



**73rd Student Senate
Finance Committee
November 10th, 2021**

Call to Order: 6:18 PM

Members Present: Chair Randall, Vice-Chair Bowling, Bergen, Edouard, Naranjo, Satizbal-Prieto,

Members Tardy:

Members Absent: Wood (E), Fineout (U),

Guests: Chairs Roy, Nasworthy, Little, T. Murray, Pro Tempore Wang, President Harmon

Approval of the Minutes:

- Bowling moves to approve the minutes from November 3, 2021
 - Edouard 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.
- Vice-Chair
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- Members
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- Guests
 - Nasworthy- RTAC needs members

Committee Business:

- **Bill 69** - Sponsored by Senator Tackett (P) - Funding for Pride Student Union to give out a sustainable and unique promotional item to grow their influence on campus as well as promote healthy hygiene practices at tabling events.
- **Bill 75** - Sponsored by Senators Tackett, Randall (P) Transferring \$275 from Senate Projects to provide the Jewish Student Union with personalized hand sanitizers.
- **Bill 88** - Sponsored by Senators T. Murray, Preshia (P) - To purchase two picnic tables that will be placed outside of the Rovetta building to allow students to work on homework, eat, and sit before class.
- **Consent Resolution 32** - Sponsored by Chair Nasworthy (P) - Allocating funds to PLUS (Pentecostal Life University Students).
- **Consent Resolution 33** - Sponsored by Chair Roy (P) - Allocating funds to the Dental Brigades

New Business:

- Confirmations
 - None
- Bills
 - **Bill 69** - Sponsored by Senator Tackett (P)
 - Opening Statement:
 - Tackett: This bill is the bidet bill and my legacy. This came after long talks with people across the university Bidets help in several ways
 - Bidets improve accessibility around campus
 - More inclusive with religions and cultures
 - Environmentally friendly
 - More hygienic
 - Saves the university money
 - Improves sexual health
 - Tackett yields with 3:05 remaining.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Bergen: Did someone at the pride student union ask for this
 - Tackett: Yes
 - Bergen moves for non committee members to speak. Seconded by Edouard
 - Pro Tempore Wang: Is this an approved vendor?
 - Tackett: Yes, Amazon
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Edouard moves to enter round-table discussion; Naranjo seconds
 - Prieto: Is this to be given out for an event
 - These will be handed out at GBMs
 - Edouard: Would students have to sit on the toilet to use the bidet
 - Tackett: This is a portable Bidet
 - Naranjo: What does a portable travel bidet look like and how does it work?
 - Tackett: It is collapsable and comes with a carrying pouch
 - Point from Pro tempore Wang: Would we have to put funded by SGA on the bidet

- Tackett: This is not promotional
 - Randall: Paid for by SGA applies to shirts and promotional items, This is what PAC considers as a promotional supply or an event supply
 - Randall: This would have to have paid for by SGA on it because it is being listed as a promotional item
 - Edouard: How many bidets would we be buying
 - Tackett: 60
 - Bergen: How does a bidet promote the Pride student union
 - This is not a promotional item this is an event supply
 - Edouard: I move to make an amendment to strike “A promotional item” and add “event supply”
 - Seconded by Bowling
 - The amendment passes
 - Randall: Paid for by SGA is no longer required on the item
 - Prieto: How did the pride student union come up with this idea
 - Tackett: This is a collaborative solution, the assistant director of pride student union has communicated with me on this. We were in communication and the bidets were suggested to pride.
 - Naranjo: Will students buy the bidets
 - Bowling; No
 - Bowling calls the question, Naranjo seconds
- Closing Statement:
 - Tackett: Thank you so much to the finance committee. Thank you for hearing my bill and I have been working with a great amount of people on this bill. This bill is accessible to all students. I will help anyone with the installation of the bidet.
- Vote
 - Yes: [4] Bowling, Bergen, Edouard, Naranjo, Satizbal-Prieto
 - No: [0]
 - Abstain: [0]
- **RESULT: BILL 69 PASSES**
- **Bill 75** - Sponsored by Senators Tackett, Randall (P)
 - Opening Statement:
 - Tackett: This is to fund JSU for hand sanitizers. They run through these quickly. I talked with the director of JSU and he said this was the most popular item. We have to fund through senate projects because they were not budgeted but they are up to be added to the budget tonight.
 - Tackett yields with 4:00 remaining.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - None
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Naranjo moves to enter round-table discussion; Edouard seconds
 - Prieto: when would this be given out
 - Tackett: every tabling event or GBM
 - Bowling: how many hand sanitizers are we giving out?
 - Tackett: 150
 - Prieto: Will these be purchased from an approved vendor?

