



72nd Student Senate
Finance Committee

Date: March 3rd, 2020

Call to Order: 7:04PM

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

Guests: Senators Sojos, Baxter, Maymon, Durham, Thomas Driscoll, members of PeaceJam & Darasa & Camp Kesem

Approval of the Minutes: Pendleton moves, Adamyk seconds, minutes from 2/25/2020 are **Approved**

Announcements:

- Chair Cohen: This meeting will probably go long but we have the room until 11, if we cannot conduct business I will adjourn
- Vice-Chair Porter:
- Members:
- Guests: Sojos: If the RTAC resolution passes tonight, RTAC will have \$1,680 to last until Spring Break

Committee Business:

- None

Old Business:

- Resolution 24 (Sponsored by Levin)
 - Ryan moves to table due to sponsor no-show, Rudolph seconds, no objections, resolution is **Tabled**

New Business:

- Consent Resolution 23 (Sponsored by Gnanam)
 - Total of Resolution: \$6185
 - Questions:
 - Adamyk: Ladies was funded \$552, right? If they were, that will need to be amended
 - A: Yes

- Porter: Is the walk for Camp Kesem free for students?
 - A: It's \$25, but the money is for shirts that will be given out to everybody
 - Ryan: Where is the information for all the RSOs?
 - A: It's in the google drive that I'll share in the GroupMe
 - Ryan: For PeaceJam, where is the rest of the money coming from?
 - A: Partnerships from around Tallahassee, and possibly asking the national organization
 - Motion to Approve & Second: Porter moves to approve, Pendleton seconds, Ryan objects, enter **Roundtable**
 - Roundtable
 - Adamyk moves to amend the total for Ladies to read \$552, to accurately reflect the allocation, Ryan seconds, sponsor finds friendly
 - Vote on Amendment:
 - Yes: Adamyk, Pendleton, Porter, Rudolph, Ryan
 - No:
 - Abstain:
 - Amendment does **Pass**
 - Adamyk moves to approve Consent Resolution, Ryan seconds, no objections
 - Vote on PeaceJam line-item:
 - Yes: Adamyk, Pendleton, Porter, Rudolph, Ryan
 - No:
 - Abstain:
 - Line-Item is **Approved**
 - Final Vote:
 - Yea: Adamyk, Pendleton, Porter, Rudolph, Ryan
 - No:
 - Abstain:
 - Resolution does **Pass**
- Consent Resolution 22 (Sponsored by Murcia)
 - Total of Resolution: \$1120
 - Questions:
 - Cohen: Why was the trip for Phi Delta Epsilon zero funded?
 - A: They were only taking members of the organization
 - Pendleton: How were both organizations given the amounts they were?
 - A: For Reverb, it was 40 dollars per person, and for BSLS, it was based on how much was left in the budget, and the number they were asking wasn't very clear where it was coming from
 - Rudolph: For BSLS, in the minutes under airfare it says "d", why is that?
 - A: I don't know, they didn't ask for airfare
 - Ryan: For Reverb, it says Orlando in the minutes, what is the plan?
 - A: We can't dictate what they do for travel
 - Motion to Approve & Second: Porter moves to approve, Adamyk seconds, no objections
 - Final Vote:
 - Yea: Adamyk, Pendleton, Porter, Rudolph, Ryan
 - No:
 - Abstain:
 - Resolution does **Pass**
- Resolution 32 (Sponsored by Durham)
 - Opening: Meredith Harris couldn't be here so I brought someone from the Board of Directors, this is in line with the bill passed last week, OGA pays OGR to help put on Day at the Capitol, this resolution is necessary because OGA and OGR couldn't arrive at a number until after the event passed

