



**75<sup>TH</sup> Student Senate  
Resource for Travel Allocations Committee**

**Call to Order: 4:08PM**

**Members Present:** Chair Widmann, Members

**Members Tardy:**

**Members Absent:** Senator Gummerman, Daniel Ellison, Jared Bethke, Spencer Greenwood

**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.
  - - Widmann: Hello 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. To explain 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, and with the current RTAC Balance, I cannot guarantee that all organizations will receive funding.
    - Widmann: Does anyone have any questions on how this process is going to work?

- Widmann: 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:

- **Synthesis Dance Company**
  - Application Link:
 

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  - Name of Event: Atlanta Salsa Bachata Festival
    - Event website: N/A
  - Preliminary Remarks:
    - Asking for
    - Registration:
    - Travel:
    - Mileage: \$250
    - Lodging: \$1,200
    - Other
    - Total:
    - Date of Event: 03/10 - 03/12
    - Number of Active Members: 35
    - Number Traveling: 12
    - RSO Presentation: Sofia Gonzalez
    - - Gonzalez: Good afternoon, I am here on behalf of Synthesis Dance Company, FSU's own Bachata team. In the past years, The Synthesis Dance Company has not gone out of town for events, and this year we are hoping to travel and take our team to the next level.
      - Gonzalez: We are asking for funding for our hotel, and in the form of a mileage reimbursement. We have advertised the event to the student body via social media, as well as to the dance community at FSU.
      - We are hoping to attend this conference which is a 3-day event where we will be able to learn from professionals all across the

world. We are also an affiliate of the HSLU, and we hope RTAC will be able to help us support the Hispanic community at FSU.

- Questioning/Notes:
  - Widmann: According to the application, you are requesting \$300 in mileage reimbursements, is that still the case?
    - Gonzalez: I thought it was \$250, but we would appreciate \$300.
  - Widmann: My next question is how did you advertise the event to the FSU student body.
    - Gonzalez: We advertised on social media.
  - Widmann: Just to confirm, how many travelers do you have confirmed as of now?
    - Gonzalez: 10, however we are still waiting to hear from the last two.
  - Widmann: That shouldn't be a problem, considering if 10 participants go, we will still be looking at funding for 3 hotel rooms either way.
  - Greenwood: Can you give me the exact number for the hotel per day?
    - Gonzalez: I have \$260 per day, and \$190 in taxes and fees so the total for the entire trip is \$2134.20.
  - Greenwood: So your members would be covering the additional fees, correct?
    - Gonzalez: Yes
  - Greenwood: So it is \$260 per room per day, as well as an additional \$190 per room ,per day?
    - Gonzalez: That would be per room, per day.
  - Greenwood: So per room, per day you are looking more at around \$450?
    - Gonzalez: Yes.
  - Greenwood: When will you stop advertising?
    - Gonzalez: The end of this week, because we should have all 12 confirmed.
  - Greenwood: For the ones that have not confirmed, what would they need to be confirmed to attend?
    - Gonzalez: They are looking at their finances, and waiting to hear back on if this funding is possible before they commit to anything.
  - Greenwood: What is the expected amount for each member attending to pay?
    - Gonzalez: Each member has already paid a registration fee of \$200, and the rest will depend on the assistance we get from SGA.
    - Gonzalez: To answer your question, we are prepared to pay the difference.
  - Greenwood: Does the amount you are requesting for lodging include all participants?
    - Gonzalez: Yes

- Widmann: According to the application, I can see that your organization fundraised \$750 last year, do you plan to use any of that for this trip?
    - Gonzalez: No, we have used some of those for our uniforms, and hiring experts to teach our team. So we do not have the full \$750 in our possession.
  - Widmann: What is your estimated account balance at this time?
    - Gonzalez: Around \$400
  - Widmann: Would you be open to using those funds to reimburse those funds for mileage?
    - Gonzalez: Yes
  - Widmann: Would you be able to fundraise enough to attend this trip?
    - Gonzalez: We can advertise as much as we can and try our best to fundraise, however I do not think I will have enough time to attend this event.
  - Ellison: What was the process of choosing your hotel?
    - Gonzalez: This is where the event is being held.
  - Greenwood: If you weren't able to stay at that hotel, how long is the event?
    - Gonzalez: The event is all day, from 10:00AM to 2:00AM at the latest.
- **Motion: MOVED TO ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**
- **Deliberations:**
  - Ellison: I think that since the hotel is on-site it is the best option for the RSO, however we would not be able to fund more than \$200 per night.
  - Widmann: How I interpreted the statutes is that we need to find the most fiscally responsible option possible, just from a quick google search, the cheapest option near that area would be 20 miles away which would add up costing more for this RSO than it would to pay the extra amount for lodging. So I would take that into consideration.
  - Greenwood: I would only be open to fund this if there is an attempt made to find another location for this event. I know this is not the best option however I think this is best.
  - Widmann: One option for the committee would have been to fund the \$200 per night and allow the RSO to decide on finding a more cost-effective option or allowing the RSO to cover the additional costs for the hotel.
- Greenwood motioned to fund \$0 in Registration, \$250 in mileage, \$1200 in lodging and \$0 in all other categories.
  - Gummerman Seconded.
- Vote to fund \$0 in Registration, \$250 in mileage, \$1200 in lodging and \$0 in all other categories.
  - Yay: Ellison, Gummerman
  - Nay: Greenwood

