



**76TH Student Senate
Resource for Travel Allocations Committee**

Call to Order:

Members Present: Chair Bevis, Vice Chair Vandermeulen, Member Lydiah Gracia, Senator Goldstein, Kayla Tran

Members Tardy:

Members Absent: Kory Gehring

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.
- Vice Chair
- Members

Committee Business:

- Dental Brigades
 - Application Link:
 - Name of Event: Global Dental Brigades
 - Preliminary Remarks:
 - Asking for
 - Registration: \$0

- Car Rental: \$0
- Mileage: \$0
- Airfare: \$21,216
- Lodging: \$13,230
- Other: \$0
- Total: \$34,446
- Date of Event: 5/5/24-5/11/24
- Number of Active Members: 60
- Number Traveling: 47
- RSO Presentation:
- Questioning/Notes
 - We go on a service trip every year and this year it's to Panama, a week long Sunday to Saturday
 - We partner with local dentists who service those who have limited access, and we also give them free health supplies and dental hygiene workshops
 - Most of Panama's patients live below the poverty line, and we hope to build relationships with them and share volunteerism value
 - It's a good resume boost for getting into dental school
 - There are flight options out of Miami, Jacksonville, and Tampa
 - We have raised \$4881 with our fundraisers
 - Goldstein: The math doesn't look like everyone going on this trip paid dues. How does that work?
 - Rep: Last year, we had a lot less people. Everyone going on the trip has paid dues.
 - Goldstein: How much has each person going on this trip contributed already?
 - Rep: We have an overarching organization called Global Brigades, and they provide a final donation goal for us. So we had to give them a \$150 deposit for them to cover transportation, food, translators, etc. while we're in the country.
 - Goldstein: Is any of the money from the donation goal set in any of the stuff you're requesting?
 - Rep: Yes, not the flight, but the lodging.
 - Goldstein: Are people flying out of different airports based on how close it is to their house?
 - Rep: Yes, because not everyone will be in Tallahassee at the end of the semester so we tried to accommodate people as best we could.
 - Goldstein: Are there any areas you would like to be a priority for funding?
 - Rep: Our lodging would be a higher priority.
 - Bevis: Is all the money you fundraised going toward this trip?
 - Rep: Yes, and we have to divide it between each person based on how much they helped out with fundraising.
 - Bevis: If you don't get funding from us, do you have a plan for being able to attend this trip?
 - Rep: Yes. We're currently trying to fundraise for this semester. We're reaching out to different businesses. In the end, if all else fails, then everyone would have to pay out of pocket.
 - Gracia: If we funded your entire request, how much would travelers be paying out of pocket?

- Rep: Our donation goal is \$1100. They already paid \$150 of the \$851 they have to pay.
 - Goldstein: You've gone on this trip the past three years in a row?
 - Rep: I think this is our third trip.
 - Goldstein: How did you pay for the last two years?
 - Rep: We got really lucky last year with a \$10,000 donation. People ended up paying a little out of pocket. We also used fundraiser money.
 - Goldstein: If we don't fund you, is anyone not going to be able to go or is everyone expected to go?
 - Rep: That is something I'm concerned about because I know some people are relying on receiving help. I believe everyone would go because I have explained the deposit to them.
 - Vandermeulen: How do last year's overall costs compare to this year's trip?
 - Rep: As of total, it's more this year because we have more people. As far as the individual breakdown, I would say it's about the same.
 - Vandermeulen: How many different options did you look at when you were considering lodging?
 - Rep: Global Brigades chooses where we lodge since they're in the country and they know a lot more about it than we do. Since we request the cheapest and safest option, that's what they give us.
- Motion: Goldstein motioned to enter roundtable discussion. Gracia seconded.
- **Deliberations:**
 - Goldstein: What numbers are we going off of? The ones they submitted or the ones in their presentation?
 - Bevis: I'm doing the ones off the presentation. These are the accurate costs on my mock CR.
 - Goldstein: I don't know if we can pay for any of the lodging because it's kind of incorporated in that donation goal fee, which is also partnered into paying volunteers and translators who aren't FSU students.
 - Bevis: I agree. I'm not sure we'd be able to fund that. I know we can't fund a donation goal in general.
 - Goldstein: They seemed like they were able to pay for the last two years just fine. I don't want to discriminate against anyone who won't be able to afford it, but they all did pay down payments under the assumption that they would be able to pay for the trip themselves. I think anything else we fund would just be lowering the cost per person.
 - Tran: I feel like since the trip is out of the country, it's not really a necessity for that many people to be going. It's also the fact that they've been able to go in the past. The \$10,000 donation struck me as a significant number. If they're able to fundraise and get more, I also agree with not funding the lodging.
 - Bevis: I'm pretty sure we won't be able to do so as it ties in with the donation goal. I will put it out there that the maximum we would fund them is about forty percent of our remaining budget for the semester.
 - Tran: Do you know the number we have left?
 - Bevis: I just checked, I think it was \$53,053.

