



**74th Student Senate
Finance Committee
March 8, 2022**

Call to Order: 7:02 PM

Members Present: Chair Bowling, Senators Allaman, Prieto, Rivers, Hockett

Members Tardy:

Members Absent:

Suspended:

Guests: Chair Gonzalez, Chair Rider, Derrick Woodard, Carlos Deupi

Approval of the Minutes:

- **Allman moves to approve the minutes from March 1, 2022**
 - **Rivers Seconds**

Announcements:

- Chair
 - Land Acknowledgement:
 - The Student Government of Florida State University acknowledges that it is located on land that is the ancestral and traditional territory of the Apalachee Nation, the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida, the Muscogee Creek Nation, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida. We pay respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to their descendants and to all Indigenous people. We recognize this land remains scarred by the histories and ongoing legacies of settler-colonial violence, dispossession, and removal. In spite of all this, and with tremendous resilience, these Indigenous Nations have remained deeply connected to this territory, to their families, to their communities, and to their cultural ways of life. We recognize the ongoing relationships of care that these Indigenous Nations maintain with this land and extend our gratitude as we live and work as humble and respectful guests upon their territory. We encourage all to learn about and educate others on the contemporary work of the Indigenous Nations whose land we are on and to endeavor to support Indigenous sovereignty in all the ways that we can.
- Vice-Chair
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- Members
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- Guests
 - Deupi: Was told to attend the Finance meeting from RTAC Chair Rider.

Committee Business:

- **Bill 12** - Sponsored by Senator Gonzalez(P) - Amending the Finance Code in regards to lodging
- **Consent Resolution 15**- Sponsored by Chair Rider (P)

Old Business

- Bills
 - **Bill 12**- Sponsored by Senator Gonzalez (P)
 - Opening Statement:
 - Gonzalez: Bill 12 copies and pastes what the Finance code says about Lodging into the SGA statutes. We currently have a limit of \$700 for one night for four people. That is a penthouse suite as it is currently being used. I have moved this to statues because statues hold more power then the Finance manual.
 - Gonzalez yields with 03:25 remaining.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Rivers moves to go to Roundtable debate**
 - Hockett seconds**
 - Pro-Con Debate (max 2 rounds unless there is a vote to extend):
 - Bowling: President Hunter said that the Accounting said that it was \$175 per person. What do you have to say about that?
 - Gonzalez: We are restricting the University policy because that is the power that the Student Government has. It has been \$175 per night for years, not per person per night. I am putting it in statues to ensure fairness.
 - Bowling: What is the main purpose of restricting this foundation for lodging.
 - Gonzalez: As it is now it's \$700 per night and that is enough to pay for a penthouse suite.
 - Rivers: I like this bill because at it is now RSO's do not know about the changes we are making. So for fairness this bill is necessary.
 - Bowling: If they were to change the Financial manual to what Laurel is saying will we have to change the statute back later?
 - **Gonzalez Point of Order: Chairs cannot debate**
 - Prieto: Is Laurel in agreement with this bill
 - Gonzalez: I have not spoken with Laurel and I do not see a need to speak with Accounting about this.
 - Prieto: I am not comfortable with changing it because Laurel has already said that this
 - Hockett: I saw earlier in the document it says accident occurrence is a part of the \$175.
 - Gonzalez: The average hotel room rate is \$175 so I won't find an amendment to the bill friendly. If the committee feels it friendly to amend the price a little bit I would be fine.
 - Hockett moves to amend to \$200 per night**
 - Allaman Second**
 - Rivers Objects**
 - **Pro-Con Debate on Amendment:**
 - Opening Statement:

- Hockett: I see this being trivial. I see there being times where the 200 dollar limit would benefit and it would simply round off the number. I can also see how it can hurt.
 - Yields with 3:01
 - Rivers: Have you had a chance to read over the Financial manual?
 - Hockett: Yes.

**Allaman moves to roundtable
Prieto seconds**

- Prieto: I would be fine with doing the \$200 per night but the \$175 per night is just too little money
- Rivers: I see this unfair
- Prieto: They can see this on the website so I don't see this being fair
- Rivers: I think this will add unnecessary problems to the RSO's
- Prieto: They can still search this up and reach out to the Chairs to find more information.
- Rivers: The SGA website is already confusing already.
- Prieto: I don't see the issue and I think it will help RSO.
- Rivers: I don't like this amendment.

