



**75<sup>th</sup> Student Senate  
Finance Committee  
October 10, 2023 at 6:00 PM  
On Zoom**

**Call to Order: 6:00 pm**

**Members Present:** Chair White, Vice-Chair Patel, Senator Hine, Senator Thomas, Senator Raiford, Senator Waldie, Senator Brown, Senator Gorelick, Senator Shasho, Senator Baez, Senator Novotney

**Members Tardy:**

**Members Absent:** Senator Hellman, Senator Randall

**Guests:** Chair Humberg, Chair Seegar

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**Announcements:**

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

## **Committee Business:**

- **Consent Resolution 26**

**Chair White-** Okay, so over the summer, the organizational fun became part of our responsibilities committee to hear and to go over. So the organizational fun was set up to provide new organizations with a funding boost and or to provide returning organizations that are not or did not receive any fees in the last semester funding that they need to have events need to have supplies so basic supplies, so they have to send them close the purchase request go through the student body Treasurer, and it's pretty organized like that. On this request, the Argentinian Students Association logistics associates and FSU the future of dentistry and after they arrive are all receiving \$300 Well, girl games is receiving 260 2.8 for universities to 11.8 FSU student policy for the 300 and the FSU art studies receiving 106.82 for total 2001 Point ace this, they have all sent in quotes besides the Argentinian Student Association and the that's what I'm told me to quotes the Argentinian student association that is in quotes, but all these are just fine basic items for their organization enough supplies and with that I yield the person or the sponsor yields with three minutes. Now we enter a round of questioning on the resolution.

## **Round of Questioning:**

**Senator Gorelick-** Yeah, can you explain to me what humans vs Zombies is?

**Chair White-** I believe they played human for zombies and like half the group had split up into zombies. And after groups like humans and they try to haunt each other. I think it's just a great organization for people to find community across this campus. It's really the goal help people get more involved

**Senator Hine-** Yeah, I think I'm a little bit confused. Where with like this whole the organizational fun, like how much money do we have to give out what's like the pool that we have?

**Chair White-** organizational on this \$5,000 And the maximum an organization can receive is 300. It's really like a startup fund for organizations that to start and regain a financial position on campus. So as it says an opening to organizational funds intended for finance is pretended for new returning or revitalizing our Essos to like, develop and buy essential supplies for the organization

## **Roundtable Discussion:**

**Senator Novotney-** Um, just a point of clarification. Can you tell me what each organization like why they are requesting because of \$300 is the maximum if some of these organizations are requesting a maximum amount and 2000 Total is a lot of that total portion for a fall. I'd like to know why they're requesting this.

**Chair White-** Yeah. So, the Argentinian Student Association did not send an official course yet they volunteers showed the code set treasurer boy, but he doesn't have the official codes yet. But the logistics organization for say is getting is getting shirts 30 shirts, on the future of dentistry is getting oral teeth mouth mirrors and medical kits. And then we got after they arrive is getting just a bunch of things for setups. You're getting cards you're getting envelopes, flyers, printing, paper easel, colorful markers, tissue papers, tablecloth where they're getting table and materials and the tabling materials that they wanted exceeds the cost so they're only been allocated that amount. They don't have to fund that rest. And I got girl Gaines is getting a tablecloth goes to her older standing mirror and Oxford shred bulk and a sticker order and human versus Zombies is getting pennies, trash bags and safety flax. And then the student Policy Forum is getting snacks and foods or market tables and more things for that. And then the Art Society is getting to get in shrink cords bracelet speeds and more. The fund is to be utilized for the clubs and equipment that they need to function and to revitalize sturgeon station not to expand membership you get more involved on campus

**Chair White-** I just want to thank you for your time. This is the first time the organizational bond has provided funds in this way usually just used to be the treasurer provide the funds, but over the summer Senator passed bill 68 I believe in that change the process of organizational fund work. So this is exciting. And I'm happy that we get to get these organizations funding to provide new ideas and new understandings and new opportunities for students across campus.

