



**73<sup>rd</sup> Student Senate  
Finance Committee Agenda  
March 9th, 2021 | Zoom Meeting ID: 394 498 4054**

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**Call to Order:** 5:43pm

**Members Present:** Chair Rudolph, Vice Chair Soto, Senators Grunberger, Kilinc, Marcus, Villacorta, Pro-Tempore Wang (left early)

**Members Tardy:** Senator Lessard (excused)

**Members Absent:** Senators Reed (excused), Schaler (unexcused), Suarez (unexcused), Tookes (suspended)

**Guests:** Senator Randall, Senator Roy, Alyssa Frank, Andrea Aguirre-Becerra, Ben Schoenfeld, Laurel Mckinney, Aide Aguilar

**Approval of the Minutes:**

- Senator Grunberger motions to approve
- Senator Marcus seconds
- **MOTION PASSES**

**Announcements:**

- None

**Student Comments:**

- None

**Committee Business:**

- Senator Marcus motions to unlock the calendar
- Senator Kilinc seconds
- **MOTION PASSES**
- **RTAC Resolution #10 By Chair Randall**
  - Opening statement- This resolution funds the Mexican-American Student Association in the category of expense for \$500 for a conference on March 25th-28th. The organization has held and talked about issues that pertain to the Mexican-American Student Association and Mexican-American students on campus. RTAC motioned to waive statute 807.6 (G)(2) since this conference would benefit the executive board and only executive boards would be able to attend said conference.



- Vice Chair Soto: What was the statute that you mentioned earlier?
- Chair Randall: The statute is 807.6 (G)(2)
- Senator Marcus moves to enter roundtable
- Senator Villacorta seconds
- Senator Marcus: **POPP**- I think that we should change the rule so that you can get reimbursed for registration fees, especially when registration for things tends to be early in advance compared to conferences and such.
- Chair Randall: I talked to the business manager about this. You cannot receive a purchase order, in which you cannot process a Nole Central request, in which you cannot receive an RTAC request.
- Senator Marcus: I will work with you on that. I think it is so frustrating for RSOs in not knowing this.
- Senator Marcus moves to call to question
- Senator Grunberger seconds
- Closing statement- I appreciate you all for listening to this request tonight. I look forward to fixing the issues with Senator Marcus. With MASA, this helps them attend this Latinx conference, and I yield in full support.
- Vote- Y: 5 Grunberger, Kilinc, Marcus, Villacorta, Soto N: 0 A: 1 Wang
- **RESOLUTION PASSED IN COMMITTEE**
- Senator Marcus motions to return to the orders of the day
- **Confirmations and Nominations- PAC Candidate Ben Schoenfeld**
  - Candidate opening- My name is Ben Schoenfeld. I am a freshman at Florida State. I wanted to join SGA because of Senator Flashman and also having a meeting with Senator Randall. I have experience with budgeting money within a group as the President of a youth group, and with that I yield.
  - Senator Marcus: Have you taken the financial certification exam?
  - Candidate Schoenfeld- I have, but I do not know if I have passed yet.
  - Senator Grunberger- Are you involved with any other organizations other than your fraternity?
  - Candidate Schoenfeld- Yes, I
  - Vice Chair Soto- What inspired you to go out for a PAC member spot?
  - Candidate Schoenfeld- After talking with Senators Flashman and Randall, they have inspired me to go out for something like this and to help students and RSOs receive funding.
  - Senator Marcus moves to forward the candidate
  - Senator Grunberger seconds
  - Candidate closing- A couple of things that I am passionate about being more environmentally sustainable with RSOs as well as funding more identity-based organizations. With that, I hope you all confirm me.
  - Vote- Y: 5 Grunberger, Kilinc, Marcus, Villacorta, Soto N: 0 A: 1 Wang
  - **CANDIDATE IS CONFIRMED IN COMMITTEE**
- **PAC Resolution #11 By Tyler Roy**
  - Opening statement- For Relay for Life, they came requesting money for renting out the IM fields on the 27th. For clothing and awards, we decided to zero-fund



them because they requested 500 t-shirts, but they came to me with a lower amount this morning, so we can hear that during roundtable. The Flute Association plans to bring in two speakers, in which they always come to PAC once a semester to ask for funding, and the Muslim Student Association asked for \$50 in expense and for food, but we decided to zero-fund for the speaker since they did not bring in any quotes.