- Goldstein: I'm also not sure about funding their travel expense just for the fact that it seems they did it as a luxury by asking people what airports they want to fly out of since they all vary in cost. I would think when someone asks for funding, they would find the most cost efficient way for travel. It seems like a waste.
 - Bevis: My first impression was that they were all going out of one airport.
 - Gracia: The three airports did throw me off, so I agree with Jonus.
 - Motion: Goldstein motioned to fund \$0. Vandermeulen seconded.
 - Motion: Goldstein motioned to call the question the line item. Vandermeulen seconded.
 - Vote to fund \$0
 - Yay: Gracia, Goldstein, Tran, Vandermeulen
 - Nay:
 - Abstain:
 - **PASS**
- The Society of Black Female Future Attorneys
 - Application Link
 - Name of Event: Law School Tour
 - Preliminary Remarks
 - Asking for
 - Registration: \$0
 - Car Rental: \$0
 - Mileage: \$0
 - Airfare: \$0
 - Lodging: \$5504.23
 - Other: \$9451.15 (bus)
 - Total: \$14,955.38
 - Date of Event: 4/11/24-4/14/24
 - Number of Active Members: 35
 - Number Traveling: 35
 - RSO Presentation
 - Questioning/Notes
 - BFFA is on campus to encourage, empower, and assist black minority female students to pursue their careers in law
 - We promote conversation about diversity and social issues
 - We offer law school support, law panels with practicing attorneys, merchandise for FSU students who are members
 - As of now, we reached half our fundraising goal from last semester, which was \$500
 - Touring the law school is important so students can find their perfect school
 - Last spring, we were able to go to Atlanta with the help of SGA funding and see three law schools and give back through community service
 - This year, we plan to go to D.C. to tour American University, Georgetown, and Howard
 - The price that we charge members will depend on funding we get, but right now we're aiming for \$300

- For hotels, the cheapest option we found is the Westin Alexandria Old Town, and right now eight rooms, which would accommodate 32 people, total to about \$5504
- We ended up settling on a bus to and from D.C., which is about \$9451
- Goldstein: When it comes to Astro Travel, have you looked into other options like using the metro system in D.C.?
 - Rep: We chose our lodging to be close to a metro so we would be taking it from Virginia into D.C. That and walking would be our main transportation during the trip. The bus is only for taking us to and from the hotel.
- Gracia: If we fund all of this, what else would the people going on this trip be paying for?
 - Rep: We would be paying for whatever activities we take part in. We aren't paying for the law school tours but would for the food we have to sustain ourselves with throughout the trip.
- Gracia: Was the bus the cheapest you could find approved by FSU?
 - Rep: It was. We also received a quote from Champion, and that price was around \$14,000. We also looked into Annett, and they were around \$15,000.
- Gracia: How much fundraising have you done so far? And do you think you'd be able to make up the money if we're not able to fully fund the trip?
 - Rep: We have done a couple fundraisers, which has gotten us \$300 so far and we also have \$385 from dues, which is mainly for what we supply to members. But we would plan to do other fundraisers specifically for the trip.
- Vandermeulen: When you mentioned the \$300, is that what you were planning on as an out-of-pocket cost for those traveling?
 - Rep: Yes. We tried to consider not getting the entire thing funded. We're at least asking for lodging to be covered, and that's where the \$300 came from. If members do pay that much, the leftover would be \$500 we have to fundraise. If we're even able to raise what we think is a maximum of \$1000, we probably wouldn't be able to go on the trip without SGA's help.
- Goldstein: Do you know how much each person paid for last year's trip and the overall cost breakdown?
 - Rep: I believe it was between \$50 and \$90 because we went to Atlanta. And we didn't do personal transportation. SGA was able to fund \$6000 for the hotels and city transportation.
- Goldstein: If we were to fund your expected amount of the lodging, would everyone expected to go be able to go?
 - Rep: Yes.
- Bevis: How much money does your organization have in your account?
 - Rep: As of now, I believe it's \$500. I have to check but there's not much.
- Bevis: If we were able to fund half the money for lodging, would you still be able to go?
 - Rep: It would make it very difficult because we would probably have to double the out-of-pocket cost for the attendees. The bus price is set and won't change. The new ticket price would probably

be \$500-600 per student. Then we likely wouldn't get as many people to go.

