



75th Student Senate
Student Life Committee

Friday, October 6th, 2023 at 2:15 pm | Zoom ID: 662 691 0906
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Call to Order: 2:15 pm

Members Present: Syska, Weston, Dos Santos, Brown,

Members Tardy: Sparling

Members Absent: Newsome, Baret, Chatellier, Prui

Guests: McEnry, Staveski.

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Announcements: None!

Committee Business: Bill # 85, Resolution # 72

New Business: Bill # 85, Resolution # 72

BILL # 85 : Sponsored by Senators Randall and Staveski (P)

**A transfer of \$286.64 From Senate Projects To the Mental Health Council
to purchase a tablecloth and 7 name tags.**

- Opening Statement (5 mins):

Hi everyone, just want to start off by apologizing because I am in an airport right now, my flight was supposed to get in a couple hours ago but it got delayed. I am here as the liaison to the mental health council, and I just want to start off by giving you all some history about them. They are an SGA bureau that was revitalized last year after the budgeting process. The current executive board was unable to make any budget requests because of this and they were then budgeted a fraction of the amount they were in previous years. They are requesting a tablecloth and name tags to help with programming, and they currently table at market wednesday every week and have GBM's every other week. So they are just requesting this money to be more effective in their programming. Outreach is something we talk a lot about under the scope of senate and I think this would be a great way to help SGA do more outreach.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

Syska: I know the Mental Health Council dues so I was wondering where that money is going?

Staveski: They do not have dues.

Meunier: Is there a reason why they are not going through other resources to get funding?

Staveski: They cannot go through PAC and RTAC because they are budgeted by SGA and they were already given that \$400 through the budget.

Khosh: Senator Staveski is there a reason why they are not waiting to go to sweepings?

Staveski: They are gonna have to get majority of their budget from sweepings for all the programming events they want to do in the spring like they are doing now, and their current executive board has had to pay for a lot of expenses out of pocket this semester. For the current budget they have, their exec board has put a lot of their own money into their programming.

Khosh: Senator Staveski can you re state how much they are requesting again?

Staveski: I believe \$286.00.

Khosh: Okay and you said they were budgeted a fraction of their normal amount so what exactly is that fraction?

Staveski: They did not even give a request last year while I was on budget so they were unable to request how much they would have actually needed. They were only budgeted \$400 because no one came to give a presentation and ask for more.

Khosh: Oh okay so they were budgeted \$400 but they have already used that all?

Staveski: I am not sure what they have done with the \$400, I think it has gone towards programming, but I can get a solid answer.

Khosh: What month were they budgeted the \$400?

Staveski: It would have been for this fiscal year so on July 1st.

Khosh: Okay so from July to now they have used the \$400 but they are requesting an additional \$300 before we go to sweepings?

Staveski : Actually the director just told me that they are saving the \$400 for future programming. So all the programming they have had up until the point, they have funded out of their own pocket.

Khosh: Okay I guess I am just confused as to why they are saving the \$400 and going out of their own pocket for programming when they could just use the money they were initially budgeted?

Staveski: I think Mental Health Council is in a unique position because they went through leadership position changes, and if they waited for sweepings they would have to wait till December to be funded for their table cloth and name tags. When you are such a programming heavy bureau, it is important to have those items so people can recognize who you are. Their treasurer was just confirmed recently and they wanted her to manage the budget.

Khosh: Okay so they wanted to wait till their treasurer was confirmed to get access to the money or did they already have access?

Staveski: To my knowledge they are saving it because they do not know what they are gonna get from sweepings?

Syska moves to enter round-table discussion; Brown seconds; no objections

- Round-Table Discussion:

Syska: I just wanted to speak with Vice-Chair Khosh for a second, if they were given the \$400 and they were not using it because they did not have a treasurer in the role, I am not sure that is a reason to ask for more money, if the funds they have could already cover what they are asking for. I love the work that MHC does, but again I do not think not having an elected e board member is a reason to ask for more money.

Khosh: Yeah so MHC is at the same level as IRHC and the other bureaus so they also have to wait for sweepings. Granted they could come and ask for a budget recision like this, but they haven't done that. I just feel like it would be a different situation if they had no money, but they have \$400 they are just trying to elongate that money until sweepings occurs, but I am confused as to why we are giving them advantage to come ask for more money, while the other bureaus don't get that chance. I may be understanding the situation incorrectly but this is not how procedure goes. I would love to hear more thoughts on the committee about this subject.

Brown: I have a point of information. How many months is senate projects money distributed to?

Meuneir: Usually Senate Projects is like our last line of defense when we are out of money from the other funding areas we have, so it goes all the way till the end of the spring semester. So we would pull from this when we are out of money in PAC and RTAC.

Khosh: Just to put in perspective Senator Brown, so once the funding for PAC and RTAC runs out, we result to senate projects. So if RSO's come to us and ask for money, we are able to continue funding them instead of having to turn them away, but we pull that from Senate

Projects. Sweepings that happens at the end of this semester is where groups like MHC can go to request additional money like they are doing now, instead of pulling from Senate Projects. Especially in the case that they already have \$400 and will most likely get more money when sweepings comes around.

Syska moves to call the question; Brown seconds; no objections

Closing Statement:

Thank you so much for hearing me out, I know this is not something we typically use Senate Projects money for, but in statues it does say that money should be used for anything that will better the image of SGA and I feel like giving them this funding will do that. I get this is an unusual situation but they had a unusual year. In years past they have been budgeted thousands of dollars. I think this would be a good way to give back to them.

Sponsor yields with 3:00 minutes and 0 seconds.

- Vote:
 - Yes: 8
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0

- **RESULT: BILL #85 PASSED**

RESOLUTION # 72 : Sponsored by Senator McEnery (P) Gorelick, Chinn, Windlan, LoBianco, Humberg, Newsome, Hine, Meier, M. Brown, Baez, E. Brown, Sparling, Valdes-Herrera, Salazar, McAllister (Co)

Formally recognizing October as LGTBQ+ History Month. Celebrating the LGBTQIA+ community at FSU and the Pride Student Union for their contributions to the well-being of the LGBTQIA+ community on campus and in Florida.

- Opening Statement (5 mins):

Hi guys so this is just an easy resolution and shouldn't be controversial. I am the liasion to the pride student union and they reached out to me about writing this because October is Pride history month. I would appreciate it if someone could motion to amend the typo that I have at the end of the page.

Khosh: Moves to amend.

McEnery: Finds it friendly.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

Khosh moves to enter round-table discussion; Syska seconds; no objections

- Round-Table Discussion:

Khosh: This is a non controversial bill, love it, we have a lot of co sponsors on this bill and I think it is great we are doing this.

Brown: Yes I want to echo what vice-chair Khosh said but I think this is great and that we are working with the Pride Student Union on this.

Meunier: Yes I am suprised this is not a thing already and think this is great.

Khosh moves to call the question; Sparling seconds; no objections

Closing Statement:

Thank you for making this really easy and with that I yield.

Sponsor yields with 4 minutes and 25 seconds.

- Vote:
 - Yes: 6
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 1

- **RESULT: RESOLUTION #72 PASSED**

Unfinished Business:

None

Closing Announcements:

Enjoy parents weekend everyone!

Next Meeting: 10/13/23

Adjourned: 2:40 pm

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Signature of Chair, Luke M. Meunier