



**Student Government  
Association**

Appropriations Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 6, 2022

I. Call to Order

A. Meeting called to order at 4:10 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Name	Position	Present	Required Attendance
Alexander Sutton	Senator for School of International and Public Affairs	P	Yes
Nicolas Ramirez	Senator for College of Communication, Architecture + The Arts	P	Yes
Manuel Soltero	Senator for School of International and Public Affairs	P	Yes
Dylan Salem	Senator for College of Business	A	Yes

III. Old Business

A. No old business

IV. New Business

A. A student came for public comment. Oraz Makhmetov

B. Mr. Makhmetov gave two ideas for initiatives

1. Parking issue: many parking spaces are unavailable to students and many students do not have the time to find them. A lot of parking spaces are left for admin or staff and students should be the ones prioritized
  - a) One solution is to work with Parking and Transportation to allocate more faculty parking spaces to students
  - b) Senator Soltero: the FIU mobile app tells you real time parking garage capacity
  - c) Mr. Makhmetov will look into the FIU mobile app and suggest that his fellow students use the mobile app to find open parking spots (short-term), as well as ask Parking and Transportation to allocate more student parking spaces later (long-term)

- d) Senator Sutton: if Mr. Makhmetov is accepted to an SGA position when he applies, he can work on this initiative starting in the summer. Sutton pasted the email [parking@fiu.edu](mailto:parking@fiu.edu) in the zoom chat
2. Create a way for students to voice their opinion if a professor isn't doing a good job teaching
    - a) His friends have said that their professors give extreme amounts of material and inordinately difficult exams with comparatively little study time and instruction.
    - b) A lot of students want to voice their opinion
    - c) If it is a TA in a lab, they don't respond to emails properly, they disadvantage students' academic careers
    - d) Mr. Makhmetov wants to set up a framework/protocol for groups of students to voice formal complaints to the department if a professor is experiencing the above issues
    - e) Senator Sutton: how would your idea be different from the SPOTS surveys?
    - f) Mr. Makhmetov: SPOTS surveys happen when the classes are almost done, at the end of the semester. He wants students to be able to voice concerns before the end of the semester, to help students immediately so they can improve their grade
    - g) Mr. Makhmetov suggests reaching out to OneStop to set up formal implementation of this idea. After their green light, he would go to the different departments to get their agreement.
    - h) Could be just a form with OneStop
    - i) Mr. Makhmetov will send an email to set up a dialogue, hopes to work on it further if he gets an official SGA position
    - j) Sen. Soltero: it would be great to see this happen because it has been a problem he has seen in the past
    - k) Sen. Ramirez: supports Mr. Makhmetov's ideas and is willing to collaborate to help them happen

### C. Scheduling final Appropriations meeting

1. Either Apr. 13, or Apr. 20.
2. Sen. Sutton will coordinate with Senate Leadership

V. Meeting Adjournment

A. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.