



**The Florida State University
Student Government Association
69th Student Senate
Budget Committee Hearing Report
September 27, 2017**

Attendance:

Present: Chair Pimentel, Senator Bolton, Senator Correa , Vice-Chair Dawkins, Senator Rodriguez

Absent: Senator Barker, Senator Roldon, Senator Myles, Senator Rodriguez, Senator Correa, Senator Roman, Senator Jackson, Senator Knight-Baker, Senator Joseph, Senator Myles

Guest: Senator Steinberg

Organizations: Asian American Student Union, SCURC, Medical Response Unit, Office of Elections, and Campus Rec and Sports Clubs

Announcements and Messages:

- None.

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

- 9:00 A.M. - 9:20 A.M. - Asian American Student Union
 - Director: Lindsey Slater
 - Treasurer: Yun Chi Chiang
 - Opening:
 - The AASU is an agency under the executive branch of SGA which serves to promote and provide for social welfare of the Asian American Student Union.
 - Details:
 - Food:
 - 2017-18: \$3,350
 - **2018-19: \$3,350**
 - Contractuals
 - 2017-18: \$10,000
 - **2018-19: \$10,000**
 - Clothing/Awards
 - 2017-18: \$1,000
 - **2018-19: \$1,000**
 - Expense
 - 2016-17: \$5,555
 - **2017-18: \$5,555**
 - Travel: \$4,403
 - They use this for homecoming to rent the U-Haul and the biggest area of the this will go is to the East Coast Asian American Student Union conference.
 - OPS
 - 2017-18: \$2,335



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- **2018-19: \$2,335**
- Total Budget Request:
 - 2017-18: \$22,595
 - **2018-19: \$22,595**
- Questions:
 - Senator Bolton asked are t-shirts available to all students?
 - Yes
 - How many students get sponsored for the conference?
 - FSU paid for nine,
 - Senator Dawkins asked why they requested the exact same amount of money from the previous year?
 - They decided that it was a safe bet to ask for the same because they did not want to get cut.
 - Senator Bolton did they have any budgeting problems in the year?
 - Their keynote speaker could not come because they were not in their budget
- Closing:
 - None.
- 11:20 A.M. - 11:40 A.M. - SCURC
 - Director: Kirsten Christensen
 - Treasurer: Julia Gorday
 - Opening:
 - The Student Council for Undergraduate Research and Creativity
 - Treasurer could not be present because of no overlapping availability.
 - Details:
 - SCURC supports undergraduate research and creative projects to prepare student for graduate school.
 - Research I Institution
 - Top 6 university for undergraduate research excellence (Council on Undergraduate Research, 2015)
 - 25% of FSU undergraduates engaged in research outside classroom (2013 report)
 - “But I Don’t Do Research”
 - University Impact
 - Overall academic excellence & recruiting top students
 - Funding
 - ...Considering starting now!
 - Univeristy Impact
 - Subjective measure of 1-5, asked of peer academic institutions
 - “Assessment of Excellence” - aka Undergraduate Academic Reputation, has the largest impact at 22.5% of the total measure
 - Methods of Impact



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- *Travel Grants* - Funding to offset costs for undergraduate students to present at academic conferences
- *Publication* - Annual publication of Florida State University's peer-reviewed undergraduate research journal, the OWL, and newsletter
- *Research Presentations and Events* - Opportunities for students to share their original research and creative work with peers
- *Peer Advising and Workshops* - Discipline specific individual meetings and workshops to introduce students to undergraduate research and guide them into getting involved
- Travel Grants
 - Over 100 all time travel grant applications
 - 27 applications last fiscal year
 - Other sources of fundings are limited
 - College of Arts and Sciences
 - Limited funding in recent years; not available to all students
 - Honors and Honors in the Major
 - Available only to Honors and Honors in the Major Students
 - Total requested was \$15,120.80
- Publication
 - Editorial board comprised of 7 undergraduate students
 - 8 editions over 7 years
- Research Presentations
- Peer Advising
 - Present at LLC, FiG Groups and UROP classes
- OPS Wages - \$729
 - 3 hours per week, \$8.10
- Expense - \$16500
 - \$6,000 for publication
 - Costs \$6000-7000 for full printing, they printed \$3,000 worth last year.
 - 10,000 for Undergraduate Travel Grants
 - \$500 for Promotional items
 - Maximum allowed grant is \$500
- Food - \$600
 - \$600 to provide food at our events
- **The 2018 total request is \$17,829.0**
- **The biggest things are their Travel Grants and OWL.**
- Questions:
 - Senator Bolton asked if they used student publications?
 - They use it for color printing and to help create flyer designs.



