

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 funding 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