- Motion: Vandermeulen motioned to enter roundtable discussion. Tran seconded.
 - **Deliberations:**
 - Goldstein: I'm thinking in the \$4000-4500 range.
 - Gracia: Is that for lodging?
 - Goldstein: Yes, because if they charge each person \$300, then it totals to \$10,500. So I figure we cover whatever is on top of that, what's past the \$300 per person. I want them to be able to go but also don't want to bankrupt RTAC.
 - Gracia: We're going to try for \$300 per person?
 - Goldstein: No, that's what they're charging their own people.
 - Gracia: Okay, because lodging is around \$160 per person.
 - Goldstein: If we did that, it would be around \$5600. I don't know if we want to spend that much.
 - Bevis: We can but it doesn't mean we should.
 - Goldstein: I feel like the higher the number, the deeper Finance and Senate look into it. I'm looking at the \$4000 range, but anything less would be good.
 - Gracia: If we did that 4000 number, we would only be covering \$110 per person.
 - Goldstein: Right, let me check that. It would turn out to \$115 per person.
 - Gracia: That works, better than nothing. That way they're not charging over \$300.
 - Vandermeulen: So it would be more out-of-pocket cost but nothing significant that they would be too upset about.
 - Goldstein: Or we can get a clean number and do \$100 per person for their lodging and do \$3500. It's up to you guys.
 - Gracia: I think the \$115 works.
 - Goldstein: Okay, let me see if there's a clean number that gets us close to that.
 - Gracia: That would bring it to \$4025.
 - Goldstein: I think that's fair because we might be giving less than last year and they have more people, but I still want them to be able to go and this is the best we can do without it getting murdered later on.
 - Motion: Goldstein motioned to fund \$4025 in lodging (\$115 per person). Gracia seconded.
 - Motion: Goldstein motioned to fund \$0 in travel expenses. Vandermeulen seconded.
 - Motion: Goldstein motioned to call the question the line item. Gracia seconded.
 - Vote to fund \$4025 in lodging and \$0 in travel expenses.
 - Yay: Gracia, Goldstein, Vandermeulen
 - Nay:
 - Abstain:
 - **PASS**
 - *Tran exits because quorum can be met*
- Big Sister Little Sister
 - Application Link
 - Name of Event: Community Service Trip
 - Preliminary Remarks

- Asking for
 - Registration: \$0
 - Car Rental: \$0
 - Mileage: \$0
 - Airfare: \$0
 - Lodging: \$0
 - Other: \$4500 (charter bus)
 - Total: \$4500
 - Date of Event: 3/29/24-3/31/24
 - Number of Active Members: 103
 - Number Traveling: 20-40
 - RSO Presentation
 - Questioning/Notes
 - Our mission statement is to inspire all women to remain empowered and excel academically and aspire to be self-sufficient
 - Anyone is welcome to attend, even non-members
 - The expected cost per traveler would hopefully be around \$85
 - We got a quote from Astro for \$4400 but we also have an additional charge for the bus driver's hotel; this charter bus holds 38 for three days
 - Gracia: About how much is the lodging for the bus driver?
 - Rep: Astro didn't break it down enough to give us that cost.
 - Gracia: Is that included in that 4000 number that you gave us?
 - Rep: I assume so, since they didn't have it laid out.
 - Gracia: So the \$4000 is from Astro itself?
 - Rep: Yes.
 - Gracia: You're only asking for the bus?
 - Rep: Yes.
 - Goldstein: Is the organization contributing anything like dues or fundraising to make the trip cheaper overall or would it just be fully funded by SGA?
 - Rep: We are trying to have fundraising opportunities to pay for this as well as dues.
 - Goldstein: Can you tell me the estimated dues and where that money would be going?
 - Rep: We're expecting each member to pay \$85. We plan to use that mainly for hotels, and also the funding for the bus. We also are trying to do a Double Good fundraiser, and we've already done some this semester.
 - Goldstein: Do you have a breakdown of how much the Astro bus cost is minus the bus driver expenses? We can't pay for the bus driver as they're not an FSU student.
 - Rep: Based off the email, they didn't give that breakdown, so we're not entirely sure how much of it comes out of the \$4500 that was listed.
 - Gracia: Do you know around what number of attendees there are or is that range just an estimate based on the bus?
 - Rep: It's really just an estimate of who wants to come. We're having an interest meeting soon to get a general estimate. We are considering limiting it to only active members, but currently we are still welcoming non-members.