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- Who do they ask to print the OWL?
 - Gambies printing
 - Senator Rodriguez asked to receive expense reports?
 - They will be sending it to us.
- Closing:
 - None.
- 11:40 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. - Medical Response Unit
 - Speakers: Elizabeth Ruta(Director) and Julian Feliu (Treasurer)
 - Organization comprised of 100 students
 - 8am-8pm shifts M-F
 - Provide medical support for RSOs and other campus events
 - Budget Requested
 - Total: \$41, 446.40
 - Expenses: \$33,844
 - OPS: \$5702.40
 - Clothing & Awards: \$1,500
 - Food: \$400
 - Expenses breakdown: \$33,844
 - New cart \$17,000
 - EMS foundation annual membership \$25
 - New equipment/supplies \$8,625
 - Response bag \$3,569.4
 - [Each bag \$997.16 x 7 = \$6980.12 price of additional supplies included in new equipment section]
 - car and maintenance \$210
 - travel expense \$4415
 - clothing and awards \$15 per shirt (100 shirts)
 - how do we impact the student body?
 - 60 hrs of volunteering from students in the program
 - offer roles of advancement
 - bridge programs
 - much more
 - free service on campus
 - 200+ this last year
 - 149 events (DM had 80 patients)
 - since the start of fall 2017: 30 calls
 - save students a quarter of a million dollars
 - questions:
 - senator Bolton: "would you consider doing shirts instead of polos to cut the cost from \$1500 to 500? "



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- response: we aim to keep the more professional look considering we are treating people and their lives are in our hands.
- Senator Rodriguez: "so at DM is there an ambulance or is it only MRU?"
 - Response: no only MRU. Leon county will only come for a major emergency and we will make that decision for them to come."
- Senator Rodriguez: "Can you provide the quote for the repairs of the cart?"
 - Response: "no because the maintenance is done via FSU PD"
- Senator Bolton: "do you transport to the hospital?"
 - Response: no do not but do transport to DUHS"

- 12:40 P.M. - 1:00 P.M. - Office of Elections - ***Heard Thursday (Sept. 28, 2017)***
- 1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. - Campus Rec and Sports Clubs
 - Overview of Participation & Services
 - 27,722 student visitors
 - 929,987 total visits
 - 3124 hours of group fitness
 - 12,099 unique participants in IM & Sports Club
 - 451, 476 total participants in IM sports
 - 6,171 IM sports scheduled
 - 11,466 Rez visitors & OP
 - 28,533 total visits to the FSU Reservation Waterfront Park
 - 25 year old Leach
 - 75% of student participated in general
 - 730 students employed
 - 1,581,118
 - **2018/2019 BUDGET REQUEST**
 - **Salaries - \$1,976,000**
 - **Fitness facilities and programs \$2,088,000**
 - OPS Wages \$780,000
 - Expense \$1,308,000
 - **Intramural Sports & Sport facilities \$977,000**
 - OPS Wages \$377,000
 - Expense \$600,000
 - **Outdoor Adventures \$425,000**
 - OPS Wages \$303,000
 - Expense \$122,000
 - **Support Services \$180,000**
 - 45 salaries employees (only 28 fully funded & 10 partially funded; other employees get funded by profit from rentals)
 - OPS Wages \$40,000
 - Expense \$140,000



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■ **TOTAL \$5,646,000**

- Possible restoration of these cuts from 2017
 - Reduction in late night hrs at Leach Center
 - An elimination of weekend hrs and reduction of summer hours at FMC
 - 25% reduction in free group fitness class offerings per week
 - reduction in free personal training services available to students
 - reduction in league spaces for teams in the 6 major intramurals sport of flag football, volleyball, kickball, rec soccer, basketball, and softball
 - a reduction in summer hrs at main campus fields & westside courts
 - limiting the FSU Rez to operating on 4 days per week in fall and spring semesters (TH-Sun noon -7pm) >>> if budget approved (
 - a reduction in the operational hours of the climbing wall at the FSU Reservation
 - the elimination of the outdoor adventure equipment rental programs
- Further cuts in 2018, Pending Allocation
 - The conversion of workout & bath towel service to paid by semester service \$33,000/yr
 - Reductions in ability to acquire new fitness equipment to replacing aging pieces
 - Further reductions in league spaces for teams in various intramural sports
 - Reduction in evening operating hours at the Main Campus Fields & Westside courts
 - Elimination of intramural sports in the summer terms
- QUESTIONS
- Chair Pimentel: If we are not able to fulfill your budget request from 2016-2017 but higher than 2017-2018, what would be an ideal middle ground?
- Chair Pimentel: Are there senators present at your budget process meetings?
 - No, but we are interested and would welcome them.
 - Key ways we make money:
 - Facility rentals (i.e. tully, fields)
 - Memberships for faculty and staff
 - Fitness programming
 - Rez retreat centers
 - Aquatic Program
 - We do not look into making money from students.
- Senator Bolton: Is there any way we can sing a record of your profit and losses?
- Senator Jackson: How are you determining bringing back programs that you cut? What is the protocol?



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- We look at numbers and take feedback. Rec Board also assists in the process. We haven't surveyed yet because we do not want to raise false expectations.
- 1:42 PM Sports Club Program
 - 37 clubs
 - 1,962 student participants
 - 8,206 hours of involvement
- **2018-2019 BUDGET REQUEST**
 - **memberships \$18,475**
 - **travel \$85,500**
 - **facility rentals \$12,750**
 - **equipment \$11,675**
 - **administrative \$600**
 - **education materials \$1,000**
 - **TOTAL 130,000**
- Majority of Costs
 - League Memberships
 - Travel
 - 228 separate trips
 - 92 different cities
 - 18 different states
 - Facility Rentals
 - Hosting
 - Equipment Needs
 - Majority is protective equipment

Unfinished Business:

- None

Closing Announcements:

- None

Adjourn: