73ʳᵈ Student Senate
Finance Committee
October 25ᵗʰ, 2021

Call to Order: 9:05 PM
Members Present: Chair Randall, Senators Bergen, Edouard, Naranjo, Wood
Members Tardy:
Members Absent: Satizbal-Prieto (E), Fineout (E), Vice-Chair Bowling (E)
Suspended: Senators Bouchard
Guests: Chair Roy, Parliamentarian Rowan

Approval of the Minutes:
- Edouard moves to approve the minutes from October 18, 2021
  - Naranjo Seconds

Announcements:
- 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.
  - Need more RTAC requests
- Vice-Chair
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- Members
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- Guests

- Roy: PAC ran long. I'm working on the CR and minutes from PAC right now. Please allow me time to finish this.

Committee Business:
- **Consent Resolution 30** - Sponsored by Chair Roy (P) - Allocating funds to the College Republicans at Florida State University, Network of Enlightened Women, Filipino Student Association, Renegade Leadership Honor Society, and Caribbean Students' Association

Legislative Roundtable
- Chapter 803 SGA Budgetary Categories & Categorical Restrictions: Liam Fineout
  - Fineout is assigned. Present at next meeting.
- Chapter 805 Penalties for Misspent Funds & Violations of the Finance Code: Adam Bowling
  - See 9/22 minutes.
- Chapter 804 Self-Generated Funds: Bergen
  - Present next week.
- Chapter 808 Forms pertaining to Funding Boards shall be jointly determined by the Senate President and SGA Director of Student Affair: Satzibal-Prieto
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- Chapter 809 Policy on Reserve Accounts: Randall
  - Chair Roy is working on this.
  - I want to start by asking student affairs what the actual policy is governing this account and where is it written
  - Needs a lot more clarity
- Chapter 810 Headliner Account Restrictions: Wood
  - Wood: Doesn't think this section needs to exist
  - Wood: Doubtful that this account is still in use
  - Wood: Needs to check with Laurel
  - Wood: No clear definition of what a headliner account is
    - Wood: May not be useful for us to define this now when it was created by the 51st senate
    - Randall: The goal of looking at the Finance code is to improve on what is already there. If things need to be defined, let's do that. If clarification needs to be given, let's clarify things. Statute changes are all about doing the work and fixing what's broken
  - Wood: If headliner accounts are no longer being used, let's get rid of it
  - Wood: The statues don't say what the headliner account CAN be used for
- Chapter 811 The Service Funding Act of 2009: Bowling
  - Present next week.
- Chapter 812 iClicker Equipment: Edouard
  - Edouard: Might be beneficial to only have these rules exist on the canvas page because these statutes only relate to senators
  - Rowan: 812(C)(1) is already covered in Rule 11.12 in the Senate Rules of Procedure.
  - Randall: IMO, iClickers don't belong in the finance code. They belong in the Rules of Procedure.
  - Edouard: I agree. This belongs in the Rules of Procedure.

New Business:

- Confirmations
  - N/A
- Bills
  - N/A
- Resolutions
  - **Consent Resolution 30** - Sponsored by Chair Roy (P)
    - Opening Statement:
      - Roy: This is one of the largest CRs we've had in the past year. For College Republicans, they requested $20k. They were recommended to sweepings and sweepings funded them $5k. They came back to PAC because we tabled them and they needed an additional $15k to get Ben Shapiro. They told us that the event wouldn't happen without receiving the full $15k, but PAC wasn't happy with that number and zero-funded them. The Network of Enlightened Women is a new RSO that was approved in the past 2 months. They want to host Allie Stuckey, a reporter from Fox. They reserved a small room in the Globe that seats 60 people, but after discussing it in PAC they've agreed to move the event to Wesley if they receive $5k in funding. Their event will be held on November 8th and they'll be working with FSU GOP and Students for life to fundraise an additional $3k for the event. The Filipino Student Association was tabled last week and came back this week with a definitive quote and their vendor approved. Renegade Leadership Honor society is hosting an induction ceremony off campus and they're requesting money for food and expenses. They'll be providing carpools for this event to make it more accessible to the whole student body. PAC changed their food amount from their initial request to make sure that the event is truly open to the student body. The Caribbean Student Association wants shirts and it's a simple request. I believe the $5,000 for the Network of Empowered Women will require special approval in this committee and on the Senate floor.
      - Roy yields with 0:23 remaining.
    - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
      - Wood: Has the Network of Enlightened Women reached out to Wesley Foundation?
        - Roy: They were just heard tonight by PAC and only received our recommendation an hour or so ago. I will ask whether they've confirmed the space.
      - Wood: Have they held an event in Wesley before?
        - Roy: No, they're a new org.
      - Wood: Has the Network of Enlightened Women advertised this event publicly?
        - Roy: No. Waiting on funding before publicizing the event.
      - POC, Wood: I am a regular attendee of Wesley and the pastor said that they have a best buddies gala on that night.
    - Round-Table Discussion:
      - Wood moves to enter round-table discussion; Bergen seconds
      - Randall: Roy, expound upon how the Network of Empowered Women determined their event location?