**Voting Results:**

- Yes [8] [Senator(s) Vice-Chair Patel, Senator Hine, Senator Thomas, Senator Raiford, Senator Waldie, Senator Brown, Senator Shasho, Senator Baez,]
- No [0]
- Abstain[2] Senator Gorelick, Novotney
  
- **Consent Resolution 27**

Line item 2

**Chair Humberg-** Yeah, so the classical guitar society has an event every year like the Florida Guitar Festival. And so they're looking for funding for this years. I guess it's an honor of their professor that passed away. And they want \$2,415 to bring in a guitarist Thomas Vitello. That is like the performance cost and then he also included in his own. Included in his quote is like also the airfare and his hotel room. I don't have a whole lot of information other than that, so I yield. But David Wong is here from the classical guitar study. So if you have any questions too, you can also direct them towards him.

**Round of Questioning:**

\*Motion to let a non-senator speak\*

**Senator Gorelick-** Um, to the representative. Can I ask where this guitarist is coming from like and where they're staying in Tallahassee if you have those exact. Yes, you have to tell me where he's staying. But you know, like how much?

**Representative-** Yeah, so He's, um, he's fine. You're from Baltimore. And coming from the Johns Hopkins University. He's a professor there. So he's, he's fine to Tallahassee and we're gonna have him stay at a hotel.

**Senator Hine-** My question is also for the representative. Are you guys paying for everything else? For everything else for the event yourself?

**Representative-** I'm not entirely sure but we're trying to raise money for whatever else we can get for the festival. But most of this money is going towards the artists that we really want.

**Senator Arellano-** Yeah, my question is for the representative is do you have a reason like As for why this specific artist you're dragging?

**Representative-** Yes. He's a really big part of the guitar community and a lot of people really knows him. So this will definitely draw a lot of attention from students around here. And also he was he also studied under our professor that passed away, so bringing him back would be like, almost like a really big commemorate to him.

**Senator Gorelick-** So to the representative is the \$2,415. That's the like, exact amount for like kids. This guitarist is pricing for like him coming here. Or is that like, including the airfare the hotel and then like, his costs to like perform?

**Representative-** Yes. It was like the second option. He said it's going to be paying for his flight and his hotel, his masterclasses that he's offering and his performances.

#### **Roundtable Discussion:**

**Senator Arellano-** I just thought so it sounds like something I personally would be interested in but that makes me think other people on campus that would be interested in the same thing. Is there any way and this is a question for the representative? If there's a way? I mean, is there what are you doing to make this known to the rest of the student body if there is any way that you're doing

**Representative-** Yeah, like we have a whole Instagram club where we publish the entire festival on social media. We print out flyers and put them around campus and we get we get the whole College of Music to end wherever, like, whoever their friends are the connections that they make they play like these College of Music students like play and like other organizations across campus, so they're able to encourage them to come to these events.

#### **Voting Results:**

##### Line item 2 above \$2000

- Yes [9] [Senator(s) Vice-Chair Patel, Senator Hine, Senator Thomas, Senator Raiford, Senator Waldie, Senator Brown, Senator Gorelick, Senator Shasho, Senator Novotney
- No [0]
- Abstain[1] Senator Baez

##### Resolution as a whole

**Chair Humberg-** So, I like I said earlier, I there's a lot of really great organizations that are requesting funding the South Asian Student Association wants 1400 hours for Diwali. They've had a really good turnout in the past. The National Society for black women in medicine, we actually cut them down quite a bit. But they have a really good event that they're trying to plan for their students and the other ones are kind of more like fun type things, but still things that are gonna get students involved. So I'm happy to find you know, maybe like a pizza here and there for that. Because, you know, it'll help it out and make people go to more events on campus, but we did a lot of due diligence and I'm glad to get a lot of questions. So yeah, with that I yield and also if anyone has any questions for the South Asian student association, ie Shawn is here if you have any questions or anything like that, but now I yield.

#### **Round of Questioning:**

**Senator Gorelick-** Can you tell me what originally the National Society for black women in medicine was asking for and why they were cut down?

**Chair Humberg-** Yeah, so they were originally asking for \$1,770 \$1,000 in contractual services, and 770 and food this was for an induction ceremony that are having the \$1,000 was for like a ballroom at the Four Points Sheraton. And then the 770 it was for like some food from Olive Garden. They wanted to make it like a networking event. It was also going to be an induction ceremony for their students. They were hoping to have about 70 people. And ultimately, we cut them down for half the food and none of the venue because they disclosed to us that they had quite a bit of money in out of dues and you know, in their bank account. So we felt that we should save that for organizations that didn't have quite as much money or you know, haven't been as successful in fundraising. I mean, it's, it's a worthy cause. And you know, they definitely don't want to hit zero on their bank account. So if anyone feels like they would like to up it I'm open to anything.