- Abstain:
- **MOTION PASS**

- **Medical Brigades at Florida State University**

- Application Link: <https://fsu.yul1.qualtrics.com/apps/single-response-reports/reports/TOpf%2EKzClaQwmNbQQUh3Bmb7Ch5PGjOdWz43aJhvE9fG6ZG8E2Znok59OJHVOjZ8Gj2OAlljDIGbnaq6-KmMyPVEj8r7jUgx1yBq2FremgHP4FJ00skORb0bopCsRmEOKh81MlswKp%2ErnAaiTANlbARvNL4n7iQ5ITtCOAcN3aa83GVEQ01nLa0i9Sf1Y%2E1DRhWHtgVbSwNtxN%2EOcCWLvjSqqjLggrvrh%2E2SSyekM9IY1abP178K2IE0Xx4mCSaOovE1R1cjS97fbNwYjCeDXcpesAPNOB9ulKR3BEC904>
- Name of Event: Medical Brigade to Guatemala
  - Event website: N/A
- Preliminary Remarks:
  - Asking for
    - Registration:
    - Travel:
    - Mileage: \$2464
    - Lodging: \$5040
    - Other
    - Total:
    - Date of Event: 03/13-03/19
  - Number of Active Members: 25
  - Number Traveling: 16
  - RSO Presentation: Nicole Zavala and Aliya Linan
    - To remind the committee of what we do, We Shadow local and foreign health professionals as they provide pro-bono consultations and medications to patients in rural communities. Volunteers assist with in-take, triage, medication packing, and health education.
    - We are here to confirm what we do, and highlight the transportation to and from the communities and emphasize that this is an educational trip.
    - After meeting with our staff, the total we need is around \$22,000 so we are here requesting \$5040 for lodging and \$2464 for in-country travel. I can confirm that our lodging will be 4 students per room, so there should be no problem when looking at statutes.
    - To answer the questions we received last week at senate, we have advertised the event on social media, and at market Wednesday.
    - We have also done fundraising at a local pizza shop and done social media bingo in order to raise money.
- Questioning/Notes:

- Widmann: I know you already received \$1050 for mileage in the last meeting, so what is this mileage request for?
  - This is for in-country travel.
- Ellison: How are you getting transported?
  - There is a group of buses.
- Widmann: Is this a price they set?
  - Yes
- Widmann: So with the current account balance, we do not have the opportunity to fully fund this request at all, so I know this is hard, but what is the absolute lowest we could provide to make this trip happen?
  - Enough to cover the lodging would be ideal.
- Widmann: So say we were to fully fund for this lodging portion, that would be \$210 per night, which is over what we can provide per night. So at max we could fund \$800 per night, so I would recommend funding \$2400, which would fund half of the lodging for the trip.
- Widmann: If you were to receive \$2,400 could your organization cover the remaining costs?
  - We will try our best, but we did purchase our flights so it will be tricky.
- Widmann: What is the balance in each student account?
  - \$710
- Widmann: How much does each student need to attend?
  - \$1400
- Widmann: Okay, so you are just over half of the price currently.
  - Correct
- Greenwood: Say we were to zero fund this request, could your organization still make this trip possible?
  - We are going to try our best, however we have already had a majority of the funding come out of students pockets.
- Widmann: Would you get the funds back that you paid?
  - No, we would get back everything except the flights, which we paid for out of pocket.
- Widmann: My only issue is that this could be a risk considering that if the event is not attended, your organization will be required to return the funds back to the University.
  - That is possible, we can return the funds.
- **Motion: MOVED TO ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**
- **Deliberations:**
  - Greenwood: This is difficult for me to decide, I appreciate the presenters being very open with their finances, however, I don't think we will be able to fully fund this organization,
  - Greenwood: I would be comfortable funding between \$1000 and \$1500.

