



**76TH Student Senate
Resource for Travel Allocations Committee**

Call to Order:

Members Present: Chair Bevis, Vice Chair Vandermeulen, Members Lydiah Gracia, Kory Gehring

Members Tardy:

Members Absent: Tory Kim

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
- Members

Committee Business:

- FL Zeta Phi Delta Epsilon
 - Application Link:
 - Name of Event: Phi Delta Epsilon International Convention
 - Event website: <https://phide.org/PhiDEMember/Convention/Convention-Homepage.aspx?WebsiteKey=e0a238d4-1672-41d5-9fa2->
 - Preliminary Remarks:

- Asking for
 - Registration: \$6,750
 - Car Rental: \$0
 - Mileage: \$100
 - Airfare: \$4,200
 - Lodging: \$2,280
 - Other
 - Total: \$13,330
 - Date of Event: 1/11/24-1/14/24
 - Number of Active Members: 139
 - Number Traveling: 15
 - RSO Presentation:
 - Questioning/Notes
 - Phi Delta Epsilon holds an international conference in Chicago in January,
 - Asking for \$14,000, which is enough to cover 12 members
 - Only 41% of medical school applicants get in, and the FSU chapter wants to be a part of that with their 3.73 average GPA
 - Was easier to finance last year's trip to Atlanta, but this year is more travel, so they came to SGA
 - Gracia: How many cars are you using and remind me what city?
 - Rep: We're driving to Atlanta and staying with one of our members who lives there, and then taking an early morning flight to Chicago O'Hare. Depending on funding, we may use one to three vehicles.
 - Bevis: How much money has your organization fundraised?
 - Rep: \$16,000 over the past year, and a large portion of money in the bank is saved for emergency spending.
 - Bevis: What kind of fundraising have you done?
 - Rep: We had an annual carnival event called Stand for the Kids. Our biggest thing was having bounce houses, jousting, games, etc. on the Union Green. It was open to all FSU students.
 - Bevis: What hotel are you staying at?
 - Rep: Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel, attached to the airport.
 - Bevis: Members are given a discounted rate of \$129 per room, right?
 - Rep: Yes.
 - Bevis: How many people to a room?
 - Rep: Four.
 - Gracia: Is it exclusive to fraternity members/due payers?
 - Rep: The event is international, so it invites members from all over the world. In regard to Florida State, you would have to be a member of Phi Delta Epsilon.
 - Bevis: If you were not able to get full funding, are there any areas where you would like us to prioritize funding?
 - Rep: The biggest expense for members is the registration fee. We tried to find the cheapest possible price for everything else to do with travel.
 - Motion: Vandermeulen motioned to enter roundtable discussion. Gracia seconded.
 - **Deliberations:**
 - Gracia: It's not open to everyone, so we can't fund it.

- Bevis: That's what I discussed with our advisors. They said it's a tricky gray area.
- Gracia: This wouldn't be a great look being heard in front of Senate.
- Bevis: Definitely, not Finance Committee either, let alone a full Senate. There are already \$51,000 worth of requests for next spring.
 - *Opens document to show line items*
- Gracia motioned to fund \$0 in registration, \$0 in mileage, \$0 in airfare, and \$0 in lodging. Vandermeulen seconded.
- Vandermeulen motioned to call the question the line item. Gracia seconded.
- Vote to fund \$0 in registration, \$0 in mileage, \$0 in airfare, and \$0 in lodging.
 - Yay: Gracia, Gehring, Vandermeulen
 - Nay:
 - Abstain:
 - **PASS**

Closing Announcements:

- Chair
 - Welcome to RTAC, I can't wait to work with all of you. Andrew showed me that we have a lot of funding coming up, so there are many more decisions to be made. I took a look at previous RTAC spending, and it usually lasts about five to seven weeks. Hopefully, we can make it through to February and maybe close to spring break.
- Vice Chair
 - I'm excited to learn more about how all this works given that I'm relatively new.
- Members
 - None

Adjourned at 5:19pm

Signature of RTAC Chair:

Parker Bevis