- Tackett: yes, fullpress. Same quote as they did before
 - Bowling: would this qualify as a promo item?
 - Tackett: yes
 - Will it have “paid for by sga”?
 - Tackett: they have the sga logo and that counts.
 - Satzibal-Prieto calls the question, Edouard seconds
 - Closing Statement:
 - Tackett: pretty straightforward. This is my last bill.
 - Vote
 - Yes: [3] Edouard, Naranjo, Satizbal-Prieto
 - No: [0]
 - Abstain: [1] Randall
 - **RESULT: BILL 75 PASSES**
- **Bill 88** - Sponsored by Senators B. Murray, Preshia (P)
 - Opening Statement:
 - Preshia: I am presenting the bill to get picnic tables outside of the college of business. This would be beneficial because of the location. This is a continuation of work by senator Slemac
 - Preshia yields with 4:25 remaining.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Prieto: Is this an approved vendor
 - Preshia: I believe so this was approved by the college of business
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Bergen moves to enter round-table discussion; Edouard seconds
 - Prieto: Was this the lowest price for picnic tables
 - Preshia: This was the lowest price that met specifications
 - Randall: What are the specifications
 - The materials of the picnic table, whether they are ADA accessible, whether a plaque can be added, and whether or not it can be built by FSU master craft studio.
 - Bowling calls the question, Edouard seconds
 - Closing Statement:
 - Preshia: I think that this would be a great addition to the college of business. This is in a heavily trafficked area, and it will also include a senate plaque
 - Vote
 - Yes: [5] Bowling, Bergen, Edouard, Naranjo, Satizbal-Prieto,
 - No: [0]
 - Abstain: [0]
 - **RESULT: BILL 88 PASSES**
- Resolutions
 - **Consent Resolution 32** - Sponsored by Chair Nasworthy (P)
 - Opening Statement:
 - Nasworthy: This is a pretty straightforward resolution. This is a Christian organization requesting funding for a conference in Ann Arbor known as awakening. There were 3 members interested in this conference.
 - Nasworthy yields with 4:08 remaining.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

- N/A
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - Bergen moves to enter round-table discussion; Edouard seconds
 - Prieto: How did they advertise?
 - This was advertised in GBM meetings, as well as flyers posted
 - Randall: Where were these flyers posted
 - Nasworthy: Around campus
 - Prieto: Since there is less funding than asked for who will pay for amenities
 - The flights and number of hotel rooms have been reduced. They will have to pay out of pocket
 - Prieto: Will they be doing more fundraising
 - Nasworthy: It will be out of pocket
 - Prieto: Are the club members okay with paying
 - Nasworthy: yes
 - Edouard calls the question, Prieto seconds
- Closing Statement:
 - Nasworthy: Thank you for the question, RTAC still needs members
- Vote
 - Yes: [5] Bowling, Bergen, Edouard, Naranjo, Satizbal-Prieto,
 - No: [0]
 - Abstain: [0]
- **RESULT: CONSENT RESOLUTION 32 PASSES**
- **Consent Resolution 33** - Sponsored by Chair Roy (P)
 - Opening Statement:
 - Roy: We will be funding 4 dollars to print something for next semester. This is from Office Depot
 - Roy yields with 4:22 remaining.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Bowling: Was that their entire request
 - Roy: Yes
 - Prieto: Is this a new organization
 - Roy: Its a year old
 - Bergen: What RSO is this
 - Roy: Dental association
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Bowling: Why did they request funding
 - PAC will fight for any amount and this tests our funding
 - Prieto: What are they using the paper for
 - They are using the paper for flyers and to check attendance
 - Bowling: This is a slight waste of time on the RSO's part but more power to them for requesting
 - Bergen moves to enter round-table discussion; Prieto seconds
 - Bergen calls the question, Prieto seconds
 - Closing Statement:

