



**73<sup>rd</sup> Student Senate  
Resource for Travel Allocations Committee  
September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Call to Order: 6:38 PM**

**Members Present:** Chair Nasworthy, Pro Tempore Wang, Senators Ashley Gonzalez, Cat Lessard

**Members Tardy:**

**Members Absent:**

**Guests:** Katheryn Potemken, Garret Grunder, Krystal Williams, Annalise Freeman, Senator Jason Randall, Nate Tackett,

**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
- Guests
  - None

**Committee Business:**

- Society of Women Engineers FAMU-FSU

- Application Link:
  - [https://urldefense.com/v3/ https://proxy.qualtrics.com/proxy/?url=https\\*3A\\*2F\\*2Ffsu.qualtrics.com\\*2FCP\\*2FReport.php\\*3FSID\\*3DSV\\_a9MMDqSFCtdeQ9n\\*26R\\*3DR\\_yHHU2RUsDebeqAh&token=AKXArM6FFeox0oaOfyhArkZ8RImXFpiwxgQF9wWj8DM\\*3D\\_;JSUIJSUIJSUIJQ!!PhOWcWs!maRcR4oKKOvifAab-8J8XTanrTis\\_HK - SWfZFFxwZ3dG1OcOKe41odTHpmNURqrH4\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/https://proxy.qualtrics.com/proxy/?url=https*3A*2F*2Ffsu.qualtrics.com*2FCP*2FReport.php*3FSID*3DSV_a9MMDqSFCtdeQ9n*26R*3DR_yHHU2RUsDebeqAh&token=AKXArM6FFeox0oaOfyhArkZ8RImXFpiwxgQF9wWj8DM*3D_;JSUIJSUIJSUIJQ!!PhOWcWs!maRcR4oKKOvifAab-8J8XTanrTis_HK-SWfZFFxwZ3dG1OcOKe41odTHpmNURqrH4$)
- Name of Event: WE21 Conference
  - Event website: <https://we21.swe.org/>
- Preliminary Remarks:
  - Asking for \$715.00
    - Registration: \$715 (\$65 per student)
    - Travel: \$0
    - Mileage: \$0
    - Lodging: \$0
    - Total: \$715.00
  - Date of Event: Oct 20-23, 2021
  - Number of Active Members: 36
  - Number Traveling: 11
- RSO Presentation:
  - Annie, treasurer presents
  - Conference is virtual
  - Since the College of Engineering is primarily male dominated, it's good to have a female support group
  - The RSO hosts various events like career fair prep seminars, speakers, and mental health workshops.
  - This conference is the largest conference for women engineers in the world.
  - Large fortune 500 engineer employers attend
  - There is a career fair with over 200 employers
  - By attending virtually, it allows the RSO's members more flexibility
  - Costs
    - \$715 for registration (\$65 for 11 students)
      - Covers keynote speakers and career fair registration
  - The exec board has been working hard to turn the RSO around and provide meaningful opportunities for members this year. This is one of the ways they are doing that.
- Questioning/Notes:
  - Lessard: The proposal originally includes costs for travel. To confirm, this is only virtual right?
    - RSO: Our new proposal includes the virtual conference
  - POI for Randall: can we change the funded numbers in RTAC?
    - Randall: yes



- Great opportunity to develop faith and come together in fellowship
- We're part of a national organization
- All travelers will be encouraged to wear masks and required to test negative for covid
- For advertising, we did sign ups on NoleCentral, flyers on bulletin boards, at GBMs, and promoted on instagram.
- Questioning/Notes:
  - Nasworthy: are all students FSU students only
    - RSO: Yes.
  - RSO: Our roster of 24 students is who we expect to come but some of these students may dropout.
  - Randall: are people at this conference being converted to christ
    - RSO: I don't believe so. Runs through the schedule to ensure conformity to SBS 802.5(E).
  - Randall: Is the point to educate people on Christ or convert people to Christ?
    - RSO: the point of the conference is to educate people on Christianity however there is a possibility that someone may want to convert on their own volition at this conference.
  - Lessard: Is there a possibility that someone can convert to christianity at this conference?
    - RSO: Yes. We are sitting through sessions that are educating members and they may be inspired to go through the conversion process.
  - Randall: Is event registration all inclusive or did you lump it together?
    - RSO: It is all inclusive
- Deliberations:
  - Lessard: if you look up the definition of proselytizing, this may violate the statute. Whether it's intentional or unintentional, it's a gray area. I don't want to violate statutes. It's a slippery slope
  - Gonzalez: Can the RSO show us a description of the conference? Unless the description of the conference is to convert them, I don't think it's a violation of statutes.
  - RSO showed the event site
  - Gonzalez: It said nothing about converting. Since every religious org goes to conferences and members are educated on the religion at conferences. Wouldn't every conference be proselytizing?
  - Lessard: can you show the hosting entity's website (Jacksonville ENC)?
    - RSO: I'm not seeing a website from the hosting organization from this year but let me try and pull a past conference website.
    - RSO couldn't find any past websites.
  - Lessard: Do you have descriptions of the sessions?
    - RSO: No
  - Lessard: Are sermons going to be given at these sessions?

- POO from Randall: Statutes specifically allow us to fund religious RSOs where some lectures may be perceived as sermons. The only question on the table is whether or not this conference funds members being converted to Christ. Nothing else.
- POI for the RSO from Randall: Did you fill out both the in travel form and the RTAC form?
  - RSO: Yes
  - Laurel: I haven't received that but I'll check again.
  - It turns out the form was only partially filled out.
  - The RSO resubmitted the form.
- Lessard POI for Randall: The statute only refers to the conference right, not the mission of the org?
  - Randall: Yes
- Lessard: I still think it's a gray area and I would say the same thing for any org that converted people at a conference.
- Gonzalez: I take a different stance. I've never seen this (religious statute) happen. I don't understand why there's such a hold up. There's a possibility that conversion can occur at any conference affiliated with a religious RSO
- **Nasworthy rules that due to the fact that conversion is not the goal of the conference, this conference abides by 802.5(E).**
- Gonzalez asks for confirmation of numbers
- Gonzalez motioned to fund \$2,160 in registration, and \$0 in all other categories.
  - No one seconds.
- Nasworthy recesses the committee for 5 minutes.
- Called back to order at 8:01 PM.
- Pro Tempore Wang joins and is granted voting privileges by Chair Nasworthy.
- Gonzalez motioned to fund \$2,160 in registration, and \$0 in all other categories.
  - Wang seconds.
  - Lessard objects
  - Gonzalez doesn't withdraw
- Vote on whether to sustain the objection and move into the vote to fund \$2,160 in registration, and \$0 in all other categories. (Yes means to move into the vote, no means don't move into the vote, abstain is abstention)
  - Yay: Wang, Gonzalez
  - Nay: Lessard
  - Abstain: None
- Vote to fund \$2,160 in Registration, and \$0 in all other categories.
  - Yay: Wang, Gonzalez
  - Nay: Lessard
  - Abstain: None
  - **PASSED. Funded \$2,160 in Registration, and \$0 in all other categories.**

**Closing Announcements:**

- Chair
  - There was a third request that was withdrawn. Thank you to Senator Lessard, Wang, and Gonzalez for serving as RTAC members.
- Vice Chair
  - None
- Members
  - Lessard: Come to SLAA
- Guests
  - Randall: All we're trying to do is follow the rules and I'm happy we did that.

**Adjourned at 8:12 pm**

**Chair Signature:**

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Luke Nasworthy  
RTAC Chair