



**74th Student Senate
Budget Committee
Date: 01/18/22 via Zoom**

Call to Order: 5:02 p.m.

Members Present: Chair Gonzalez, Vice-Chair Bettley, Senator(s) Barker, Berger, Edouard, Himatsingani, Rider, Williams

Members Absent: Senator Ritzel (Unexcused)

Guests: Brandon Gabay

Land Acknowledgment

Announcements:

- Chair - I have already written a bill and a resolution that I would like the Budget Committee to sponsor as a whole. Please review them so we can get those submitted.
- Members - None
- Guests - Gabay: First of all, congrats Chair Gonzalez. It is nice to see a full committee. First, please rsvp for the JSU Banquet, some already have. The form is in the chat. It is January 28th and formal attire. I hope to see you all there! Also, Bill 4 is being heard tonight for OGA moving funds from one category to another, and I am here to voice my support.

Committee Business:

- Bill 4

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- **Bill #4** - Sponsored by Senator Rider - To fund food costs for the reception at The Office of Governmental Affairs Night at the Capitol.
 - **Opening:** This is a transfer of funds to go from the expense category to food. The purpose is to fund food for the OGA night at the capitol. It is a night with legislators and an opportunity for students to get involved. Many students we already represent are interested and it is just a transfer of funds that OGA already has.
 - **Technical Non-Debatable**

- Vice-Chair Bettley: Is it just moving funds from one category to another?
 - Senator Rider: Yes
- **General Questioning**
 - Chair Gonzalez - How much money is currently in the food account?
 - Senator Rider - We are transferring \$4000 to the account
 - Chair Gonzalez - I know, but how much is currently in the account.
 - Senator Rider - \$1000
 - Chair Gonzalez - How much will the food cost for this event?
 - Senator Rider - I think that they're expecting to use the entire amount, so \$5000 but I am not sure.
 - **Chair Gonzalez - I will entertain a motion to allow a non-senator to speak.**
 - Vice-chair Bettley moves
 - Senator Berger seconds
 - Gabay - It has cost \$5000 in the past, but she isn't sending the receipt for the event until after so we really don't know. I believe we are reimbursing student affairs after the event or that's how I've understood it.
 - Chair Gonzalez - Has this reimbursement already happened at past events?
 - Gabay - I'm not sure.
 - Chair Gonzalez - Are you aware that stipulations exist with reimbursing funds to different entities?
 - Senator Rider - I understand but OGA's plan is that nothing to that extent will happen if the money is received on time. Can you explain what you mean about receipts?
 - Chair Gonzalez - Well first, what is the date of the event?
 - Gabay - February 8th.
 - Chair Gonzalez - So Night at the Capitol is 3 weeks from now, so if this bill is passed tomorrow night, disbursement will happen in time and there will be no need for reimbursement. For clarification, more than 15% of an SGA entities' budget cannot be given in the food category. You were budgeted \$1500 in food and \$7550 total. This means the food category can only be \$1132.5, so technically OGA is already over budget. It needs a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote in the Budget and on the floor.
 - Senator Rider - Yes
 - Chair Gonzalez - And it is not plated dinners?
 - Gabay - I believe buffet style, but I can double-check with our Director.
 - Senator Rider - The director told me buffet.
 - Chair Gonzalez - We are in line with statutes.
- **Roundtable Debate**
 - Senator Bettley - Although it is over your budget, I think it is a good use of funds, and it seems like a lot of students are excited about the event.
- **Motion to Call the Question**
 - Senator Bettley moves
 - Senator Berger seconds
- **Closing:** I believe that this transfer of funds is necessary. It already belongs to OGA and the fact that they need this transfer is a good sign that students are looking forward to it.

- **Voting Results:**
 - Yes - (7) Bettley, Barker, Berger, Edouard, Himatsingani, Rider, Williams
 - No - (0)
 - Abstention - (0)
- **Bill 4 passes**

Unfinished Business:

- None

Closing Announcements:

- Chair Gonzalez - Thank you all for coming. This is spectacular to see you all. The next meeting is January 25th at 5. As you can see, meetings are pretty short but I appreciate you all being here.
- Vice- Chair Bettley - I am working on moving Senate Projects money right now, so if anyone wants a little bit of experience, or has questions let me know.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 25 at 5pm

Adjourned: 5:29 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A Gonzalez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Signature of Chair