



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

[10/28/22, 2:30 P.M.] | [<https://fsu.zoom.us/j/9745164143>]

**Call to Order:** 2:33 p.m.

**Members Present:** Chair Hockett, Vice-Chair Rivera, Senators Folwell, Allaman, Klostreich

**Members Tardy:** Senator Pedraja

**Members Absent:** Senator Rock (unexcused), Senator Gummerman (unexcused)

**Guests:** 7

### 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 Hockett
  - Welcome to what I think is the last Finance Committee meeting of the 74<sup>th</sup> session, I am glad you are all here.

### Committee Business:

- **Consent Resolution 34-** Muslim Student Union, Devlup FSU, Turkish Student Association, Hattian Cultural Club, Friday Night Live, No Bears Allowed
- **Consent Resolution 33-** American Marketing Association at FSU
- **Julio Cesar Borges-** PAC Committee Member

### Old Business:

- None

## New Business:

- **Consent Resolution 31 - Sponsored by Chair Wyatt**

- Opening Statement:
- First, we have the Muslim Student Union who is requesting money for t-shirts. They are making long sleeved t-shirts because it is more culturally appropriate. They look great, they say funded by SGA. We are going to give them \$300 according to statues so that's what we're going with. Next we have Devlup FSU, they are a coding club. They are buying food for their next general body meeting, they are continuing to try to grow as an organization and a club so they are trying to create more interest for people to come and give back to their members. Next we have the Turkish Student Association. This is more complex because Omer came and presented. We funded him a few weeks ago in the line item of clothing and awards for like \$750 but the vendor they were going with wasn't approved by Florida State so accounting had to take it back after it went through all of the steps. The new vendor that they are going with is charging a little bit extra so that's why the \$112 is going to the t-shirts, it's adding on the amount that we already approved them for. I think the total around \$800 but the \$112 is the only one that we are going to be funding, they also grouped that with a contractual service. For \$340 they are doing a game night in their next general body meeting, and they are just buying some games, posters, and banners, so that brings the total line item to \$452. Friday night live, they are asking for \$422 for pizza for their event. No Bears Allowed is asking for \$1,129 for shirts that they can pass out of their comedy shows.
- General Questions:
  - Senator Folwell: For No Bears allowed, can we see a breakdown of the costs within clothing and awards? Like per shirt pricing and the number of shirts.
  - Chair Wyatt: They are getting 150 t-shirts; I think that's \$7.53 per shirt.
  - Senator Folwell: Do you know the average attendance per show?
  - Chair Wyatt: In the club there are about 30 members, but they said that their shows are popular. For the show that they are handing out the t-shirts they are planning on 80-120 people coming out to the event. They also partner with different organizations like FNL, so that increases attendance.
- **Senator Pedraja moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Folwell seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
  - None
- **Senator Allaman moves to call the question; Senator Pedraja seconds**
- Closing Statement:
  - The t-shirt for No Bears Allowed it just has their logo on the front and on the front, it has the SGA logo. It is just a plain black shirt, but I wanted to answer your question. I have nothing else to add so thank you guys.
- Vote:
  - Yes: [ 5 ] Senator Pedraja, Senator Folwell, Senator Allaman, Senator Rivera, Senator Klostreich
  - No: [ 0 ]
  - Abstain: [ 0 ]
- Opening Statement:

