



**75th Student Senate
Finance Committee
January 17 at 8:00 PM
On Zoom**

Call to Order: 8:01 PM

Members Present: Chair Pedraja, Vice-Chair White, Senators Anandjwala, Seeger, King, Patel, and Jones

Members Tardy:

Members Absent: Senators Rock, Rivera, and Boozeman, and Shasho

Guests: Chair Wyatt and Chair Widmann

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.

Announcements:

- Chair Pedraja
 - Welcome to the first finance committee meeting of the year, so excited to get back to work with you all
- Vice- Chair White
 - Please reach out to me with absences before the meetings, and lets keep up attendance

Committee Business:

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Old Business: None

New Business:

- **Consent Resolution #6 - Line Item 1 Sponsored by Chair Wyatt**
 - Opening Statement:
 - The Big event is the largest student service run project in the nation. They are hosting a field event February 11 in collaboration with TCC, FSU, and FAMU students. They originally came in requesting money for all the schools. The field day will be at IM field on February 11 from eight to three. Had to cut funding a little, so it only went to FSU Students, Will be giving food, T-shirts following all of the statutes and guidelines. Then kids will be sent out to complete service projects throughout the Tallahassee communities. The Expense and the T-shirts will only go to FSU Students. The total is 3,420 dollars.
 - **Senator Seager moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Anandijwala seconds**
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Senator Seager: How many shirts are going out for the event?
 - Senator Wyatt: Originally requested 500, and for just FSU students it is for 300 shirts. This was calculated based on attendance from FSU students last year at the event. Additionally, The 1,020 is supposed to be for food, not expenses for the three hundred FSU students.
 - Senator Anandijwala: Are there any awards?
 - Senator Wyatt: The 2,400 is just for shirts, that is just how it is organized.
 - **Senator White moves to call the question; Senator Seager seconds**
 - Closing Statement:
 - Yield
 - Vote:
 - Yes: [5] Senator White, Anandjwila, Seager, King, and Patel
 - No [0]
 - Abstain: [0]
 - **RESULT: Line Item 1 Passes**
- **Consent Resolution #6 - Sponsored by Chair Wyatt**
 - Opening Statement:
 - The Flute association is hosting a flute day on March 4, and is bringing in Carole Wince, one of the most famous flute players in the world, and is from Julliard. Expect to bring in guests from all over the Tallahassee community and Florida. This is a really big deal for them. The Contractual services cover just the artist for the event, and her airfare. President Diaz says airfare can be included in contractual services. The theme for the event is to power women, and the event is open to everyone. The organization has no membership dues, it is open to everyone, and it will be at the college of music
 - **Senator Seager moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Anandijwala seconds**
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Senator Anandijwala: Is there an expected amount or is this just for her to come here?

- Senator Wyatt: They expect an attendance of over eighty-five people and it is open to anyone. The event will be all day from 9:00 to 6:30 with workshops and the concert at the end.
 - Senator Jones: Will she be playing the whole time?
 - Senator Wyatt: There is a schedule with some workshops she will be teaching and a concert. Pretty sure she will be very active throughout the entire day
 - Senator Jones: Is it only for eighty-five students?
 - Senator Wyatt: That is just the expected number. Those in the music community will be interested. It is all day, so people can attend. I think there will be a lot of interest within the music community
 - Senator Seager: Did they raise any funds?
 - Senator Wyatt: They raised 440 dollars to cover other fees with hosting the event
 - Senator Jones: Have they done an event like this before, and is there a history of turnout?
 - Senator Wyatt: I believe they did an event like this last year, but it was over zoom
 - **Senator King moves to call the question; Senator Seager seconds**
 - Closing Statement:
 - Senator Wyatt: This was one of the best presenters of the night. They shared an incredible breakdown of the event, and when I get the minutes organized there will be more details for you all to look at. They will definitely do a better job at sharing the information.
 - Vote:
 - Yes: [6] Senator White, Anandjwila, Seager, King, Patel, and Jones
 - No [0]
 - Abstain: [0]
 - **RESULT: Line Item 3 of Consent Resolution #6 Passes**
- **Consent Resolution #6 - Sponsored by Chair Wyatt**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Since the Chabbad at FSU event is coming up on Friday they requested more money, but since the event is on Friday we could not get the contractual fees for them. We had to zero out the contractual fee which is sad for them, and they might reschedule the event. Give at FSU is a new organization on campus with the goal to give back to the community and promote sustainability. They will be having an event to paint reusable bags on the first of February from 6-8 PM. The 150 will go towards buying reusable bags from Amazon to paint and other supplies for painting. STEM Mental Health is also a new organization working to extend mental health resources and destigmatize in the STEM field. They are having a self-love night on February 15. They are asking for 90 dollars to pay for art supplies for their event and 80 dollars for food. The American Marketing Association is hosting the Southeast Regional conference. They will be hosting organizations from across the region to Florida State. I recommend changing the funds for food to 1,013 to take into account that SGA can not buy plastic water bottles. The Social Spear is asking for funding for interactive books from Cindy McGovern since she will be joining from Zoom. She also sells books and is asking Social Spear to provide the interactive books as part of her speaking engagement.

