



**73rd Student Senate
Resource for Travel Allocations Committee
March 15th, 2021**

Call to Order: 5:21 PM

Members Present: Chair Randall, Vice-Chair Kapil, Victoria Kwiat, Gigi Berrouet, and Judd Williams

Members Tardy:

Members Absent: Sarah Schuminsky (E)

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.
 - Chair Randall met with the SGA Business Manager. Talked about issues with org fund and in-person travel. Laurel thinks that RSO will need to have their travel request approved prior to RTAC being able to hear their request. Still confirming this process. More on the Org fund later.
 - Spoke with Laurel last week about in-person travel, retroactive requests
 - Request today is for in-person event
 - Travel is allowed pending approval from VP of Student Affairs office per university guidelines

- RTAC will hear today's request, but from this point forward will speak with Dr. Hecht to see if her office should approve request first or if RTAC should hear request first
- Vice-Chair
- Members

Committee Business:

- FSU Belly Dancers
 - Application Link:
 - https://fsu.qualtrics.com/CP/Report.php?SID=SV_a9MMDqSFCtdeQ9n&R=R_Q0031aexSNLLFD3
 - Name of Event: Private Class with Omaris
 - Preliminary Remarks:
 - Asking for \$340.00
 - Registration: \$280 (\$40 per student)
 - Travel: \$0
 - Mileage: \$0
 - Lodging: \$0
 - Other: \$60 (\$30 per studio rental hour)
 - Total: \$340.00
 - Date of Event: April 11, 2021
 - Number of Active Members: 7
 - Number Traveling: 7
 - RSO Presentation:
 - RSO submitted the following proposal:
 - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dq5xaPLriT7WOb6JRllepsewXe3Ed3B6i/view?usp=sharing>
 - Multicultural registered student organization
 - Mission is to promote cultural diversity, self-esteem, and good health
 - Provide free dance classes and workshops to students
 - Requesting for 2 hour private class on April 11, 2021
 - Help members better their technique so Belly Dancers can host better workshops for students
 - Instructor is Omaris, award winning belly-dancer
 - Technique learning helps dancers stay safe from dance injury
 - Will also be able to learn different belly dancing teaching techniques for RSO free student workshops
 - Cost is \$45 x 7 troupe members = \$315
 - Not asking for studio rental cost anymore
 - Questioning/Notes:
 - How did you choose troupe members going to the lesson?
 - People on team who perform currently are those who are attending the private lesson on April 11
 - Those attending are people who have auditioned and made the team

- How did you advertise the class?
 - Attending this lesson is advertised only to the troupe members
- How will you be COVID-19 safe?
 - Limited amount of people
 - Wearing masks
 - Socially distanced
- How do you advertise auditioning for the troupe?
 - At lessons
 - In newsletter (100s of people)
 - Advertise on Instagram and social media
- Deliberations:
 - Kwait: COVID-19 protocols seem good, limited capacity so understand why only troupe members who have auditioned and made the team are able to go the lesson
 - Williams: Lessons are open to anyone and anyone can audition so it should be considered open to student body, gets through advertising the event factor
 - Randall: Remind that statutory requirement is that event must be advertised to entire student body
 - Kwait: Club is advertised to entire student body, need to have people you can rely on show up to the lesson, anyone could join if they wanted to
 - Berrouet: As long as general events are advertised and this is advertised there, then it should be ok
 - Kwait: Statue can definitely get messy because it's vague
 - Randall: Concern is that "committee shall not fund events that will likely have only group members to attend and have no benefit to student body"
 - Kwait: Troupe members will be attending the event and be sharing knowledge learned with general students
 - Berrouet: This is similar to events we have funded in the past, agree with Kwait
 - Kwait: See advertising of the GBM as meeting statutory requirements
 - Randall: Understands consensus of committee
- Kwait motioned to fund \$315 in Registration, and \$0 in all other categories.
 - Williams seconded.
- Vote to fund \$315 in Category, and \$0 in all other categories.
 - Yay: Kwait, Berrouet, Williams, Kapil
 - Nay:
 - Abstain:
 - **Funded \$315 in Registration, and \$0 in all other categories.**

Closing Announcements:

- Society of Women Engineers
 - RSO treasurer Katheryn Potemken came to RTAC with questions

- SWE is planning to attend in-person conference in Fall 2021 in Indianapolis and didn't understand how RTAC works
- Asking when funding request would need to be put in, how request works, how you receive the reimbursement
- Already have hotels reserved, looking to have registration covered by RTAC
- Registration is going to be about \$130 per person
 - Chair informed student that RTAC cannot retroactively fund anything
 - Get requests in early in fall, needs to be submitted 30 business days prior to event
 - Need 2 people financially certified through SGA
 - Event needs to be advertised and have benefit to general student body
 - We can fund travel, registration, lodging
 - If going over \$2000, provide detailed request
 - Need 3 quotes for each expense
 - We fund up to 90 days, earliest we can fund is July 1st and would go directly through summer senate
 - Reach out the Chair Randall if you want to be funded in the summer.
- Chair Randall
 - Many committee members left the meeting early. As a result, we will be meeting next week regardless of whether or not we have a request.
- Vice-Chair Kapil
 - Left early.
- Victoria Kwiat
 - None.
- Gigi Berrouet
 - Left early.
- Judd Williams
 - Left early.

Adjourned at 6:08 pm