



**75th Student Senate
Finance Committee
November 7, 2023, Zoom**

Call to Order: 6:00

Members Present: Chair White, Senators Gorelick, Randall, Thomas, Arellano, Patel, Baez, Hellman, Raiford, Hine, Novotney, Brown

Members Tardy:

Members Absent:

Guests: Chair Humberg

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. Despite 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: None

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Committee Business: None

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Old Business: None

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New Business:

- **Consent Resolution 37- Chair Humberg
Line item about \$2000**
 - Opening Statement:

- Okay, cool. So hello, everyone. Um, the Seminole nursing club is looking to have their nursing bank at Township. It's actually wouldn't be until May, but they need to go ahead and reserve their spot because originally I had told them like you probably would fare better off they originally request 2500 I told them like you probably fare better off if you came back in the spring, you know, because we'll be able to spend more money but they really needed to like lock down the date with township because it books up so quickly, especially right around graduation. So they came to us after reviewing like what they had in their account and everything. We felt like we should only fund them 1750 The Track and Field Club FSU. They're back because they are able to get the senate meeting. I don't think that Simon is here today. But if you guys remember his presentation from last week, we have decided to fund Tallahassee PD and EMS for the pole vaulting event on Madison Street. He will also be at the Senate meeting tomorrow. So if you have like any pressing questions that I can't answer today, if you have any at all, I can do that then Friday Night Live. We are funding them \$1,121 For shirts, they also came to us with a request for food. We denied that but they're getting in sweepings. The political discourse club we are funding three weeks of food for them. They typically have about 60 Plus members at their meetings. And so we decided that we were going to fund like some pizzas for their meetings, as well as I think it's 50 T shirts and they found a very cheap website 343 50. So we went ahead and did that for them. I will mention that Riley Smith is here from the pre Dental Society at FSU, or at least he was yeah, he's still here. I'm from pre Dental Society at FSU. They requested T shirts in the amount of 1238 and 40 cents. And we actually started to zero for them. We just like don't have that much money left. And we sort of felt like we had seen a lot of dental organizations so we weren't really like we felt like there a lot of overlap, et cetera, et cetera. But honestly, it's my last car. Also, someone could move to amend the total at the bottom there the CR is at 7400 Something not 12,000 I can I just took I don't want to direct your question to Riley asking about the t shirt and everything that would be much appreciated. But with that I yield
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Senator Gorelick- Is it okay to fund this because this money is going to TPD?
 - Chair Humberg- I think so. I don't see why it wouldn't be I don't know is there I? I assumed that it would be you know, it's kind of like a contractual service. You're hiring, like security for an event?
- **moves to enter round-table discussion; 4.40 seconds.**
- Round-Table Discussion: None
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- **moves to call the question.**
- Closing Statement: None
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- Vote:
 - Yes: [11] [**Senators Gorelick, Randall, Thomas, Arellano, Patel, Baez, Hellman, Raiford, Hine, Novotney, Brown**]
 - No: [0]
 - Abstain: [0]
- **RESULT: [LINE ITEM] [37] [PASSES]**

Consent Resolution as a Whole

- Opening Statement: None
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 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Senator Gorelick- Do you know they're using this money to buy alcohol?
 - Chair Humberg- I think it's like the food and beverage free fee at Township. I don't know. That it's like specifically for alcohol. The quote says, there will be a 2500 food and beverage minimum for the private use of the garden. This minimum can be met in any combined food and beverage purchases. So don't like necessarily stipulate alcohol. I guess I could tell them like we literally can't find you unless you only buy like cokes and stuff.

