

Office of Governmental Affairs | Board of Directors Meeting

January 14, 2024 @ 2:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order: Daniel Muniz, Director – 2:04 p.m.

- A. Present: Daniel Muniz, Angel Arellano, Grady Anderson, Grant Golin, John Brady, Sam Appel, Spencer Greenwood, Alexis Dorman, Hillary Harbauer, Yasamin Khosh
- B. Absent: Christian Velazquez

II. New Business:

- A. Dan
 - 1. Legislative update: House bill for Bright Futures book stipend
 - 2. Legislative reception: will be on Adams St. the evening of January 31
 - a) Graphics/posters being designed
 - 3. FSU Day at the Capitol
 - a) Will be the same as before with organizations and colleges tabling inside
 - b) Legislative awards
 - (1) Representatives Chambliss, Daley, and Perez
 - (2) Senators Boyd, Simon, and Powell
 - 4. Civic Engagement Week
 - a) The date is being worked out to avoid conflict with other events on the calendar
 - 5. Washington, DC trip
 - Nine students from the SGA and OGA boards will be traveling to Washington
 - b) Add the intent to advocate for OGA legislative priorities to FSU Senate resolution
 - 6. Bicentennial Resolution
 - a) Mirroring language off of Sen. Simon's resolution
 - b) Goal to get it through FSU Senate around March 4
 - (1) Voice vote: unanimous support from OGA Board of Directors

7. Jack Rowan joined as part of OGA's Board as Speaker of the Congress of Graduate Students

III. Board of Directors

- A. Grady and Sam
 - 1. Legislative stances
 - a) Waiving the GRE for active-duty military veterans
 - b) Financial assistance for mental health professionals
 - c) Bright Futures bill
 - d) Minimum pay for teachers
 - 2. Dan: Hopefully ad hoc legislative committee can join future OGA meetings

B. Alexis and Zorian

- Doing three legislative awards to balance party; Rep. Perez is Chairman of the House Rules Committee; Sen. Simon sponsored Florida Senate's Bicentennial resolution
- 2. Legislative stances on more controversial legislation at future OGA meetings
 - a) Funds to descendants of Native American massacre
 - b) Revoking financial assistance to students who support foreign terrorist organizations
 - c) Campus carry bill
 - (1) Yasamin: votes will be public
- 3. Rally in Tally: still looking for students to attend

C. Marshall

- 1. Quotes for OGA name tags/NEP name tags/NEP shirts/stickers/legislative awards, one-pagers
- 2. Spending under budget for FSU Day, could explore using extra funds for Civic Engagement Week

D. Yasamin

- 1. Looking at pushing back start of FSU Senate the night of the legislative reception so that FSU Senators can attend
- 2. FSU Day at the Capitol graphic will be posted on Instagram
- 3. Will send student organization form to NEP students and it has been sent to a broad range of student organizations; will send it to faculty organizations as well

E. Hillary

- Determining dates for Civic Engagement Week; coordinating with Liz and Rodney
- 2. Potential dates are February 12 through February 16

F. John

1. NEP meeting on Tuesday to go over legislative session; Sam and Grady will attend to present PowerPoint

G. Angel

- 1. Looking forward to tabling at Market Wednesday with promotional materials
- 2. Brochure to hand students walking by would be helpful

H. Spencer

- 1. Rest of OGA meetings will be held weekly in person at the Student Union
- 2. Zoom option for those who cannot attend in person
- I. Emily (Mental Health Council)
 - 1. Happy to attend FSU Senate meeting to talk about mental health resolution

IV. Adjournment: Daniel Muniz, Director – 3:02 p.m.