



73rd Student Senate
Sexual Assault Survivors & Advocacy Ad Hoc Committee Agenda
February 7th, 2021 | Zoom Meeting ID: 957 684 2013

Call to Order: 7:33pm

Members Present: Chair Soto, Vice Chair Hadley, Senators Little, Hitchcock, Tackett, Lessard, Gabadage, Martin, Arutt, Lewis

Members Tardy: Student John Ocampo

Members Absent: Students Caelynn Christensen (excused) and Erin Kinzer (excused)

Guests: Torchlight Director Patrick Martin and Director of Legislative Affairs Shayna Cohen

Approval of the Minutes:

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Announcements:

- Chair Soto:
- Vice Chair Hadley:
- Senator Martin: SLAA is meeting Monday at 6:30pm
- Torchlight Director Patrick Martin: I commend everyone on this board for doing the work for the students, especially pertaining to sexual violence. I hope to see requests from you all to access all of this information. Thank you for your time! Director Martin also talked about the website, Maindaily.com, a data aggregator for FSU affairs, email martin to join the group,
- Torchlight Director of Legislative Affairs Shayna Cohen: We have actually published two pieces of Title IX, and one has been published this past summer. The outgoing federal administration sent out changes to the policy that conducted procedures based on Title IX. If you have any research requests, there is a big button on our website that will contact Torchlight Center to get more research done with things happening on campus.
- Director of Legislative Affairs Cohen speaks on Title IX changes at Florida State University. Torchlight has been focusing of sexual violence on Florida State University on campus since Summer 2020. Gives help guiding students through the Title IX changes. Any topics or information Torchlight will help with research on campus, there is a link on the website to request information.

Committee Business:



- **Members of Torchlight Center coming in to present about their organization and how Title IX affects FSU students, as well as help us brainstorm ideas for researching things related to sexual violence victims at FSU**
 - Vice Chair Hadley: How is your research perceived when it comes to the “depth,” and how long does the research take?
 - Torchlight Director Patrick Martin: Our turnaround time for existing projects is very poor after establishing this center last semester. We have gotten back to a couple of people, but our average turnaround time is a couple of weeks. I will prioritize requests that will come for this group. I trust my policy and legislative analysts on staying as truthful as possible. We try to provide organizations and committees with the most truthful information that we can find.
 - Torchlight Director of Legislative Affairs Shayna Cohen: We lost our Research Director in October, which was part of the reason why our turnaround time was not the greatest. Now that we have a Director of Research, everything has been moving faster. If we receive requests that are vague, then we email the said student requesting for research and ask for more information. It really depends on what the topic of research that they are requesting.
 - Director Martin gave contact: pkm16@my.fsu.edu 305-301-4909
- **Accepting research ideas to get our gears grinding**
 - Vice Chair Hadley: I highly recommend the book a professor wrote that featured an entire research project on Columbia University, and I think it was very in-depth about everything. It is very easy and heartbreaking to read.
 - Senator Martin: We can meet with University Housing and see what they can do for their residents. How are residents able to come to resident assistants without having the proper resources, especially when a resident tells a resident assistant about their situation?
 - Student Patrick Martin: What housing can do is to be a better guide to those resources and helping students sticking through it. I do like the idea of polling housing, and once the committee has that information, then the committee could ask how students are being helped and if those students are being moved around.
 - Student Shayna Cohen: Hall Council could also help do something about it.
- **Social media shoutouts**
 - Senator Hitchcock: I think shouting us out would be a good thing.
 - Senator Martin: I think stories would be better, but we could talk about why we are a part of the ad-hoc.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:



- Members of Torchlight Center coming in to present about their organization and how Title IX affects FSU students, as well as help us brainstorm ideas for researching things related to sexual violence victims at FSU
- Accepting research ideas to get our gears grinding
- Social media (tbh, just Instagram) shoutouts

Unfinished Business:

- None

Final Announcements:

- Chair Soto: Thank you so much for staying an extra 5 minutes than expected!

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Sunday, February 21st 7:30pm

Adjourned: 8:06pm