



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

Date: March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Call to Order: 7:03PM

	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
Wang	X		

Guests: Biomedical Engineering Society, Filipino Student Association, Vietnamese Student Association, Aaliyah Abarzua

Approval of the Minutes: Porter moves, England seconds, minutes from 03/03/2020 are **Approved**

Announcements:

- Chair Cohen: Welcome to all of our guests from the Pac-allocated RSOs, we will go into the consent resolution first, I hope everyone is studying and washing their hands, this might be our last meeting so thank you to everyone
- Vice-Chair Porter: Happy belated birthday to Senator England
- Members:
- Guests:

Committee Business:

- None

Old Business:

- Resolution 24 (Sponsored by Levin & Adamyk)
  - Opening: I am on this resolution to help senator Levin, this is a retroactive payment for the Student Veterans Center, this was the responsibility of the prior VSU board so we shouldn't punish the current board by not passing this.
  - Questions:
    - England: Does this resolution require a money transfer or is the money already in the correct account?

- A: The money was originally taken out of the self-generated funds, but the extra money is being taken out of the food category
  - Pendleton: Are we allowed to pay for taxes in this retroactive payment?
    - A: Taxes can be paid
- England moves to call the question, Rudolph seconds
- Closing: Thank you for hearing this
- Final Vote:
  - Yes: Adamyk, England, Fernsel, Pendleton, Porter, Rudolph, Wang
  - No:
  - Abstain:
- Resolution does **Pass**
- Bill 39 (Sponsored by Sojos & Leckie)
  - England moves to table, Rudolph seconds, no objections, bill is **Tabled**
- Bill 47 (Sponsored by Sojos)
  - Sponsor withdraws Bill 47, bill is **Withdrawn**

#### New Business:

- Consent Resolution 25 (Sponsored by Gnanam)
  - Total of Resolution: \$2,398
  - Questions:
    - Cohen: Are VSA and FSA hosting the event together?
      - A: Yes
    - England: Are any other RSOs helping host Barrio by Night?
      - A: Just the two
    - England: Why was Nu Rho Psi tabled?
      - A: Their quotes were very expensive
    - England: HOSA requested \$415 but received \$521, where's the increase coming from?
      - A: They requested money for a quote that had fewer shirts at a higher cost per shirt, PAC used a quote that provided more shirts for a lower cost per shirt, at a slighter higher final cost
  - Motion to Approve & Second: Porter moves to approve, Rudolph seconds, England objects, enter **Roundtable**
  - Roundtable
    - England moves to amend to Consent Resolution 20 to read Consent Resolution 25, and to correct Vietnamese Student Organization to Vietnamese Student Association, Wang seconds
      - Vote on amendment:
        - Yes: England, Fernsel, Porter, Rudolph, Wang
        - No:
        - Abstain:
      - Amendment does **Pass**
    - Rudolph moves to amend Filipino Student Organization to Filipino Student Association, Wang seconds,
      - Vote on Amendment:
        - Yes: England, Fernsel, Porter, Rudolph, Wang
        - No:
        - Abstain:
      - Amendment does **Pass**
    - England: I feel a little uncomfortable that HOSA is receiving more than they requested when most RSOs were so heavily cut, I think it is bad optics.

- Gnanam: HOSA did not have a lot of fundraising to fall back on like the other RSOs did, especially given how close to the end of the year it is.
    - England: Can you clarify how the numbers were reached?
    - Gnanam: 2% of the shirts need to be plus sized for inclusivity reasons, those are more expensive compared to smaller sizes
    - Wang: The application and Qualtrics have different numbers for how much HOSA fundraised
    - England: So HOSA fundraised, but for other events?
      - A: Yes, they fundraised for other things
    - England: I'm not going to amend, but I feel uncomfortable with this level, I look forward to the PAC minutes being restructured, we need that information
    - Porter moves to approve Consent Resolution, England seconds, no objections
  - Final Vote:
    - Yea: England, Fernsel, Porter, Rudolph, Wang
    - No:
    - Abstain:
  - Resolution does **Pass**
- Bill 58 (Sponsored by Sojos)
  - Adamyk moves to table, Wang seconds, no objections, bill is **Tabled**
- Bill 57 (Sponsored by Sojos & Adamyk)
  - Opening: The point of this is to make RSOs publicize their events before they request funding. They have to give estimates of attendance, but there is no way of knowing if that is accurate. This fixes a loophole that came to light a few weeks ago, and it helps us verify that RSOs are doing their due diligence with advertising their events and trips
  - Questions:
    - Cohen: Would this let RSOs wait to advertise until the accounting office is ready to put the purchase order on their account?
      - A: Possibly, we can amend that to fix it
    - Rudolph: If an RSO already has flyers up as advertising before they are funded, would they need to add the SGA logo afterwards?
      - A: No, only if promotional items themselves are funded by SGA
    - Wang: Is there a way to check if sufficient advertising is being made?
      - A: Its up to the funding boards and the Finance Committee, they usually can make a good decision
  - Roundtable:
    - Rudolph moves to amend the bill to rephrase "receiving" to "requesting", Pendleton seconds, no objections, sponsor finds friendly, amendment is **Adopted**
    - England: I both like this and dislike this, it allows us to make more informed decisions and better know how many people are going to attend events or apply to travel, but I'm worried about this because, let's say an RSO's only source of funds is PAC or RTAC, and they weren't to receive the funding, if they have already started advertising they could have to cancel the event and then advertise that the event was cancelled
    - Sojos: This has happened before, people get cut for various reasons all the time, this pressure could be a positive thing
    - Adamyk: This could encourage RSOs to seek out more sources of funding, which is a good thing
    - England: I don't know how to fix the potential problems I've outlined, to me the costs of this could outweigh the benefits
    - Sojos: The fact that RSOs should advertise prior to requesting money is implied in statutes
    - England: If an RSO follows the current rules, and PAC or RTAC cut them due to no fault of their own, what would happen?

- A: If an RSO doesn't get the amount of money they request, that's probably a problem of the RSO
- Wang: This would only allow PAC to make better decisions, and if they make cuts, they are smarter cuts
- Sojos: If there are problems with funding, there will be backlash regardless
- Adamyk: With regards to RTAC, if they get cut, they can just lower the number of travelers they can take
- England: This would allow PAC and RTAC to make better informed decisions, but RSOs can still get cut, I think we are overlooking that if an RSO advertises early to comply with rules and they don't get the amount of money they think they might, we might could go back to the prior phrasing
- England moves to amend bill to rephrase "requesting" to "receiving", Rudolph seconds, Porter objects
- England's Amendment
  - Opening: Using the original verbiage does not allow for the full impact of the changed verbiage, if an RSO advertises to follow the rules and then doesn't get the amount needed, they might face backlash due to advertising events that don't happen
  - Questions:
    - Fernsel: They would have to show their advertising before receiving funding?
      - A: They don't have to show their advertising to the boards, but they do have to advertise
  - Roundtable:
    - Porter: I worry that changing the phrasing back to how it is originally written would not allow the bill to allow PAC and RTAC to use this information to make more informed decisions, I think this would put more work on accounting on top of everything they have to do, and furthermore, most RSOs do event advertising on social media, which can be changed and updated at any time, so that if events change time or location or are cancelled, they can let everyone know very quickly
    - Adamyk: This is open to interpretation, some RSOs could read this in a way we don't want them to
    - Rudolph: I'm in favor of changing it back, a lot of RSOs come year after year for funding and can show prior attendance numbers, the current phrasing could be doing too much too quickly
    - England: We can't assume that an RSO will use social media to advertise their events, some RSOs could use only flyers or chalking, changing the phrasing still allows for checks
    - Cohen: Dr. Acosta told me that funds are considered dispersed when the Senate votes on the Consent Resolutions, not when the paperwork is filed with accounting
    - England: Given what we've just found out, my amendment doesn't make sense, but I think this is still necessary
  - England withdraws amendment
- Rudolph moves to table bill, Wang seconds, no objections, Bill is **Tabled**

#### Confirmations and Nominees:

- Anne Marie Yatsula (Programming Allocation Committee)
  - Opening: I currently serve as the director of programming for SOAR Board, I served as the Vice-Chair of PAC last spring and I would love to do it again
  - Questions:

- Adamyk: Given that PAC is dealing with a limited budget, what experience with stretching money do you have?
  - A: I'm an RA, and I have to stretch \$150 for an entire year
- Cohen: Do you have any other relevant leadership experience?
  - A: I served as the vice-president of Wildwood Hall last year
- Pendleton: You said last semester was too busy, how do you plan to balance everything?
  - A: It was my class schedule last semester, it isn't a problem now
- Rudolph: Why did you want to come back to PAC?
  - A: It was the high point of last year, and I enjoy seeing what the RSOs are doing outside of consultations
- Porter moves to forward the candidate, Pendleton seconds
- Final Vote:
  - Yes: Adamyk, England, Fernsel, Pendleton, Porter, Rudolph, Wang
  - No:
  - Abstain:
- Candidate is **Forwarded**

Unfinished Business:

- None

Final Announcements:

- Cohen: Thank you for everything, remember that tomorrow is Spring Break Senate, so no business professional clothing
- England: Remember to wash your hands

Date & Time of Next Meeting: TBD

Adjourned: 9:43 P.M.