- Gracia: Do you think you would be able to reach that 50 number to get more interest and make it cheaper?
 - Rep: We're saying 50 at the maximum. I'm expecting around 30. I wanted to have some wiggle room.
- Goldstein: What time do you need this funding by? Do you have time to fundraise more and to get more information on the logistics of the total headcount, the quote from Astro, hotel cost, etc.?
 - Rep: I would say we need it soon. This is our first time doing a trip, so we were expecting funding first before we can completely plan stuff. In the past, we weren't able to go on the trip because of funding.
- Vandermeulen: If you reach an unexpectedly high headcount, is there any concern over how many can fit on the bus?
 - Rep: Based on what Astro said, I think the maximum amount of passengers was 38. We're not expecting that much, but we do want wiggle room in case more members and non-members want to go on the trip.
- Bevis: Has your organization done any fundraising?
 - Rep: We did some in the fall semester and we're also working on a few this semester. We are trying to do concessions for basketball games.
- Bevis: Are you also allocating any money that you've already fundraised for this trip?
 - Rep: We haven't really thought about it, but we do have some set aside for it if need be. We also have a pageant and a banquet to do this semester.
- Bevis: How much money do you have in your account?
 - Rep: We have \$6000 in our Truist and a Cashapp with around \$2-3000.
- Bevis: What kind of expenses are you going to be using that money for this semester?
 - Rep: I think \$4000 goes to the banquet. We also have to pay national dues for our members that just joined this semester. \$20 of the \$35 dues would go to nationals.
- Bevis: How much would that be in total?
 - Rep: Last semester when girls joined, national dues were about \$1700. We're expecting around the same amount this semester unless more girls join, then it would be about \$2000. Not very much money goes into our events. We limited it because we knew we would need some for the community service trip.
- Bevis: If you don't get funding from us, do you have a plan to be able to afford attending this?
 - Rep: Our plan if we don't get as much funding as we need is to go somewhere closer, to stay in Florida. Maybe Orlando or Panama City.
- Bevis: Did we hear you for the same trip earlier in the semester?
 - Rep: Yes. We requested both hotel and transportation but you said our transportation wasn't approved, so I went back and got another quote.

- Motion: Goldstein motioned to enter roundtable discussion. Vandermeulen seconded.
- **Deliberations**
 - Goldstein: They seemed a little unknowledgeable. They've been here before but they weren't able to answer my questions with exact numbers.
 - Bevis: I don't remember a lot from that other meeting, but I wasn't very impressed by them.
 - Goldstein: Their PowerPoint was good, but they still didn't give me helpful information. They still don't have a headcount, on top of their Astro thing not being accurate.
 - Bevis: It seems so up in the air. I don't remember it feeling like this when they presented the first time.
 - Goldstein: Also, their trip is not until the last weekend of March, so they have about two months to fundraise. There's still time for them to reapply and come back with more information. I just don't feel like giving them money for transportation when they don't even know the full breakdown. I don't even know if we can give money for the transportation because it doesn't specify what part of it pays for the bus driver's hotel and expenses, which we can't pay for.
 - Gracia: Even if they knew how much the bus driver was, the maximum we would only be able to pay would be about 38 people. That would bring down the money significantly. And in the request, they asked for \$5000, and they knew the number was 4 something. In a perfect world, if they gave us everything, we'd only be able to pay for 38.
 - Bevis: I don't feel like they had their information where we needed it.
 - Goldstein: I am for zero funding, but we definitely should tell them that we would be happy to fund them if they come back with exact quotes and information.
 - Bevis: I think you're all making the right choice here.
- Motion: Goldstein motioned to fund \$0. Gracia seconded.
- Motion: Vandermeulen motioned to call the question the line item. Goldstein seconded.
- Vote to fund \$0
 - Yay: Gracia, Goldstein, Vandermeulen
 - Nay:
 - Abstain:
 - **PASS**