- - **Senator Seager moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Anandijwala seconds**
 - **Moves to Amend Line Item Six to \$1,013 from 1,026.**
 - Sponsor Finds Amendment friendly
 - **Amendment on Line Item Six Passes**
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Senator Senator Jones: For the books where is she buying them from?
 - Senator Wyatt: The books are being bought directly from the author. They are buying twenty-five books with shipping and taxes. This is an interactive speech that the speaker sells
 - Senator Jones: Is it not her bookstore?
 - Senator Wyatt: It is no
 - Senator Anandjiwala: How much was each book?
 - Senator Wyatt: The books were about thirty each
 - Senator Anandjiwala: Were there other quotes and were they able to fundraise?
 - Senator Wyatt: Being as it is a specific book there are no other quotes, and this organization has not fundraised in the past year.
 - Senator Anandjiwala: Could the books be sold at the event?
 - Senator Wyatt: I believe that would go against SGA guidelines to sell the books because the events is open to all FSU students
 - **Chair Pedraja moves to call the question; Senator Seager seconds**
 - Closing Statement:
 - You all can look at the committee meetings before this is heard in Senate
 - Vote:
 - Yes: [6] Senator White, Anandjiwala, Seager, King, Patel, and Jones
 - No [0]
 - Abstain: [0]
 - **RESULT: Consent Resolution #6 Passes**
- **Consent Resolution #5 Line Item 1 - Sponsored by Chair Widmann**
 - Opening Statement:
 - All Night Yahtzee is an Acapella group that wants to go to the International Competition of Collegiate Acapella which I believe is in Gainesville at the University of Florida. They charge three hundred and fifty dollars for dues. With the breakdown of eighteen people that is a breakdown of one hundred and twenty four dollars a person
 - **Senator Seager moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Anandijwala seconds**
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Senator Anandjiwala: Is this a competition?
 - Senator Widmann: Yes, it is an acapella competition
 - Senator Anandjiwala: Have they fundraised?
 - Senator Widmann: They have fundraised over \$8,000
 - Senator Anandjiwala: What are their additional dues going towards?
 - Senator Widmann: It would go to another competition that will take place in New York
 - Senator Jones: So are they requesting funds for this one or both?
 - Senator Widmann: They are requesting money for this event, and hoping that if they win dues can go towards New York and the next competition.

