



73rd Student Senate
Sexual Assault Survivors & Advocacy Ad Hoc Committee Agenda
February 21st, 2021 | Zoom Meeting ID: 957 684 2013

Call to Order: 7:36pm

Members Present: Chair Soto, Vice Chair Hadley, Senators Lessard, Martin, Lewis, Arutt, Nemeth, Hitchcock, Tackett, Student Caelynn Christensen

Members Tardy:

Members Absent: Senators Gabadage and Little (both are excused), Students John Ocampo and Erin Kinzer (unexcused)

Guests:

Approval of the Minutes:

- Senator Lessard moves to approve the minutes from the February 7th, 2021 meeting
- Senator Tackett seconds

Announcements:

- Senator Lessard: Take care of yourselves!

Committee Business:

- **Inquiry from Senator Randall**
- Chair Soto: Here is a text that Senator Randall wanted me to read to you all: "Hey man! I'm wrapped up in too many projects rn and can't add another thing. Could you ask your SA^2 committee to talk about creating a sexual assault survivors relief fund? I was thinking that this fund could work with the Victim Advocate Program, University Counseling Center, and the Center for Couple and Family Therapy to cover the cost of medical care and therapy related to sexual assault. I know that VAP already gives about \$2000 to do some of this. If it will only take around 2-3k to do this, we could do it from Senate projects."
- Vice Chair Hadley: Do we want to do this as a senate level or just take matters into our own hands and do it as our own thing?
- Senator Lessard: I think we need to do both of these things, especially if it helps the student body.
- Senator Hitchcock: I would have to agree with what Cat said.
- Vice Chair Hadley: I think the non-senators can work with administration-based things while senators can work on senate things so that all the work is evenly distributed.
- Chair Soto: I think both are great ideas, especially since the non-senators can complete tasks and the senators can also do tasks and still get things done.



- **Generating a Qualtrics/Google form**
- Senator Lessard: I feel if we ask for testimonies from survivors and advocates, we should use Qualtrics to make things more secure. We can use a Google Form for questions and such.
- Senator Lewis: I think Qualtrics just looks a little more professional on our part.
- Vice Chair Hadley: I also think that Ben Young would feel more comfortable having a Qualtrics form rather than a Google Form on the Senate website.
- **Making a Linktree site for our committee**
- Senator Lewis: Campus resources would definitely be a plus.
- Senator Arutt: Should we put some non-campus resources on it as well, like around the surrounding areas of Tallahassee?
- Senator Hitchcock: Definitely put some hotlines on it.
- Senator Tackett: Could we get more information about the Victim Advocates Program fund? I had no idea that it existed before you mentioned it via Randall's text.
- Vice Chair Hadley: I think that it should be known that the funding is there, but it definitely should be known more.
- Senator Tackett: Should this be found on the website, or is it something that you would find out through counsel?
- Vice Chair Hadley: It starts with reporting a situation at report.fsu.edu, and they normally email you after you tell someone and/or you file a Title IX report. You can contact the Victim Advocates Program, but they usually contact you first.
- Senator Tackett: What if we made a document that states what steps they need to make in order to receive help through on-campus resources?
- Vice Chair Hadley: I am pretty sure that they publicized it after the summer when they made the Title IX change. Some good resources to contact are kNOw More, which is a senate-affiliated project. Green Dot does not really do it, but I am sure that the University Counseling Center and other on-campus resources can help.
- Student Caelynn Christensen: Find some way to reassure anonymity because students feel as if their identities will be "leaked."
- Senator Hitchcock: What if we made a YouTube video of one of us going through the steps as to how to file a Title IX report? Maybe someone friendly that would help?
- Student Caelynn Christensen: One of the biggest problems is supporting the stigma of filing a report "late." Students always get questioned or even get told that staff is not able to do anything when reporting "late."
- Vice Chair Hadley: There are many things that we can assume are similar comparing the two Title IX processes.
- Student Caelynn Christensen: I find it kind of odd that they do not really do anything when one person is getting several reports on them.
- **SA Voting Member Sundays**
- Senator Lessard: I do not think we should do slide deck posts.
- **Set up a meeting with Alison Leach-Hughes, Dr. Hecht, and Dr. Chong about adding a sexual violence component to the orientation modules**
- Senator Lessard: The fact that there are not a sexual health module on a college campus is absolutely ridiculous.



- Vice Chair Hadley: I think we should form a task force to help with that, and figuring out the time and the place to address sexual violence would be something that we can address.
- Chair Soto: I can consult with Alex to see if that would be the appropriate action to take.
- **How should we address the whole situation with the person that is currently going between Tallahassee and Gainesville and harming primarily women?**
- Senator Lessard: The problem in regards to student safety is the fact that FSU is a public campus. The appearance is seeming that this person is harmless, which is very dangerous.
- Student Caelynn Christensen: What if we just had the university send a mass email to all the staff, faculty, and students about this situation?
- Senator Tackett: It took them a couple of days to get a warrant because the cameras in the areas where the victims were affected were not working. I think we should focus on fixing the emergency lights and adding more cameras into more residence halls and buildings.
- Senator Lessard: The fact that these emergency lights are still not fixed makes me so angry, so we need to focus on getting them fixed and getting more on campus.
- Senator Hitchcock: I know that Senator Moore is talking to FSUPD and calling everyone in terms of getting more cameras around campus, and if she is allowed to come to the next meeting to speak, that would help us out.
- Senator Lessard: I work at a private school, and the fact that they only put cameras in exterior doors and not in hallways baffles me. I understand that they cannot put cameras next to restrooms and such because of privacy issues, but not putting cameras down a hallway really baffles me.
- Senator Lewis: Are any of the emergency poles not working, or are any of them just not operational?
- Senator Lessard: Some of them do work, but not all.
- Senator Lewis: Is there a way that we could find out which ones work and do not work?
- Vice Chair Hadley: I think it would be unsafe if we knew that information as perpetrators can also find out that information and hide at a pole that is not operational.

Old Business:

- **None**

New Business:

- Generating a Qualtrics/Google form
 - Should we ask for testimonies that we should share or should we ask survivors/advocates questions about their experiences with the services that FSU offers? (or even both)
- Making a Linktree site for our committee
 - Wanted to check with Alex and/or Renee and see if this is allowed before making it
 - What would you like to see on it?
- SA Voting Member Sundays



- May start next month since that is when our first meeting in March will take place
- Do a shoutout every other Sunday, which could serve as a reminder to everyone that our meetings are public and anyone is welcome to come
- Set up a meeting with Alison Leach-Hughes, Dr. Hecht, and Dr. Chong about adding a sexual violence component to the orientation modules
 - Just as an FYI, orientation this summer is virtual again
 - They offer alcohol and safety courses, but nothing when it comes to sexual violence
 - If I were to set up a meeting, who would actually want to attend and/or come up with next-step solutions/ideas to take?
 - I can make a When2Meet to make things easier in terms of finding a meeting time
- How should we address the whole situation with the person that is currently going between Tallahassee and Gainesville and harming primarily women?
 - More information can be provided at the meeting, if more context is needed!

Unfinished Business:

- None

Final Announcements:

- Vice Chair Hadley: Get all of your friends and communities to vote on Wednesday!
- Senator Lessard: The fact that 67 people voted in last semester's election is sad.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: March 7th at 7:30pm

Adjourned: 8:30pm