- Ellison: I would like to remind the committee that it is a first come first serve basis for RTAC funding so I would be open to funding more, Chair Widmann, do you have any input on that?
- Widmann: With first come first serve, we can't not fund an organization just because there are other organizations requesting funding, We will need to prioritize the organizations that submitted funding requests first.
- Greenwood: In that case I would be open to fund more, considering that in the worst case they would not be able to attend this trip and the money would go back to RTAC.
- Gumberman: Given that we have already funded in mileage, I am not open to funding for more mileage, considering that is \$219 per student in just mileage.
- Greenwood: Do you have a number range?
- Widmann: My recommendation to the committee would be to look away from mileage and look at lodging.
- Greenwood: I would be open to anything between \$1600 and \$2400, which would be between two (2) and three (3) nights.
- \$2400 is good to me if that is the same for everyone else.
- Greenwood motioned to fund \$0 in Registration, \$ 0 in mileage, \$2400 in lodging and \$0 in all other categories.
  - Ellison Seconded.
- Vote to fund \$0 in Registration, \$0 in mileage, \$2400 in lodging and \$0 in all other categories.
  - Yay: Greenwood, Ellison, Gummerman
  - Nay:
  - Abstain:
  - **MOTION PASSES**

- **Power of WE**

- Application Link: <https://fsu.yul1.qualtrics.com/apps/single-response-reports/reports/KmTUb4pa5TpbLRs7GJnGQOKsFM297KUJ9Vqe%2E9RyTxpT4obTLC6AwgR7KT0unNVC12XQMy6ZBY66mTWH%2Ec3klwaNo9z7EIODSem%2ESYZmpSgvhUuhG3JtBeC32A43nDnK6V%2EMjiDNAativAwMe25%2EGT3II0MqblGSfKcWyFKQDUxLjfF9xMJ-zaPwFPVRcL5F1c7erOWxDOs%2Ej2-4N-cjJHcyA0mxkAhjv1LxtDkb7KgZjX5NHaaLBWk1mZkSyqeP9M43IFM5cYwB7FyzpCqgudlm-tdZkzR0efrIEN1sReY>
- Name of Event: Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference 2023
  - Event website: N/A
- Preliminary Remarks: Trazis Zitrauer
  - Asking for
    - Registration: \$1550
    - Travel:
    - Mileage:

- Lodging: \$1100
  - Other \$892
  - Total:
  - Date of Event: 02/23 - 02/25
- Number of Active Members: 17
- Number Traveling: 5
- RSO Presentation:
  - We are requesting funding to attend the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference.
  - The Power of WE's mission statement is to bridge civic divides among students at FSU using research-based interventions.
  - In simple terms, we host events to allow students with different political or religious beliefs to get together.
  - Society for Personality and Social Psychology is the premier national conference hosted annually. They will have two members presenting, one for the Longest Table event and one for the Agree to Disagree event.
  - Six (6) attendees total, however that may change, at this point we have had applications open for the entire student body, however, we have not received any applications so it looks like it will only be club members attending.
  - We are requesting to rent a car from an FSU approved vendor, which is cheaper than flying.
  - The conference is held at the Marriott Marquis, we are also open to staying one night which would bring the cost down to \$564.19 total.
  - We are also asking for \$540 for meals for students, which would be \$15 per meal.
- Questioning/Notes:
  - Widmann: What is the total number attending?
    - The total will be 5
  - Widmann: How much were you requesting for meals?
    - We are requesting \$540 which would be \$15 per meal.
  - Widmann: According to RTAC policy, that is not something we would be permitted to fund. RTAC funds would be for travel strictly.
  - Widmann: What was the total amount being requested to register?
    - \$1356
  - Widmann: In my opinion, I think that staying for one night would be the best option considering the funding that the committee has available. So my recommendation to the committee would be to fund \$1920.19, which would cover the hotel for one night and the registration for the event.
  - Bethke: All attendees are FSU students correct?
    - Yes



