



**75th Student Senate
Finance Committee
January 31 at 6:15 PM
On Zoom**

Call to Order: 6:01 PM

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

Members Tardy:

Members Absent: Senators Patel(Excused), Shasho, and King(Excused)

Guests: Chair Widmann and Wyatt

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Announcements:

- Chair Pedraja
 - Welcome back to this week's meeting
- Vice- Chair White- Our Committee has changed, and I am happy all you can be here

Committee Business:

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Old Business: None

New Business:

- **Consent Resolution #9 Line Item 2- Medical Brigades at FSU- Sponsored by Chair Widmann**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Chair Widmann: Here is Consent Resolution 9 in all of her glory. RTAC adjourned at 6:05 PM so I do not have minutes yet. If this entire consent resolution the RTAC balance will be zero so something to keep in mind. Synthesis Dance Company is requesting money to go to Atlanta, the Medical Brigades is going to Guatemala, I do not know where the Power of WE. MTNA which is music related is going, never mind I apologize for not being prepared. Synthesis Dance company is going to Atlanta Salsa and Bachata Festival which is a dance festival, Power of WE is going to the Society for Personality and Society conference in Atlanta, MTNA is going to MTNA national conference.
 - General Non-Debatable Questioning:
 - Senator Jones: Would you want to change anything in the Resolution?
 - Chair Widmann: My personal thought is I would not want to change anything. Speaking for the committee we all found these good and fiscally responsible requests. RTAC is first come first serve. We zero funded two organizations, one did not have a representative and one was last. Since I have become RTAC chair we have only fully funded two organizations fully which one was about \$1000 and one was under \$1000. This is for forty students and just under \$180 dollars a student.
 - Senator Jones: Is there one you resonated least with?
 - Senator Widmann: I do not have any personal opinions, I would not recommend changing anything. I would not be in favor of amending any of this Consent Resolution.
 - Senator Seager: Can you outline logic about this line item?
 - Senator Widmann: It is four people for a room, and we are funding this for three nights. The amount is about over what we are spending, it is about \$500 a nice, and we are funding \$200 dollars for three nights. So the \$2400 would be able to fund three nights for them.
 - Senator Jones: In the Senate will you oftentimes get money back to RTAC, is this after to get money to fund?
 - Chair Widmann: No money has been brought back yet, but the SGA director is looking into it. I have not heard anything or received anything about Funds being returned
 - Senator Jones: Do you anticipate any money being returned or added into the account?
 - Chair Widmann: If we do get money back I bet it is less than 1000 dollars.

Senator Seager motions to moves to roundtable; Senator Anandijwala

seconds

- Round-Table Discussion:
- **Vice- Chair White moves to call the question; Senator Seager seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Chair Widmann: Doing the math it is \$150 per person for this line item for medical brigades. We find this responsible, and it is only funding three nights. They need an extra \$800 per person to still be able to go on this

trip. We are just trying to help out anyway that we can. The committee unanimously agreed to fund this amount.

- Vote:
 - Yes: [4] Senator White, Seager, Anandijwala, Rivera
 - No [0]
 - Abstain: [1] Senator Jones
- **RESULT: Line Item 2 of Consent Resolution 9 Passes**
- **Consent Resolution #9 Sponsored by Chair Widmann**
 - Opening Statement:
 - It is 177.70 dollars per person for forty students of the entire Consent Revolution, and the committee finds it fiscally responsible.
 - General Non-Debatable Questioning:
 - Senator Seager: Can you please record an outline of these items for my notes for tomorrow:
 - Chair Widmann: For Synthesis they were initially requesting \$300 for mileage reimbursement and \$1200 for lodging, so it was a cut a little from their request. For twelve travelers it is only \$120 for students which the committee found responsible. For Medical Brigades it was sixteen travelers at \$2400 travelers for just lodging it would fund three nights out of their six nights, and is \$150 per person traveling. The Power of We had their initial request for \$1560 dollars for registration fees, \$1100 for lodging, \$442 for rental car, and \$450 for other being personal meals which is not something RTAC can fund. Power of We was cut a little over \$1500 of their initial request. MTNA stands for Music Teacher National Association, and they initially requesting \$665 for meeting registration, \$1917.18 for lodging, and \$5,915 for airfare. It was a total request just under \$8500. With the money left we were able to cover almost all of their lodging which the committee thought was best based on how much they will have to spend out of pocket if they can attend. There was also a request for Clay Club and the Society of Physics students. The Clay club did not have a member to represent them, and the Society of Physics students was not heard because the account was out of money.
 - Senator Seager: Can you please repeat the cost of mileage the Power of WE requested?
 - Chair Widmann: They requested \$482 dollars, but their request was wrong initially. We found a cheaper FSU approved vendor for a rental car because no one could drive it, and it is \$352 dollars.

Senator Seager moves to Round Table Discussion; Senator Anandijwala seconds

- Round-Table Discussion:
 - Senator Jones: I feel like if this was not going to bring us to zero it would be a pretty reasonable request. Assuming Medical Brigades is still able to go, and if they can not it will put some money in RTAC
 - Senator Seager: With a low budget he has allocated these funds either way, but giving an organization \$100 would not do much. Travel is expensive and we can see that with the price. Feel this allocated good, and it is all we can do
 - Senator Jones: As mentioned they system is first come first serve.

