

03/06/23 Minutes

- Seminole Awards
 - Plaques to 2 Senators and 2 Representatives
 - Plaque Options will be sent in OGA Group
 - Challenge Coins for Other Legislators
 - Natasha will help with plaque design
- FSU Day at the Capitol
 - Logo and advertising released
 - Graphics will be put on social media soon
 - Posters will be dropped at the Capitol later this week
- Funding Bill
 - Will be voted on in Senate Wednesday
- NEP Updates
 - Southern Law Group
 - Last Wednesday was a really good experience
- OGA Meetings
 - No meeting next Monday
 - No meeting on FSU Day at the Capitol
- New Bills for Legislative Agenda?
 - HB 863 - Holocaust Remembrance Day
 - HB 269 - Public Nuisances Bill
- Pittman Law Group
 - New lobbyist (Sam)
 - Arranged a meeting w/ Rep. Edmonds on Thursday
 - 1-2 board members who want to go?
 - Zorrian
 - 11:45 A.M. on Thursday
- NEP Social Media Post
 - 10 NEP(ers) have submitted the form
 - More NEP(ers) need to fill out the form
- Voting on Senate Amendment to Add HB 999 to the Legislative Agenda
 - Debate
 - Brayden H: Spoke to faculty and faculty member said that they wouldn't be affected
 - Jason: DEI is not a huge part of the bill
 - Zorrian: CARE wouldn't be affected
 - Eric: Will IOP change?
 - Jason: There is more to the bill than just DEI
 - Brayden h: The bill will change the name of the IOP but doesn't think the program will change tremendously
 - Brayden H: This is a rebranding not a massive change
 - Melanie: More hoops for private donors who want to fund DEI program, we may lose private donors for important programs

- Melanie: Not all programs will jump through hoops
- Jason: Believes that senators will give more money to the SGA agencies in response to this and will not abolish agencies
- Brayden H: Nothing about A&S fees in the bill
- Alexis: This bill will affect faculty and staff at FSU--people come to FSU to learn from people with all different beliefs, there has also been a huge mobilization of students--how will it look if we don't vote in accordance with the student body's belief?
- Jason: Board of Trustees will not oversee all hiring, they will determine who is doing the hiring with the guidance of the President of the uni
- Brayden H: This bill creates more transparency about where money is coming and going through the education system, "money talks the loudest" and influences our education, equity is more important and Senate should remain neutral, it's not fair to take a stance
- Brayden H: We should make good decisions when it comes to representing people, "make the right decision"
- Zorrian: Have agencies spoken out?
- Alexis: Yes
- Melanie: Agencies are taking steps against this
- Jason: "I don't know if that's the majority of students"
- Zorrian: Agencies are hosting events
- Lauren: What will FSU's SGA saying something about this do?
- Zorrian: SGA is going to do what they're going to do
- Brayden H: The university will not make a statement, there's an issue with polling an agencies because it's only capturing a small group of people on the same side, there's misinformation, will be voting against because equity is important and we need to represent the student-body not just a minority
- Jason: The only concerns are regarding a couple lines relating to DEI, what do students really oppose?, there has been a misinterpretation of the bill
- Vote
 - Jason - No
 - Alexis - Yes
 - Lauren - Abstain
 - Natasha - Abstain
 - Brayden H. - No
 - Brayden S. - No
 - Eric - No
 - Zorrian - Yes
 - Melanie - Yes