

**Budget Hearing Day 2 Minutes**  
**Tuesday, March 26th, Senate Chambers**

Society for Musicology

- Committee Members Present: Jack, Maddie, and Elizabeth
- Presenters: Julian Duncan
- Start Time: 3:23 PM

Highlights:

- Budget renewal for \$6k contractual services (speakers, etc); \$400 food
- Fundraisers
  - Membership donations for \$10
  - T shirts for \$15 / unit
  - Special Calls for donations
    - Undergrad Music Research Symposium prize of \$100
- Approx 35 members

Questions Transcript:

- M: did you mention your membership?
  - A: about 35 people
  - J: can you review the cost of your t shirts
  - A: this year we made \$45 on the first day of the year; total of about \$90.
  - J: how many people attend the various events?
  - A: depends on the lecture, but generally around 30-40 people; may increase due to pull
  - J: primarily FSU student attendees?
  - A: yes, but open to the public. Undergraduates attend on occasion.
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African Graduate Student Association

- Committee Members Present: Jack, Maddie, Elizabeth, Chris
- Presenters: Marie Biabo
- Start Time: 4:02 PM

Highlights:

- Budget request for \$2.5k
- Events:
  - Workshops
  - Meetings, trainings, and elections
  - Sports and entertainment events (see PPT for more details)
    - Soccer match; \$337 from COGS for refreshments
  - Beach Trip
    - Big travel event (PCB)
    - Total reaches nearly \$2k re: transportation

- End of year Gala
  - Catered (African food)
  - Other costs not disclosed (e.g., decorations and refreshments)
- Int'l Bazaar did not incur any fees for AGSA
- Pot Luck did not incur any fees for AGSA
- Coffee hour(s) did not incur any fees for AGSA
- Intercultural Workshop would have greatly benefitted from submitting a purchase request
- Career Center Event; \$263.60 COGS funds approved
- FSU-FAMU relationship
  - Transportation issues
- Financials
  - Two more events scheduled this term which will lower their existing balance
  - Request reflects a balance for incoming board to start off strong
  - See PPT for history of fund requests and current balance [\$3978.90]
  - T shirts through Custom Ink [around \$700 / order]; \$1290 allocation from COGS
- Fundraisers
  - No dues
- Approx 167 members on whatsapp
- 47 active members on Nole Central
  - Mostly STEM; mostly male

#### Questions Transcript:

- Marie: will there be a link to the budget?
  - J: zoom and in-person deliberations.
  - Marie: for funds that have been personally funded by individual members of the organization, is there an opportunity for reimbursement?
  - J: No, we are unable to refund individuals.
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#### Graduate Researchers in Geography

- Committee Members Present: Jack, Maddie, Elizabeth, Chris, Josh
- Presenters: Kaitlynn Jones
- Start Time: 4:33

#### Highlights:

- \$1.9k = \$400 contractual services; \$1.2k food; \$300 t shirts
- Events (fall and spring only)
  - 1x / month with some exceptions
  - GBMs 1x / month
  - Welcome back and end of sem events are the biggest
  - Students and the public
  - Social, academic, professional, and service events

- AAG Conference coming up in April
- Goals
  - Continue the events (use COGS \$\$ for refreshments, etc)
  - Grow membership and attendance
  - More workshops
- Approx 30 members (grad and professional students)

#### Questions Transcript:

- Josh: has the \$1.9k been spent sufficiently before?
  - A: yes
  - Chirs: with 30 members, how many attend the events?
  - A: end of year socials approx. 20-30 with families and S/Os included. 5-10 for small group events like study group, presentation groups, etc. Networking event usually pulls approx. 15.
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#### Southeast Review

- Committee Members Present: Joshua (Chair) Jack, Maddie, Elizabeth, Chris
- Presenters: Emilio, Maggie
- Start Time: 5:04pm

#### Highlights:

- SE Review is an international literary magazine established in 1979.
- 24 permanent staff members, but team grows to ~40 during publication.
- Works from SER have been anthologized in other renowned publishers.
- Provides the magazine (twice/year), professional experience for publishing team and undergraduate interns, and community engagement.
  - SER has been recognized for its work in showing the career opportunities in the humanities.
  - The Prison Writing Program connects writers and those from different English departments. They go to the Gadsden Women's Prison to teach courses on writing and English. Gives the students teaching experience and helps with improving life for the prisoners. Have been working to improve the program, including creating a portfolio of work by incarcerated writers.
- Goals for next year:
  - Expand community engagement,
  - Provide more professional development, and
  - Maintain the biannual printing.
- Projected income for '24-'25: ~\$17,500.
- Requesting \$7,050, with an emphasis on Cont. Services and Expense.
- The Social Justice Reading Event is a keynote event
  - Q&A as well as a free reading by the author.
  - Franny Choi this year (funded by COGS Unallocated)

- AWP Reading Event (Association for Writing Programs)
    - Self-pays for travel to AWP.
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#### Questions Transcript:

