



**75<sup>TH</sup> Student Senate  
Resource for Travel Allocations Committee  
01-17-23**

**Call to Order:**

**Members Present:** Chair Widmann, Chair Kariher, Senator Dale, Jared Bethke, Daniel Ellison

**Members Tardy:**

**Members Absent:**Caro Sena, Sabrina Polynice

**Guests:**

**Opening Remarks:**

- Chair
  - Land Acknowledgement:
    - The Student Government of Florida State University acknowledges that it is located on land that is the ancestral and traditional territory of the Apalachee Nation, the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida, the Muscogee Creek Nation, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida. We pay respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to their descendants and to all Indigenous people. We recognize this land remains scarred by the histories and ongoing legacies of settler colonial violence, dispossession, and removal. In spite of all this, and with tremendous resilience, these Indigenous Nations have remained deeply connected to this territory, to their families, to their communities, and to their cultural ways of life. We recognize the ongoing relationships of care that these Indigenous Nations maintain with this land and extend our gratitude as we live and work as humble and respectful guests upon their territory. We encourage all to learn about and educate others on the contemporary work of the Indigenous Nations whose land we are on and to endeavor to support Indigenous sovereignty in all the ways that we can.
    - Hi Everyone, my name is Marshall Widmann, the Chair of the Resources for Travel Allocations Committee I also serve as a Senator in the Student Government Association. So how this is going to work, we will be hearing requests in the order that they were received, so be mindful that if you just submitted a request recently that this process can take a little bit of time so please be patient and we will get to you as fast as possible. Does anyone have any questions on how this process is going to work? Seeing none, I am going to open up the breakout rooms, please join the one in

relation to the organization you are here representing and I will join them when it is your organization's time to present.

- Vice-Chair
- Members

### Committee Business:

- All Night Yahtzee

- Application Link:  
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- Name of Event: International Competition of Collegiate A Cappella
  - Event website: N/A
- Preliminary Remarks: Tyler Jones and Mikayla Anderson: Requesting Funding for a competition next month called ICCA. Request would cover Application Fee, Gas casts, and Lodging for the group. We are requesting money because the Coronavirus pandemic has made it hard for the organization to fundraise.
- ICCA has performed in the ICCA before and this competition will not only help the FSU College of Music, but will also assist the college when recruiting talented individuals to attend FSU. The event is in Orlando, Florida at Trinity preparatory school. Requesting funding for 4 hotel rooms, and gas for 4 student drivers, this would cover the cost of gas for travel there and back,
- Asking for
  - Registration: 300
  - Travel: 0
  - Mileage: 615
  - Lodging: 1304
  - Other 0
  - Total: 2,219
  - Date of Event:
    - Begin: February 10, 2023
    - Return: February 12, 2023
  - Number of Active Members: 18
  - Number Traveling: 18
  - RSO Presentation:
- Questioning/Notes:

- Widmann: The request I see for gas is requesting \$480. Would you be requesting more than that amount?
  - This would cover gas for traveling to the event and also traveling while at the competition to get to rehearsals and other events.
- Ellison: Were those the cheapest prices for lodging?
  - Jones: I work for the state so I get a government discount for the hotels, so yes this would be the cheapest amount.
- Kariher: How many nights would you be staying?
  - Jones: We will be staying for 2 nights.
- Kariher: How many rooms are you booking?
  - 4 Rooms, with 4 people per room, and one room with 5 people in it.
- Bethke: Is the registration a flat fee or individual fee?
  - Anderson: That is a flat fee.
- Widmann: Just to clarify, you are requesting \$1304 for lodging correct?
  - Jones: Yes.
- Kariher: Is this just a competition or are there workshops as well?
  - We will get feedback from the judges to use within our performance.
- Ellison: Have you been to this event before?
  - Jones: Yes
- Bethke: How have you previously funded this event?
  - Jones: We do have dues but we have been unable to perform as much due to covid.
  - Anderson: We had plans to go on tour this year, however we have not been able to secure events to raise funds. We have raised around \$1,400 in funding from GoFundMe.
- Bethke: Are all 18 members attending the event, and are they paying any fees to attend?
  - No, members are not required to pay for competitions, that is included in their dues.
  - However, we will be having to find another performer because we have one person out due to medical reasons.
- Widmann: Is the audition process open to all students?
  - Jones: Yes, All students are able to audition.
  - Anderson: Typically we do not do an audition process in spring, however we have not been able to have auditions normally but we are working on getting another member due to our members health reasons.
- Kariher: I will say that they will need to complete a waiver before 15 business days before they can attend the event.
- Kariher: What other expenses are you paying out of pocket for?
  - We are hoping that food is the only thing our members will need to pay for
- **Motion: Moved to Round table deliberations.**
- **Deliberations:**
  - Kariher: I will say, as a College of Music Senator, All Night Yahtzee has done a really good job recruiting from diverse populations at FSU, they always work to get a diverse team and I really appreciate that.

