



**74<sup>th</sup> Student Senate  
Finance Committee**

[09/09/22, 2:45] | [<https://fsu.zoom.us/j/9745164143>]

**Call to Order:** 2:48 P.M.

**Members Present:** 7

**Members Tardy:** 3

**Members Absent:** 0

**Guests:** 5

**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.

**Announcements:**

- Chair
  - Welcome to finance committee, it will be fun this semester. I am excited to see all of you here and it will be a blast.

**Committee Business:**

- **Consent Resolution 23-** Sponsored by Chair Rider (P) – Funding AHEPA, Club Golf, and Phi Alpha Delta
- **Consent Resolution** – Sponsored by Chair Wyatt (P)- Funding Korean Student Association and Undergraduate Art History Association

**Old Business:**

- None

**New Business:**

- **Consent Resolution 23- Sponsored by Chair Rider**

- Opening Statement:

- Chair Rider: Alright hello everyone thank you for having this meeting on a Friday we appreciate it. Today I am presenting to Consent Resolution 23 whereas the Resource for Travel Allocations Committee was petitioned by the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association of Scholars, Club Golf at FSU, and Phi Alpha Delta. To start off with the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association of Scholars, has asked for funding to go to a leadership conference in Washington D.C. called the Governor's Conference Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup>. The order of AHEPA promotes the ancient Hellenic ideals of education and philanthropy, civic responsibility, family and individual excellence, community service and volunteerism. The AHEPA Scholars is an organization where students with Hellenic roots meet on a regular basis to discuss ways to give back to the community, while celebrating their beliefs and upholding their cultural values. So, at this conference there will be opportunities to network and meet other individuals within the U.S. and Canada with similar roots and it's a great opportunity for them to network and they're also going to be raising money towards their national project. Also due to the pandemic this is one of the first events their having that their members feel more comfortable attending, they haven't been to any recently. They are taking all of the good COVID precautions. They are asking for funding the line item of travel expense for flights to D.C. They said in RTAC that flights are becoming a little more expensive than expected, so one student's flight was \$414.20, another was \$278 and other was \$597.20. That's because of they ordered them at different times, that is also two flights out of Tallahassee and one out of Jacksonville. We did decide to zero out their line item for registration as they are only a group of three traveling. And they believe that, and we asked them that and they were fine with that. They can fundraise to cover registration and the President agreed. We believe that this decision is fit as it a smaller roster, but we still want to fund the obviously fairly. They followed all of the statutes and this is definitely enough to cover their trip as we cover all their flights. As for Club Golf at FSU they requested \$780 for registration at the first NCCGA regional tournament. The mission of Club Golf is to give students at FSU the opportunity to play college golf no matter their skill level. This is just their second year and they already have 32 members that want to get involved. And this tournament that they're going to is located near Ocala and we decided to fund them with \$780 to cover 75% of the line item of registration fee. And if you do the math that would be per person it would be \$130 per person so 75% would be the \$780. Lastly, Phi Alpha Delta is the oldest and largest professional law fraternity in the U.S. and prominent PAD members have actually included U.S. presidents, Supreme Court Justices, Governors, and Members of Congress. So, they are asking to go to a Pre-Law conference, this is an educational leadership opportunity where Pre-Law members meet with Law School representatives from colleges and universities throughout the U.S. and vendors such as LSAT prep company representatives. They will get to hear from speakers and guests through workshops and leadership training. So, we decided to fund them with \$2,790 for lodging, as registration and travel can be covered by the RSO and their members.

This fraternity has not been able to go on this conference in a while and it's a really great opportunity as this is a major fraternity on campus with a large amount of students can get involved. They are also 20 people, so that number fiscally is very good for 20 people and they have also done a really great job at advertising this event to the student body they are always getting out there for a lot of philanthropy things they always raise money for their fraternity so that is why we decided to fully fund them on that line item and that is it and I yield the rest of my time.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
  - None
- Questions Regarding Position:
  - None
- Questions Regarding Character:
  - None
- Closing Statement:
  - Chair Rider: Thank you so much everybody this committee is wonderful; I love seeing all your faces out here. It's good to be back and get these RSO's funded. I'm definitely going to do my best this year to get the RSO's in Finance so that if you had questions, they're here for you. If there's anything else I can do in the future to make my presentations easier for you guys to read or if there's any other numbers that you need to get to let me know I'm always here but thank you so so much and I look forward to seeing you all in Senate.
- **Folwell moves to enter round-table discussion; Rock seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion
  - Senator Folwell: Are there any issues with the fact that the AHEPA trip will already be over by the time that this is voted upon by the Senate?
  - Chair Rider: That is a really great question, so I'm actually going to refer to a text message from the account manager, so I actually texted her "So senate is not happening this week, is there any way that we can do a refund?" "As long as Senate approves the allocation, we can still process the travel. Technically it is a reimbursement anyway." So that is a word for word from Laurel so it is possible that it will work. I communicated with the RSO, this reimbursement is applicable for them and it will also work for the SGA accountant.
  - Senator Folwell: I know it's traditional in PAC for them to do a full number and not cents, is that also standard in RTAC? Should we change it so that it remains even?
  - Chair Rider: So in the past I haven't had the budget to really be rounding but that is something that if obviously if the committee sees fit then I would obviously round but in RTAC that is not something that we raise as a hug importance just because we go in funding them what we really think that they need for these events. But I as the Chair will completely open that up for anything that you guys see as best fit. I'm just here to represent these numbers and if you guys want to go in and change but in RTAC that is not something that I have brought up or my committee has brought up.
- **Folwell moves to forward the candidate; Rock seconds**
- Vote:
  - Yes: [ 5 ] Senator Pedraja, Senator Folwell, Senator Allaman, Senator Rock, Senator Seavers