- Rowan: Are FSU students charged for copies of the Review?
  - A: Yes, if they aren't on staff.
  - Rowan: We likely can't fund the AWP because it isn't in Tallahassee. For the copies, there needs to be an option for FSU students to receive free copies.
  - Siegel: Maybe they can strongly encourage a donation?
  - Rowan: Yeah, please get us confirmation that you can do that by Friday.
  - Cyrille: Do you have internal events?
  - A: Yes.
  - Schumm: Are there people on the team from outside English?
  - A: Yes, some computer science working in design. Always open for people from other disciplines.
  - Siegel: I'm very impressed with your work. EASL has been interested in publishing, so this is impressive.
  - Schumm: Echoing that!
  - A: We strongly work with Kudzu to recruit interns and recruit graduate students to FSU.
  - Burns: Love the community outreach. Please reach out to me to follow up on the free publications for students.
  - Rowan: Even if you just leave some free copies out in Williams, that would be helpful.
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#### Masters of Public Health Student Association

(Rescheduled to Thursday)

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#### MSC

- Committee Members Present: Joshua (Chair) Jack, Maddie, Elizabeth (Members Present: Felix)
- Presenters: Jake Guzzino, Juliette Hernandez
- Start Time: 6:04pm

#### Highlights:

- MSC is the liaison org between COGS and the Medical Student Body.
- Works to enhance the standard of education at FSU.
- Fosters Diverse & Exceptional Opportunities through funding events
- COM Graduate/Professional students generated ~\$400k in A&S Fees

- 35 RSOs
  - Specialty Interest Groups
  - Professional Societies
  - Community Wellness Groups
  - Subcommittees
    - New RSOs on probationary status for their first-year.
- RSOs have already submitted requests to MSC, totaling \$172,302.
  - Food Expenses,
  - National Org Memberships
  - Speaker Funds, etc.
- Spent ~\$34k in Spring 2024.
- Got \$84k last budget, totaled \$96k when adding sweepings.
- Food request has increased because the idea of funding conference travel was scrubbed due to the individual COGS grants.
  - But orgs have expressed an interest in using more expense funds in order to help pay for national memberships.
- MSC hosts many community service events
  - Screenings for FSU students and the community at-large.
  - Teddy Bear Clinic
  - Biomed will table to boost interest in STEM.
- Previously helped to run COVID vaccine drives.
- Lunch & Learns are very popular!
  - Panels about many different interest groups.
- Special Weeks
  - Racism Awareness Week (RAW)
- Welcome events for new MD/PA students
- Skills Workshops
  - Suture & Anesthesia Clinics,
  - Multipart Ultrasound Symposium
  - Disaster Preparedness Day
- Social Events

#### Questions Transcript:

- Rowan: Would you benefit from consolidating funds into Expense?
- A: Very much so!

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#### Higher Education Student Association

- Committee Members Present: Joshua (Chair), Jack, Maddie, Elizabeth
- Presenters: Zac Collins, Dylan Fields
- Start Time: 6:32pm

#### Highlights:

- HESA supports Higher Education graduate students and liaisons between students and the university.
- 70 active Members, 9-member Exec
- Requesting \$6,750
- C&A is for shirts and tote bags
- Food is for 2 Socials, Orientation, First-Year Masters & Doctoral Events, also Additional Events
- Expenses for above events.
- Any member can seek to host an event, which is paid for out of “additional events.”

#### Questions Transcript:

- Rowan: Not a question, just noting that the money for tote bags should be shifted to expense.
  - Burns: What are some events for the rest of the year?
  - A: End of Year social, a GBM, and an internship fair. HESA has surveyed prior cohorts and have sought to use the feedback to design programming.
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#### Masters of Applied American Politics and Policy Association

- Committee Members Present: Joshua (Chair) Jack, Maddie
- Presenters: Daniel Muniz, Col Stinson
- Start Time: 7:01pm

#### Highlights:

- MAAPPA is a new org, built to support the students in the MAAPP program.
- First budget created, tried to keep it lower
- Asking for Cont. Services to attract speakers who can talk about politics and government. As well as live music for some events.
- Expenses include a retractable banner for MAAPP events, as well as MAAPPA promotional items.
- Food for the “MAAPP at the Cap”, MAAPP Guest Bartending, and the Welcome Reception.
- C&A for shirts, ties, hats, etc. Also for awards (embroidered handkerchief for MAAPP graduates, similar to the Sine Die handkerchief).

#### Questions Transcript:

- Rowan: So, the banner you are requesting is different than the request that is pending before COGS?
- A: Yes, the pending request is for graduation only. The budget request is for a general-use.
- Burns: Are the handkerchiefs C&A?
- Rowan: They're probably Expense. How much should we move over?
- A: Will look into that.

- Siegel: Thanks for the presentation, like the straightforwardness.

Hearings Day 2 adjourned at 7:13pm.

Hearings Day 3 begins at 11:45am on March 27, 2024, in the Senate Chamber.