



72nd Student Senate
Finance Committee

Date: February 21, 2020

Call to Order: 5:05PM

	Present	Tardy	Absent
Adamyk	X		
Cohen	X		
Culver	N/A		
England	X		
Fernsel			X
Jungers	N/A		
Pendleton	X		
Porter	X		
Rudolph	X		
Ryan			X

Guests: Chair Gnanam, Vice-Chair Villacorta, Senator Sojos, members of NSBE, Chemical Engineers, Acabelles, Bellydancers, and Synthesis Dance Company

Approval of the Minutes: Adamyk moves, Pendleton seconds, minutes from 02/18/2020 are **Approved**

Announcements:

- Chair Cohen:
- Vice-Chair Porter:
- Members:
- Guests: Murcia: thank you for meeting on a Friday

Committee Business:

- None

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Consent Resolution 18 (Sponsored by Murcia)
 - Total of Resolution: \$ 5965
 - Questions:
 - Adamyk: What is the remaining RTAC budget?
 - A: \$9,890.67 with Trumpet Guild still included
 - Motion to Approve & Second: England moves to adopt, Rudolph seconds, Adamyk objects, enter **Roundtable**
 - Roundtable:

- Rudolph: It says that Chemical Engineers has 16 travelers, how many are already chosen?
 - A: We advertise to everyone, but usually exec members are most involved, so they usually always go
- Adamyk: Do you have to be an active member to go on the Chemical Engineers trip?
 - A: No, anyone can go
- Pendleton: How was the trip advertised?
 - A: One GBM is dedicated to advertising the trip, former attendees come and talk about it, bring materials
- Sojos: What's the selection process, how are people selected over others?
 - A: Based on who would serve the most benefit to the student body
- England: Could the RSO still go on the trip if the funding was cut?
 - A: Yes, but fewer students could attend
- England: RTAC zero-funded Belly Dancers, why was that done?
 - A: Tryouts are only conducted when members leave, and the trip was only open to current members of the Troupe, so it didn't seem open to everyone
- Rudolph: How are auditions conducted?
 - A: Prospective members are shown techniques and then demonstrate, and we check for potential
- England: Are dues mandatory?
 - A: If members can't pay we can work to accommodate that
- Adamyk: How was this trip advertised?
 - A: It wasn't advertised externally because it is only open to Troupe members
- Murcia: Dr. Acosta agreed that this trip wasn't open to all students
- Adamyk: 807.G is violated by this trip not being publicly advertised.
- Rudolph: Can Synthesis go on the trip with the current level of funding?
 - A: Yes, it is still possible
- Murcia: RSO said that all interested members are being taken?
- England: How were travelers selected?
 - A: All interested applicants were accepted
- Sojos: Can anyone go on the AcaBelles trip?
 - A: There's an open audition process and anyone is welcome to audition
- England: Are meetings open to the public, and are dues mandatory?
 - A: Anyone can come to the meetings, and the dues can be waived if needed
- Porter: I think it is reasonable that RSOs expect that people going on these trips have at least some talent or interest in the subject, that ensures SGA money is being well spent
- England: Have any other FSU a-capella groups been invited to this competition?
 - A: No, we are the only ones
- England: Can dues be put towards the cost of the trip?
 - A: A lot of the dues money has already been allocated to other purposes
- England: I think it is a fair request, I don't think the funding should be upped because of the tight budget, but I will stand by RTAC's decision
- Pendleton: How will the other costs of the trip be covered?
 - A: It will be covered by fundraising, we want to avoid crowdfunding at the moment since we have a lot of freshmen
- England: Has AcaBelles ever been to this competition before?
 - A: No, we've been focused on music-making in the past
- England: Is NSBE still requesting an increase in funding to \$2000?
 - A: Yes, they are
- England: How is the remainder of the trip being funded?
 - A: Some merch is being sold, some from dues, some from donations

- England: How much were conference registration fees?
 - A: \$170 for students with a GPA 3.0, \$200 for students with a GPA below 3.0
- Villacorta: Even if the trip was fully funded, no money would go to cover FAMU students
- England: Out of the 16 FSU students going, how many have been selected and have they already registered for the conference?
 - A: All have been selected, and they have all registered
- England: Can the RSO still go with the current funding level?
 - A: Yes, it will just be harder
- Villacorta: What is the benefit to the student body?
 - This conference is also a career fair, which can lead to internships and jobs, there are also workshops that teach new concepts. It also brings companies back to the College of Engineering to gather more talent
- England: This request has already been cut, although I would love to increase the funding but our budget won't allow it, but I do not want to cut it further

Motion to Approve & Second: England moves to adopt, Rudolph seconds, Adamyk objects, enter **Roundtable**

- Porter moves to table Resolution 18, Rudolph seconds
- Final Vote:
 - Yea:
 - No:
 - Abstain:
- Resolution is **Tabled**

Confirmations and Nominees:

- None

Unfinished Business:

- None

Final Announcements:

- None

Date & Time of Next Meeting: Tuesday, 2/25/20 @7PM, room TBD

Adjourned: 5:58 PM