- Roy: This organization waited an hour and a half to be heard. Every year when a RSO requests funding they have the opportunity to get extra budget.
- Vote
 - Yes: [5] Bowling, Bergen Naranjo, Edouard, Satizbal-Prieto,
 - No: [0]
 - Abstain: [0]
- **RESULT: CONSENT RESOLUTION 33 PASSES**

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 Affairs: Satizbal-Prieto
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- Chapter 809 Policy on Reserve Accounts: Randall
 - Chair Roy is working on this.
- Chapter 810 Headliner Account Restrictions: Wood
 - See 10/25 minutes
- Chapter 811 The Service Funding Act of 2009: Bowling
 - Present next week.
- Chapter 812 iClicker Equipment: Edouard
 - See 10/25 minutes

Final Announcements:

- Chair
 - Investigations of Misuse of A&S Fees:
 - OPS Wages: On 9/30, Senators Gonzalez, Tackett, and myself initiated an investigation into misallocation of OPS wages as provided in the 2021 budget bill proviso language. SGA Admin failed to update the hours allocated to each position using the language from the proviso which stated exactly how many hours certain positions were given. After meeting with Dr. Williams, Jacalyn, and Laurel, we've corrected the problem and the correct hours will be implemented at the start of the next pay period. We've also identified three entities that were affected by this problem in a way that would cause the full amount of approved wages submitted for positions to exceed the current balance of the OPS wage account of the entity. The entities are the VSU, Executive Branch, and Senate Branch. Chair Gonzalez and I are actively working to resolve this issue. As my time in Senate is coming to a close, I feel duty-bound to inform this committee of my findings.

- Acknowledgement of SGA Funding: Per the finance code and financial manual, all entities which receive A&S fees for promotional items or clothing are required to include “paid for by SGA” on those items. This has not been happening. I implore the members of this committee to work alongside SGA staff to initiate an investigation in the 74th Senate into these violations of the finance code per SBS Chapter 805. I’d like to thank Dr. Williams for bringing this issue to my attention.
 - Sports Club Executive Council: As some of you may know, the Sports Club Executive Council is a funding board that supports the 30+ sports clubs registered with Campus Rec. This year they’ve been allocated 90k. They are supposed to operate similarly to SAP and CLCs in that they meet to determine allocations to their clubs and submit those proposed allocations to the Budget Committee and Senate for approval. This has not happened in a while. In addition to this, their purchase requests are not reviewed by SGA Accounting or the SBT and are therefore in violation of the Finance Code. These allocations themselves may also go against various rules in the financial manual but it is unclear. Most if not all of the members of the SCEC appear to be financially certified. I implore this committee to work with SGA and Campus rec staff to resolve this issue in the 74th Senate. It was too big for me to try and resolve on my own and I got overwhelmed thinking about potential solutions.
 - Thank you for being such a great finance committee. We barely got a chance to look into the finance code. My hope is that the next finance committee will take the notes you made on the code and sit down to discuss each statute in detail like we did on that one chapter. Please continue to be inquisitive, read the minutes, and ask the tough questions. Finance has established a new brand as the no-nonsense committee that gets the real work done on behalf of the student body.
 - Vice-Chair
 - Thanks to everyone for showing up. This is a great committee
 - Members
 - Prieto: this was my first semester. But I’ve had a lot of fun and learned a lot
 - Edouard: thank you chair randall for your work in finance and senate. Thank you VC bowling too.
 - Guests
 - None

Date and Time of Next Meeting: None.

Adjourned at 7:25 pm