- Questions:
 - Cohen: Is Harris the Director or Internal Director?
 - A: She's the Internal Director but the Director graduated so Harris is filling the role, President Steinberg didn't want to nominate someone for the director position so close to the officer transition
 - Ryan: Can you go over again where the problem arose?
 - A: OGR wanted OGA to pay more than OGA had, it took a lot of back and forth to arrive at a final number for OGA to contribute, and that process took longer than expected and by the time the number was reached, the event had passed
- Debate
 -
- Adamyk moves to call the question, Pendleton seconds, Porter objects, due to missing documentation required under Statute 802.3, then withdraws after invoice is sent
- Closing: Apparently, I need to read up on statutes, OGA will do better in the future to make sure this doesn't happen again
- Final Vote:
 - Yes: Pendleton, Rudolph, Ryan
 - No: Porter
 - Abstain:
- Resolution does **Pass**
- Bill 52 (Sponsored by Gnanam & Villacorta)
 - Opening: This bill was written after a lot of thought and conversation with different partners on campus, this builds off work done in different areas like IRHC, this makes sure SGA is consistent with not purchasing Plastic Bottles, it is easily enforceable in the same way that alcohol cannot be purchased with A&S fees, this is also fiscally responsible as it cuts down on purchasing waste, I will be friendly to amendments to ensure it better reflects reality
 - Questions:
 - Cohen: Did you speak to Senior Class Council, SGA Exec, Accounting, or others?
 - A: Yes to Homecoming, Accounting, IRCH, the College Leadership Councils, and the funding boards
 - Pendleton: You expressed your concern with people purchasing Styrofoam, what do you foresee being used?
 - A: Paper or Solo cups, possibly
 - Ryan: What are some of the other universities that have done this?
 - A: Harvard, Yale, 23 universities in California, Brown University, University of Miami, and is being worked on at UF.
 - Ryan: Are water bottles not recyclable?
 - A: A lot of recycling on campus has to be thrown away because students aren't sure what is recyclable, according to Facilities. They are on the bottom of the list of items you want to use, paper is much better for the environment, only about 10% of single-use plastics are recycled
 - Roundtable
 - Gnanam: I would love to ban all single-use plastics on campus, but I doubt that is feasible anytime soon, but this bill is a good step forward, according to many groups on campus.
 - Rudolph moves to add Maymon as a cosponsor, Pendleton seconds, sponsor finds friendly, Maymon is **Added**
 - Maymon: You talked about jugs, can you clarify that?
 - A: We talked about using Senate Project funds to purchase reusable water containers that you see at sporting events, that RSOs can check out to use at events, all they would need to purchase would be cups
 - Driscoll: What is the biggest event that uses plastic water bottles?

- A: Probably Homecoming
 - Ryan: I'm just concerned that some people might not have the foresight to bring their own water, and it gets hot in Florida
 - Pendleton moves to amend 802.9 to add subsection A "In the case of a natural disaster or any other unforeseen emergency in which sustainable methods of water distribution are hindered, plastic water bottles may be purchased", Rudolph seconds, sponsor finds friendly, amendment is **Adopted**
 - Ryan: Would the language of the bill preclude some items like Red Solo Cups?
 - A: It will be up to the discretion of whoever is reading the statute
 - Maymon: What would be the result of purchasing plastic water bottles?
 - A: Accounting would refuse to approve the purchase because it violates statutes
 - Porter moves to amend 802.9 to add "In lieu of disposable plastic water bottles, RSOs may not purchase other environmentally harmful materials." Pendleton seconds, sponsor finds friendly, amendment is **Adopted**
 - Pendleton moves to call the question, Rudolph seconds, no objections
 - Closing: Thank you to everyone for your time
 - Final Vote:
 - Yes: Pendleton, Porter, Rudolph, Ryan
 - No:
 - Abstain:
 - Bill does **Pass**
- Cohen relinquishes chair to Porter
- Bill 53 (Sponsored by Cohen)
 - Opening: The purpose of this bill is to ensure smoother debate and foster better knowledge. This is revising the RTAC and PAC resolutions, and making it to have consent resolutions either be passed immediately or go straight into round table without having to do other steps. Didn't send it to the programming assistant as there isn't one anymore. Budgets are determined as the publicly available SGA website, since they sometimes go off of what is currently in their account and not what is listed. F in finance isn't capitalized.
 - Questions:
 - Pendleton: Just to clarify, so if it is not updated from the previous week but a consent resolution is already passed, could there be less money in the account and could we be violating statutes by spending more money than is publicly available.
 - A: they should hopefully be updated and amended by the time we reach senate or finance committee so we should never purposely be violating statues since everyone is going off of what is publicly available.
 - Roundtable
 - Ryan: Amending 807.6 I, line 6 capitalizing the F in finance. Pendleton seconds, sponsor finds friendly, amendment is **adopted**.
 - Pendleton moves to call the question, Ryan seconds, no objections
 - Closing: Thank you for hearing this, I am excited to present it on the floor as I think it will be spicy. That's all I appreciate you all and for asking questions.
 - Final Vote:
 - Yes: Pendleton, Rudolph, Ryan.
 - No:
 - Abstain: Cohen
 - Bill does **Pass**
- Porter relinquishes chair to Cohen
- Bill 55 (Sponsored by Lavender & Baxter)
 - Opening: This bill already went through Finance and passed and then failed in IA, this bill works closely with the counselling center, this bureau would do a lot of work to destigmatize mental health issues on campus and it will work as any other bureau