 - Senator Randall- Like do you happen to know like how many people are in your organization versus what might have been in other organizations and how much overlap there was in the two previous organizations that we've already funded recently?
 - Representative- I'm not sure how many numbers are in the other organizations, but I do know that we have at least 150 And ours which does make us one of the largest like pre health organizations and the largest, most inclusive pre dental organization on campus.
 - Representative 2- I am in dental brigades. And I'll say there's, we have like 50 people in dental brigades. And then I would argue that there's probably less and future women of dentistry because it's only it's only women. Um, so also future when women of dentistry just started this semester, so they're probably pretty small. I've not been to a meeting so I can't give an exact number. But I would say that probably around 25 ish people. I don't know though. Maybe more but they just started this semester. And then I and also in Denver gauge and that's around 50 people.
 - **moves to enter round-table discussion; 4.40 seconds.**
 - **Vice Chair Patel Amended to move Pre-Dental Society from \$0 to make it \$1230- Sponsor found friendly**
 - Round-Table Discussion: None
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 - **moves to call the question.**
 - Closing Statement: None
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 - Vote:
 - Yes: [11] [**Senators Gorelick, Randall, Thomas, Arellano, Patel, Baez, Hellman, Raiford, Hine, Novotney, Brown**]
 - No: [0]
 - Abstain: [0]
 - **RESULT: [Consent RESOLUTION] [37] [PASSES]**
- **Consent Resolution 36- Chair White**
 - Opening Statement:
 - They're requested funds to have community bonding events engaging in cultural awareness workshops, cool transpositions supplementary materials for panelists and artistic initiatives to establish cultural presence

they're quoting fundings for canvases small whiteboards inflict pain on many canvas with an easel and a pump and some mini pumpkins.

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- Technical Non-Debatable Questions: None
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- Round-Table Discussion: None
- Closing Statement: None
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- Vote:
 - Yes: [11] [**Senators Gorelick, Randall, Thomas, Arellano, Patel, Baez, Hellman, Raiford, Hine, Novotney, Brown**]
 - No: [0]
 - Abstain: [0]
- **RESULT: [Consent RESOLUTION] [35] [PASSES]**
- **Bill 98- Senator White**
 - Opening Statement:
 - This is for two thirds vote in the Student Life Budget Committee and on the floor just like our our tech and acquisitions aren't our committee. And the reason I got sent to our committee is because this is part of financial code, so we got to hear it here. And it also add a little bit Senate project should be used to temperature the image of SGA to as many students as possible, which, to me means that certain projects should be used to impact as many students as possible so that the answer we have here are used to make a change \$2,000.07 Project equals 10% of what we had in center projects counts to start this fiscal year. And I just think to make Senate more cohesive and make our Senate projects more of like a fund that everyone utilizes and everyone gets to make an impact for that. We make it to third so it's a consensus project and with that, I yield
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Randall- Well, I do feel that it's necessary to have the two thirds vote versus just majority of what I bring with it, especially in committees.
 - Chair- I just feel like Senate, as the two thirds would mean it's like a collusive agreement that all of a sudden is having \$2,000 is 10% of Senate projects right now, and just aligns it with PAC nartech. \$2,000 is a lot of money and to give it to an org, I think we should all agree and it should be supported by the Senate as a whole. So that are the projects that the best that they can be and come with the most support. So that they make a real impact on cross campus.
 - Gorelick- Yeah, just to point of clarification to the committee. This is gonna allow you know, obviously, the two committees that the Senate objects bills will go to, you know, have a say on what you know, they deem fit to be, you know, money used for Senate project, and, you know, allowing Senate to pass the bill if passed in the two committees. You know, have to pass the bill by two thirds. Just get I could just give senators more of a say. And, you know, how they feel about certain Senate project transfer bills

○ Round-Table Discussion:

- Randall- Yeah, I just feel like this is kind of unnecessary. He just like guidelines things and the project will sorry, well being you should have to share the image of Student Association. We say that in the paragraph right before that. We use the fun products that was the image of Student Government Association, and then the whole two thirds thing. This is only as a sense that we're spending and if we're having a majority consensus on it, I think this will just make things harder to pass and it's something that Senate really wants to pass passes about, like fails with like 64% or so things of 67% That would be a shame to see a really cool project go to waste like that.

