



72nd Student Senate

Finance Committee

Date: February 25th, 2020

Call to Order: 7:10pm

	Present	Tardy	Absent
Adamyk	X		
Cohen	X		
Culver	N/A		
England	X		
Fensel			X
Jungers	N/A		
Pendleton	X		
Porter		X	
Rudolph			X
Ryan	X		

Guests: Chairs Murcia & Gnanam, Senator Sojos, Ellie Cooper, Matthew Harris

Approval of the Minutes: Adamyk moves to approve, Pendleton seconds, minutes from 02/21/2020 are **Approved**

Announcements:

- Chair Cohen: For the rules of procedure, since Mark is right in regard to statutes, I've made some changes to rules of procedure which we'll be looking into adopting today.
- Vice-Chair Porter:
- Members:
- Guests:
 - Harris: We'd really appreciate you guys not cutting us any further. What you guys would be covering is only part of the hotel cost. This is an incredible opportunity and so I think it's a great opportunity for so many people.
 - Cooper: Hi everyone, just here to be here and I'm pleased to meet you all!

Committee Business:

- Adoption of new Rules of Procedure

- Adamyk moves to adopt, Pendleton seconds. New rules of procedure are **Adopted**.
- New questions guide to ask organizations:
 - Reviewed Chair Cohen's proposed questions
 - Notes / New proposed questions:
 - PAC: How are you distributing these materials to the student body?
 - General: Do you foresee any non-organization members attending the event/trip with you?
 - Question 13: Append "If so, when?" to the end
 - PAC: How did you come to the estimated number of attendees?
 - RTAC: Will your trip be occurring within the next 30 business days?
 - PAC: Will your event be occurring within the next 21 days?
 - General: Are you currently seeking funding from any other source that provides A&S monies?

Old Business:

- Consent Resolution 18 (Sponsored by Murcia)
 - Total of Resolution: \$5,965
 - Opening: Sponsor waives
 - Adamyk moves to adopt, Pendleton seconds, England objects, enter **Roundtable**
 - Roundtable
 - (Answers to questions concerning AKPsi given by Matthew Harris)
 - Adamyk: So this is a question for whoever can answer. Was this trip only open to members of AKPsi?
 - A: No. The problem that came out at the old meeting is that we were using a guideline of GPA. We're giving preference to students with a higher GPA and upperclassmen.
 - England: Are you planning on taking anyone with a not so high GPA and not an upperclassman?
 - A: Yes.
 - Adamyk: How has this been advertised?
 - A: It'll be posted on our social media and posted on the College of Business' social media
 - Murcia: We've still funded people in the past that haven't advertised their event yet. As long as they do advertise.
 - Sojos: How do you know you'll take no upperclassmen if you haven't applied?
 - A: Every semester we take underclassmen.
 - Adamyk: I believe there was a concern raised in committee that dues were mandatory to join AKPsi, is that the case?
 - A: To be a member of AKPsi you have to pay dues.

- Adamyk: So if someone was unable to pay dues, could they still join?
 - A: We work with people and are lenient, but yes it's possible.
- Adamyk: Are you comfortable where the numbers are now, given your budget?
- England: How many times have AKPsi come to funding boards this fiscal year?
 - A: Once to PAC this fiscal year. Not come to RTAC yet.
- Adamyk moves to call the question, Ryan seconds, no objections
- Final Vote:
 - Yes: Adamyk, England, Pendleton, Ryan
 - No:
 - Abstain:
- Resolution does **PASS**
- Adamyk moves to unlock the calendar, Pendleton seconds, no objections, Calendar is **Unlocked**

New Business:

- Consent Resolution 21 (Sponsored by Gnanam)
 - Total of Resolution: \$2,329
 - Questions:
 - England: VSA only asked for \$700, can PAC fund more than they asked? And why?
 - A: It's not written in statutes, and it is unreasonable to expect RSOs to know every single detail of the financial manual, so we funded them the amount that does the most good?
 - England: Society of Women Engineers is in the PAC minutes, but isn't on the resolution. Why?
 - A: They withdrew their request
 - Pendleton: How many shirts would VSA get with their original request?
 - A: The same amount, but they didn't know a certain number needed to be plus sized
 - Ryan: The extra funding for VSA is going to the larger sizes?
 - A: Yes
 - Motion to Approve & Second: Porter moves to approve, Pendleton seconds, England objects, enter **Roundtable**
 - Roundtable
 - England: I don't like that we are giving RSOs more than they requested, we don't expect them to be accountants, but they should read the manual carefully and know how much to request based on the sizing guide
 - Ryan: Has this happened in finance before?
 - A: It has happened before, but it is usually at the request of the RSO
 - Ryan: Where did the extra money for VSA come from?
 - A: It was based on the calculation for how much money was needed for the shirts to be size-inclusive, this number wasn't done

flippantly, it was calculated precisely, and it makes sure that RSOs get the resources they need