- Senator Marcus motions to enter roundtable
- Senator Lessard seconds
- Chair Roy: They requested funding in three categories. I would like to move the amount of contractual services to expense due to statutes. Even though it is a larger amount than normal requests, the amount is very needed in order to help their event succeed.
- Senator Marcus motions to change
- Senator Lessard seconds
- Sponsor Roy finds it friendly
- Senator Marcus- **POC**: I noticed that there was \$5,000 in clothing & awards not on the resolution, so are we waiting until next week to worry about this?
- Chair Roy: I was hoping to share some lower quotes with you all during this meeting instead of having to wait an extra week only because this is a time-sensitive request. They are asking to fund two types of t-shirts- one type for general participants and one type for the team so that they are easily recognizable. The new quote includes 200 general t-shirts and 20 officer team shirts. We could fund up to \$2,000 in t-shirts and the organization would have to cover the \$545 difference.
- Senator Marcus moves to let a non-senator to speak
- Vice Chair Soto seconds
- Alyssa Frank: That is the lowest that we could get it, but even though it is not ideal, we will still take it.
- Chair Roy: I would be happy to answer any questions
- Senator Marcus- **POC**: Do we expect more requests to come in due to banquets and such?
- Chair Roy: If everything goes well, we can use the \$26,000 to hear out more requests, but if we continue to be
- Senator Marcus- **POC**: Does the organization fundraise for these things?
- Chair Roy: All of their fundraising money usually goes to Relay for Life itself
- Senator Marcus- **POPP**: I know that Dance Marathon usually have their members buy their merchandise with their own money, so I have no problem with fully funding Relay for Life, but I just want to make sure that most of the PAC money does not go to one organization.
- Vice Chair Soto- **POC**: Relay for Life Executive Committee purchases all their merchandise before the event, and they also sell their merchandise to the public before the Relay event itself, so I could understand why they would request funding for these t-shirts for the day of the event.



- Chair Rudolph: PAC was okay with funding 200-250 shirts, and why did you all not fund for the t-shirts again?
- Chair Roy: The reason why we tabled that part was because we did not have any smaller requests other than 470 and 520 t-shirts, so we wanted to see smaller quotes, in which they were able to provide those this morning.
- Senator Marcus: I am on the fence about the t-shirts only because that is a lot of money going to one organization.
- Alyssa Frank: Dance Marathon did their events differently, but due to FSU protocol, participants can only be on the field for two hours. A lot of participants have come up to us and told us that they financially cannot cover the cost of t-shirts and such, which is why we requested funding for the t-shirts.
- Senator Marcus- **POC**: Will the t-shirts be given out throughout the week?
- Chair Roy: Yes, they will be given the t-shirts at the event and throughout the week
- Senator Lessard: I think we need to be fiscally conservative when it comes to PAC money, even if it means that we wait until next week to wait on it.
- Senator Grunberger: Are we allowed to reallocate some of the funds to PAC from RTAC?
- Chair Rudolph: Yes, we can reallocate some of the money from RTAC to PAC.
- Senator Villacorta: We need to act with what we have currently in our accounts.
- Senator Marcus motions to forward it as currently amended
- Senator Lessard seconds
- Senator Marcus withdraws motion
- Chair Roy: We did discuss last night about funding for executive member t-shirts due to its importance with safety, and we planned on waiving the statute in order to do so. They said that they can wait until next week, if needed, but the executive member shirts are the more time-constraint
- Senator Lessard: Do we have separate quotes with the executive t-shirts?
- Chair Roy: What we have is that we can fund them with what they gave us.
- Senator Lessard motions to forward it as currently amended
- Senator Marcus seconds
- Closing statement- Thank you all for the discussion. Without them being funded, this event would not be possible to be had. It definitely helps with the students.
- Line Item Vote- Y: 5- Grunberger, Kilinc, Lessard, Marcus, Villacorta N: 0 A: 1- Soto
- **LINE ITEM PASSES**
- Entire Resolution Vote- Y: 5- Grunberger, Kilinc, Lessard, Marcus, Villacorta N: 0 A: 1- Soto
- **RESOLUTION PASSED IN COMMITTEE**

**Old Business:**

- None

**New Business:**

- Confirmations and Nominations



- PAC candidate Benjamin Schoenfeld
- **Bills and Resolutions**
  - **RTAC Resolution #10 By Chair Randall**
    - Society for Asian Scientists and Engineers: funded \$0
    - Mexican American Student Association: funded \$500 in travel expense
    - **Resolution Total: \$500**
  - **PAC Resolution #11 By Tyler Roy**
    - Relay for Life of FSU: funded \$3845 in contractual services, \$2740 in expense
      - Subtotal: \$6585 (will need 2/3 vote)
    - Flute Association at FSU: funded \$1000 in contractual services
    - Muslim Student Association: funded \$50 in expense, \$780 in food
    - **Resolution Total: \$8415**
- **Committee Legislative Roundtable**

**Unfinished Business:**

- None

**Final Announcements:**

- Chair Rudolph: Thank you all that showed up today!
- Senator Lessard: Do not forget to take care of yourselves!

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:** Tuesday, March 16th at 5:30pm

**Adjourned:** 6:51pm