



**75th Student Senate
Finance Committee
September 12, 2023 at 6:00 PM
On Zoom
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Call to Order: 6:02

Members Present: Chair White, Vice-Chair Patel, Senator Hellman, Senator Michaud, Senator Hine

Members Tardy: Senator Jones

Members Absent: Senator Thomas(E), Senator Raiford(E)

Guests: Chair Humberg, Chair Seegar

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Announcements:

- Chair White
 - N/A
- Vice- Chair Patel
 - N/A

Committee Business:

- **Consent Resolution 19**

Chair Humberg- On Monday, we had two organizations that we were looking at the undergraduate Art History Association, and FSU Hillel undergraduate art history. They're planning a coffee hour in the Rose Library. They expect about 25 people will come so the \$61 is just for like coffee cups. Like some little doughnuts and snacks all from Publix. And then FSU Hello is planning a Rosh Hashana dinner. I will note that both of these are not within the 21 day statute but I've already talked to accounting and we'll be able to get them the funds. If it's approved on the Senate floor or here on Wednesday. So originally Hello had wanted \$3,377.50 They're providing 275 meals for \$25 a plate and they asked us to fund half of that. That's the 3000 we amended to go down to about 2800 Just because in talking to the representative. They made it pretty clear that they didn't like really need the money. Like they said that they had already had this in their budget and they were just hoping for some extra help. So we wanted to bring them down. I think that this number funds about 115 meals I will say in their last restaurant. They served 300 meals so they definitely have the track record to prove that people will show up. But with that I yield

Round of Questioning: none

Roundtable Discussion: Senator Hine- Yeah, um, I think that if they're able to, maybe we could lower it a little bit more if they are still able to put the event on. And like, if they're able to get their money from somewhere else, which I think you said they're able to, if not, I'm totally fine with the number presented. But if we are able to save a little bit of money for other events in the future for other organizations. That's just my opinion.

Senator Hellman- I agree with that to this event is in collaboration with the JSU and part of the funding is also coming from JSU so with like working it out there, we can definitely cut it

Amended Consent Resolution 19-line item 2 from \$2875 to \$2500

Vote on Line Item Two

- Yes: [4] Vice Chair Patel, Senators Hellman, Hine, and Michaud
- No [0]
- Abstain: [1] Senator Jones

Line Item Two Passes

Motion to call to question consent resolution 19

Vote on Consent Resolution as a Whole:

- Yes: [4] Vice Chair Patel, Senators Hellman, Hine, and Michaud
- No [0]
- Abstain: [1] Senator Jones

Consent Resolution 19 Passes

Vice- Chair Patel: Moved to return to regular calendar

Confirmations:

Danny Alex – SCURC Treasurer

Hi, everyone. My name is Danny Alex. I am a first year student at FSU and I am here today to be confirmed that the position of treasurer for the Student Council on Undergraduate Research and creativity I chose to apply to this position because of my extensive interest in research and my background, handling finances. I thought I'd start today by talking about some of the

qualifications that I've had before my time. As you know, starting as a freshman, I participated in this program called the Student science training program at the University of Florida during my junior year summer, where I got to spend two months conducting university level research under the supervision of Dr. Thomas Angelina. So I have experience conducting university level research. During my time in high school I was the president of the money matters for students club. I oversaw teaching students about financial literacy as my high school was a title one high school and we served a lot of underprivileged students. So it's in charge of improving financial literacy throughout the school and I was the president and directed all the activities that were involved with the club. And furthermore, considering that this council is part of the Student Government Association, I believe it's very important that you have the ability to articulate your thoughts clearly. So during my time in high school, I was also the CO president of the Speech and Debate Club and the multi United Nations Class Rep, which taught me the important abilities of being able to communicate my thoughts which will be essential during my time working with the rest of the board for the student council. Next, I would like to go into some of the intentions and ambitions that I have in this position. So my main board intention is to improve accessibility to research for all undergraduate students regardless of background, or any other limiting potential factors. And my main goal as treasurer is to manage the financial aspects of the organization and ensure its fiscal responsibility. Now, going into some of the more specifics with the board, I've talked to some of the other members such as the director will bow improving, making some improvements towards the owl, which is our undergraduate research journal, creating a database for students to find undergraduate research opportunities, and working with a team in order to improve grants applying to research experience, undergrad like our use, fellowships, and other things of that nature. And I think I'd like to yield the rest of my time for the closing statement because I think I should be able to say but those are my main intentions and ambitions.

Chair White- Got it, just so you all know, the application can be seen on the 14th letter, which is in our canvas. Now we're going through a period of general question if anyone has any questions, please raise your hand. If none we can enter roundtable discussion.