- Pendleton: Do RSOs usually fundraise for shirts before requesting?
 - A: That usually doesn't happen, fundraising is usually for obscenely large amounts of money
- England moves to amend Venezuelan Student Association from \$769 to \$700 in the category of clothing and awards, Ryan seconds
 - Vote on amendment:
 - Yes: England, Pendleton, Cohen
 - No: Porter, Ryan
 - Abstain:
 - Cohen breaks tie, Amendment does **Fail**
- England: I won't block this, but I will reintroduce this amendment on the floor of the Senate tomorrow, I think it is unfair that this RSO is getting more money than requested when so many RSOs are getting their funding cut
- England: Was the question asked if the VSA's dues are mandatory
 - A: There are no dues, there was a misunderstanding on the Qualtrics application
- England: Understanding the RSO has \$300 fundraised, I think it is fair that they are requested to use that money to cover the extra shirt cost
- Gnanam: Just because the money exists, doesn't mean it hasn't already been allocated
- England: RSOs need to be adaptable, even if it has been allocated they can cover it
- England moves to amend JStreetU's total allocation from \$1210 to \$1120 to correctly reflect the line-item allocation, Porter seconds, no objections
 - Vote on amendment:
 - Yes: England, Pendleton, Porter, Ryan
 - No:
 - Abstain:
 - Amendment does **Pass**
- Gnanam: VSA's dues are going towards hosting an All-Hispanic RSO soccer tournament and the money is gone
- England: Why was JStreetU fully funded?
 - A: This allocation only partially funds the whole event, they got \$3,000 from the national organization
- England: What is the expected turnout for the JStreetU event?
 - A: 7 students from U of Miami, 10 from U of Florida, and 30 from FSU
- England: Is this an invite-only event, or can anyone walk in?
 - A: Due to logistical reasons, there will be advance registration, but it will be free
- England: I'm a little concerned that the number of students from other universities is a little high, but I do not think it is high enough to require action right now

- Porter moves to call the question on the resolution, Ryan seconds, no objections
- Final Vote:
 - Yea: Pendleton, Porter, Ryan
 - No: England
 - Abstain:
- Resolution does **Pass**
- Consent Resolution 20 (Sponsored by Murcia)
 - Total of Resolution: \$1,125
 - Opening: We heard 3 requests. We zero funded one org because we are unable to fund them and they also requested money from COGS. We gave Women in Pre Law \$1000 in lodging and Azucar Dance Company \$125 in mileage reimbursement. We did make cuts where necessary such as lodging for Azucar as they brought Airbnb quotes.
 - Questions:
 - Cohen: Did the org you zero funded understand why they couldn't be funded?
 - A: Yes
 - England: Why were you not able to fund that one org?
 - A: You can't get funding from multiple A&S fee sources for the same event therefore we can't fund them.
 - Pendleton: Was WIPS supposed to be in lodging because it's in registration fees?
 - A: That's my bad, great catch. Let's amend that.
 - Motion to Approve and Second: England moves to approve, Adamyk seconds, Pendleton objects, enter **Roundtable**
 - Roundtable:
 - Pendleton moves to amend Women in Pre Law Society from \$1000 in registration fee to \$0 and lodging from \$0 to \$1000. England seconds.
 - Vote on the amendment:
 - Yes: Adamyk, England, Pendleton, Ryan
 - No:
 - Abstain:
 - Amendment does **Pass**
 - England moves to call the question, Adamyk seconds, no objections
 - Final Vote:
 - Yea: Adamyk, England, Pendleton, Ryan
 - No: None
 - Abstain: None
 - Resolution does **PASS**
- Bill 39 (Sponsored by Sojos & Leckie)
 - Ryan moves to move Chair Leckie from Cosponsor to Primary sponsor, Pendleton seconds, no objections, motion is **Approved**
 - Opening: This bill eliminates 807.6k because 808.1B.1.a exempts PAC and RTAC from being required to budget because they can't know ahead of time how many requests they will receive, making them form two budgets is unnecessary
 - Ryan moves to table bill, England seconds, no objections

- **Bill is Tabled**
- Resolution 24 (Sponsored by Levin)
 - England moves to table, Adamyk seconds, no objections
 - Resolution is **Tabled**

Confirmations and Nominees:

- None

Unfinished Business:

- None

Final Announcements:

- Cohen: I have been working with Senator Ready to use the data from past years to inform the next committee about fiscal responsibility
- England: Going into next week, RTAC will only have a budget of around \$3,000, assuming this week's resolutions pass, we need to ensure we are being fiscally responsible and RTAC is not getting any more money until after spring break, I would like to voice my discontent with how RTAC has managed their budget this year
- Cohen: This problem has been building since August, arguably since April, but I ask that no one play the blame game in committee

Date & Time of Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020 @7P.M., room TBD

Adjourned: 9:10 P.M.