- Widmann: One question I want to ask the committee – with our current budget, do we think this is fiscally responsible?
  - Bethke: I think this is very fiscally responsible.
  - Ellison: I agree, they are also going to be having some out of pocket costs as well.
- Dale motioned to fund \$300 in Registration, \$615 in mileage, \$1304 in lodging and \$0 in all other categories.
  - Bethke Seconded.
- Vote to fund \$300 in Registration, \$615 in mileage, \$1304 in lodging and \$0 in all other categories.
  - Yay: Bethke, Ellison, Kariher, Dale
  - Nay:
  - Abstain:
  - **MOTION PASSES**

- **Alpha Epsilon Delta**

- Application Link: <https://fsu.yul1.qualtrics.com/apps/single-response-reports/reports/B5mXfWhqlOu8tilNKJHixZqcaenVBVGm3xsiSskvRbGQxv-Y7%2E%2Eqpg%2Escu4%2EZTGosxvAAAnK-J7P9%2EoqqUovzUwJ-ZA%2EwigXAU2Rw0QDTYaYqRz5pWIMOPymB0A-P7M9KTdKuiCaMjilP4gGojJCAI7QOzPJpqL%2EalJtmTj5YdDxoDIBzBEE59KM-CuEr84m3mL1Yyn5WO7dqPDGXBSqTBrJ7KWBmkZ8-FxWPDBbnW5tC2QdHU28VDSx8J%2EK7pLVIDHfXwwoi0GKSBINIzAAoBz%2E7Hbuu-er5%2EcJ44GdQMC2o>
- Name of Event: Mission Trip
  - Event website: N/A
- Preliminary Remarks:
  - Gabby Pineiro and Javier Mariscal
    - Hello, thank you for being here, my name is Javier, I am the International Outreach Director, and Gabby is the Treasurer, AED help students find community service opportunities, while also helping to get students accepted to medical, nursing, and PA school. We are looking to travel to Guatemala to assist those in need. The cost per student will be \$923 if it is 10 students or less, and \$853 if it is 11 or more students. We are partnering with an organization called Maximo Nivel, which will be assisting us on our trip, and we have also worked with them before.
- Our main fundraiser is Dean's Day, which is where we raffle off MCAT equipment, and we will also be requesting money from RTAC.
  - Asking for
    - Registration:
    - Travel: \$7,150
    - Mileage:
    - Lodging: \$11,752
    - Other

- Total: \$18,902
  - Date of Event:
    - Begin: March 12th 2023
    - Return: March 18th 2023
  - Number of Active Members: 150
  - Number Traveling:
  - RSO Presentation:
- Questioning/Notes:
  - Widmann: I'm looking at your application and it says you are requesting \$11,752 and \$7,150 for a total of \$18,902 correct?
    - Mariscal: Yes, that includes everything,
  - Kariher: How much is the hotel each night?
    - Mariscal: It is not a hotel, we would be staying with a host family.
  - Kariher: So what would the lodging expense be going to?
    - Mariscal: We are really just asking for funding for the Flights.
    - Mariscal: We are asking for SGA to cover the costs of our flights but we would be grateful for more funding.
  - Ellison: Does the tour of the Volcano, and the Salsa dancing included; Is that a package, or did you add the extra excursions?
    - Mariscal: This all comes in a package and the organization we are going with includes all of this in the payment.
  - Ellison: So Maximo Nivel is the organization you want to travel with, but have you looked into different organizations?
    - We chose Maximo Nivel because they are reputable and fair with the price, and we have also worked with them before.
  - Ellison: Have you done any fundraising?
    - Pinero: We have fundraised through Dean's day in the past, and all of that money will go to the mission trip. But other fundraisers will go to helping the community.
    - Pinero: We are hoping to match whatever we are able to receive from RTAC today.
  - Bethke: As far as the dates, are you looking to leave on the 12th and return on that following Saturday?
    - Pinero: Yes
  - Widmann: Are any of the \$4000 fundraised last year being used on this trip?
    - Pinero: We have set aside about \$2000 for this trip, but this is the first time that Dean's day will be in person so we are saving money in order to provide catering because we have had about 180 people apply, so a lot of the monies raised are going to that event.
  - Widmann: What is the absolute lowest that RTAC can fund in order to provide a rewarding event for your members while also being fiscally responsible on our end?

