Daytona State College Student Government Association

In Conjunction with

Florida Junior Community College Student Government Association

Official Statement of Positions

We had a blast at the Rally in Tally! Our final topics for discussion with FJCCSGA were Textbook Affordability, Residency for Tuition, Bright Futures, the State Budget, and the University Articulation Agreement (also known as 2 plus 2). We went around to all of our Senator and local Delegation to express our concerns for our student body here at Daytona State.

Our stance as a board was in support of Textbook Affordability. Daytona State College will hopefully be the full pilot institution for an e-book program. Currently there are several classrooms that are testing out methods to determine which will be the best for our students and institution (e-book, Kindle, or just regular textbooks). Dr. Michelle McCrary and Dr. Rand Spiwak are spearheading the program. This effort looked really good for our college during our conversations with Legislatures in Tallahassee.

Residency for Tuition is another issue that our board was not totally in unison with, because it appeared to be a contradiction with the University Articulation Agreement (also known as 2 plus 2). On one hand, our Board has decided that it is okay for students who have been in the state for a while (attended high school in Florida) should be able to claim residency. On the other hand, to stay in accordance with the Articulation Agreement, we want our Floridian students to maintain their guaranteed spot at a University and not have to complete with students that are from out of state. So, as a board we expressed different views, which we felt was the best representation of our student body’s feelings as well.

Bright Futures is on the chopping block again for major cuts. Many members of the board agreed with the cuts, while others did not agree and felt that the State needs to find the money and encourage students to perform well inside of the classroom. This is also in correlation with our President’s stand to encourage our High School students to graduate and continue their educations.

As a board, we all agreed that the State Budget is a major issue. We listened to both the House and the Senate views towards our institution, and the Senate has voted upon a budget that will allow for our college to maintain current standards without any financial strain. This being said, the current House consensus and budget does not give our college the backing that it needs to continue to grow. It is the hope of your SGA Board members that our lobbying hopefully pulled some of the House members in the direction of the Senate.

Special thanks to Ms. Sharon Crow, for the time she spent with our Board while we were up in Tally. Go Falcons!