Round of Questioning: none

Moved to call the question on Danny Alex for SCURU Treasurer

Chair White- Oh, you got about you got about three minutes. Yeah. Okay. You can start your closing whenever you're ready.

Danny Alex, SCURU Treasurer candidate- Okay. Um, yeah. So I just like to reiterate that. I wanted to go through this position, not only because I think I'm a very qualified candidate, and because I want to improve it, but because I think it's important that more students get involved with research. I think I can go into a little bit more of the specifics that I was thinking about. So in terms of, you know, the owl of the undergraduate journal. One of the things that I was talking to will about was working more with our website itself and improving some more information that can be accessible on there, such as listing potential openings for research on our own, like on the Council website itself, reaching out to more professors and finding people who are willing to mentor students in order to get involved with research. And the biggest thing that I know that some other board members are trying to do is add more article entries within the owl paper that's published every year itself. Last year, I believe there are only three projects that were published and talking to the chief editor this year at our last when I talked to them last they mentioned that they're hoping to at least get to five and personally I would like to see that number go even higher to maybe eight or 10. And talking about a lot more variety in the

disciplines that we discuss. A lot of the research nowadays is especially stem catered, considering that you know, we're in a time where technology is very prevalent, but working towards improving you know, the social sciences, the humanities, all sorts of disciplines and improving it because research is not just for one, you know, just for STEM or anything like that. And then the next section that I was kind of looking towards was working to look for a database or working to create a database of undergraduate research presentations and symposiums. So for example. Valdosta State has one, there's one called the southeastern undergraduate research conference in Alabama. And what I was trying to bring up with this point is that the best way for students to you know learn more about research is not only talking about the research that they conduct themselves to other people, but also going out to these conferences, and seeing what others are doing in the field and seeing what type of results that they're achieving for themselves. As when this like exchange of ideas occurs between people with kind of fosters growth. So that was one of the next things that we were looking to kind of implement this year is to get us some of the funding, get some kind of groundwork laid for us to go to more conferences and present research and also hear about other research that's going on in the surrounding area. And then finally working.

Vote:

- Yes: [5] Vice Chair Patel, Senators Hellman, Hine, Michaud, and Jones
- No [0]
- Abstain: [0]
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Candidate Passes

Chair White- Now. We're going to move to Reese Hrannarsson for women's Student Union Director of Finance. You have five minutes for your opening, and you can start whenever you're ready.

Confirmations:

Reese Hrannarsson WSU director of finance candidate

Hello, everybody, I'm Reese and I am a second year political science and economics double major. I'm the Director of Finance boom Student Union, like you said, and I'm really happy to be talking to you guys today. I've been part of WSU since I first stepped foot on campus my freshman year and it's felt like a home to me like my entire time and last semester, specifically, I was part of the Women's History Month committee. on that team. I was kind of able to see the inner workings I guess you can say of WSU and that entailed like event planning, marketing, a little bit of finances, and that kind of was what sparked my interest in the director of finance. role. And so I was able to see the importance of the agency itself as it gave women on campus kind of a safe space to make friends network, game leadership positions. And working in Women's History Month committee gave me the necessary skills and experiences I think to be in this role. Now. The financial portion of WSU as well as all of the agencies is a really critical part to the well being of the organization, and I am fully committed to the rule. I have a really strong foundation in economics and mathematics. Because I'm an Economics major or double major, making me well equipped to handle the financial responsibilities that come with this position. I also feel that I'm fit for the role because I am a very fast learner and I'm able to get things done quickly but also in good condition. And I'm also very communicative I kind of believe in over communication rather than under communication. So this role will definitely call all these skills that I had while also challenging them at the same time and I cannot wait to get started so it

would be an honor to officially be the director of finance for WSU. Give back to the agency that has given me a lot of what I have today. I yield my time.

Chair White- With that you have about three minutes and four seconds left for your closing. We're going through a period of general questioning. If anyone has please raise your hand

Vice-Chair Patel- Do you have any specific ideas on what you want to do within WSU?

Reese Hrannarsson WSU director of finance candidate- So um, I have actually thought of a few events because a part of WSU every single eboard member has or executive board member has to have an event at least once a semester. And part of that I wanted to do a financial literacy event because it's on brand for being the director of finance and I was thinking of my main like partnership that I want to do that with is probably unconquered by debt on campus because I've gone to some of their financial literacy stuff before and I don't know I just thought they were really cool and so I would love to have an event like that or with any other sort of finance based org on campus. So that's at least one of the things that I have kind of in mind for my role, but mainly just like being really efficient and quick with my work and making sure everything goes smoothly because I want my job to be as good as possible. So the other executive board members at WSU can do their job to the best of their ability as well.