- Mariscal: Our hope would have the costs of the flights covered which would be around \$450 per flight. We might have more people apply depending on the amount of money we are able to receive from SGA, so \$4000 would be ideal.
  - Dale: If we funded \$4032, would that be acceptable?
    - Mariscal: Yes
  - Ellison: You said the flights were the most important, so if we funded you for the flights would you have to cover the extra expenses?
    - Pinero: It would be a mix between the organization's account and members' personal payments.
  - Widmann: Are all attendees FSU Students?
    - Mariscal: Yes
  - Widmann: Have you filled out all forms in order to travel abroad with the respective offices?
    - Mariscal: Yes
- **Motion: Moved to Round Table Discussion**
- **Deliberations:**
  - **Kariher: I move to amend the total for lodging to \$0.**
  - **Bethke: So Seconded**
  - Bethke: I think while the flight price is reasonable, I do think that it can go down. With budget airlines in mind, I think we can bring the price down to \$275 per person round trip. I think it would be best to look into a budget airline for this.
  - Kariher: I found a flight on Frontier for \$238 from Miami to Guatemala within the same dates.
  - Ellison: I think that it would be a great idea to take a lower cost flight in order to lower costs for the committee.
  - Widmann: Jared what was the price for the flights again?
    - Bethke: It was 4275 per flight. And with 9 passengers that would be \$2475 for everyone, and I would move to round to \$2500 for travel expenses.
  - Kariher: I am okay with going a little lower in price because of everything that is included in the program, such as airport pickup, meals, and other services.
  - Ellison: I agree.
- **Kariher motioned to fund \$0 in Registration, \$0 in mileage, \$0 in lodging and \$2,000 in all other categories.**
  - **Dale Seconded.**
- Vote to fund \$0 in Registration, \$0 in mileage, \$0 in lodging and \$2000 in all other categories.
  - Yay: Kariher, Ellison, Bethke, Dale
  - Nay:
  - Abstain:
  - **MOTION PASSES**

- **No Bears Allowed**

- Application Link: <https://fsu.yul1.qualtrics.com/apps/single-response-reports/reports/ZnuSqk-vppmt17jvDN9j08xaby3T116y9nv8TeQ-MTOyEjJ609Cq%2EOIS97aiBcrfMj9lXHjhD41qEEsIVmGRtOwl%2EsBnwmuwH>

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- Name of Event: UF Improv Festival
  - Event website: N/A
- Preliminary Remarks:
  - Asking for
    - Registration:
    - Travel:
    - Mileage: \$531
    - Lodging: \$540
    - Other:
    - Total: \$1071
    - Date of Event: 02/18/23-02/18/23
  - Number of Active Members: 25
  - Number Traveling: 12
  - RSO Presentation: Isaac Rowe, President and Julia Hoffman Business Director
    - We are asking for gas/travel expenses for personal vehicles and funds for a hotel room for one night. We also have a list of alternatives in the event that someone is unable to attend. We will be traveling approximately 150 miles one way so around 300 miles per vehicle, which would be around \$531 for gas. We have quotes for three rooms which you can see on your screen. This would allow us to collaborate with other students while also allowing our members to perform.
- Questioning/Notes:
  - Widmann: What is the cheapest hotel you have, because we will only be able to fund the cheapest option. I understand that the one you would prefer does come with complimentary breakfast but we will need to go with the cheapest option.
    - The Days Inn by Wyndham would be the cheapest.
  - Widmann: And you would need 4 rooms?
    - Correct.
  - Kariher: How many people are attending?
    - 16 people will be traveling total.
  - Widmann: Just confirming, you are taking 4 cars, and it would be \$133 to travel, which would be \$531 in gas?
    - Yes
  - Widmann: And there is no registration fee correct?
    - Yes, That is correct.
  - Widmann: So your request would be \$1,071 total correct?

