



**The Florida State University  
Student Government Association  
69<sup>th</sup> Student Senate  
Budget Committee Hearing Report  
September 26, 2017**

**Call to Order:**

**Attendance:**

**Present:** Chair Pimentel, Senator Bolton, Senator Correa , Vice-Chair Dawkins,

**Absent:** Senator Barker, Senator Roldon, Senator Myles, Senator Rodriguez, Senator Correa, Senator Roman, Senator Jackson, Senator Knight-Baker, Senator Joseph, Senator Myles

**Guest:** Senator Sims, Senator Robinson, Senator Pool, Senator Wright

**Organizations:** Center for Global Engagement, Center for Participant Education, Veterans Student Union

**Announcements and Messages:**

- None.

**Old Business:**

- None.

**New Business:**

- 10:00 AM - 10:20 AM - Globe Buildings
  - Director:
  - Treasurer:
  - Opening
    - None.
  - Details
    - Chair Opens floor for their Budget Request at 10:08pm
    - Introduced himself and senators
      - Present: Senator Correa, Senator Sims, Senator Robinson, Senator Pool, Senator Wright, Senator Bolton
    - Leigh Osborne, Miguel Hernandez presented
    - Stated that they are not here on behalf of their departments Center for Social Change and Global Engagement and Center for Leadership and Social Change but rather there for the building that houses them.
    - Our building and facility is so widely used by RSOs especially outside of the hours of university
    - Opened in 2010 to promote diversity and decided to expand it to reservations which make them like a mini-union
    - Last academic year it was about 1,673 confirmed reservations
    - 40% increase from previous year, 200+ RSOs and 40 departments, and more than 50,000 students reserved.
    - Reservations can be done and it is very accessible via the room reservations site of the university
    - 3 categories for the funding request: (necessary to keep building available to students & student organizations)
      - salary for scheduling coordinator position with current employee



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- OPS wages for event staff
- Expense – background checks
- Salary Request:
  - Essential to oversee management of use of building for RSOs and campus groups.
  - Without this position we could not offer space and reservations for the University
  - We are thankful for the support given by Student Government since 2013
  - REQUESTED \$59,000 (39,730 base + benefits)
    - Same amount requested and approved for 2017-2018
- OPS Wages Request

|   |                              |                 |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Event staff (nights & weekends) \$8.10/hr |                              |                 |
| Fall 2017 Semester:                       | \$8.10 x 55 hrs x 15 weeks = | \$6,682.50      |
| Spring 2018 Semester:                     | \$8.10 x 55 hrs x 15 weeks = | \$6,682.50      |
| <b>Total OPS Funds Needed</b>             |                              | <b>\$13,365</b> |

- Asking more than last year because last year they had to close on Saturdays due to lack of funding
- Expense
  - Background Checks for Employees
    - \$480 for up to 8 employees
- Support of Building Provided by Centers
  - CGE and CLSC will continue to provide:
    - Daily, monthly, annual costs of technical and program
- Important of Request
  - Speaker says that she cannot express the impact that this request has made for the building. It is a very unique space for students and staff to come together and it is pertinent that this budget is considered. Any cuts that are done will impact the students and will cause the building hours to be cut.
  - As the union enters construction phases, the more hours that the Building can provide to better serve the student body especially as buildings begin to come down for construction.
- Questions
  - Budget Chair: “Can you please elaborate on what impact you had from the budget cuts from last year’s funding”
    - Response:
      - We are always grateful for any funding that we received. As leaders we strive to make the most reservations with the funding that we have.



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- Work study positions were also trained for evening/ weekend staff.
- Work study students are a great way to manage the cuts however there were some administrative challenges to have those students staffed for the entire year.
- We also didn't always have two students at the front desk. Going through the issues that we experienced last year, we are aware that it is best to have two students to help manage that transition especially when you have events going on back to back.
- Ideally looking ahead, we are really interested in having that full funding.
- Senator Wright: "Should you be given this funding what would be the Hours of the building?"
  - M-F 5-10PM
  - Sunday 3-8PM
  - If it can be stretched a little more to include Saturdays we can look at it but when we looked at the statistics of reservations. Most students utilized it on Sundays especially because of football games on Saturdays.
  - We can even possibly look at changing hours from 12-5 pm on Sundays as well and I'm sure they will be completely booked as well.
- Senator Bolton: "If you had the OPS wages approved would you be able to open on Saturday?"
  - Possibly, the way it is set up right now it is not however we can look into it on a case by case reservation.
- Closing
  - None.
- 11:20 AM - 11:40 AM - Center for Participant Education
  - Director: Christian Orion Vogt (acting)
  - Treasurer: Ben Gordon
  - Opening
    - CPE is a student bureau founded nearly 50 years ago
    - Last surviving free university in the US
    - Left a substantial mark on FSU History
    - Our past leaders are engraved on front of the HCB
  - Details
    - Current Leadership Transition
      - CPE is currently undergoing a leadership transition
      - The former director and asst. Director have since left the bureau are no longer in contact with us



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- Christian Vogt, the former assistant director, is now acting director, and we plan to hold new elections on September 27th.
- Our Renewed Vision
  - Run CPE efficiently
  - Reach out to other student and community organizations
  - Host new classes
  - Bring in speakers
  - Give the limelight to smaller groups
- Expenses
  - Speaker's Fee - \$1,800
  - Salary - \$1,200 (***should be OPS Wages***)
  - Catalog - \$750
  - Food - \$150
  - **Total is \$3,900**
- Most of his (The Director's) work is volunteer labor
- They often do food and refreshments.
- Questions
  - Senator Correa asked what is their most prominent event?
    - Their classes are their biggest event and they try and to make more classes depend on the amount of people who show up.
  - Senator Correa asked if during the 2016-2017 on average how many classes did they have?
    - They had about 60 to 70 people show up and sometimes they even have as low at 5 to 10 people show up, it all depends.
- Closing
  - None.
- 11:40 AM - 12:00 PM - Veterans Student Union
  - Director: Chris Schoborg
  - Treasurer: Amanda McKibben
  - Opening
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  - Details
    - OPS Wages - \$2254
      - Director - \$2254
    - Contractual - \$5000
      - Student Veteran Film Festival - \$500
    - Expense - \$6770
      - Veterans Week Events \$400
      - Print Materials - \$200
      - 9/11 Ceremony - \$870
      - Travel (National Conference) \$5300
    - Food - \$500
      - Food for Veteran Week Events - \$300



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- Food for RSO's - \$200
- Clothing and Award - \$1500
  - Advertisement Materials ("Swag") - \$1300
  - Shirts for VSU Executive Staff - \$200
- **Overall Total is \$16,024**
- Questions
  - Senator Correa asked if there was anything that the director has seen that they want to do but do not have the funds to do it?
    - They have community resources that they can go to help fill in missing gaps. They want to have more involvement in their events but he does not know the answer to her question. It is a big challenge for the Veteran Student Union.
  - Senator Bolton asked about the food for RSO's category and asked if that was something that he has done before?
    - The answer is yes they often help for their meetings and they provide percentages on each end.
- Closing
  - N/A

**Unfinished Business:**

- None

**Closing Announcements:**

- None

**Adjourn:**

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