#### **Roundtable Discussion:**

**Senator Waldie-** want to speak on the Diwali festival for South Asian student association just because I know I went to that event last year and it was a very big event A lot of people come out as a huge turnout. I just know that put a lot of work into that. So definitely.

#### **Voting Results:**

- Yes [10] [Senator(s) Vice-Chair Patel, Senator Hine, Senator Thomas, Senator Raiford, Senator Waldie, Senator Brown, Senator Gorelick, Senator Shasho, Senator Baez, Senator Novotney
- No [0]
- Abstain[0]

- **Consent Resolution 28**

**Chair Seegar-** if you're MedLife health, a midnight health is going on a service learning trip to Peru and Ecuador next semester from March 9 to march 17. This is actually our spring break next semester. There they will be able to set up mobile clinics get involved in community development projects and create educational workshops. Today they are asking for \$4,000 in registration fee, which is about \$200 per person. I didn't know which category to put this funny request in and neither did my board or our tech or my committee. So we just settled on the registration being the best place for them. Just because this it's more of an overall fee for them. I believe the overall fee for them is \$2,000 \$2,050 and that includes the airfare added in there. I just want to tell you guys that and then our tech found it fiscally responsible to fund med life health, the \$200 per person to help students in this organization go to Peru and Ecuador so they can make a difference and volunteer abroad. Again they asked for I believe the initial asking was \$31,000 They came back to us and said hey, we know that so much money. We're about \$7,000 which came out to about \$350 per person. Our tech did not find that fiscally responsible. So we settled on \$200 If you have any questions I believe the sponsor of this organization is here. Tonight. So any questions that I can't answer I'd love for you to direct to him. And for the rest of that I yield the rest of my time.

#### **Round of Questioning:**

**Vice Chair Patel-** this is for the representative obviously, like have you guys done any fundraising or are you planning on doing any fundraising? Because you have quite a bit of time till your event? Or your trip?

**Representative-** We have a share it night and then another thing that is more Difficult to get funds because one of them you can get a \$200 discount if you bring a student from another school that doesn't have the MetLife club it's going to be difficult if you don't know anybody from other schools and the second event which I which I'm more excited about is if you fundraise \$200 um you can get \$200 off of your Lt. or your service learning trip so those are some things we have planned now and I'm hoping to do more stare at nights in the spring as leading up to the trip

**Senator Waldie-**OK first of all for chair seeger just because I couldn't hear if you said this in your initial explanation of this how much if we funded them right now for what we have on the consent resolution how much would they be paying per person

**Chair Seegar-**So I did the math so since they have 20 people going it's gonna cost them \$1550 just to go on this trip that includes meals during the week it does not cover like meals during the weekends or any like extra fun they want to do and then lodging and stuff like that over in Peru and Ecuador and then there's flights I believe forget the exact number but everything together was \$2050.00 so us knocking down the \$200 just from our tax would be down they'd be down to 1850

**Senator Waldie-** How much money do they have in their account

**Chair Seegar-** \$800

**Senator Gorelick-** How were the people selected was there a selection process or it was just whoever wants to go on the trip can go on the trip

**Representative-** yeah so there was no selection process we have just been advertising at the involvement fairs on our Instagram on at market Wednesday and it's open to every any FSU student yeah

**Roundtable Discussion:** None

#### **Voting Results:**

Line item above \$2000

- Yes [] [Senator(s) Vice-Chair Patel, Senator Hine, Senator Thomas, Senator Raiford, Senator Waldie, Senator Brown, Senator Gorelick, Senator Shasho, Senator Baez, Senator Novotney
- No [0]
- Abstain[0]