- American Marketing Association

- Application Link
- Name of Event: 2024 AMA International Collegiate Conference
- Preliminary Remarks
 - Asking for
 - Registration: \$2160
 - Car Rental: \$0
 - Mileage: \$0
 - Airfare: \$0
 - Lodging: \$2400
 - Other: \$0

- Total: \$4560
 - Date of Event: 4/10/24-4/14/24
- Number of Active Members: 102
- Number Traveling: 12
- RSO Presentation
- Questioning/Notes
 - We attend this every year and this year it's in New Orleans
 - This is a huge part of our chapter's standing relationship with nationals
 - AMA chapters meet at a conference filled with speakers, competitions, prizes, networking, guidance, and more
 - There are competitions like Perfect Pitch, Marketplace Simulation, etc.
 - Everything is geared towards helping the chapters with professional development
 - The AMA national collegiate team secures a room block for all the chapters and attendees, at a rate of \$255 per night
 - We're only asking for two out of the three total rooms because the third room could have a reduced cost thanks to our advisor being on the board of the collegiate team
 - We're also utilizing our own fundraising strategies like a share-it night and a Spike ball tournament, to help cover the cost of the third room
 - Registration fee per attendee is \$255 and our request is covering \$180 of that cost because we are confident we can fundraise the additional cost
 - Advertising plans haven't been finalized yet since it's in April
 - Goldstein: The application process looks to already be finished and you have already picked 12 people to go, correct?
 - Rep: No, we're still in the process of that application. We just narrowed the number down to 12 based on the cost and numbers of previous years of attendance.
 - Goldstein: If we fully fund this, will the people going still have to pay something?
 - Rep: They wouldn't have to pay anything. If our share-it night and tournament are successful, they won't have to pay anything. The last resort would be a \$75 fee, which is down from \$300 last year when fundraising wasn't as great. We're trying to ask for this funding way in advance to help us see how much we have to fundraise. They all know this from what it says in the application.
 - Gracia: How much did you make in fundraising this year?
 - Rep: It was about \$6000. We went on a corporate tour in the fall, which took up a lot of that. As of right now, we are also devoting our fundraising from the fall to our own conference, which we're hosting in two weeks. We've done really well this year in fundraising so far, which is why we think it will be successful leading up to this international conference. We do have other expenses taking up a good portion of our budget.
 - Gracia: If we fund this, it would just be \$75 that people are paying?
 - Rep: That's at the most, hopefully. If it's not funded, there might be a significant increase in price for members. Even that price with your funding is hopefully not going to be placed on people who go.
 - Gracia: How much money are you using from your account to fund this trip?

- Rep: We're hoping to cover just under \$1000 with our own budget. Whatever fundraising we get from RTAC will be coming out of our budget as well.
- Goldstein: Would you be covering a total of \$900 if it's \$75 per person?
 - Rep: Yes.
- Goldstein: The rest of that \$4560 would be covered by us if we fully funded? That's the hope?
 - Rep: Yes, that's the hope. We're also only asking for partial funding for the hotel because we're also working on covering that with the help of our advisor.
- Goldstein: For the lodging, does that \$2400 include that two-thirds rate of the rooms or should we reduce that?
 - Rep: No, the two-thirds wasn't the rate. We were just stating that we were only requesting two out of the three rooms that we need total.
- Gracia: Do you happen to know how much nationals usually gives you for this kind of thing?
 - Rep: It's not an application process or a grant per say. We actually just received funding from nationals for our conference, but only a small amount. That's why we have to use a lot of our funding from last semester for our conference in two weeks. It's kind of a behind the scenes type help as we are likely one of the less financially advantaged chapters. We constantly communicate with our advisor. We also wanted to request this funding early on so we can make adjustments as needed.
- Goldstein: If we're not able to fund you fully, what's your comfortability when it comes to how much you charge members before they aren't able to go?
 - Rep: The worst case scenario would be cutting the number of members we take. The cost of registration is pretty high. Last year we were able to charge \$300 for around the same amount of people to go. Hopefully we wouldn't have to charge that much because that was a last minute increase due to lack of funding. For this year, we agreed on that \$300 mark if we weren't to get funding. It would also coincide with the reduction in FSU students going.
- Goldstein: When it comes to comfortability, do you think people would still be able to go charging \$150 per student?
 - Rep: I think that would be a comfortable rate since in the early advertising we clarified that the \$75 fee would be a possibility. It depended on the funding status. The more we fundraise, the more that goes down. But of course we can't guarantee that would be successful.
- Bevis: If we weren't able to fully fund this, what area would you want us to prioritize funding?
 - Rep: I would say the lodging because it's a little more on the pricey side and I think if we were have to increase the price for members, they would be more willing to cover a registration fee if we say that traveling and hotel expenses would be covered.
- Motion: Goldstein motioned to enter roundtable discussion. Gracia seconded.

