



**76<sup>th</sup> Student Senate  
Budget Committee  
Friday January 19, 2024 at 5:30 PM | Zoom:  
<https://fsu.zoom.us/j/4349728982>**

**Call to Order: 5:31 PM**

**Members Present: Salazar, Meier, Arellano, Barresi, DeVitto, Goldstein, McEneyr, Rodriguez, Valderrama, Valdes-Herrera, Vargheese**

**Members Tardy:**

**Members Absent: Garcia, McEntyre**

**Guests: Adam Bowling, Delaney Lento**

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**Announcements:**

- Chair: We are going to adopt the new Committee Rules of Procedure, that's our first item of business, so they're basically how we go over legislation as a whole. At the end of this meeting, there's a reason why Mr. Bowling is here, him, Vice Chair Meier, and I will be explaining what Budget Week will look like, so please stay tuned for that.
- Members: N/A
- Guests: N/A

**Committee Business:**

- **Adopt new Budget Rules of Procedure – Sponsored by Senators Goldstein, Salazar (P), Senators Brown, Lalani, Larancuent, Meier, Srivastava (Co)**
  - Opening Statement:
    - Senator Goldstein: Pretty much, I just went through the old Budget Rules of Procedure, and I reformatted the entire document, put the new 76<sup>th</sup> logo that we made at the top of it. The last time the Budget ROP had been touched was the 74<sup>th</sup> Senate, so it's been almost 2 years now. I fixed a bunch of the weird language that was kind of unclear, went back

through, fixed formatting problems, kind of general quality of life changes to the document. That's pretty much it, and I worked with Jona to change some of the language as well to make it easier for her as a vice chair. I yield.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
  - Senator Rodriguez: What is the major thing that has been changed or updated, the biggest change that would be affecting our process for Budget Week?
  - Senator Goldstein: In Rule 6, part D, it outlines what the process is if there's a conflict of interest in the Budget committee. In the past, you could have a complete conflict of interest and be the Director of an agency that was getting funded, and could fully debate on that line item. Personally, I thought that was a little bit unfair that someone who's receiving that funding could have an opinion on that funding. Yeah, they can still talk, but they're going to be required to abstain in the vote. Which is what Sweepings kind of does already in an informal process, but I just wanted to put it in there. The Chair can kind of manage that as he likes.
- **Meier moves to enter round-table discussion; Rodriguez seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
  - Vice Chair Meier: I just wanted to say that I'm very much in favor of this. Over winter break, Senator Goldstein was kind enough to send over this whole document and I read over the whole thing. It's incredibly well written, it totally clarifies a lot of the confusing language that was in our previous ROP, and I think it's great.
- **Rodriguez moves to call the question; Vargheese seconds**
- Closing Statement:
  - Senator Goldstein: I waive my closing.
- Vote:
  - Yes: 9 [Meier, Arellano, Barresi, DeVitto, McEnery, Rodriguez, Valderrama, Valdes-Herrera, Vargheese]
  - No: 0
  - Abstain: 1 [Goldstein]
- **RESULT: BUDGET RULES OF PROCEDURE PASS**

**Old Business:**

- N/A

**New Business:**

- Chair Salazar relinquishes chairship to Vice Chair Meier.
- **Resolution or Bill #06 - Sponsored by Senator Salazar (P)**
  - Opening Statement:
    - Chair Salazar: Basically, HLSU got a bunch of money from Sweepings, and all of that money went into one of their Budget categories. They have a bunch of different categories, and all of their money from Sweepings only went into one category. So a part of their money they would like to use for Clothing and Awards, especially since they have a bunch of events coming up, especially HLSU gala, which is their big end of the year bash. So in case you guys want some numbers, which I know you might: \$3,200 from Expenses into Clothing and Awards, the amount of money currently in Expenses provided by their treasurer is \$11,904.44. The amount of money in Clothing and Awards is \$4,000 even. This is just

to move some money over to Clothing and Awards over from Expenses, so they can spend it. I yield.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
  - N/A
- **Rodriguez moves to enter round-table discussion; Valdes-Herrera seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
  - N/A
- **Goldstein moves to call the question; Valdes-Herrera seconds**
- Closing Statement:
  - Yields.
- Vote:
  - Yes: 9 [Arellano, Barresi, DeVitto, Goldstein, McEnery, Rodriguez, Valderrama, Valdes-Herrera, Vargheese]
  - No: 0
  - Abstain: 0
- **RESULT: BILL #06 PASSES**
- Vice Chair Meier relinquishes chairship to Chair Salazar.
- **Resolution or Bill #09 - Sponsored by Senator Lento (P), Senator Teplin (Co)**
  - Opening Statement:
    - Chair Lento: I'm not going to take any of your time, it's pretty straightforward, the Director of Programming for JSU reached out to me, and they received a lot more RSVPs for the reception than they were expecting, and they don't need money in Contractual Services that they were allocated during Sweepings so they wanted to transfer that out of Contractual Services into Food to help fund this event and future events down the line because there are a lot more people. I yield the rest of my time.
  - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
    - Chair Salazar: Can you give me the budget breakdown, kind of like what I did with HLSU, like how much money is in each category? At least how much money is in contractual services and how much is in JSU food?
    - Chair Lento: I know there's \$4,000 in Contractual Services, I don't know how much is in Food. I was just sent that they'd like to transfer that money out of Contractual Services.
    - Senator Goldstein: Do you know if this money that's being moved was received from Sweepings, or did they already have it?
    - Chair Lento: I believe this money was received during Sweepings.
  - **Meier moves to enter round-table discussion; Barresi seconds**
  - Round-Table Discussion:
    - N/A
  - **Barresi moves to call the question; Rodriguezseconds**
  - Closing Statement:
    - Sponsor waives
  - Vote:
    - Yes: 10 [Meier, Arellano, Barresi, DeVitto, Goldstein, McEnery, Rodriguez, Valderrama, Valdes-Herrera, Vargheese]
    - No: 0
    - Abstain: 0
  - **RESULT: BILL #09 PASSES**