- Questions:
 - Cohen: Isn't there already a mental health council?
 - A: It is an existing RSO, that's the first step to creating a bureau
 - Cohen: How would the director be selected?
 - A: In the same way that other bureau directors are selected
 - Cohen: Why does the Secretary position not have any responsibilities outlined?
 - A: It's a very fluid position that doesn't need defining
 - Porter: What is different with this bill?
 - A: Everything was rewritten
 - Ryan: How is the director selected again?
 - A: An application similar to any other SGA position
- Roundtable
 - Cohen: This was assigned to Finance to scrutinize from a fiscal standpoint, please try to do that
 - Rudolph moves to amend 915.8.B.1 to strike out subsection h, Porter seconds, sponsor finds friendly, amendment is **Adopted**
 - Rudolph moves to amend 915.8.B.1 to strike out subsection c, Ryan seconds, sponsor finds friendly, amendment is **Adopted**
 - Rudolph: For director of Finance section B, who is the advisor mentioned in subsection d?
 - A: Director Gomez of the University Counselling Center
 - Pendleton: In regards to the "first-come, first-serve basis" for funds, does that align with subsection d?
 - A: Funds to events will be looked at as grants, and the money can't be reserved for events that might happen later on down the line, and when the money runs out it runs out
- Porter moves to call the question, Rudolph seconds, no objections
- Closing: Thank you for hearing this, I already have a list of amendments that need to be made in Judiciary, if there are any issues please reach out
- Final Vote:
 - Yes: Pendleton, Rudolph, Ryan
 - No:
 - Abstain: Porter
- Bill does **Pass**
- Bill 47 (Sponsored by Sojos)
 - Pendleton moves to table due to sponsor no-show, Ryan seconds, no objections, bill is **Tabled**

Confirmations and Nominees:

- None

Unfinished Business:

- None

Final Announcements:

- Porter: I've noticed in the past few weeks that the promotional items for the Turning Point USA event were missing the acknowledgement that they received SGA funding for the event, and after talking to Dr. Acosta, SGA accounting, and the president of the RSO, it would seem that they are in violation of financial guidelines. I discussed at the last meeting my concerns with the situation, and how it might be appropriate to look into freezing funds. The PAC chair discouraged me from taking that action at the time, and reached out to the RSO to inform them of the problem. However, in that time, I have not seen any promotional items put up with the acknowledgement of receiving SGA funding, and have seen that

their online promotions have not been corrected. Given how half the time from that meeting to the event has now passed, I strongly suggest we look into disciplinary actions against the RSO, and I worry that it would set a precedent if we were aware of RSOs violating financial guidelines, and don't do anything to address the issue.

- Cohen: If you are interested in the future of finance or are interested in running for chair or vice-chair, please reach out to me

Date & Time of Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 10th, 2020 @ 7 P.M., room TBD

Adjourned: 10:03 P.M.