Student Advocacy Committee Meeting 02/10/20

Chair called meeting to order at 3:26 pm

I. Roll Call:
   A. Committee Chair, Janelle: Present
   B. Committee Vice Chair, Cornelius: Present
   C. Amy: Present
   D. Annabelle: Excused
   E. Hiba: Present
   F. Meena: Excused
   G. Kiara: Unexcused

II. Old Business
   a. Veterans Council Bill
      i. Motion to Dismiss
         1. Cornelius, Amy, Hiba, Janelle
            ❑ Reasoning: We as a committee decided that the best course of action for
            the writer of this Bill (SB3609) would be to collaborate with the required
            individual to advocate for more departmental funding.
            ❑ This conclusion came about through a few of our concerns while reading
            this Bill. First, concern that we had was the Bill’s budget request which
            totaled to “987,580.00”. This request included the fund
            ing of the proposed SVC council as well as the VMA office. Secondly, we felt that
            rather than proposing a completely separate entity to advocate for
            veterans, one should focus more on the VMA office as a whole.
            ❑ Also, one confusing aspect of this bill was that the amount of funding
            requested totaled nearly 1 million dollars which is double the amount of
            the Homecoming budget (500,000). Who as a whole allocates its funds to
            all of FIU’s student body rather than a specific group within the study
            body.
      ii. Motion to revise
      iii. Motion to probable external resource
   b. Green Graduate Council
      i. Unanimous vote to table
         1. Questions on the table:
            a. What specific travel expenses are included?
            b. Who will be approving these funds?
c. How will students be requesting these travel funds?

III. New Business:
   a. Collect headshots and office hours to post on IG
   b. Contact Ashley to post once completed
   c. Senator Dean Meeting

III. Meeting adjourned by the Chairwoman and CASE Senator Janelle Fraga at 4:00PM