



**75th Student Senate
Budget Committee
Date:10/30/23 via Zoom
<https://fsu.zoom.us/j/96916450203>**

Call to Order: 5:05 pm

Members Present: Chair Burton, Vice Chair McEntyre

Senator(s) Valdes, Barresi , Meier , McEnery , McAllister , Perez , Garcia ,

Members Absent: none

Guests: Jack Fowell, Alexis Staveski, Andrew Seeger, Cj Chinn, Jason Gorelick, Megan Bettley, Senate President Diaz, Carson Dale, Ashana Anadajiwala

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Announcements:

- Chair -
- Members -
- Guests - ""
- Public Comment- Jack Fowell: Pro Bill 95, Megan Bettley: Con Bill 95, Andrew Seeger Pro Bill 95, Carson Dale Pro Bill 95

Committee Business:

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- **Bill 95** - This bill shall reform the Budgetary process, combining the two financial Senate committees into a singular committee and creating a temporary “Commission” that shall be responsible for the allocation of the Student Government Association’s yearly budget. Altering the Student Body Statutes: Chapters 300, 400, 411, 416, 418, 607, 614, 615, 622, 803, 805, 808, 900, 1000
 - **Opening:** Alexis Staveski
 - To allow more transparency in the budget process, and allow the student body treasurer to weigh in, changes the date budget must be done, and allow people who are on sweepings to serve on the budget committee as well. Yields with 7 secs
 - **General Questioning**
 - Sen Meier: have any of the sponsors reached out to senators in the budget about the bill? Yes but after the bill was written.
 - Sen Garcia: If the budget is a nomination process who will this incentivize people to be involved in the budget process? Allows for those who want to be invoked to be able to
 - Sen Garcia: Are you aware of any budget training so that people in the budget can learn more about it? - we did a budget orientation
 - Sen Garcia: Why can’t we just educate those already on the committee? This would be amazing to do in addition to the bill, current chairs cannot serve under the budget committee
 - Sen Garcia: How will you ensure that there is a diverse party breakdown within the budget commission?
 - **Motion to let a nonsenators speak**
 - DEFERRED TO JACK FOWELL - this allows for people in different parties to weigh in on the budget process, we are increasing the opportunity for 3 individuals to weigh in vs. just the senate prez on the budget process, if the party breakdown is unfair we will aim to include individuals from the other part
 - Sen McEnry: were other finance chairs reached out to? Seeger and Staveski said Yes also this bill won’t be into effect in the 76th student senate.
 - Sen Meier: The legality of bill 1009 of FL state statutes said the budget should be submitted. DEFERRED TO JACK FOWELL - yes we spoke to people very in tune with these laws, we have spoken to people who have passed the bar
 - Sen Garcia: currently COGS is a nonvoting member, is there any way we to appoint one of them as a nonvoting member, can members? No, a senator can not be in 2 committees at the same time a member of the exec can be a standing member DEFERRED TO SAM DIAZ - he can appoint any senator as a nonvoting member to any committee and nonsenators don’t have that privilege, this is a statute change and it supersedes rules changes. We can create a statute
 - Sen Meier: Has any past treasurer ever tried to work with Budget to weigh in on this matter? Not to her knowledge. Deyona Burton: No not in my experience, McEnry: When it comes to allocating members to this

committee, how will they be nominated? There is no structure to it at the discretion of the senate president.

○ **Roundtable Debate**

- Sen Garcia: We could just change statutes to allow for an Exofico member to be a part of the committee, this could be a temporary solution to increase financial literacy in the committee
- Sen McEnry: Does not feel this is the way to fix it, their committees Pac Rtac) gain money from the budget and this would allow for committee chairs to weigh in on their budget process and that is unethical.
- ^This bill was created without the input of current budget members and their input I don't see grounds to dissolve a committee without proper consideration
- Sen McCallister: I am on the budget committees and I am on the bill
- Pres Diaz: Budget could get a better workload, this would answer questions of why we even have a separate committee for budget and finance.
- Chair Burton: Disagrees on the note of budget not having business, and does not agree that this is the way to solve the budget crisis.
- **Sen McEntyre: Motion to make an amendment to be added as a co sponsor - Yes Staveski**

Motion to Call the Question

- **Closing:** if we were to add an outside member they would not be able to vote

Voting Results on Bill 95:

- Yes - McAllister, Perez, McEntyre - 3
- No - Valdes, Barresi, Meier, McEnery, Garcia -5
- Abstention - 0
- **Bill FAILS**

Unfinished Business:

- N/A

Closing Announcements:

Next Meeting:

Adjourned: 6:15pm

Signature of Chair