- **Deliberations**
 - Goldstein: I think I found a sweet spot. If we end up giving them \$2400, a clean number to cover the lodging, then each member would only have to pay around \$180, which is a little more than half of what they had to pay last year. I still feel that's a very affordable rate if their hotel is paid for.
 - Vandermeulen: It just feels generally that they're requesting lower than most organizations we're hearing tonight. It's just the fact that I appreciate more of the information than a lot of the unclear stuff that we've been getting from previous groups.
 - Bevis: I agree, they have way more things figured out.
 - Goldstein: If we end up giving them \$2400, we would be paying \$200 per person to go, for lodging.
 - Gracia: We would be funding only the lodging then?
 - Goldstein: Yeah, we would fully fund lodging because it's easier for them to advertise.
 - Gracia: I definitely don't think that's too bad considering what we're asking other organizations to charge their members.
 - Goldstein: I think they said they were hoping to charge \$75 per person if we fully fund them the \$4560, if they don't fundraise, I think. I'm kind of confused on that part, about where the fundraising comes into play.
 - Gracia: Nor do we know about the nationals thing.
 - Goldstein: Well, they kind of told us they're only putting in their estimate for two out of the three rooms, hoping that nationals pays for the third. So the lodging of the \$2400 would pay for two of the rooms.
 - Gracia: I'm okay with zero funding registration and leaving the lodging.
 - Motion: Goldstein motioned to fund \$0 in registration. Gracia seconded.
 - Goldstein motioned to call the question the line item. Gracia seconded.
 - Vote to fund \$0 in registration and \$2400 in lodging.
 - Yay: Gracia, Goldstein, Vandermeulen
 - Nay:
 - Abstain:
 - **PASS**
- Alpha Epsilon Delta
 - Application Link
 - Name of Event: Medical Missions Trip
 - Preliminary Remarks
 - Asking for
 - Registration: \$0
 - Transportation: \$2712
 - Mileage: \$0
 - Airfare: \$6396
 - Lodging: \$0
 - Other: \$0
 - Total: \$9108
 - Date of Event: 3/10/24-3/16/24
 - Number of Active Members: 121
 - Number Traveling: 12
 - RSO Presentation
 - Questioning/Notes

- The trip will be in San Jose, Costa Rica
- We're dedicated to encouragement, recognition, and excellence for pre-professional health scholarships including medicine, dentistry, etc.
- We will be volunteering with a medical campaign program, working with small communities just outside of San Jose with limited healthcare access
- It will be a total of 15 to 20 hours while we are there
- Some of our benefits to members include direct patient care, supervised by the local doctors
- Members will also get a certificate of volunteer service and a letter of recommendation
- We'll be flying via Spirit Airlines out of the Fort Lauderdale airport
- Our recent funding has been a raffle, our GoFundMe page, and RTAC
- The request we're making is for the reimbursement of our flight and also transportation while we are in Costa Rica
- Gracia: How much of the money you have right now are you using to cover this trip or is all the money coming from the students' pockets?
 - Rep: All the money that has been paid has come from the students' pockets. We would like to reimburse them. Dues for AED are meant to cover shirt and activity costs. It's \$40 for the year. This is something that's more outside that realm, which aligns with the fundraising efforts we're doing.
- Vandermeulen: How limited were your options when you were looking at airports to fly out of?
 - Rep: We were initially thinking of going out of Miami, but we realized that most students going on the trip actually live in Fort Lauderdale, which is why ended up at that decision.
- Goldstein: Currently, is the estimate for what each student pays around \$1700?
 - Rep: Yes.
- Goldstein: Has every student already paid that?
 - Rep: Yes, every student has already bought their flight ticket and paid the program fees.
- Goldstein: So right now, all the fundraising would be used to give them back money so they won't have to pay as much?
 - Rep: Yes.
- Goldstein: Are there any students worried about not being able to afford it based on how much money they get back or are they all set on going?
 - Rep: There was an exclaimer about it being an expensive trip. But we want to make it affordable for future members. Anything really helps to lower that cost. We are planning to do this annually. This will be the second time we've gone. We want to set that precedent because in the beginning, we had five people drop out because they couldn't afford the trip.
- Goldstein: If we were to fund you, would that open up the opportunity for students to go on the trip who weren't initially able to go?
 - Rep: It is already sealed because everyone has bought everything. We wouldn't be able to squeeze anyone else in.
- Goldstein: What is the priority of what you would like covered?
 - Rep: Our priority is mainly the airfare, and then the transportation.