### **Unfinished Business:**

- N/A

### **Closing Announcements:**

- Chair Salazar: We're just going to go over really quick the agenda for Budget Week. Mr. Bowling if you'd like to participate in the explanation, that would be amazing. Vice Chair Meier if you'd like to chime in, feel free. So this email from Andy, so there's two parts to Budget Week- technically three, right now the application to receive funding from the overall SGA budget, which is like a pot of \$14,000,000, we'll go more in depth on that during Budget training, the applications to receive money from that are open through a Qualtrics. They will close the 26<sup>th</sup> at midnight, so the week after is when Budget training week starts. It's only two half days, this is what the dates and times will look like: Wednesday the 31<sup>st</sup>, we'll start in the Senate Chambers, come as you are, so at 11:00 AM we're going to have a welcome/introduction brought to you by Felicia Williams and Andy Johnson, then at 11:15 a little icebreaker game put on by Andy, at 12:30 a Budget basics by the SGA budget staff, at 1:30 an overview of the SGA budget presented by Laurel, and at 2:30 a tour of the Student Union. In previous years, a huge chunk of our budget goes to Campus Rec and the Union, that's why we're getting field trips on both days, so we know where our money is going. Moving on to Thursday, the 1<sup>st</sup>, we're going to be getting a tour of the Campus Rec facilities. I'm sure we'll be meeting in the Student Union and they'll take us, fun little field trip, I'm excited, as many of you can come, the better. At 4:30 PM we'll get a full fiscal year Budget outlook, presented by the honorable, handsome, beautiful, distinguished Adam Bowling. And at 5:30 PM, yours truly and the distinguished Vice Chair Meier will be giving an overview of what the actual budget week is going to look like, with timelines and what to expect next. We're also going to be looking over all the applications we received from each org for money, so when they come in and present to us, we're not completely new to this style of presentation. Questions?
- Senator Barresi: Will there be any repercussions if you can't make a day? Because I'm going to the History Fair that day.
- Chair Salazar: We're going to kill you. No, I'm kidding. I think you'll be fine, just like if you can make it, or you can try, please do because this is very important. SGA has an operating budget of \$14,000,000 and the more information you can get, the better.
- Senator Goldstein: Are we also going to get a tour of the Askew Student Life Center because that also falls under the Union or no?
- Chair Salazar: I don't think so.
- Vice Chair Meier: Just wanted to say- please text me or let me know if you're not going to be there for like an entire day, I understand if you just need to be there for an hour, and leave for thirty minutes/an hour and come back, but if you're going to be missing an entire day please let me know, so I can relay some of that information to you.
- Chair Salazar: Also, we're trying our best to document all of this, so for those that can't make it, we'll send you information that you might've missed that day for training.
- Treasurer Adam Bowling: I sat down with SGA staff and Chair Salazar and we came to the conclusion that this training week is the best way to make you guys Budget experts before we go into this process. So I just wanted to emphasize, if you can make it, please try, I'll be there as well. Additionally my office and I are resources for you guys, I know I sent my email and number in the group chat if you have any questions. To be honest, I won't sugarcoat it, this is not a fantastic year for our budget, and we really need to have as much expertise on this committee as possible, and you guys are all fantastic, and I trust you're going to be able to come to these seminars and gather as much expertise as

possible before we go into it. Like I said this isn't a fantastic year for Budget, so we have to be prepared for that. Additionally, I will be speaking with the entities that are requesting and creating a template presentation. So the presentations should all look relatively similar, and hopefully help you better make decisions. Like I said, I'm a resource for you guys, if you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

- Senator Vargheese: Will you send this to us in the GroupMe?
- Chair Salazar: Yes, I'll send it.
- Senator Barresi: So for Thursday, do we meet at the Senate chambers and walk over?
- Chair Salazar: Probably, will get back to you guys as soon as possible. Also, a lot of the stuff we'll be learning during the Budget Training, like a lot of the ins and outs, that's why we have so much time set aside for that.
- Treasurer Bowling: This is just a quick question for the committee, are there any resources that you guys would be looking for to make this process easier for you? Just give it a thought, and shoot me a text or email. If there are any resources you might need or any information you'd like to have, we've been doing a lot of research so we can provide that for you.
- Senator Goldstein: Just an easy one off the top of my head, are you able to provide us the past few years of how the Budget Committee has allocated funds?
- Treasurer Bowling: Absolutely, the Budget books are on the SGA website, but I will download those PDFs and send them into the Budget GroupMe for better access, I know the website is tough to navigate so I'll send that out as soon as possible.

**Next Meeting: Friday, January 26, 2024 at 5:30 PM**

**Adjourned: 5:59 PM**

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**Signature of Chair**