Senator Randall Moves to Amend to remove number 1 from guidelines. - sponsor friendly

Senator Randall moves to Amend to strike require 2/3 vote from SL and Budget- not sponsor friendly.

- Randall-Yeah. I just think that if you're hearing the Senate projects bill and actually going to the Senate floor, especially if it's over \$2,000 I'm guessing that's project that quite a bit of us are going to be lined with that happens to fill in a committee, such as budget or student life, I would say that's different from like a packet or tap request because that's not something that's too early like something that SGA is wanting to do those outside organizations. So I see that a little bit differently because you know, that is a guideline.
- Baez-first when you were speaking you were talking about how we do the two thirds vote when we're putting a bill on to second reading. But that does I just want to ask the question because I genuinely am confused. Don't we do that only within like Senate as a whole not within committees?
- Chair White-Yeah, I just brought that up. It's like a comparison that we just made that change. But the reason like I included this was because when we pass our attack and pack resolutions in committee, we have to do those by a two thirds vote on the finance committee. So I thought if we're trying to align this more where we need to vote for 2000 He's it's a large sum of money. That makes a big impact that we should also do that in committee like we do for our attack and acquisitions, which is why I included the committee and the committee, part of the resolution.
- Chair White-speaking con because if the bill is filling in committee, I mean, so most likely fill in the floor. Just like packing our tech the two thirds vote is there in committees, so that every voice gets heard, every voice is utilized and in a Senate project vote which is \$2,000 is 10%. It's important that every voice is heard. And every one gets to say this. This is a huge project from Senate as a whole. It is what we do as a Senate and Senate important that we all make a voice over it and that we all get to utilize our voice and our votes our voice and this makes that important. More important in the chambers and committee as a whole.
- Raiford-I'd also like to speak in con just because from what I've heard Sam DSC before he said like meetings are meant to figure this stuff out. So that we do less stuff in Senate so I feel like it should be handled in

committees and then if it makes it through it's a sign that we shouldn't be doing it on the Senate floor.

- Randall- Yeah, so I totally hear what you guys are saying. I just think you mentioned everybody you guys need to have a voice. I think, again, a projects bill should be people having that voice on the Senate floor. I think this is just making it easier for both to fail and committee. And I think that it should be getting to the floor. And a majority vote does tend to be easier to pass into committee and like any sort of committee than the entire Senate is going to make that decision versus just those committees, which is a small portion of our entire Senate. And again, I think that's different from talking on our test because those are requests for things that people are doing outside of SGA whereas this is an SGA thing. That we're trying to accomplish as a Senate.
- Vote:
 - Yes: [2] [**Senators Randall, Baez,**]
 - No: [5] [**Senators Gorelick, Arellano, Hellman, Raiford, and White]**]
 - Abstain: [2] [**Thomas, Brown**]
- **AMENDMENT: [FAILS]**
- Closing Statement:
 - So I kind of did lose Wi Fi, and missed most of what the Senator said in roundtable, but the two thirds vote really just allows cohesion allows agreement and make sure that everyone gets it input on the Senate project sponsor. We recently just passed the bill basically unanimous to make things on second reading a two thirds vote. So I think putting \$2,000 as a two thirds vote on sand projects only has 20,000. So that's 10% we're just taking a step to make sure all voices are heard, and everyone has input over making impact on the student body so as the Senate and as a whole we can make an impact. Your
- Vote:
 - Yes: [8] [**Senators Gorelick, Thomas, Arellano, Patel, Hellman, Raiford, Hine, Novotney, Brown**]
 - No: [2] [**Senators Randall, Baez**]
 - Abstain: [0]
- **RESULT: [Bill] [98] [PASSES]**

Unfinished Business: None

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Closing Announcements: None

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Next Meeting: TBD

Adjourned: 6:45

Signature of Chair White