- Gummerman: Would you be able to attend the event and only stay in the hotel for one night?
    - Yes, we would just drive home that night.
  - Greenwood: Would members of the origination be willing to cover some of the cost in the event we are unable to fund the entire event?
    - I haven't spoken with the attendees about this, but considering our eagerness to attend the event I would say yes.
  - Greenwood: Do members of the organizations have cars that they would be willing to take on the trip?
    - To be honest, I have a car but I don't feel comfortable driving it that long distance.
    - Everyone else has a car that is too small, or does not have a car to transport.
- **Motion: MOVED TO ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION**
- **Deliberations:**
  - Bethke: I think the request for the rental car is reasonable. I also think the registration is fair, however I would like to look at lowering the price for lodging a little.
  - Gummerman: I am more likely to fund \$905 for registration, given that that would be the \$181 for registration.
  - Widmann: I would recommend looking into the amount of students who have already confirmed they will be able to attend the event when funding.
  - Bethke: I agree, I would be open to funding \$905 for registration for the event and \$355 for the rental car, and \$250 for lodging.
  - Widmann: Where did you come up with the \$250 for lodging?
  - Bethke: Since statutes say we cannot fund more than \$200 per room, this would be just broken down to \$50 per student.
  - Greenwood: I am comfortable with the \$250 for lodging.
  - Gummerman: POI to Travis from the Power of WE, Is the amount for the rental car if you would have been there Thursday to Saturday?
    - Yes, however we would still need it for those dates considering we would not be back from the trip until very late at night on Friday, if we can return it on Friday we will, but if not we will need to return the car on Saturday.
  - Widmann: Point of Personal Privilege, If we do fund can we please fund in whole numbers to make the process a little easier for me and the accounting team.
- Greenwood motioned to fund \$905 in Registration,\$ 0 in mileage,\$250 in lodging and \$355 in all other categories.
  - Bethke Seconded.
- Vote to fund \$905 in Registration, \$0 in mileage, \$250 in lodging and \$350 in all other categories.

- Yay: Bethke, Greenwood, Gummerman
- Nay:
- Abstain:

■ **MOTION PASSES**

● **MTNA @ FSU**

- Application Link: <https://fsu.yul1.qualtrics.com/apps/single-response-reports/reports/v-eh-W6qb8Y4gYBiXo0vCsTi1sJOq8XloVB1-DEF-3J5dirwl-j-f2KIGbJVxNrJQXiD5qepP0WTBherEWaznKUIgHQb8aWO7xJFMnKyPDQpMclluGjje82ZUAjBxq0GHOr3xIc07uUE9gJAsRz8-QdBpbGfTdMNDGhksljzwVVbVXly1qYioZqawIRB85yUmsK1.RyM6vA.iq0YEG1DydSoOPwnRe8dmODd1mfad6eiLkCfEoMIJxvxVGcczTg9Zlhw4q.TZHW8ssCZESXf3K1QX-zedXEO1dc4MofQSxs>
- Name of Event: MTNA National Conference
  - Event website: N/A
- Preliminary Remarks:
  - Asking for
    - Registration: \$665
    - Travel: \$5915
    - Mileage:
    - Lodging: \$1917.18
    - Other
    - Total:
    - Date of Event: 03/24 - 03/28
  - Number of Active Members: 25
  - Number Traveling: 7
  - RSO Presentation: Rebecca Edmiston, Treasurer
  - This is a huge honor for our organization to attend the National MTNA Conference. We are hoping to attend this conference in order to show off our skills, while also allowing us to put FSU on the map while recruiting prospective students.
  - This is the first live conference in three (3) years so we are really excited that we were selected to attend and represent FSU.
  - The total amount we are requesting is \$8,497 which would fund Airfare, Registration Fees, and the Hotel for all attendees.
- Questioning/Notes:
  - Widmann: Is this event open to all FSU students?
    - Yes, anyone can go, however only the selected members will be presenting.
  - Greenwood: How many students are looking to go total?
    - Seven (7) students
  - Widmann: How was this event advertised?

- On our organizations social media and the College of Music's social media.
  - Widmann: To fund for the lowest options for the entire event, I am seeing the total being \$10,150 for the entire event. However, the RTAC account has \$1,750.62, I think this is a great event and would be great for FSU to be represented at, so if we were to put all of this money towards one thing, what would work best?
    - For the hotel, it would be \$1752 for all three hotel rooms so I would hope to fund those.
- **Motion: MOVED TO ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**
- **Deliberations:**
  - Greenwood: I support funding the remainder of the RTAC balance in the category of lodging.
  - Bethke: I recommend fully funding the registration, and providing the rest for two hotel rooms because the group could fit into two (2) hotel rooms.
  - Widmann: According to the roster, they would need three (3) rooms for the students due to the gender identities of the students.
  - Bethke: In that case I am open to fully funding the balance for lodging.
- Greenwood motioned to fund \$0 in Registration,\$ 0 in mileage,\$1750.62 in lodging and \$0 in all other categories.
  - Gummerman Seconded.
- Vote to fund \$0 in Registration, \$0 in mileage, \$1750.62 in lodging and \$0 in all other categories.
  - Yay: Greenwood, Bethke, Gummerman
  - Nay:
  - Abstain:
  - **MOTION PASSES**

**Closing Announcements:**

- Chair
  - I would like to thank Senator Gummerman for filling in to make this meeting possible.
  - Also, seeing that there is \$0 in the RTAC account following this meeting, I want to thank everyone for the help over the past few months and I hope we all have the opportunity to work together again.
- Members
  - None

**Adjourned at 6:00PM**

Signature of RTAC Chair:

*Marshall Widmann*