



**75<sup>th</sup> Student Senate  
Budget Committee  
Date: 3/30/23 via Zoom  
<https://fsu.zoom.us/j/4017206479>**

**Call to Order:** 3:29pm

**Members Present:** Vice-Chair Burton, Senator(s) Chehaitli, Dale, Long, Mantilla, Tevlin

**Members Absent:** Chair Bettley (E), Brown (U), Malone (U)

**Guests:** President Diaz and Pro-Temp DuChêne- Ex-Officio Members

**Land Acknowledgment** 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 recognize this land remains scarred by the legacies of violence and removal, we recognize the ongoing relationships of care that these Indigenous Nations maintain with this land, and we 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.

**Announcements:**

- Chair - n/a
- Members - n/a
- Guests - n/a

**Committee Business:**

- Bill 44
- Bill 46

**Old Business:**

- None

**New Business:**

- **Bill 46** - Sponsored by - Senators Bettley and Chehaitli - To implement and supply free menstrual product dispensers on Florida State University's campus.
  - **Opening:** Bill provides tampon and pad dispensers on our campus, and we will be taking money from Senate Projects to fund the dispensers themselves, and a big supply of pads and tampons to get the program started. We had multiple meetings with CHAW and other organizations across the country to figure out the

format/layout from places with similar programs. Prioritizing inclusivity and the locations will be outside the bathrooms, tampons, and pads are from the supplier that is already used by the CHAW Center.

- **General Questioning**
  - Senator Dale: After the first round of tampons and pads run out, will there be funding to replenish these resources?
  - Senator Chehaitli: Senate Projects gets these types of programs started, and CHAW said they would gauge the amount needed. CHAW provides the condoms around campus and they will be overseeing that. The nature of Senate Projects is just starting this and seeing which areas have the most traffic. CHAW said they can continue with it, and we are giving them a lot of money to get this program started- \$5853.91.
- **Roundtable Debate**
  - Senator Dale: We need to pass this, its a no-brainer and involves the health of our students. Its important to make things accessible to students.
- **Motion to Call the Question**
  - Senator Dale moves
  - Senator Mantilla seconds
- **Closing:** This is the best way to get the program started, and to increase accessibility of health prodcutsfor students. Period poverty is something very prominent on campus, and there are similar bills for elementary and middle schools in the Florida Legislature.
- **Voting Results:**
  - Yes - (8) Chehaitli, Dale, Long, McEntyre, Mantilla, Telvin, Duchêne, Diaz
  - No - (0)
  - Abstention - (0)
- **Bill passes**
- **Bill 44** - Sponsored by Senators Patel and Pedraja - To transfer \$2500 from Senate Projects to FSU Food for Thought Pantry.
  - **Opening:** Chair Pedraja- This transfers 2500 dollars to the Food for Thought Pantry, which would be a great way to fight food insecurity on our campus.
  - **General Questioning**
    - Vice-Chair Burton: Where is the pantry on campus?
    - Senator Pedraja: In the Stadium, located in Building A.
  - **Roundtable Debate**
    - Senator Dale: Food insecurity is a huge problem and around 30% of students experience this. The Food for Thought Pantry is definitely one of the more underrepresented places, and its really important, so let's fight this issue.
    - Senator Chehaitli: I can't think of a better way to put Senate to a close and use Senate Projectes to help the students impacted by this.
  - **Motion to Call the Question**
    - Senator Dale
    - Senator Chehaitli seconds
  - **Closing:** Thank you guys for the support and hearing the bill out.
  - **Voting Results:**
    - Yes - (5) Chehaitli, Dale, Long, Mantilla, Tevlin
    - No - (0)
    - Abstention - (0)

- **Bill passes**

**Unfinished Business:**

- N/A

**Closing Announcements:** None

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, April 6th at 3:15pm

**Adjourned:** 4:02 p.m.

*Megan Bettley*

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Signature of Chair