

Appropriation Committee Meeting Minutes Date: 10/27/2023

I. Call to Order

a. Meeting called to order at 5:02 PM

II. Roll Call

| Name | Position | Present/Absent | Required Attendance |
|----------------------|------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Anne Martinez | Chair | Present | Yes |
| Mikele Mancuso | Vice Chair | Present | Yes |
| Hua Hui Vogel | Member | Absent | Yes |
| Gabriela Mendez-Ruiz | Member | Present | Yes |
| Chanita Jacques | Member | Present | Yes |
| Alyssa Andreus | Member | Present | Yes |
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III. Unfinished Business

a. N/A

IV. New Business

- a. Chair Martinez clarifies the process that an appropriations request/bill goes through,
- b. Chair Martinez then leads us into new business, which is voting on the Model USAID bill,
- c. First, Chair Martinez reads through the bill, and Senator Mendez-Ruiz reads the Whereas clauses, while Chair Martinez reads the final clause.

d. Senator Mendez-Ruiz motions to go straight into voting procedure:

| Name | Position | Votes | Present/Absent |
|----------------------|------------|-------|----------------|
| Anne Martinez | Chair | Yes | Present |
| Mikele Mancuso | Vice Chair | Yes | Present |
| Hua Hui Vogel | Member | N/A | Absent |
| Gabriela Mendez-Ruiz | Member | Yes | Present |
| Chanita Jacques | Member | Yes | Present |
| Alyssa Andreus | Member | Yes | Present |



e. The Model USAID bill stands approved with 5 votes in favor, none against, and none abstaining.

V. Reports

- a. Senate Leadership
- b. Committee
- c. Advisor

VI. Announcements

- a. Chair Martinez states that she wants everyone to sign the when2meet in the WhatsApp group chat and urges that everyone continue to let her know when people cannot attend.
- b. Chair Martinez also open the floor to discussion in regard to if the meeting time for appropriations meetings.
 - i. Senator Andreus states that she has no problem with the current time.
 - ii. Chair Martinez states that the only other available time for everyone is on Friday's at 4 PM and states that the current date with respect to the end of the semester should be kept in mind.
 - iii. Senator Mendez-Ruiz states that she is ok with either but 4 PM might be better because they get done earlier.
 - iv. Senator Jacques echoes the statements of Senator Mendez-Ruiz.
 - v. Vice Chair Mancuso does not mind with either time.
 - vi. An informal vote is done and the committee votes to change the meeting time to 4 PM.
- c. Chair Martinez then thanks everyone for being present today and that the meeting time for next meeting, after speaking to Michelle, will be changed to 4 PM on Friday's.
- d. Senator Andreus says that she will have a meeting with Senator Arzola during his office hours about a collaboration between the Nursing School and the FIU Med school; they have also been thinking about doing a panel discussion with different types of people who work in the hospital; next appropriations meeting she will let us know how that meeting goes.

VII. Meeting Adjournment

a. Meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM