

76[™] Student Senate Resource for Travel Allocations Committee

Call to Order:

Members Present: Chair Bevis, Vice Chair Vandermeulen, Members Lydiah Gracia, Mario

Zeron, Lauren Mayo Members Tardy: Members Absent:

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.
 - Going to hear two organizations, one is pretty simple and the other is one we heard last week
 - Confirmed with advisor that we are allowed to pay for the bus driver expense discussed last meeting
 - For the future, make sure we have very good reasons for occasions when we zero fund an organization
 - Welcome Campus Rec, thank you for stepping in tonight
- Vice Chair
- Members

Committee Business:

- Big Sister Little Sister
 - Application Link: <a href="https://fsu.yul1.qualtrics.com/apps/single-response-reports/reports/TkbmzTrAzz5RSJmFUDvZJgZ6S0JE0TNHDPakxKq5WapHsnLhmk9Tn.5HRfDjimZVAOA4ELxmzrTePgujmqQapYfsEeBHqeWhbPvS9ExQT.8P6QKJBpoZZPcTopldBVYAD3BtmgxKAicKPfSwen3uloFgJDZu2tnGDYrsXISzm44ukEunsmYryjnesdUTJeQBHhR3w.AAh1GGNRpl-7varvZoloN8baMNgCKP3dByhwdk.ncS2VdphhsvuWPEtqT0igTk4TdGQbCYacgPJUCMnAQEQNJWTi-K6IRoJ-
 - X7p5l0ML0qKFlfpsVI.3CccBr8.mzpoA4S8x0uAeXx52ACyg
 - Name of Event: Community Service Trip
 - Preliminary Remarks:
 - Asking for

Registration: \$0
Car Rental: \$0
Mileage: \$0
Airfare: \$0
Lodging: \$0

• Other: \$4401.95 (charter bus)

Total: \$4401.95

• Date of Event: 3/29/24-3/31/24

Number of Active Members: 103

Number Traveling: 34RSO Presentation:

- Questioning/Notes
 - Our mission statement is to inspire all women to remain empowered, excel academically, and aspire to be self-sufficient
 - Anyone can attend this trip, even non-members
 - Organizations we plan to work with Hands on Atlanta, Hope Atlanta, and Must Ministries Donation Center
 - We got in contact with Astro and we are asking for about \$4500
 - We have about \$7500 saved in our account and we have a fundraiser coming up at the end of this month with Double Good, and a candygram fundraiser
 - Vandermeulen: Is the headcount number you just gave us, 34, still tentative at all or is it final?
 - Rep: It's final. We sent a form out and had a meeting.
 - Bevis: What are your dates of travel again?
 - Rep: We wanted to do March 29-31, which is Friday to Sunday.
 - Bevis: What fundraising has your organization done?
 - Rep: We've done football concessions for around \$3000. We did a
 Double Good last semester which brought in around \$2000. Other
 small market fundraisers have brought in hundreds.
 - Bevis: If you weren't able to get full funding from us, do you have a plan for affording to attend this trip?
 - Rep: I believe that we can because the funding we're mostly looking for is for transportation. We have been in contact with a few hotels and we believe that with the \$85 per person rate would cover lodging. That doesn't include other expenses that members would spend on food or activities.

- Bevis: If you were in a situation where we were only able to give you half of the money requested, would you all still be able to afford this?
 - Rep: Yes, I think so with our saving and our budgeting.
- Mayo: What exactly would the \$85 per traveler cover?
 - Rep: It's just covering for the hotel and lodging. The members would be responsible for food and activities. But our hotels will have free breakfast, so we don't have to come too much out of pocket.
- Motion: Gracia motioned to enter roundtable discussion. Vandermeulen seconded.

Deliberations:

- Bevis: To give context, they came to us asking for money for a service trip and we heard them last week about their bus. On paper, it had a good presentation but we felt like, when we asked questions, they were giving us different answers and we didn't have all the information we needed.
- Vandermeulen: I do remember some question dodging and how Jonus wasn't able to get very many answers. And I believe this is the third time they've come to us.
- Bevis: Yes, we had given them money for the lodging before. But we couldn't do the same when they asked to fund the bus because it initially wasn't a university-approved vendor. It has to be Astro or Annett.
- Mayo: Looking at the CR, they're asking for \$4401.95?
- Bevis: Right, sorry. I forgot to change this number. Thanks for catching that.
- Gracia: I think we can fully fund honestly. They've come back time and time again for this bus and it seems like they need it.
- Vandermeulen: And I remember last Senate meeting, there were quite a few people being vocal in advocating for organizations, including this one.
- Motion: Gracia motioned to fully fund. Vandermeulen seconded.
- o Motion: Gracia motioned to call the question the line item. Mayo seconded.
- Vote to fully fund
 - Yay: Gracia, Zeron, Mayo, Vandermeulen
 - Nay:
 - Abstain:
 - PASS
- American Institute of Chemical Engineers
 - Application Link: <a href="https://fsu.yul1.qualtrics.com/apps/single-response-reports/reports/RqRKQJzJBN-Rg-tnleHDBAUYhjaFQWFfqpxC4atCY67sOll7nHmldiART76yPVsQ7kllBdmOauZbiaL.avtdozrrqlyrcyToOK4qnRlYDinRG2dZNWWj8c.Gpvs.oycteXlz0otdmEdHuKYkbKeX7NLaxATfqr2e1foVlTgQhDdKAAsSU4B1HGhsjggEmKh8SnicXiHTg8G-6FobzZ6TgSltcrzznEK4sbyk3DZ9lhqWt4Ka2kBGJr7aHrXLVzRf4DV5loPYfthaLlF67z0cUW.ulwaBTThySoqdofGUbqVuic6mvyYtv543FOqyNfFND6Ygss5JJWDFetaB1lrKkA
 - o Name of Event: AIChE Southern Regional Conference
 - Preliminary Remarks
 - Asking for

Registration: \$700Car Rental: \$0

Mileage: \$364.90

• Airfare: \$0

• Lodging: \$758.56

Other: \$0Total: \$1823.46

Date of Event: 3/14/24-3/16/24

Number of Active Members: 50

Number Traveling: 7RSO Presentation

Questioning/Notes

- This is the FAMU-FSU Chapter of The American Institute of Chemical Engineers and our main goal is to provide a supportive community for the student body
- We accept various types of engineers who are interested
- We aim to present internship and job opportunities from professionals
- Tutoring for chemical and biomedical engineer majors is also something we provide
- This conference is at Auburn University, and the most important part is the Chem-E-Car competition
- This is one out of the ten national regional conferences held by AIChE, it's the southern one that aligns with us
- We have a group chat where we sent an interest form and we also advertised it on Instagram to make it available to the entire student body
- The students going are mostly the students involved in the Chem-E-Car competition, and we think they deserve priority
- They're going to represent that FAMU-FSU College of Engineering, so it could be really important for the university as a whole
- We are hoping to get the early-bird registration, which will be \$700 total
- As for lodging, we have a few quote options and we chose the cheapest one
- Our main option is to drive after looking at the airfare prices
- There are currently no other competitions within these departments
- We are also hoping to eventually go against bigger rivals like UF and Georgia Tech
- If we're not able to receive full funding, we are hoping RTAC will prioritize registration and travel
- Gracia: If we pay this, does that mean the people going on the trip won't be paying for anything else?
 - Rep: We were planning on having members pay out-of-pocket for food costs.
- Mayo: Have there been fundraising activities or efforts to help cover some of the cost?
 - Rep: We initiated a new fundraising system this past semester
 that involves getting corporate sponsors. We did try over the
 STEM career fair to get more contacts with company
 representatives. There have so far been two potential company
 sponsors in our packet. With these corporations, it usually takes
 some time to get funding approved. So we don't know how much
 we expect to receive.
- Gracia: How many cars are you taking?

- Rep: Two, for seven people.
- Vandermeulen: You said you're staying two nights, right?
 - Rep: Yes, two nights. We're planning on traveling and getting there late Thursday night and to do the itinerary on the 15th. It's like a 3 to 4 hour drive to Auburn.
- Motion: Vandermeulen motioned to enter roundtable discussion. Gracia seconded.
- Deliberations:
 - Vandermeulen: I like how informative it was overall.
 - Bevis: Yes, that was definitely one of the better presentations.
 - Zeron: Full fund.
 - Bevis: You all want to full fund?
 - Gracia: I do.
 - Vandermeulen: Plus, it is a relatively small amount from what we're used to seeing.
 - Zeron: And it's for seven people. I think it's a great cause considering what they want to do.
- Motion: Zeron motioned to fully fund. Vandermeulen seconded.
- o Motion: Gracia motioned to call the question the line item. Mayo seconded.
- Vote to fully fund
 - Yay: Gracia, Zeron, Mayo, Vandermeulen
 - Nav:
 - Abstain:
 - PASS

Closing Announcements:

- Chair
 - Thank you, Lauren and Mario, for stepping in. We are getting some new at-large members who will start next week. We're putting together an RTAC orientation to get everyone adjusted. I spoke with Andy, one of our SGA advisors, and he recommended getting together to discuss what we would be willing to fund certain categories at most. We are supposed to be "first come first serve" but should also maintain longevity. I'll discuss it with Andy more since we did go through a lot of the budget in January.
- Vice Chair
 - None
- Members
 - None

Adjourned at 7:44pm

Signature of RTAC Chair: Parker Bewis