- Senator Seager: Will we have to talk about this tomorrow night:
 - Senator Widmann: Yes since it is over 2,000 dollars
 - **Senator King moves to call the question; Senator Seager seconds**
 - Closing Statement:
 - Yields
 - Vote:
 - Yes: [6] Senator White, Seager, Anandijwala, King, Jones, Patel
 - No [0]
 - Abstain: [0]
 - **RESULT: Line Item 1 of Consent Resolution 5 Passes**
- **Consent Resolution #5 Line Item 2 - Sponsored by Chair Widmann**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Their additional request for funding was just 16,000 dollars for everything. This event is just paying for a portion of their airfare, so they will be responsible for over 3,000 of funding for the remaining money of airfare. They will be going to Guatemala, for a mission trip and to receive medical training. It is geared towards medical students, but is open to any student who wants to go. Over ten thousand dollars was cut from their original request. It is for 13 people and 154 dollars a person.
 - **Senator Seager moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Anandijwala seconds**
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Senator White: I believe this resolution should pass because we cut their funding request substantially. We would be covering one hundred and fifty four for the flight which is significantly less than it would cost.
 - Senator Jones: Do they have an expected headcount?
 - Senator Widmann: They expect 13 people
 - Senator Jones: Is there a website we can find information from ?
 - Senator Widmann: I believe so, and will find it for you all
 - Senator Jones: What are we paying for?
 - Senator Widmann: They requested over 7,000 for the flights and the RTAC committee did not find it fiscally responsible to fund it in full.
 - Senator Jones: Can they submit another application?
 - Senator Widmann: They can submit again, but it is not recommended. The committee found a better quote for flights of about \$240, but the 2,000 would still not cover all of it
 - Senator King: I have two friends planning on going on this, and they have been fundraising all year. They have been do gofundme for a while, and I definitely support
 - Senator Jones: Have they fundraised?
 - Senator Widmann: According to the application they have fundraised 4,000 from the last fiscal year.
 - Senator Jones: Senator Kings, do you know how much your friends fundraised?
 - Senator Widmann: According to application Lodgement for entire trip is 11,752 and car rental is
 - Senator Jones: And that was zero funded?
 - Senator Widmann: Yes, and if they cannot fundraise the rest it will return to the account

- Senator Seager: I think that even though 2,000 is a large amount considering we cut that much it will still make an impact

Hockett moves to call the question; Senator Seager seconds

- Closing Statement:
 - From their original request we have cut over 10,000 dollars, and the 2,000 dollars is so SGA can still support these students. This request began as half of the account, and we believe the 2,000 is physically responsible
- Vote:
 - Yes: [5] Senator Seager, Anandijwala, King, , Patel
 - No [0]
 - Abstain: [1] Senator Jones
- **RESULT: Line Item 2 of Consent Resolution 5 Passes**
- **Consent Resolution #5 Line Item 1 - Sponsored by Chair Widmann**
 - Opening Statement:
 - This would leave the committee with. This request is 5,490 for forty-nine students so we believe it is physically responsible. The Student Florida association is going to a conference in Orlando. Cut funding because they requested for food which the RTAC cannot pay for. It is about thirty- four a student, and No Bears Allowed is 90 a student.
 - **Senator White moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Anandijwala seconds**
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Senator Jones: How much is an RTAC account if this passes?
 - Senator Widmann: 16,010 dollars
 - Senator Anandijwala: What is the No Bears Allowed funding for?
 - Senator Widmann: They will be traveling to Gainesville and the University of Florida. There and back is 298 miles with three cars which will leave them with 531. They have the cheapest hotel option of 135 dollars per room per night with four people in each room and our meeting statues with that. It will be 90 dollars a student
 - Senator Seager: How are funds from RTAC allocated?
 - Senator Widmann: RTAC funds are on a first come first serve bases with a fiscal responsibility to help preserve the account to try to provide RSOs with any funding I can
 - Senator Anandijwala: Did No Bears Allowed fundraise?
 - Senator Widmann: They charged ten dollars for dues and have self-funded 250. From that it does not look like any funds were fundraised
 - Senator Jones: So just half their organization is going
 - Senator Widmann: Yes
 - Senator Jones: Is their attendance for their club
 - Senator Widmann: It looks like every member has paid dues, but they did not provide an organizational roster. They only provided one for those in attendance, and according to roster all members paid dues
 - Senator Jones: Was presentation
 - **Senator White to call the question; Senator Jones seconds**
 - Closing Statement:
 - Yield
 - Vote:
 - Yes: [5] Senator White, Seager, Anandijwala, King, and Patel
 - No [1] Jones

- - Abstain: [0]
 - **RESULT: Consent Resolution 5 Passes**

Unfinished Business:

- None

Closing Announcements:

- Chair Pedraja: Thank you for joining, if you have any questions about the process please reach out and I will find an answer. Sorry for how long this meeting was, and we will not usually meet at 8:00 PM going forward.

Next Meeting: Tuesday January 24, at 6:00 PM

Adjourned:

Ended at 8:57 PM

Signed,

**Edward Pedraja
Finance Chair**