- ○ Roy: PAC committee members decided that they had two options: Fund the small location for 60 people in the Globe for $4k or fund the large location in Wesley for 166 people for $5k. PAC decided to fund the larger space to increase the benefit to the student body.
- Wood: For the Network of Empowered Women event, what is the breakdown of their event costs and how did PAC decide what to fund?
  - ○ Roy: The speaker is $10k with a $2k discount. They asked for $8k and we wanted to half fund the cost.
- Wood: For that same event, the $5k in PAC funding is under the condition that they're securing bigger space. How did they plan to fundraise for the smaller space?
  - ○ Roy: They are partnering with the College Republicans and Students for Life. They hope to continue partnering with more orgs as they grow as an RSO.
- Wood: Does the Network of Empowered Women have to pay for the speaker ahead of time?
  - ○ Roy: Yes. The org said that they need it "sooner rather than later." The vendor told them that the deadline is October 29.
- Wood: What vendor is the Network of Empowered Women contracting their speaker through?
  - ○ Roy: Leadership Institute. They are an approved vendor with quotes.
- Wood: Wesley books out far in advance. I doubt they'd be able to take something on with short notice. This is often because the Wesley Board of Directors has to approve all events before the space can be confirmed.
- Wood: For the Network of Empowered Women, how did PAC decide on 4k vs 5k?
  - ○ Roy: Committee members decided based on which option they thought would help improve the college experience for the most FSU students while still being reasonable in price. Because of this, the larger event space and $5k funding was more appealing.
- Wood: Did the Network of Empowered Women say if they can hold the event if they were only given $4k?
  - ○ Roy: Yes, they can still hold it.
- Wood: I struggle to see how they can fundraise an extra $1000 in a week.
- Edouard: I serve as Ms. Caribbean student association and can give feedback on the CSA request. These t-shirts are for members and the student body. We tried to fundraise but it was hard to get results because most of us are broke college students. This will help Carribean students feel more represented on campus and help grow the RSO.
- Wood: How many people can attend the Renegade Honor Society event?
  - ○ Roy: 100 people in the studio event space.
- Wood: how many people are in the Renegade Honor Society?

- ○ Roy: 63
- Wood: How many people are the Renegade Honor Society inducting?
  - ○ Roy: around 20 new members
- Wood: how is the Renegade Honor Society advertising this event?
  - ○ Roy: They have flyers and will advertise that they are providing transportation to people who don't have a car.
- Edouard: 36 members of the Renegade Honor Society are being inducted. 65 members are estimated to attend the dinner. The event is open to everyone.
- Randall: Roy, can you clarify the information that Senator Edouard just said?
  - ○ Roy: 80 is the combined members and inductees. Based on 63 active members, I'm guessing 17 inductees.
- Edouard: My mistake. Chair Roy is correct.
- Wood: In the Renegade Honor Society's posts, I would like to see a specific day, time, and meeting place for carpools.
- Wood: how do members of the Renegade Honor Society sign up to attend the event?
  - ○ Roy: Originally the event was only RSVP, but I think it's now fully open in order to keep the event accessible to the student body.
- Wood: I'm doubtful that the Network of Enlightened Women will be able to pull off this event. Doesn't seem like it was well planned. It seems like a lot of money.
- Edouard: I agree.
- Wood: Do you have any other information regarding the planning of the Network of Enlightened Women event?
  - ○ Roy: I presented most of the information that was given in the PAC hearing. Once the vendor receives confirmation that the org has received PAC funding, they may choose to reduce the cost further. This reduction will be based on funding from SGA and other fundraising sources.
- Wood: I don't think the Network of Enlightened Women has provided enough context for their request.
- Wood moves to amend to zero fund the Network of Enlightened Women because he doesn't feel that we were provided with adequate reasoning and the reductions to the price are not in writing. Also, their event venue is not available on the day that they were planning to hold the event.
  - ○ Edouard seconds.
  - ○ Roy does not find amendment friendly.
  - ○ POI, Randall: Rowan, can you clarify how we should proceed? We handle it like a bill, right?
    - ■ Rowan: Because it's an amendment, it's debated like a bill.
  - ○ Opening on amendment:
    - ■ Wood: The Network of Enlightened Women doesn't have a quote for their speaker. We're relying on this new org to fundraise for $3k in 4 days. They didn't plan this ahead of time. They didn't have a venue

