



**73rd Student Senate
Resource for Travel Allocations Committee
March 8th, 2021**

Call to Order: 5:20 PM

Members Present: Chair Randall, Vice-Chair Kapil, Sarah Schuminsky, Gigi Berrouet, and Victoria Kwait

Members Tardy:

Members Absent: Judd Williams (U)

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 - None.
- Members - None.

Committee Business:

- Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers (SASE)
 - Application Link:
https://fsu.qualtrics.com/CP/Report.php?SID=SV_a9MMDqSFCtdeQ9n&R=R_2ZENLpC6Tcfl11J
 - Name of Event: SASE South Regional Conference
 - Preliminary Remarks:
 - Asking for \$90.00

- Registration: \$90.00 (\$15 per student)
 - Travel: \$0
 - Mileage: \$0
 - Lodging: \$0
 - Total: \$90.00
 - Date of Event: March 19-20, 2021
 - Number of Active Members: 20
 - Number Traveling: 6
- RSO Presentation:
 - SASE is dedicated to the advancement of scientists and engineers that identify as Asian in education and employment
 - Open to all ethnic backgrounds
 - SASE South Regional Conference (SRC)
 - 2 day conference filled w/ professional development workshops, speakers, networking opportunities
 - Will be hosted virtually onto a platform called Brazen
 - Advertised through Instagram and Dischord
 - \$15 early bird registration fee, \$20 normal fee
 - 5 E-board members and 1 general member attending
 - 4 students paid \$15 and 2 students paid \$20 would like to request \$115
- Questioning/Notes:
 - SASE asked when our fiscal year starts
 - Runs from July 1 - June 30
- Deliberations
 - Chair Randall informed SASE that since they have already paid for the registration fees, unfortunately RTAC can not fund them.
- Schuminsky motioned to fund \$0 in Registration, and \$0 in all other categories.
 - Berrouet seconded.
- Vote to fund \$0 in Registration, and \$0 in all other categories.
 - Yay: Kwait, Berrouet, Schumisky, Kapil
 - Nay:
 - Abstain:
 - **Funded \$0 in Registration, and \$0 in all other categories.**
- Mexican American Student Association
 - Application Link:
 - https://fsu.qualtrics.com/CP/Report.php?SID=SV_a9MMDqSFCtdeQ9n&R=R_1CjY8rtmEVvpfMp
 - Name of Event: Southeastern LatinX Student Leadership Conference (SL-SLC)
 - <https://affiliate.wcu.edu/slslc/>
 - Preliminary Remarks:
 - Asking for \$500.00
 - Registration: \$500.00 (\$50 per student)
 - Travel: \$0
 - Mileage: \$0

- Lodging: \$0
 - Total: \$500.00
 - Date of Event: March 26-28, 2021
 - Number of Active Members: 75
 - Number Traveling: 10
- RSO Presentation:
 - MASA provides a community for Mexican American students on campus and provides a space for students to learn about Mexican culture and tradition
 - A lot of students experience cultural appropriation, MASA tries to be a space for students to come to
 - Host events such as Day of the Dead celebration, education on cat-calling in Mexico and the US, raising awareness on issues Mexican American students are facing
 - Conference is March 26-28
 - Requesting funds to attend the Southeastern LatinX Student Leadership Conference hosted by South East Carolina University
 - Will be having tracks centered around LatinX identity and leadership information
- Questioning/Notes:
 - The event was advertised at bi-weekly meetings, mentioned to E-Board, good opportunity for leadership development for the first time attending the conference
 - In future years, will try to get general body members to join
 - Trying to build attendance to conference and learn about conference first through E-Board so they can tell general members about it in the future
 - If someone came up to E-Board and asked to attend, they would be allowed to attend
 - Will share leadership knowledge learned with general body members, especially through their mentorship program
 - Many e-board members are involved in other student orgs as well, they will be able to share skills learned through the conference with those orgs
- Deliberations:
 - Schuminsky believes it is a great opportunity to help grow and develop MASA and bring that Latinx leadership into other orgs
 - Kwait agrees that this seems like an opportunity for growth
 - Berrouet says at end of day still benefit coming back to student body
 - Kwait emphasizes that this would be their first time attending the conference
 - Kapil agrees that this would be a good opportunity to develop Latinx leaders at FSU and bring the knowledge back
- Schuminsky moved to waive SBS 807.6 (G)(2).
 - Kuwait seconded.

- Vote to waive SBS 807.6(G)(2) and allow the Committee to fund this event which is exclusive to this organization's executive board.
 - Yay: Kwait, Berrouet, Schuminsky, Kapil
 - Nay: None.
 - Abstain: None.
 - **SBS 807.6(G)(2) is waived by a 3/4 majority of the committee.**
- Berrouet motioned to fund \$500 in Registration, and \$0 in all other categories.
 - Seconded by Schuminsky
- Vote to fund \$500 in Registration, and \$0 in all other categories.
 - Yay: Kwait, Schuminsky, Berrouet, Kapil
 - Nay: None.
 - Abstain: None.
 - **Funded \$500 in Registration, and \$0 in all other categories.**

Closing Announcements:

- Chair Randall
 - Will look for previous ideas on things that need to be added to RTAC application qualtrics
 - Will try to add a question or statement about emphasizing that fees can not be paid already
 - We will be meeting next week, we have a request
 - Sent email to Harmon about RTAC post, will reach out again
 - Would like to hear ideas for potential projects on campus that extra RTAC funds could be transferred to Senate Projects and used for
 - Some previous ideas include:
 - Giving more money to student academic programs
 - Accessibility increases
 - Career center internship fund
 - Student service projects funding through the Center
 - Undergraduate research grants
- Vice Chair Kapil
 - Will reach out to Pro Temp Wang about RTAC post as well
- Gigi Berrout
 - Could use RTAC money to add to organizational fund
 - Money is supposed to go to RSOs. Suggests that we move money to the organizational fund.
 - Chair says the current Organizational Fund limits the money to people who have used A&S funds in the past year
 - Can try to create one-year org fund open to all RSOs via a new committee
 - Comprised of PAC, RTAC, and senators
 - Finance trainings are going to be bi-weekly
 - Would love people to come and help!

- Have had 2 meetings so far, haven't been advertised very well
- Sarah Schuminsky
 - Have reached out to a few RSOs and heard back from the Pre Health Law Society.
 - Will Reach out to Pre Health Law Society and help them nail down a conference to request money for.
- Victoria Kwait
 - We could advertise finance trainings in class group chats and FSU class facebook pages
 - Messaged AMWA. Bringing up at next board meeting
 - Phi delta epsilon reaching out
 - Reaching out to a new person for alpha epsilon delta

Adjourned at 6:13 pm