



**73<sup>rd</sup> Student Senate  
Budget Committee  
Date: 09/08/21 via Zoom**

**Call to Order: 3:04p.m.**

**Members Present:** Chair Gonzalez, Vice Chair Tackett, Senator(s) Berger, Keyser, Lewis

**Members Absent:** Bettley, Dupierier, Molina, Rodriguez

**Guests:** Chris Hagemeyer

**Land Acknowledgment**

**Announcements:**

- Chair Gonzalez - Budget orientation will happen at the next meeting when we have more members in attendance
- Members - None
- Guests - Randall: PAC and RTAC are accepting applications for in person events. Tell your friends and RSO's
- Linsky: Sweepings is open for applications. We hope to allocate the money for eligible organizations. The deadline is next Friday at noon.

**Committee Business:**

- Budget Orientation, Constitutional Amendment 10

**Old Business:**

- None

**New Business:**

- **Constitutional Amendment #10** - Sponsored by Senators Linsky and Randall - To increase the Congress of Graduate Students ability to allocate Activities and Services Fees on behalf of graduate students at Florida State University
  - **Opening:** Linsky: This came about because of the conversation I have had with the COGS speaker. Their budget is low and I wanted to find out why. Their budget is fixed in the constitution so that only 30% of the A&S fees paid by graduates go to COGS, and 70% of the A&S fees they pay go to undergraduates. They do not have enough money to fund their priorities. We wanted to come up with a fair and moderate number for A&S fees, and after speaking to Chair Randall, we came up with a fair allocation of 50% of A&S fees.

- **Questioning Period**
  - Senator Tackett : What does the process look like for this bill if it passes this committee?
  - Senator Linsky: If it passes here, it will go to the judiciary committee, then it will go to the floor for a 2/3rd vote. Then if it passes on the senate floor, it will go to the supreme court for them to decide if it is prudent. Then it will go on the ballot regardless where it needs 66% of votes to be amended on the constitution. The election is a good test to see if COGS deserves this extra money.
- **Roundtable Debate**
  - Senator Tackett: **Move to enter roundtable**
  - Lewis: **So seconded**
  - Tackett: I am in full support of this bill. The sponsors did great work and the COGS speaker approves of this. I hope this passes the two-third threshold with the student body during the election. I hope everyone votes yes today.
- **Motion to Call the Question**
  - Senator Tackett: **Move**
  - Senator Lewis: **So Seconded**
- **Closing:**
- **Voting Results:**
  - Yes - (4) Tackett, Berger, Keyser, Lewis
  - No - (0)
  - Abstention - (0)
- **Bill passes**

**Unfinished Business:**

- None

**Closing Announcements: Chair:** State of the Student Body is today. I am not sure if anyone heard about the events that happened at the football game. There will be a forum on Friday with the Student Body President and the Student Affairs Vice President Amy Hecht. Please make an effort to go and support the student body.

**Next Meeting:** September 14th at 6pm pending legislation

**Adjourned:** 3:18 p.m.




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Signature of Chair