that PAC was happy with because PAC wasn't happy with the small venue. Considering that their new venue isn't available on the new day, I think that this event isn't well planned. Because they can't move this event back due to their speaker's pregnancy this spring, I decided to 0 fund the RSO. I would have considered this differently if they were able to move it back.
- ■ Wood yields with 3:07 remaining.
- ○ Technical Non/debatable on amendment:
  - ■ None.
- ○ Roundtable on amendment:
  - ■ Edouard moves to enter roundtable discussion; Seconded by Naranjo.
  - ■ Edouard: As far as supporting the amendment, I agree with Wood that the event didn't seem well thought out. That's a lot of money to raise in a short amount of time. I'd hate to fund them for something not possible. Conversely, we could maybe reduce the amount funded to $1000. I can understand where Wood and Roy are coming from but maybe we can give them less instead of giving them nothing.
  - ■ Satzibal Prieto: I agree with Wood because everything seems up in the air. I don't think they would benefit from just $1000. I'm not sure about funding them $5k if they aren't sure whether they are moving the venue. Especially since the date of the event is really close.
  - ■ POI, Edouard: Wasn't there an issue with the location?
    - ● Roy: No. That was for the Renegade Honor Society.
  - ■ POI Satzibal Prieto: can we table this?
    - ● Randall: any legislation can be tabled. In my opinion, tabling an amendment on a piece of legislation would table the entire legislation.
  - ■ POI, Randall: Rowan, am I correct?
    - ● Rowan: I disagree with the Chair. If the amendment was tabled and the committee passed the legislation, the amendment would be considered dead.
  - ■ POI, Randall: Roy, do you have a comment on this?
    - ● Roy: We didn't table this because the funds are needed by friday. If it would be tabled, they wouldn't get the funds in time.
  - ■ POI, Randall: Is the RSO aware that this is a reimbursement process?
    - ● Roy: No.

- - - ■ POI, Randall: Rowan, did I make a mistake?
          - ● Rowan: I don't believe PAC reimburses
          - ● Randall: all SGA funds are reimbursements
      - ■ POI, Edouard: Randall, when you say reimbursement, does that mean that the org would have to have it upfront to pay?
          - ● Randall: If SGA accounting can pay for an expense directly with a p-card or purchase order then they will do that. Otherwise, I believe that the finance code and PAC policies state explicitly that receiving A&S fees is a reimbursement process in most cases.
      - ■ Naranjo moves to call the question on the amendment. Seconded by Edouard.
    - ○ Closing on amendment
      - ■ Wood: I think that this amendment is something we need to do because the event hasn't had enough prior planning. No solid quotes, no solid venue, and they are unable to move the event back. PAC chose not to give them the full amount and what PAC chose to give them means they don't have enough to host the event in 4 days. If we funded this it would not be a good use of student funds.
    - ○ Vote on amendment:
      - ■ Yes: [3] Bergen, Naranjo, Wood
      - ■ No: [0]
      - ■ Abstain: [2] Edouard, Satzibal-Prieto
      - ■ **RESULT: AMENDMENT PASSES**
- ● Randall: Roy, Was the globe space available for the Network of Enlightened Women?
    - ○ Roy: Yes. They've had it booked for over 30 days.
- ● Satzibal Prieto: Roy, why didn't you fund the FSU GOP?
    - ○ Roy: The reasoning was that it cost $35k to get Ben Shapiro, they got 5k from sweepings, and said that they wouldn't be able to host the event without receiving the full $15k from PAC. We took that as PAC either funds $15k or nothing. PAC decided that 15k was too high a cost and funded nothing.
- ● Wood: The number of shirts listed in the Caribbean Student Association description is wrong.
- ● POI, Randall: Roy, what's the right number of shirts for the Caribbean Student Association?
    - ○ Roy: They were funded for 294 shirts.
- ● Wood moves to amend the description of CSA line item to say 294 instead of 304
    - ○ Edouard Seconds
    - ○ Found friendly by Roy.
- ● Wood: Did the Filipino Student Association confer with Wesley for their event?
    - ○ Roy: Yes

- ● Wood calls the question, Edouard seconds
    - ■ Closing Statement:
        - ● Roy: We'll still be passing a lot of money for great orgs. I appreciate your work.
    - ■ Vote
        - ● Yes: [5] Bergen, Edouard, Naranjo, Wood, Satzibal-Prieto.
        - ● No: [0]
        - ● Abstain: [0]
    - ■ **RESULT: CONSENT RESOLUTION 30 PASSES**

Final Announcements:
- ● Chair
    - ○ None
- ● Vice-Chair
    - ○ None
- ● Members
    - ○
- ● Guests
    - ○ Roy: PAC is looking to meet on Tuesday next week. We have 5 requests next week. Because PAC doesn't have a liaison and Rowan and I will be at a conference, we think it is best to meet on Tuesday.
        - ■ Randall: We will meet on Wednesday at 6:15 to account for PAC and RTAC.
    - ○ Rowan: I would like to congratulate the Finance Committee for sitting through a meeting the length of one of our shorter PAC meetings.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: 11/3/21 at 6:15pm

Adjourned at 11:04 pm