- We do have a representative here so I think it would be best if you opened up the floor to ask her some questions because she will know more about the event obviously than me. They are doing a week-long event to celebrate Haitian culture, there will be different activities throughout the week. This organization has fundraised money, but that money is going to be going to different events that they are going to be hosting throughout the week. The week is going to end in their banquet. The total that they are asking from us is \$4,000. For contractual services they are hiring a DJ, and they want the DJ to be Haitian, so they are trying to keep everything very culturally appropriate. There weren't a lot of options for them to go with, same with the food category. There isn't a lot of Haitian options and vendors around. They have a very good working relationship with the vendor that they are going with, so they were able to bring down the price of it. The expense category, the location that they are going to be holding the event at is the women club of Tallahassee. It is going to cost them \$2,100, the other \$200 that they are requesting in the expense category is for things like table clothes, decorations, and centerpieces. They are going to be putting on a nice banquet. If you guys have any other questions, please call on the representative for the organization.
- General Questions:
  - Senator Folwell: Who is the representative here today?
  - Chair Wyatt: The representative is Jamantha Antoine.
  - Senator Folwell moves to allow the non-senator RSO representative to speak; Senator Pedraja seconds.
  - Senator Folwell: What is your projected attendance for the event?
  - Jamantha Antoine: I would like to introduce myself quickly, my name is Jamantha Antoine, I am the president of the Haitian Cultural Club. We are expecting around 100 people, or we are allowing that. The banquet is the big event that people want to come to just to celebrate our culture and our people so around 100 people.
  - Senator Folwell: How much fundraising have you don't for the event?
  - Jamantha Antoine: So far, we have been doing a lot of fundraising. We did pie at Market Wednesday, we are doing concessions tomorrow, and we are selling some sale merchandise that we have. In the past we have had over \$1,000 but for this semester I haven't tallied up the amount of all the fundraising money that we have done so far, but we have been raising money throughout the semester.
  - Senator Folwell: How much is the cost of all the other events that you are doing during the week.
  - Jamantha Antoine: That depends, the goal right now is to go as all out as we can to make this a special experience for our members because we haven't had this event since 2019 and a lot of our members have never experienced that before and give them an experience that they will remember. Some events that we have planned is a singing karaoke night and a potluck and painting, so we plan to provide food and painting materials. We also charge membership fees so any money that we have left over goes toward our budget for this week.
  - Senator Folwell: Do you know the number of people who came to the event in 2019?
  - Jamantha Antoine: I do not know, however we did have a similar event in the spring and we had over 100 people, and it wasn't as big as this one.
  - Senator Folwell: How do you plan to advertise the event and when is it?

- Jamantha Anotoine: We have a flyer out already on our Instagram, we dropped the flyer a long time ago just so people can be prepared for it. We plan on advertising it through our GroupMe that we have with all our active members, as well as any GBMs that we are having. We have already started advertising for the event.
    - Chair Wyatt: The event is happening on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November at 7:00 p.m.
  - **Senator Folwell moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Klostriech seconds**
  - Round-Table Discussion:
    - Senator Folwell: I like the event, the representative seems very kind on top of their game, my only hesitation is that \$40 per person is quite a high cost, I am not going to make an amendment to cut, and I will be voting for, but that cost does hurt me a bit.
  - **Senator Pedraja moves to call the question; Senator Folwell seconds**
  - Closing Statement:
    - I definitely understand that \$40 per person does seem like a lot but their PAC presentation was done so well, they did a great job explaining everything. This event is really going to be incredible. They have done a lot of other work to try to fundraise. They have great relationships with the food vendors, so they have done a lot to try and lower cost as much as possible. As the representative said they are just trying to make the best event possible for their community and for the organization. I do understand that \$40 is a lot, but I think it's going toward a great cause. Also, PAC did just get some extra money from sweepings.
  - Vote:
    - Yes: [ 5 ] Senator Pedraja, Senator Folwell, Senator Allaman, Senator Rivera, Senator Klostreich
    - No: [ 0 ]
    - Abstain: [ 0 ]
  - **RESULT: CONSENT RESOLUTION 34 PASSES**
- **Consent Resolution 32 - Sponsored by Chair Rider**
  - Opening Statement:
    - We have seen this awesome RSO before, the American Marketing Association at FSU. It is a really strong RSO, they did an outstanding job in their presentation. They are through the marketing department in the College of Business. They are nationally ranked in multiple competitive events and demonstrate their dedication to professional development. As for their chapter here at FSU they are in the top 25 in the last year, and they have been ranked top 10 in the past two so they are always on campus trying to get the best numbers possible. This is going to be a conference. It is a corporate tour in Atlanta, it will be taking place November 9<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup>. The only line item is in lodging, and that would be for a total of \$3,053.92. They went out of their way to look at places outside of downtown Atlanta to ensure they had a cheaper price. This is for two nights with eight rooms, four people per room. Each person would be about \$160 per night so it's really fiscally responsible. They do take membership dues, but all of that goes towards their meetings. They do a lot of fundraising such as share-it nights and different things on campus. They have done an interest form and they have done a great job at

advertising this, they advocated for the student body. The city that they are going to be staying in is in Buckhead. This is a very clean-cut resolution, nothing super crazy especially for the amount of people they are bringing on this. 32 students are a great amount of people and that is not a huge price at all when you look at the ratio of student so. I don't this is very confusing but if you have any questions, I would be happy to answer them. We do have representatives from the RSO for help.

