

Meeting Agenda/**Minutes**

Advocacy Committee Meeting #3

11/11/2024 4:00pm CST

Student Union Teche 116

Start Time: 4:01pm

1. Opening Remarks
 - a. Introduction and Meeting Objectives
2. New Business
 - a. Mr. Adeyemo's concern
 - i. Petition for Reconsideration of Ph.D. Admission Decision
 1. Documents of Petition received.
 - a. **The committee heard Mr. Adeyemo's story.**
 - b. **Vice President Garbie asked Adeyemo about who he contacted. Adeyemo said the graduate school and the graduate school stated it is the department's decision to not admit him. Vice President Garbie asked Adeyemo about his GPA, and Adeyemo stated he has a perfect (4.0) GPA. He further stated he's currently going through the appeal process.**
 - c. **Adeyemo further explained that he is funded through a different department so funding is and should not be an issue.**
 - ii. GSO's role?
 1. **The committee then deliberated on what GSO can do. GSO is an elected organization run by students for students, but the students are not in the position to change any admission or academic policies that are relevant to admission.**
 2. **Representative Brianna Doucet recommended that the advocacy committee reach out to the graduate coordinator of the program Adeyemo is interested in, to inform them of the situation. In the meantime, Adeyemo should continue his appeal process since that is the official mechanism available.**
 - iii. Discussion
 - b. Ms. Djos-Raph's concern
 - i. Explanation
 1. **Ms. Djos-Raph was given the floor to explain the situation. Committee deliberated with Djos-Raph to study the situation and Vice President Garbie provided a document to the private department reps chat to explain the situation further, providing a**

- comparison between the policy and the situation Djos-Raph is currently facing.
2. Djos-Raph's biggest concerns are: 1) Her children are getting sick from the childcare facilities due to other parents not following procedure and childcare not following their own policies, 2) not able to register for next semester due to outstanding fees from removing her children from the childcare, per childcare policy.
 3. Many members of the committee further examined the situation by asking direct questions.
- ii. GSO's role?
 1. The committee agreed to reach out to the Child Development Center and inquire about Djos-Raph's case.
 - iii. Discussion
3. Old Business
- a. Transportation Initiatives
 - i. Vice President Garbie briefly mentioned the progress done this semester in regard to the shopper shuttle but also the problems seen with it, especially with the expansion of the line. Vice President Garbie stated that while this was the goal for Meeting #3, given time constraints that was not possible.
 - ii. Invitation to be sent out in SP2025.
 1. Vice President Garbie showed a desire to invite transportation administrators to GSO Advocacy Committee and/or GSO General Meeting to allow the committee to ask questions in regards to transportation and understand the ins and outs of how the transportation services operate here at UL Lafayette.
 2. Recommendation from MFK.
 - a. Vice President Garbie mentioned that this desire was after discussing with Dean of Graduate School MFK, where she recommended inviting transportation administrators to GSO.
4. Floor Opening for Any Concern
- a. Vice President Garbie opened the floor for any other concerns from the advocacy committee.
5. Closing Remarks

End Time: 5:10pm