- Yes.
- **Motion: Moved to Round table discussion**
- **Deliberations:**
  - Kariher: I think this is very fiscally responsible and it looks like the cost per person has gone down even after including 4 more participants.
  - Bethke: I believe this is a good price for this event.
- **Kariher motioned to fund \$0 in Registration,\$531 in mileage,\$540 in lodging and \$0 in all other categories.**
  - **Ellison Seconded.**
- Vote to fund \$0 in Registration, \$\_531\_\_ in mileage, \$540 in lodging and \$0 in all other categories.
  - Yay: Kariher, Ellison, Bethke
  - Nay:
  - Abstain:
  - **MOTION PASSES**
- **FSU Flying High Circus Club**
  - Application Link: <https://fsu.yul1.qualtrics.com/apps/single-response-reports/reports/mPZwdq4Ln0tmXSTdInpL%2EBRdG21ey8lscTixeGb9yfv9qvjm7sLBTHUzpp6sYwRO9nll47m6QdVB-7WodgEp%2EamcEqO3nBosxBnnh2ksOVul3ifu3UKrrXCUpQSgy7IZEzLyWgFiY8-5ZPIORySdMawgLKM4LfEhLRoAspYuroeqMv96HhcNq1mwwghMJ5ELJMbbL5tgXr5SV86l4p-HAn%2ENoQocd7%2Eb%2Ep%2Ezpxbu0lqH062itgx85gRtvxMRg4hRLFdTaa-1KIjreILNgl%2EWNx6x1QjnV6ky%2EPISqucZrTU>
  - Name of Event: Cirque Du Soleil's Kooza
    - Event website: N/A
  - Preliminary Remarks:
    - Asking for
      - Registration:\$3024
      - Travel:
      - Mileage:
      - Lodging: \$2370
      - Other: \$6500
      - Total: \$11,894
      - Date of Event: 02/24/23-02/26/23
    - Number of Active Members: 55
    - Number Traveling: 55
    - RSO Presentation: Gabby Heart, President of FSU Circus Club, we come together to put a show together for FSU students. Our members are from different backgrounds and this allows students to learn what a circus looks like. Our goal for this event is to inspire our members while also learning what a circus is like from the audience.
    - We are requesting \$2000 in fund to cover the bus for the trip.



- Questioning/Notes:
  - Widmann: I just want to make sure that no funding that we gives you goes to the driver, all funds generated by A&S Fees must go to FSU Students.
  - Widmann: I can see that the circus has requested funds before and the trip was a lot cheaper, is there a reason you wanted to take a bus rather than personal vehicles.
    - Heart: We just think it is better to have all the students together on one bus.
  - Ellison: You said you wanted \$2000 for the bus.
  - Kariher: Where is your budget coming from?
    - The Circus and Circus club are two different entities. We don't have any membership fees for the year and we dont require people to pay to go to events. We are only asking members to pay for this event.
    - As a club, we sell merch and we also get a percentage of concessions at the shows.
  - Widmann: Just to clarify, since you are currently getting money from other sources on campus, do you know the currency balance of your account as of now?
    - The \$96.90 is from a share-it night but we currently have \$9000 in our account as of now.
  - Widmann: Are you using any of those funds on this trip?
    - Yes we have put down a deposit on the bus.
  - Widmann: How much was the deposit?
    - \$1,300
  - Widmann: If we were to zero funds would you be able to afford paying for the trip with the funds in your account?
    - Yes, but we are hoping to get some money from SGA in order to leave the upcoming Executive board with ample funds for the next year.
  - Widmann: If you were to pay for the entire event, how much money would you have left in your account for the year?
    - About \$3,000
  - Widmann: So you would have \$3000 in the account for the remainder of the year. Do you have any plants to fundraise this semester?
    - Yes we will be selling spring merch and we also will get a percentage of the concession sales from spring shows.
- **Motion: moved to round table discussion**
- **Deliberations:**
  - Widmann: With the Organization having \$3000 in their account, while also having the opportunity to sell spring merch and gain money from concession sales of spring shows, I don't see why it would be infeasible to raise more money with the organization having \$3000 left in the account.

