



**74th Student Senate
Student Life Committee
Friday, 7th October 2022 at 3:30pm | Zoom ID: 937 1197 2014
Meeting Recording Link:**

Call to Order: 3:31 pm

Members Present: Carter, St. Hilaire, Soares, Hakmon, Weintraub

Members Tardy:

Members Absent: Hitchcock (UE), Beall (Excused)

Guests: Senator Schindler, Senator Rider, Senator Bettley

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Announcements:

Committee Business:

- Resolution #57, Bill #76

Old Business: Resolution #57

- **RESOLUTION #57 - Sponsored by Senator Schindler (P), Senators Casiple and Hockett (Co)**
This resolution promotes collaboration between FSU Student Senate and FAMU Student Senate regarding legislation that affects the FSU-FAMU College of Engineering.
 - Opening Statement (5 mins):

- Schindler: Hey everyone, thank you for having me today. While I was in DC this summer, I met Zack Bell the student body president of FAMU. I got to have a conversation with him and the vice president regarding the shared college of engineering. I set up a meeting with senators Casiple and Hockett and we were able to kind of work through this resolution. Thinking of it as like a first steppingstone to our engineering centers. They don't do it by college they do it by class. Just looking at working with senators over there to look at relevant legislation. I know that they are working on a similar piece of legislation that would create a sort of special liaison that would work with our college of engineering senators. They have a very similarly worded resolution that is up for second read and will be on the floor on Monday. I plan on being there for that along with senators Casiple and Hockett. I think that this would be a really good idea based that obviously the college of engineering has lot of students from FSU and a lot of students from FAMU. Being that their campus is separated from our campus it would help to sort of fund projects over there so they can all work together on it. Maybe but funding together, these are all just ideas for the future. This just is to set the groundwork.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions: None
- **Carter moves to enter round-table discussion; St. Hilaire seconds, no objections**
- Round-Table Discussion:
- Carter POI: This is just to clarify that this is just encouraging both senates to create a liaison, not necessarily creating that position, right?
- Schindler: Yes it's just a resolution, an opinion. They are doing the same thing and it doesn't actually create anything. It's just saying yea we plan on doing stuff in the future and they are doing the same thing. We wanted to take baby steps so one doesn't take a giant step without the other one doing it. So that's just kind of why we wanted to do this resolution. There are no changes to statutes or positions.
- **Carter moves to call the question; Soares seconds, no objections**
- Closing Statement: Schindler: I think this is a great resolution. Thank you, Senator Carter, for your question. I think this will really benefit the engineering students, the college of engineering, and the engineering students at FAMU. Their SGA is friendly to this, and they are passing a similar resolution.
- Vote:
 - Yes: **6** (Soares, Carter, St. Hilaire, Hakmon, Weintraub, Barrett)
 - No: **0**
 - Abstain: **0**

- **RESULT: RESOLUTION #57 PASSES**

New Business: Bill #76

- **BILL #76 - Sponsored by Senators Bettley and Rider (P)**
To amend the statute regarding the amount of money that shall be funded to an organization in the category of lodging.
 - Opening Statement (5 mins):
 - Rider: Hello! Thank you so much for bringing us here today, its an honor to be here. So, what we have today is a change for that number amount you see there. So, I did some stats and overtime the amount we have is just not enough to give lodging for these kids. They are staying in major cities like Miami, which we just saw last week, Toronto. So, I think we should boost this number just a little bit. Additionally, I do have written permission from Laurel McKinney Who is in accounting here at FSU. They oversee RTAC when we send in everything, she gives approvals, and she believes this is a great idea too. Just giving a little bit more money in that category of lodging would help a lot of RSO's because they are already spending so much money out of pocket that we can support them a little bit more in lodging. Especially with how expensive things are getting. I also would like to hand off the rest of my time to chair Bettley.
 - Bettley: So, this is a revision to a bill that passed prior, bill 12. It was originally 200 per room per night and similarly to what my fellow sponsor said, there have just been a lot of people coming through RTAC that don't necessarily have the funds to pay for rooms. But \$300 gives them a little bit of wiggle room while still ensuring fiscal responsibility. I was also talking to President Hunter about this regarding statutes and she informed me that the university policy is \$175 per person per room per night which would equal like \$500, \$600 dollars. SO, we are still well below the University requirements for housing. So, it's really just updating it to help RSO's.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions: None
 - **Carter moves to enter round-table discussion; St. Hilaire seconds, no objections**
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - St. Hilaire: I really like this bill. I think it's really important to keep allowing our RSO's the opportunity to be fully supported by us. I think this only further does that, so I am in full support of this.
 - **Hakmon moves to call the question; St. Hilaire seconds, no objections**
 - Closing Statement:

- Rider: Hello, again thank you for having us. This is a great committee and I think we are going to do a lot of good with this change right here. RSO's will definitely be able to go to more events and get more people if they have a little bit more money. Again, me and the next RTAC chair will watch this line item very closely to make sure it makes sense and follows statutes. I appreciate all that we have done today and I'm going to pass it off to the amazing chair Bettley.
- Bettley: Thank you so much student life for listening to this. Just to reiterate this will hopefully help RSO's to get a little bit more money. But it will still ensure that we are fiscally responsible with the money that RTAC has. Because giving them a little bit more money per night really will not make that big of a difference for a lot of organizations but for some it will make the world of difference.
- Vote:
 - Yes: **6** (Soares, Carter, St. Hilaire, Hakmon, Weintraub, Barrett)
 - No: **0**
 - Abstain: **0**
- **RESULT: BILL #76 PASSES**

Unfinished Business:

- None

Closing Announcements:

- **DuChêne: The change has officially been made to replace technical non debatable questions with a round of general questioning followed by debate. If anyone has any opinions on that we don't have to make any changes today we can, we don't have to. This can happen by a motion to amend the rules of procedure. So, if anyone wants to do that we can. But otherwise, we can push it further again or do nothing. If anyone has an opinion, you can speak freely.**

Next Meeting: Friday, 14 October 2022 at 3:30pm

Adjourned: 3:47



Signature of Chair, Patrick A. DuChêne