



72<sup>nd</sup> Student Senate  
Finance Committee

Date: February 18, 2020

Call to Order: 4:05pm

Attendance: Cohen, England, Pendleton, Rudolph, Harmon

Guests: Oscar Kosarewicz, Carlos Sulbaran, Rose Finkelstein, Matthew Harris, Shaun Crist, Ashleigh Pate, Danica Forestao, RTAC Chair Murcia

Approval of the Minutes:

- Pendleton moves
- Rudolph seconds
- Minutes are approved

Announcements:

- Chair Cohen: Informed the committee of the remaining PAC and RTAC balances
- Vice-Chair Porter: None
- Members: None
- Guests:
  - Forestao: NSBE requests their funding be moved up from \$1600 to \$2000 in the category of travel expenses.

Committee Business:

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Harmon moves to unlock the calendar
- Pendleton seconds
- Consent Resolution (Sponsored by Chair Murcia)
  - Total of Resolution: \$
  - Opening:
    - RTAC met yesterday in Innovation Hub. We funded FSU Trumpet Guild, AKPsi, National Society of Black Engineers, American Institute of Engineers, Synthesis Dance Company, and Acabelles. The FSU Belly Dancers were zero funded. Yields 3:00 to closing.
  - Questions:
    - Cohen: None
    - England: None
    - Harmon: None

- Pendleton: Wanted to confirm that the quote for FSU Trumpet Guild was 3 8-people vans for 19 travelers?
  - Murcia: Yes
- Rudolph: On the Trumpet Guild, why was the mileage changed?
  - Murcia: They did incorrect math. Since they're not allow to drive more than 500 miles per day.
- Motion to Approve & Second:
  - Harmon seconds
  - England seconds
  - Rudolph objects
  - England moves to waive the rules and enter round table discussion
  - Rudolph seconds
  - Roundtable:
    - Murcia: I would like an amendment to add National Society of Black Engineers in the category of travel 2000 and zero fund in the category of 1668
    - England Motions to zero fund lodging and put 1668 in travel for a total of 1668
    - Rudolph Seconds
    - Sponsor finds it friendly
    - Vote on Amendment:
      - England: Yes
      - Harmon: Yes
      - Pendleton: Yes
      - Rudolph: Yes
      - Passes:
    - Question: Is there going to be a second amendment?
      - We just did that to move the amount rather than change the controversial amount
    - England: Trumpet guild. Do they pay mandatory dues?
      - Murcia: Those dues can be waived if they need financial help
      - England: Technically not mandatory?
      - Murcia: Technically yes
    - Pendleton: I am not comfortable funding trumpet guild for three vans because there would be enough with two vans.
      - Rudolph: Clarify?
      - England: it would be 660 instead of 990
    - England: Side-note; the consent resolution is about 50% of the current RTAC budget.
    - Pendleton moves to amend trumpet guild in the category of expense from 990 to 660
    - Rudolph seconds
    - Cohen: It had to do with the size of the bus and the number of people going. 24 spaces total for 19 people.
    - England: Question for the sponsor. AKPsi. The minutes state that dues were brought up. Are the dues being used for the trip?
      - England moves for non-senator to speak
      - Rudolph seconds
      - Matthew Harris: Dues are not being used for the trip. Most of the dues we raise are going to our house to be renovated. This trip helps them network.
      - Rose: We are adding new furniture and renovating are house and the dues will not be going to the trip.

- Rudolph: The attendees for AKPsi were selected based on GPA. There is no minimum requirement so why even have it?
  - Harris: For those that are close to graduating
- Rudolph: how many of the 80 people are upperclassmen?
  - Rose: at least half or more. I have been on this trip and to find an internship is very hard. This trip aims to help with that but will not exclude freshman.
- Pendleton: How was the trip advertised?
  - Harris: Word of mouth type of thing. If necessary, we could have it be posted on our social media.
  - Murcia: It was advertised in their GBMs. Their club is open to all.
  - Rose: Advertised to the College of business.
- England: Understanding you requested 8500 dollars. How does 1600 make a difference compared to that cut?
  - Harris: The members would be paying that go.
  - Rose: When we are, they pay food as well so that's why we asked for SGA help.
  - Harris: We would like a bump up of 2000 because it would help relieve the members of the cost.
  - Rose: Each exec member gets their own budget. One of our VP's will be using a small chunk of their budget to cover the costs.
- England: Some of the money that people pay will be used by AKPsi?
  - Harris: Yes
- England: I'm trying to justify a 400 dollar bump and the question is whether the org can cover that or us.
- Rudolph: The RTAC budget is very low. I don't think it's fair cutting other groups and giving more to other groups.
- England: I think 1600 dollars for 80 people is a good number. The impact it will have on the student body is good.
- Cohen: Try not to use cost per head.
- Rudolph: The selective requirements. I do not like having a GPA requirement for students because it limits some students.
- Murcia: These students are looking for internships and im sure that resumes will be taken so it is important that the students that go are the best ones to represent FSU.
- Rose: I know 1600 dollars being bumped up to 2000 is pretty big of an increase but I want you guys to know that we have lots of other things to pay for and the best memories in college for me were going on this trip. The 400 dollars will go a long way for the students going.
- England: We have to make the RTAC budget last and as much as we would love to move amounts up. We cannot due to the fact that we have very little money to work with for the rest of the semester.
- Cohen: I would like the committee to remember my comments about central reserves and not believe that RTAC will or will not get any money for central reserves. The spring break time is a very popular time for travel dates. We will most likely be seeing requests of this magnitude.
- Rose: It felt like the decision was made based on dues and apologize for the mix-up.
- Rudolph: Travel request on fact we switched funding from lodging to travel
- Roundtable asks about funding process for Synthesis Dance Company and then decides to leave numbers as they are.

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- Final Vote:
  - Yea:
  - No:
  - Abstain:
- Resolution does **Pass**
- Consent Resolution 19 (Sponsored by Chair Gnanam)
  - Total of Resolution: \$ 1405
  - Questions:
    - Pendleton: Why was number for Hearts for Homeless cut from 648 to 959?
      - A: RSO was told to request more shirts so they are available to the student body
  - Motion to Approve & Second: Adamyk moves to call question, Pendleton seconds
  - Final Vote:
    - Yea: Adamyk, Fernsel, Pendleton, Porter,
    - No:
    - Abstain: Rudolph
  - Resolution does **Pass**

Confirmations and Nominees:

- None

Unfinished Business:

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Final Announcements:

- Adamyk: Good luck to everyone running tomorrow

Date, Location, and Time of Next Meeting: Tuesday February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ 7PM, WJB G026

Adjourned: 5:59PM