- Kariher: I'm not opposed to zero funding because it will be coming out of the organization's account, but I am still not 100% sure on where I stand.
  - Ellison: I Agree
  - Bethke: I don't see this as an essential event for the club, and due to the fact that they will still have \$3000 left in their account and the fact that RTAC funds are running pretty low, I don't think it is unfeasible to zero fund this.
  - Kariher: I'll definitely be getting more popcorn at the circus this semester.
- **Kariher motioned to fund \$0 in Registration,\$ 0 in mileage,\$0 in lodging and \$2000 in all other categories.**
  - **Ellison Seconded.**
- Vote to fund \$0 in Registration, \$0 in mileage, \$0 in lodging and \$2000 in all other categories.
  - Yay:
  - Nay: Kariher, Bethke, Ellison
  - Abstain:

■ **MOTION FAILS**

● **Student Florida Education Association**

- Application Link: <https://fsu.yul1.qualtrics.com/apps/single-response-reports/reports/zQSYP32eqNrNWFkXcF0rSOVH3Shz9viT0p1pqOGpTmMKe2EyOQxmsyE1JRb4jzR-aQDJW8cudLFzJYxaaKntc9a09VbZjDXnhENF4uwd1AkJaVRbwGwJ%2ES3we6Mzd18wF%2E43RZfdG4nK6Hf-elx1dkTB%2EeXQRuDNE49kbfH-I7LATiy0LcdGW1cn-rzBN16Fh8a2bq8zmbRccUTE7s%2ELbn2Z6ARxJ7cfa%2EhB6-fW2p7eyudZOGXIKNzWFML8IZFgYletBu0gy0E53BOJ5A0P3FIZVy8WEeChrE WKQUjnJow>
- Name of Event:
  - Event website: N/A
- Preliminary Remarks:
  - Asking for
    - Registration:
    - Travel:
    - Mileage: \$200
    - Lodging:
    - Other:
    - Total:
    - Date of Event: 02/10/23 - 02/12/23
  - Number of Active Members: 98
  - Number Traveling: 6
  - RSO Presentation: Julia Moffa, President and Brianna Hale, Treasurer
    - Moffa: We are the Student Florida Education Association, and we are requesting funds for the state leadership conference on

February 10th to the 12th and it is taking place in Orlando at the Embassy Suites. This event's goal is to connect education students across Florida while learning more about the field of teaching.

- Hale: We are requesting funds for 267 miles from where we depart from the College of Education.
- Questioning/Notes:
  - Widmann: How many times will you need to get gas?
    - We will need to get gas twice.
  - Kariher: Will you be driving in the Orlando Area?
    - Most likely not, because there is a restaurant at the hotel.
- **Motion: Moved to Round Table Discussion**
- **Deliberations:**
  - Kariher: I think this is a great trip and I am always in support of our future educators.
  - Ellison: I agree.
- **Kariher motioned to fund \$0 in Registration,\$ 200 in mileage,\$0 in lodging and \$0 in all other categories.**
  - **Ellison Seconded.**
- Vote to fund \$0 in Registration, \$200 in mileage, \$0 in lodging and \$0 in all other categories.
  - Yay: Kariher, Bethke, Ellison
  - Nay:
  - Abstain:
  - **MOTION PASSES**

#### **Closing Announcements:**

- Chair
  - Thank you all for being here, this is the longest RTAC meeting I have had so far. I would also like to thank the committee for being as fiscally responsible as possible.
  - Also, Chair Kariher, thank you for attending today! I understand that you have your own duties as Chair of the Judiciary Committee, but we appreciate you being here.
- Members
  - Ellison: Thank you Chair Kariher!

#### **Adjourned at 5:48PM**

Signature of RTAC Chair:

*Marshall Widmann*