Vice-Chair White moves to call the question; Senator Anandijwala seconds

- Closing Statement:
 - Chair Widmann: We do think this is fiscally responsible. When I began as RTAC chair there was under 32,000 thousand dollars and we have tried to keep those funds. We have tried to spread it out, and this is the

smallest resolution we have made. I think this is a good way to end the funds we have, but we should not punish students because we do not have money left.

- Vote:
 - Yes: [5] Senator Seager, Anandijwala, Jones , Rivera
 - No [0]
 - Abstain: [0]
- **RESULT: Consent Resolution 9 Passes**
- **Consent Resolution #10 Line Item 2 - FSU Best Buddies Association- Sponsored by Chair Wyatt**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Hi Guys. Like Chair Wildmann, PAC just met twenty minutes ago. I will try to answer the best that I can. It is up to you guys to accept or reject this resolution. You all can send it to Finance as a whole, but I hope we do not have to. FSU Best Buddies came last semester, and there were a lot of questions and confusion. I met with a representative, and we went through every line item to follow FSU statues. We are no longer funding awards for the buddy. The money is going to food, and hiring a DJ for the event. Other funds are going towards renting stuff for the field day, table cloth, and other decorations.
 - General Non Debatable Questions:
 - Senator Jones: Is there anything you would like to see change with the resolution?
 - Senator Wyatt: I hope we do pass it because Finance as a whole can take a long time throughout the meeting. I understand if we do not have minutes if you wanted to move to the senate as a whole. I do hope Finance can pass the resolution here in the committee.
 - Senator Seager: Were any requests cut and why?
 - Chair Wyatt: Nothing was cut because we went line through line with them, so nothing would be cut on the floor. What is different from the last time we tried to fund Best Buddies is we are no longer funding giving awards out
- **Senator Jones calls to move to roundtable discussion, Senator Seager seconds**
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Senator Jones; I watched them go down the spreadsheet, and they were able to do a great job at PAC meeting
- **Vice- Chair White Moves to call the question; Senator Jones seconds**
 - Closing Statement:
 - Yield
 - Vote:
 - Yes: [5] Senator White, Anandjwila, Seager, Rivera, and Jones
 - No [0]
 - Abstain: [0]
 - **RESULT: Line Item 2 of Consent Resolution #10 Passes**
- **Consent Resolution #10 - Line item Three- Special Olympics at FSU Sponsored by Chair Wyatt**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Chair Wyatt: This was a similar situation to best buddies the first time and is majority for FSU students, but is also having Non-FSU students with Special needs. It adheres to statutes since it is majority FSU- Students.

Some things were cut with clothing because they gave us two quotes for short sleeve and long sleeve. Those were quoted for more than we can give so it was a cut a little. We are also funding a table cloth in clothing and awards to \$1,772. Pretty much everything about the food is good as they are getting food from Publix and Subway. It is a week long event so food throughout the week and that total was \$1049. The expense category is where we had issues, and they were requesting a lot of multi-use items. And from my understanding of statues if you buy a multi-use item it becomes property of SGA and FSU for multiple events. To not deal with that we cut all those items. The expenses are funding office supplies, postage, spray paint for design and flyers. They are doing a project one day with a pottery thing. The pots will be donated, but we funded for soil. Again this is a week long event, and we funded for the week

- General Non Debatable Questions:
 - Senator Ananjwila: If the resolution is passed how much money will be in PAC account
 - Chair Wyatt: PAC currently has about \$55,000 left, and if this pass it would be about \$47,000. The amount is on the SGA website, and that says PAC has \$50,766, and if passed PAC will have about \$42,000 for the remainder of the fiscal year
- **Senator Jones moves to roundtable discussion; Senator Rivera seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - Senator Jones: Great job Senators for hearing from the community.
- **Senator Seager moves to call the question; Senator Anandijwila seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Thank you
- Vote:
 - Yes: [5] Senator White, Anandjwila, Seager, Rivera, and Jones
 - No [0]
 - Abstain: [0]
- **RESULT: Consent Resolution #10 Passes**
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- **Consent Resolution #10**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Chair Wyatt: Last organization is audio production group. Just asking for money for shirts. Only able to fund for fifty shirts and that is ten dollars a shirt. We already explained other items, so with that I yield.
 - General Non Debatable Questions:
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 - **Senator Jones moves to roundtable discussion; Senator Rivera seconds**
 - Round-Table Discussion:
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 - **Vice-Chair White moves to call the question; Senator Jones seconds**
 - Closing Statement:
 - Thank you
 - Vote:
 - Yes: [5] Senator White, Anandjwila, Seager, Rivera, and Jones
 - No [0]
 - Abstain: [0]

- **RESULT: Consent Resolution #10 Passes**

Unfinished Business:

- None

Closing Announcements:

- Chair Pedraja: Great job everyone, excited to see everyone tomorrow
- Vice-Chair White: Sad to see you for the last time here Chair Widmann

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 7, at 6:15 PM

Adjourned:

Ended at 6:55 PM

Signed,

**Edward Pedraja
Finance Chair**