- General Questions:
  - Senator Pedraja moves to let non-senator Ryan Kelly speak; Senator Klostreich seconds
  - Senator Pedraja: Where is it that you all are going again?
  - Ryan Kelly: We are going to Atlanta, and we are going to hit five different companies on the corporate tour over those two days.
  - Senator Allaman: In order to cut spending, you are moving the hotel to the Buckhead area?
  - Ryan Kelly: Yes
- **Senator Folwell moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Allaman seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
  - Senator Pedraja: I really like AMA; I think that they are a great organization. I am really excited for them to go to Atlanta. I am in support of this resolution.
  - Senator Allaman: My only issue somewhat is because I am from Atlanta, I know a little bit about the area. Buckhead is possibly one of the more expensive areas to be in Atlanta, so I am not sure how much of cutting costs that would do. I do not know the exact numbers but to me, off the top of my head, it doesn't sound like a big price drop.
  - Senator Folwell: Compared to pretty much every single RTAC request that I can remember, this is the best cost per person from our end, so I am fully in support.
- **Senator Pedraja moves to call the question; Senator Folwell seconds**
- Closing Statement:
  - Thank you so much guys, I agree with all of the sentiments said. They are very professional and organized. This is the most amount of people I have seen on a trip for one of the smallest numbers I have also seen, I was very impressed by them and we didn't have any issues in RTAC whatsoever just because they did explain. As for out-of-pocket expenses, they will be driving together, they will be carpooling. Food, gas, tolls and parking are all out-of-pocket costs that they are already inquiring about having to pay so I think that this was just a great number for them.
- Vote:
  - Yes: [ 5 ] Senator Pedraja, Senator Folwell, Senator Allaman, Senator Rivera, Senator Klostreich
  - No: [ 0 ]
  - Abstain: [ 0 ]
  - Abstain: [ 0 ]
- **RESULT: CONSENT RESOLUTION 33 PASSES**
- **Candidate for Confirmation:** Julio Cesar Borges-PAC Committee
  - Opening Statement:

- Thank you for hearing me out today. My name is Julio Cesar Borges, I am a second-year student here at FSU. I am here to be confirmed for PAC committee here in Finance and hopefully on through senate floor. I applied for PAC because I want to get involved within school and SGA. I want to put my skills to the test and help out RSOs, as I am an officer in an RSO.
- General Questions:
  - Senator Folwell: Are you financially certified?
  - Candidate Borges: I am not financially certified however I am aware of the process, and I am committed to being certified as soon as possible.
  - Senator Pedraja: What made you want to be confirmed for PAC committee?
  - Candidate Borges: I am involved in an RSO here, I am the outreach coordinator for the Cuban American Student Association, also known as CASA, I very much enjoy the work that I do within my RSO. And I enjoy the work that I see other RSOs doing also, so I thought PAC would be a great way to get involved and give back to the community. PAC's primary main existence is to help RSOs by granting them money to help their members.
- **Senator Pedraja moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Folwell seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
  - Senator Folwell: I have met the candidate, he's a nice guy. I urge him to get financially certified before senate.
- **Senator Pedraja moves to call the question; Senator Folwell seconds**
- Closing Statement:
  - Again, I want to thank you guys for hearing me out today and fitting me in. I want to ask you all to support me to be confirmed for PAC Committee member. I am very excited to start working with RSOs to fund things happening at FSU.
- Vote:
  - Yes: [ 5 ] Senator Pedraja, Senator Folwell, Senator Allaman, Senator Rivera, Senator Klostreich
  - No: [ 0 ]
  - Abstain: [ 0 ]
  - Abstain: [ 0 ]
- **RESULT: CANDIDATE BORGES PASSES**

**Unfinished Business:**

- None

**Closing Announcements:**

- Chair Hockett: It has been a blast being the Finance chair for the 74<sup>th</sup> Session. I don't think we will be meeting next week. I don't think anyone will be pushing for funding at the end. You are all awesome, I will be around in senate. I do not know if I will be staying in Finance because of scheduling. Feel free to reach out, especially new senators if you have questions.
- Vice-Chair Rivera: Thank you guys, this has been a great experience and I have learned a lot personally. If you have any questions please reach out, I am always here.

- Senator Folwell: I want to say thank you to the committee, this was my first committee and I think all the chairs have done a great job. See you guys in the 75<sup>th</sup> Session hopefully, and if not, good luck with everything.

**Next Meeting:** TBA

**Adjourned:** 3:17 p.m.

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**Signature of TJ Hockett**