

Student Advocacy Committee Meeting
May 26, 2021 @ 6:00pm EST
Meeting Minutes

Representatives Present: Hirsch, Creigh, Wiley, Graves, and Gfatter

Excused Absence: NA

Unexcused Absence: NA

Guests: NA

Discussion Points:

1. Representative Creigh stepped down from the Vice Chair position. Representative Graves volunteered to step in. Since all committee members were present at the meeting, the committee unanimously voted in support of Representative Graves as our Vice Chair.
2. FSU Childcare Updates: Representative Creigh reported during the budget meeting that FSU Childcare answered our predetermined questions in January before the annual COGS Budget Committee. Answers to our questions are provided below. An idea is to create a newsletter to inform graduate students of childcare options.
3. Making contacting COGS Easier: We would like to create separate contact forms and emails for each of the three COGS committees in an effort to make it easier for graduate students to contact COGS representatives and increase visibility.

Action Items:

1. Representative Graves is our new Vice Chair. At the next meeting, she will start taking minutes.
2. Representatives Graves and Wiley will gather resources for subsidizing childcare costs.
3. Representative Gfatter will get information from Graduate Assistants United (GAU) about their next round of bargaining and see if they will consider bargaining for a childcare subsidy for graduate student RAs and TAs.
4. Representative Hirsch will coordinate with Deputy Speaker Collins about working with the newsletter to include information on childcare options around Tallahassee and possible contact form postings for the committees through social media.
5. Deputy Speaker Creigh will speak with Speaker Hagemeyer about setting up committee emails and Qualtrics contact forms.