- No: [ 0 ] None
    - Abstain: [ 0 ] None
  - **RESULT: Consent Resolution 23 PASSES**
- **Consent Resolution - Sponsored by Senator Wyatt**
  - Opening Statement:
    - Chair Wyatt: Thank you guys so much for having me today I'm going to be bringing you three different requests from tow different RSO's. First, we are going to talk about the Korean Student Union and their Mid-Autumn Festival Banquet. The Mid-Autumn Festival Banquet is an annual event hosted by the Vietnamese Student Association, Korean American Student Association and Chinese American Student Association. This banquet demonstrates and showcases the tradition and celebration of the Mid-Autumn Festival with performances through activities. Mid-Autumn Festival Banquet is the organization's biggest event of the semester with an estimated 120 people in attendance. AN annual festival celebrated by millions of people across the world, the Mid-Autumn Festival signifies the end of the Autumn Harvest because it is believed that the moon is at the brightest and fullest size. It is the second most important holiday for many people in Eastern and Southeastern countries after Lunar New Year. So that is what the first line item is to fund their Mid-Autumn Festival Banquet. They have contractual services of \$550 and that is from the venue that they are going to be booking. They gave us a list of three different venues and the first one is one that they work with right here at FSU and is the cheapest one. They are also going to be getting food which is \$727 so in total the line item is \$1277. They also submitted another PAC request for shirts for Market Wednesday that they are going to be handing out to further educate the student body about their group and let other know that they exist. They requested more money at the beginning but because of PAC rules we were only able to fund them \$482. They have a breakdown of the sizes of shirts they are able to get. They are getting 14 small, 20 medium, 19 large, 1 XL, and 1 XXXL. And that is with the funding that we were able to give them. Finally, we have the Undergraduate Art History Association, they are trying to host a faculty mixer on the 20<sup>th</sup> of September from 8:30 to 10:30. They are just having a bunch of people in their community trying to meet with staff and they are just requesting money for food, coffee, and things like that. With that I yield the rest of my time.
  - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
    - Senator Folwell: Just to clarify this means that the Korean Student Association is using both of their PAC requests right now?
    - Chair Wyatt: Yes, they submitted two separate requests.
  - **Pedraja moves to enter round-table discussion; Folwell seconds**
  - Round-Table Discussion:
    - Senator Folwell: I was in this PAC meeting and they did a great job of presenting. I am a little sad about the way that statues are written we weren't able to fund the cost of shirts as much as they requested but we are still giving them as much as we are statutorily allowed to so I am in full support.
  - **Pedraja moves to call the question; Folwell seconds**

- Closing Statement:
  - Chair Wyatt: I am super appreciative that you guys are hearing this and I'm doing this for the RSO's. I know that you guys are working hard, and I appreciate everybody listening to the request.
- Vote:
  - Yes: [ (5) ] Senator Pedraja, Folwell, Senator Allaman, Senator Rock, Senator Seavers
  - No: [ (0) ] None
  - Abstain: [ (0) ] None
- **RESULT: CONSENT RESOLUTION PASSES**

**Unfinished Business:**

- None

**Closing Announcements:**

- Chair Hockett: After we got enough people to show up, we moved pretty gracefully, and I am excited to chair this semester and meet my committee you are all great people and I really like Finance because you get to see all of the different funding requests come through here whether it's for travel or for different things. Thank you for everything today, happy Friday.
- Vice-Chair Rivera: Thank you guys for being patient with me and Chair Hockett today, but I'm really excited for this semester and all of the things that we are going to do. I know we are going to do some really cool things so I'm excited, and I can't wait to get to know you if I don't already.
- Senator Folwell: Good to see you again, let's have a good semester.

**Next Meeting:** TBA

**Adjourned:** 3:28

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**Signature of TJ Hockett**