



**74th Student Senate
Budget Committee
Date: 03/29/22 via Zoom**

Call to Order: 5:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Ritzel (unexcused)

Guests: Senator Tsouroukdissian, Senate Parliamentarian Rowan

Land Acknowledgment

Announcements:

- Chair - This is our second to last Budget meeting. Senate won't be meeting next week, but we still can if things are assigned to Budget.
- Vice Chair Bettley- Senate is not meeting next week, so tomorrow is the last senate meeting for a lot of senators who are terming out. Please come tomorrow to show your support for them.
- Members - None
- Guests - None

Committee Business:

- Bill 34, 35

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- **Bill #34** - Sponsored by Senator Tsouroukdissian - To purchase a second water bottle filling station for the College of Engineering campus.
 - **Opening:** Hello Budget, this is pretty straightforward. I researched with the facilities director at the College of Engineering campus because they only have one waterbottle refilling station. Building A has one Building B has zero. I noticed this when the one in Building A was out for a couple days, and I realized there was no second option. So, I talked to him, he had some contractors come out to pull a couple of quotes. One is the one we're looking at, for the first floor of Building A. I wanted one for building B but its complicated because you would

need to install electrical outlets which make that quote around \$5000. I just didn't think that made sense, but maybe in the future hopefully. The buildings are connected so it really is just one building. Building A's first floor would be great, and it is more ADA accessible since the only one is on the second floor. It also creates a more sustainable campus.

○ **Technical Non-Debatable**

- Senator Edouard: Were you able to speak to the College of Engineering's instructors, deans, and staff?
- Senator Tsouroukdissian: Yes, I spoke with the facilities director Donald.

○ **General Questioning**

- Vice Chair Bettley: Were you first aiming to put one in Building B, but it was going to be more expensive.
- Senator Tsouroukdissian: Yes, that is exactly it. The quote is for \$5776, and there's also just not enough time. I hope to work something out in the future.
- Senator Himatsingani: How long was the water fountain down for?
- Senator Tsouroukdissian: Only a few days, nothing crazy. But it was an inconvenience, and even today it was technically closed but it was working. That is something that maintenance can fix, but only have one for the entire campus is crazy.
- Vice Chair Bettley: For Building B, regardless of where you wanted to put it, there had to be electrical outlets? Any location would be \$5776?
- Senator Tsouroukdissian: We were shooting for a specific location because there is a lot of foot traffic on the first floor. That is what I think that quote is for.
- Senator Himatsingani: Are a majority of classes in Building A?
- Senator Tsouroukdissian: There's foot traffic in both, I was shooting for Building B because there's already one in A. There's a mix in both buildings.
- Vice Chair Bettley: If this does pass, how long do you think it will take to be implemented?
- Senator Tsouroukdissian: The contractors quote is for the station itself, the installation, piping, fixtures, drains equipment, disposable power tools and hand tools, hangers, and supports necessary for installation, labor, and delivery. I would hope that maintenance takes care of that in the future.
- Vice Chair Bettley: Do maintenance or facilities have a plan or timeline?
- Senator Tsouroukdissian: From my understanding it's a pretty streamline process. I'm a civil engineering major and I interned with a general contracting company, if you already have the quote you just need the men, or women, to come in. I didn't want to bug them too much, because they are working people. I am waiting until it hopefully passes to follow up.
- Senator DeChick: I know you talked to the facilities director, would he be the one in charge of installing it, so is he the point of contact?
- Senator Tsouroukdissian: Yes, he is the one that acquired the contract. The contractors would do it, but he would ensure.
- Chair Gonzalez: Do you know how many filling stations are in other buildings on campus? Is there more than one.

- Senator Tsouroukdissian: I am not sure, this has just been something that I've been thinking about. In Leach, there's one on each floor.
 - **Roundtable Debate**
 - Senator Himatsingani: I am in pro of this, the fact that there's only one water station in the College of Engineering campus is crazy. There's four in the College of Business, and I walk past two everytime I am there.
 - Senator Edouard: I am also in support of this and its an amazing way to help support the college as well as help students and faculty have easier access to water
 - Senator Barker: I would say the same, especially because no one in the College of Business sits around and does work like do at the College of Engineering so its important that they have those resources.
 - Senator DeChick: When this was introduced to the floor, I spoke to another student in the College of Engineering and he also attested to the fact that another filling station would make a significant different for a lot of students
 - Vice Chair Bettley: I am also in support of this, I always support things that are very sustainability centered. Not only is this going to improve sustainability on that campus, but it is also an entire campus not just a building like the College of Business. The fact that there is only one is something that I would never know because I do not take classes at that campus. This is a super easy way to improve the learning environment for those students. Students will stay there in between their classes because it is father away, and these students should have more than one way to access water.
 - **Motion to Call the Question**
 - Vice Chair Bettley moves
 - Senator Himatsingani seconds
 - **Closing:** Thank you for all of the support I hope its going to create a good streamline process and I know its expensive and I apologize for that because there's only about \$5,000 left in Senate Projects. Its a perfect example of creating a more sustainable and ADA accessible campus. I am always open to talk about this, or even take a tour of that campus and I would love your support on the floor.
 - **Voting Results:**
 - Yes - (6) Bettley, Barker, Berger, Dechick, Edouard, Himatsingani
 - No - (0)
 - Abstention - (0)
 - **Bill passes**
 - **Bill #35** - Sponsored by Senator Beall - To complete funding for Bill 88 passed in the 73rd senate to install one large picnic bench outside of the Rovetta building.
 - **Bill is tabled until 04/05 - Sponsors did not show**

Unfinished Business:

- **Bill 35**

Closing Announcements:

- Chair Gonzalez- Thank you all for being here, I didn't have to text anyone, and I usually don't so I am very, very grateful for that. Thank you for always showing up and being amazing. You guys are the best committee. A lot of Spring senators are terming out and tomorrow will be the last time they will be meeting, so it would be amazing to see all of Budget in person.
- Vice Chair Bettley- Please come to senate tomorrow and please come to Budget next week. We have a lot of senators leaving and it is important to support them.
- Senator Barker- It's my last meeting tomorrow so I hope to see you guys.
- Parliamentarian Rowan- For those senators that are terming out, bills don't die at the end of this senate like they do for Sine Die. So if there is any legislation that you want to introduce now is the time to do it, and figure out someone to be a caretaker sponsor for after you term out. Thank you for all of the amazing work that you do, and I will see you tomorrow.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 5th at 5pm

Adjourned: 5:25 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R Gonzalez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, prominent "R" at the beginning.

Signature of Chair