**Chair Seegar-** hamada FSU is asking for funding in regard to a New York trip to something called pusha I'm sorry if I pronounced that wrong they'll be traveling to New York City on October 27th through the 29th they're students from FSU have a chance to network with other hybrids from other campuses across the United states is a great way for Jewish or non Jewish students to connect with one another at the Saban cabada FSU is asking for \$552 in the category of travel expenses and \$1425 from the category of registration fees for a total funding of 1977 dollars the breakdown comes to as follows \$552 for ubers that is from there and back from LaGuardia Airport and then we also found it fiscally responsible to fund \$95 per student for the registration fees for 15 students the original registration price per student was \$118 and it's Friday Night Live Friday Night Live is an MSU only is MSU 's only comedy variety show this organization has the opportunity of performing at the alchemy comedy theater in Greenville SC where they can critique where they can perform sorry where they can critique their craft in network with others at this event today today they're asking for \$639 in a mild reimbursement in \$1360 in lodging this comes to a total of \$1999 the breakdown for these numbers are \$639 per

mileage reimbursements for four cars so about \$159.75 per car and thirteen \$1360.00 for lodging for 16 students for four rooms 2 nights and that comes out to \$170 per night with your

**Round of Questioning:**

**Senator Gorelick-** for the travel expense for the habad students or group you said the \$552 is gonna go towards ubers from the airport to where they're staying is that correct

**Chair Seegar-** yes Sir I don't know the exact location of LaGuardia Airport but after talking to the organization they said it's going to be close to an hour drive maybe 45 minutes to an hour and it is cheaper to fly into LaGuardia so that's why they're taking that route it comes out I believe we looked up the quotes and they sent them to us it was like \$92 per trip so three cars there in the back is 6 trips

**Voting Result:**

- Yes [9] [Senator(s) Vice-Chair Patel, Senator Hine, Senator Thomas, Senator Raiford, Senator Waldie, Senator Brown, Senator Gorelick, Senator Shasho, Senator Novotney
- No [0]
- Abstain[1] Senator Baez

- **Bill 84**

**Vice Chair Staveski-** you are finance for those who don't know me my name 's Alexis veski and the purpose of this film is to have an Instagram post go up at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters to better advertise the funding opportunities that are available to our ROI so I want to start off by explaining why this is a bill and resolution but it's kind of confusing so it's two pieces of legislation as the bill amends statutes to add this to the deputy treasurer's responsibilities and the resolution amend Senate rules of procedures add this to the Senate press secretary the possibilities so we want two posts to go up one on FS USA and one on Senate SGA Senate Instagram so as of right now the only place these funny boards are consistently advertised as student bodies on the SBA website which unfortunately I don't think our constituents are bruising that website on a regular basis ultimately we decided to build this change into the deputy treasurer responsibilities as the executive branch social media team is not their duties are outlined in statutes so we work closely with the office of the treasurer while working on these changes and they are very excited for them so in order to not overburden the Senate press secretary and the executive press secretary they have a lot on their plates they would be able to reuse this post each semester making any necessary edits if applicable part of this post is to bring awareness so that to the information the post shouldn't really have to change too much we wrote this bill with flexibility in mind so the Senate press secretary and the executive branch press secretary can really do with it what they will ultimately the goal of this is to make funding more accessible to the student body as well as increase transparency in our funding processes thank you so

**Round of Questioning:** None

**Roundtable Discussion:**

**Senator Gorelick-** Very uh easy enough to follow it's nothing it's not changing anything super significant but it's important that ourselves know you know when they can start requesting money we should be as transparent as possible

**Voting Results:**

- Yes [10] [Senator(s) Vice-Chair Patel, Senator Hine, Senator Thomas, Senator Raiford, Senator Waldie, Senator Brown, Senator Gorelick, Senator Shasho, Senator Baez, Senator Novotney]
- No [0]
- Abstain[0]

- **Resolution 71**

**Vice Chair Staveski-** OK so this is the other half that I mentioned earlier is just the resolution that would amend Senate rules of procedure to add this the responsibility of the Senate press secretary so this would cover the post that would go up on like the FSU Senate Instagram account

**Round of Questioning:** None

**Roundtable Discussion:**

**Voting Results:**

- Yes [10] [Senator(s) Vice-Chair Patel, Senator Hine, Senator Thomas, Senator Raiford, Senator Waldie, Senator Brown, Senator Gorelick, Senator Shasho, Senator Baez, Senator Novotney]
- No [0]
- Abstain[0]

**Old Business:**

- None

**New Business:**

- None

**Unfinished Business:**

- None

**Closing Announcements:**

**Next Meeting:** October 17, 2023 6:00 pm

**Adjourned: 6:50**

**Ended at**

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**Signature of Chair White**