



**71st Student Senate
Budget Committee Report
June 18th, 2019**

Call to Order: 5:43 pm

Members Present: Chair Lavender, Vice Chair Long, Senator Vigrass, Uddin, and Slimak

Members Tardy: --

Members Absent: --

Guests: --

Chair Announcements:

- Chair Lavender- Facilitated donut icebreaker to get to know fellow committee members.

Vice Chair Announcements:

- Vice Chair Long- Facilitated group Highs and Lows for the week.

Student Comments: --

Committee Business: --

Old Business: --

New Business:

- Bill 63 -Sponsored by Senator Latham and Slimak – Transfer \$1900 dollars from senate projects to the Honors Medical Society -**Tabled in SLAA.**
- Move enter round table Vigrass, seconded by Uddin.
- Chair Lavender introduces PeaceJam Bills.
- Vice Chair Long explains that the “PeaceJam Bills” are legislation that they intend to write in order to pay our dues to PeaceJam as senate and the executive branch does every year. \$2500 dollars will come from senate projects and \$2500 will come from executive projects.
- Chair Lavender and Vice Chair Long discuss the whole committee getting involved and co-sponsoring the bills.
- The committee unanimously agrees to co-sponsor PeaceJam bills.
- Chair Lavender introduces Office of Servant Leadership (OSL) business. The OSL has recently been shut down and the budget committee must make a decision on where to transfer the \$2,243 dollars from the unspent OSL budget.
- Chair Lavender explains that one option would be to transfer the money to the executive branch to pay the chief of staff.
- Chair Lavender explains the downsides of that decision because the chief of staff does not offer office hours and it may look suspicious as it would be unclear where the money was going.
- Chair Lavender and Vice Chair Long explain that, after their meeting with Dr. Acosta, they think the best way to deal with the \$2,243 dollars is to transfer it to the Registered Student Organizational Fund.
- The Chair and Vice Chair explain that the money was originally intended to serve the students of the school and that they think it would be best to transfer to the Registered Student Organizational Fund so that the money can be used by the students, as it was originally intended to be.

- Vice Chair Long points out that this fund was cut the hardest out of all of the recent budget cuts (60%) and this would help replenish that funding for registered student organizations. In addition, he stated that there is a window in September that this fund is especially helpful since RSO's cannot receive money from the Senate but can easily request from this fund.
- There are no questions or comments from the rest of the committee.
- The committee unanimously agrees that this is the best decision to deal with the unspent money from the Office of Servant Leadership.
- Motion to move out of round table by Senator Vigrass, seconded by Senator Uddin.

Unfinished Business: --

Other Announcements:

- Chair Lavender announces that tomorrow Senate meeting,
- Chair Lavender also announces that anyone is welcome to attend her Youth Church Group at HCB 5:45 on Sunday.

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

- July 9th at 5:40 pm
- July 23rd at 5:40 pm

Adjourned: 6:08 pm