- Goldstein: I'm looking at this document. Can you clarify what the campaign surcharge is?
 - Rep: I'm not sure what the surcharge is. I think it's from the development program, but I can email them to figure that out.
- Bevis: Has your organization done any fundraising for this trip?
 - Rep: So far, we've had our raffle, where we raffled off MCAT coursework and gift cards. We raised a total of \$254. We also have a raffle going on Wednesday for another gift card. We are working on more fundraising efforts until we go on the trip. The GoFundMe page will be advertised to the AED student body, which will earn them fundraising points for the organization if they donate a certain amount.
- Bevis: If you don't get funding from us, do you have a plan to be able to afford attending this?
 - Rep: Yes, we've all already paid our program fees and for the flight. It's not really an issue of affordability.
- Bevis: Did you advertise this to the student body on Instagram or something like that?
 - Rep: Yes, we advertised it at our general body meetings. We did have a flyer that I can send to you if needed.
- Motion: Goldstein motioned to enter roundtable discussion. Vandermeulen seconded.
- **Deliberations**
 - Goldstein: I forgot to ask. I wanted to know why on here it says they're paying for a Spanish language tutoring and traditional cooking class.
 - Bevis: We're not paying for it so it's not a concern.
 - Goldstein: I just don't know what assessment that's included in, like if any transportation cost is going toward trips to and from Spanish tutoring, cooking classes, etc.
 - Bevis: I will say that for transportation fees, like a car rental, would have to be approved by the university. I realized right as they left that I don't think we would be able to pay for that.
 - Goldstein: I would motion to zero fund them because they already paid for the entire trip and the people who were not able to go still wouldn't even if we do give them money. Maybe they should apply earlier next time because I would much rather help pay for the people who couldn't go.
 - Gracia: I see what Jonus is talking about. I don't know how to redeem that at all.
 - Bevis: Right, and we already have so many RSOs that do need the money a lot more.
 - Vandermeulen: Do you have an updated mock consent resolution you could show?
 - Bevis: Yeah, I'll pull it up. Here's what the request is for flights and for transportation, which I don't even think we can fund.
 - Goldstein: If we want to be somewhat generous, we could give them \$1000 and they can split that amongst them. But I don't even know if I want to give that. I know we have a low consent resolution. But even then, I would rather give money to Big Sister Little Sister. If there's a student that's fiscally able to pay \$1700 for a trip without any extra fundraising, then I'm really not sure why they need any money on top of

that, especially since they didn't address any financial need. All we would be doing is giving money back to the student directly. And they already paid for the trip.

- Gracia: And they did use "reimbursement" as their word. The people who couldn't afford this trip wouldn't even get the chance to go if we gave them money. It doesn't sound like they would open it back up so they would have an opportunity.
- Motion: Goldstein motioned to fund \$0. Vandermeulen seconded.
- Motion: Vandermeulen motioned to call the question the line item. Goldstein seconded.
- Vote to fund \$0
 - Yay: Gracia, Goldstein, Vandermeulen
 - Nay:
 - Abstain:
 - **PASS**

Closing Announcements:

- Chair
 - Good job being active.
- Vice Chair
 - None
- Members
 - None

Adjourned at 9:02pm

Signature of RTAC Chair: *Parker Bewis*