**Rivers motions to let Chair Gonzelaz speak.
Prieto seconds**

- Gonzalez: Tax is a big factor in this and I hope the committee will kind that in mind.
- Allaman: When an RSO applies for money is it before or after tax?
- Gonzalez: RSO's have to include a purchase order and that includes the tax.
- Hockett: When does the numbers change on the Financial manual?
- Gonzalez: Once every fiscal year.

**Rivers motions to question
Prieto seconds**

- Closing Statement Hockett: I do see how it could be confusing when the document can only get updated once per year. However, I don't see the harm in increasing the number.

Vote

- Yes: [3] Allaman, Prieto, Hockett
- No: [1] Rivers
- Abstain: [0]

● **RESULT: Amendment Passes**

**Prieto Motion to call to Question
Hockett Seconds**

- Closing Statement:
 - Gonzalez: Thank you for hearing this tonight. I actually really enjoyed the debate. When I was writing this bill I actually considered raising the threshold to \$200 so I am satisfied with the amendment. I know there will definitely be debate on the floor

about this and I'm looking forward to this. Thank you all again, I waive!

- Vote
 - Yes: [4] Allaman, Prieto, Rivers, Hockett
 - No: [0]
 - Abstain: [0]
- **RESULT: BILL 12 PASSES**

New Business:

- Resolutions
 - **Consent Resolution 15-** Sponsored by Chair Rider (P)
 - Opening Statement:
 - Rider: We had an issue in RTAC today. We allocated more funding than we actually had. So I would need an amendment to change the amounts of funding. So if we can move all the amounts to \$1000 that would be fair across the board. The RSO's have not been made aware of this yet.
 - Rider yields with 00:50 remaining.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Prieto moves to Round-Table**
 - Hockett seconds**
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Prieto moves to change funding for TEA at FSU to \$1000**
 - Hockett seconds**
 - Prieto moves to change funding for MAPMS to \$1000**
 - Hockett seconds**
 - Prieto moves to change funding for AHEPAS to \$1000**
 - Hockett seconds**
 - Prieto: When does RTAC stop funding?
 - Rider: RTAC does not fund in the summer. I will be taking my last requests in April. The last two week of March those requests may or may not go through. So that's why \$1000 for each RSO is good
 - Prieto: Do you think as the Chair there will be lots of requests after Spring Break?
 - Rider: I asked the last Chair and I did not get an answer. I do not know.
 - Rider: I see giving these RSO's \$1000 will still be good.
 - Prieto: Did any of these RSO's mention that they will still be able to go on this trip if we did not fund them.
 - Rider: A lot of them asked for a minimum so this is the minimum we can do to get these RSO's on these trips.
 - Hockett: I have a question about the Scholars. For the number of travelers, why are the number of members different from that?
 - Rider: The organization does not charge dues. So that's why there is such a big difference in dues.
 - Prieto: Does the RSO have the day planned for when they go to Universal
 - Rider: If look in the chat there is a member of the RSO who will be able to answer the question.

Prieto moves to let a non-senator speak

Hockett seconds

- Deupi: We are having a workshop at Universal. The \$1000 also does not help us with the funding. We are trying to get students to a career development workshop with Universal professionals.
- Allaman: Have you gone on this kind of event before
- Deupi: This is the first time we are having this event.
- Prieto: It's only fair that we fund these RSO's

Prieto moves to call to question

Rivers seconds

- Closing Statement:
 - Rider: Thank you so much. You guys are great senators and listeners. I'm 19 handling this big budget and that is just crazy. Also please help in the Senate because they confuse my words.
- Vote
 - Yes: [4] Allaman, Prieto, Rivers, Hockett
 - No: [0]
 - Abstain: [0]
- **RESULT: CONSENT RESOLUTION 15 PASSES**

Final Announcements:

- Chair
 - I really liked the debate and how everyone was talking to each other today.
- Vice-Chair
 - I really loved the debate tonight. This is why I joined the Senate. Also please be nice to me with these minutes tonight because I am going through it tonight. My laptop died on me.
- Members
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- Guests
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Date and Time of Next Meeting: 03/8/22 at 7:00pm

Adjourned at 8:04 pm