Dr. Carlos Gomez, Director of the University Counseling Center, to discuss the lack of therapy resources for out-of-state students.
 - Dr. Gomez explained that students who reside out-of-state were unable to receive counseling from mental health professionals at the University Counseling Center because the staff are only licensed to practice in the State of Florida. He also said that it would not be feasible to hire counselors that could treat out-of-state students due to the amount of states that out-of-state students come from. He instead suggested the possibility of giving a waiver to out-of-state students to subsidize a portion of their treatment expenses in the state that the student resides in. Dr. Gomez did not mention a specific value of any potential subsidy.

- Senator Preshia is collaborating with Chair Hunter on a Resolution to formalize the Senate's request to implement this therapy subsidy program for students who reside out of state. Chair Hunter is unsure as to whether this money should come from the Student Senate or the University Counseling Center but would prefer for the Counseling Center to cover the costs.

New Business:

- None.

Final Announcements:

- Chair: Make sure to prepare Resolutions and more concrete materials for our next meeting

Vice Chair Gonzalez moves to adjourn the meeting. Ramos seconds.

Adjourned: 7:25 p.m.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: March 5, 2021 at 6 P.M.