



**The Florida State University
Student Government Association
69th Student Senate
Budget Committee Report September 20, 2017**

Call to Order: 6:09 P.M.

Attendance:

Present: Chair Pimentel, Senator Roman, Vice-Chair Dawkins, Senator Knight-Baker, Senator Correra, Senator Bolton, Senator Rodriguez, Senator Jackson, Senator Roldan, Senator Joseph

Absent: Senator Barker

Guest: Senator Pinango, Senate President Wilkerson Joseph, Senator Steinberg, Senator Pro-Temp Bousbar

Announcements and Messages:

- Ms. Danielle Acosta mentioned that only four of the senators are financially certified and that they all (Senators) need to get that test completed before Budget Week approaches this Friday.
 - o For anyone who submitted late documents we will have to vote if we will accept the request or not.
 - o Make sure to show up to meeting if you sign up to be there for that hearing, do not skip class to go to a session.
 - o We will be starting Friday morning at 8 a.m. until it is over.
 - o 15-20 minutes' sessions
 - o If you are a part of an organization that is requesting funds you must remain impartial or you will be called out by Mrs. Acosta.
 - o The funds come down from the Florida legislature and this power was given to us by them so we have to make sure we are handling this responsibility.

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

Bill 50 – (Senator Barker) Tabled (**Senator was not present**)

Yay: Nay: Abstain:

Bill 82 – (Senator Billisi) Tabled (**Senator was not present**)

Yay: Nay: Abstain:

Bill 84 – (Senator Pinango, Senator Roldan)

- Description:
 - o Senator Pinango opened up and spoke about the purpose this bill. It is supposed to help HLSU pay for their shirts for Hispanic Heritage Month.
 - They will buy 300 shirts
- Chair Pimentel opened for technical not datable questions
 - o Vice-Chair Dawkins asked for unit price
 - They will be 7.08 per shirt
 - o Senator Jackson about how the shirts will be promoted.
 - They will be distributed at all events and will also be promoted on social media



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- Senator Correra spoke in pro on this bill mentioning that they do a good job of promoting their events and they work hard.
- No senators spoke in the first round of con.
- We moved into the second round of pro.
 - o Senator Jackson called the question
 - o Senator Knight-Baker seconded
- Chair Pimentel called the vote

Yay: 8 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

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Unfinished Business:

- None.

Closing Announcements:

- Chair Pimentel spoke about what Budget week will be looking like;
 - o The due date for Budget requests was due this afternoon.
 - o We will have a book together which includes all the requests submitted by each organization.
 - We will also have a digital copy of this
 - o Between this Friday and next week Thursday every morning organization will be coming to us to present the funds requested.
 - o Do not be afraid to ask any questions necessary
 - o Chair Pimentel will have previous requests for reference for senators
 - o Senators will be decided which deliberation they will be present at
 - o Chair Pimentel will try to have our meetings at 7am in the Senate Chambers
 - If you have class you must go, no exceptions
 - o Chair Pimentel will be getting coffee, and pizza possibly.
 - o Any senator or person can attend these meeting; however, senators on the budget committee are the only people allowed to vote about details.
- Ms. Acosta urged them to look at last year's budget and look at the "proviso language".
 - o Proviso Language in words explains how they want the money to be spent that is allocated to each organization.
- Ms. Acosta told us to look at the Finance Code, Budget Code, as well as, the Financial Manual.
- Chair Pimentel is sending us the Florida statutes to review before budget week.
 - o Attire for Budget Week is Business Casual
- Senator Bolton asked a question about the small details about the breakdown of money within the organization that we could possibly get rid of.
 - o Chair Pimentel mentioned that we can ask the organization a question like that during Budget Week.

Adjourn: 6:40 P.M.

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