Chair White- Are you financially certified

Reese Hrannarsson WSU director of finance candidate- not yet. I started take the exam, but I'm taking that exam this week and I'm currently studying it.

Entered Roundtable discussion

Senator Hellman- Yeah, um, so as the previous director of finance for the WSU, it was really awesome to hear that you're working on a financial literacy event because that's something that we always talked about and just never got the chance to do. This candidate was also a recipient of a award on our banquet this past year. So I think that she is a great candidate for this position, and I'm so excited to see what she does

Moved to call the question

Chair White- Okay, and with that, we're going to enter a very voting after the after the candidate gives you a conclusion. You got three minutes and four seconds left whenever you're ready.

Reese Hrannarsson WSU director of finance candidate- Um, well, I kind of talked a little bit about kind of what I want to do and specifics with the financial literacy event. Um, and yeah, I just I'm just really passionate about women's union. I really want to do as much as possible as so I can make it make everybody else's jobs a little bit easier, really. Because through everybody's jobs, they kind of have to go through me. And so I would like to just get everything done as soon as possible. With also making sure that everything is good, and I'm not cutting any corners or anything. Um, and yeah, the financial literacy event is something I'm really passionate about. Because I started getting into financial literacy just a couple years ago, and I think that it's great specifically for women Student Union, because I'm pretty sure it was 1965 it was up to 65. We couldn't own credit cards. And it was seen as kind of taboo for women to like, learn about finance and stuff. So I think it would just be really awesome to kind of get rid of that generational like, knowledge on that and so, yeah, can I use my time earlier or do I just keep talking? Okay.

Vote:

- Yes: [5] Vice Chair Patel, Senators Hellman, Hine, Michaud, and Jones
- No [0]
- Abstain: [0]

Candidate Passes

Consent Resolution 20

Chair Seegar- We have sports management, a student association. They're asking for \$3,501 for their trip they're doing. They're going to North Carolina and Charlotte is three nights \$129.67 per person per night per room nine rooms. Do you see people going? I mean, the National Association of Business Economics, they're asking for \$3,800. That's for both travel expenses and \$2,400.08 \$100 for lodging, and they're going to Dallas, Texas for an eighth annual meeting. It's \$10 per flight per person and that is a round trip flight. \$616.05 In total, that's what their total was per flight. So we did cut that down. And they're going to be staying in two rooms for two nights for eight people and it's \$200 per room per night. And then we have Florida State University advertising club. They're asking for \$4,800 and that is strictly for lodging. They have 24 people going six rooms for nights \$200 per room per night. And then a Society of Women Engineers, which they're going to Los Angeles, they're asking for three \$3,666 And unfortunately, I did make mistake on this last one. So if anyone would like to make a motion when that is time, I messed up the lodging expense for the Society of Women Engineers. It shouldn't be \$1,800 for the tow people because it's three rooms for three rooms for three nights for \$20 per night. That's the maximum I can give just \$800 but then also I would like to move that extra expense of \$600 to their travel expense because of their flights because we did cut that but we did give that to them the \$3,666 yesterday and in the Artech committee and we all found that friendly, I yield the rest of my time.

Chair White- General question if anyone has any questions asked now

Moved to roundtable

Senator Michaud- Motion to Amend the bill. \$800 It's going to be \$1200 I know it's going to be \$1,800 for lodging and \$600 for the travel expense. So, it would keep total still at \$3,666.00.

Chair White- Does the sponsor find it friendly?

Chair Seegar- Yes

Moved to call the question on Consent Resolution 20

Chair White- Okay. Chair Sager. You have three minutes and seven seconds remaining for your closing.

Chair Seegar- Thank you guys again, for having us here tonight. I have a lot of people from we're asking for money here tonight right now listening to us. All delivery and I really appreciate

you guys changing that last one for me. I made a mistake last night and I apologize. I yield the rest of my time.

Vote:

- Yes: [5] Vice Chair Patel, Senators Hellman, Hine, Michaud, and Jones
- No [0]
- Abstain: [0]

Consent Resolution 20 Passes

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- None

Unfinished Business:

- Tory Kim RTAC committee member tabled

Closing Announcements:

- **Chair White-** Great first meeting of the semester great that we're finally getting to meet and give out funded and a great way to start the year. I'll see you all next week at Tuesday at six I will not be in attendance for because of Rush friendship until we'll be running the meeting.

Next Meeting: September 19, 2023 6:00 pm

Adjourned:

Ended at 6:40

Signature of Chair White