



**76th Student Senate
Budget Committee**
Friday, January 26, 2024 at 5:30 PM | Zoom:
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Call to Order: 5:30 PM

Members Present: Salazar, Meier, Arellano, Barresi, DeVitto, Garcia, Goldstein, McEnery, Rodriguez, Vargheese

Members Tardy:

Members Absent: McEntyre, Valdes-Herrera, Valderrama

Guests: Adam Bowling

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Announcements:

- Chair: N/A
- Members: N/A
- Guests:
 - Adam Bowling: Here is the template that organizations can use during their Budget Presentations. (Recording audio/video cut) Feel free to raise your hand if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.
 - Senator Goldstein: Are you able to have them list any money that they didn't spend that ended up getting swept, is that possible?
 - Adam Bowling: We could, the only issue with that is we are halfway- we're not even halfway, we're in the beginning of the spring semester, so it's kind of hard to see what money has been swept. We have been looking into that information, about how much money each organization has swept, and we will provide that as well, but a lot of organizations don't have that knowledge, we'll try to provide that to you in a document when Budget comes.
 - Chair Salazar: Question in the chat from Senator Rodriguez- is there a part that describes how many people are members?

- Adam Bowling: That's a good one, I'll add that to the organization description. Thank you Briana.
- Chair Salazar: Any other questions or quests for Treasurer Bowling?
- Adam Bowling: Thank you guys so much, once again, looking forward to going through this process, I'll see you guys next week during the Budget training, but if you guys think of anything that you want me to add or think of any resources you might need for this whole process, feel free to reach out to me, it's never too late to reach out. If we're done with the Budget training process and you think of any ideas that you'd want us to provide for you, let me know. But other than that, I'll turn it over to Mr. Salazar, and you guys have a great rest of your day.
- Chair Salazar: Thank you Treasurer Bowling, we love you. Bye. As for the other announcements we're just going to go through Resolution 13 and then Bills 10 and 13, and then we're just going to do a quick recap to make sure we're ready for Budget training week, which is next week. That's the end of my announcements, Vice Chair Meier do you have anything to add?
- Vice Chair Meier: Nothing today.
- Chair Salazar: Do any members of the committee want to make any opening announcements? Seeing none, we're going to get right into business.

Committee Business:

- N/A

Old Business:

- N/A

New Business:

- **Resolution 13 - Sponsored by Senator Goldstein (P), Senators Barresi, Brown, Meier, Salazar, Staveski, Valderrama**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Goldstein: Hi guys, I'll just go over this Resolution a little bit, I know I sent a message in the GroupMe, if you guys read it in advance. Pretty much, it's just to include Campus Rec and Union Board and have one representative from each to serve in the Budget Committee, along with Adam or his designee, whoever he wants to put on the committee. It'll just allow them to be more involved and cooperative during the Budget process, Union Board and Campus Rec already serve on PAC, RTAC, and Sweepings, so it'll allow them to have more voice in the Budget process, as they already have a pretty strong voice in how allocations are managed later on. With the Student Body Treasurer, they already serve on Sweepings and as an advisory position during Budget Week, so it makes sense to have them be even more involved so they can allow us to be more informed and transparent and effective. I will also be finding a motion to amend this to make them non-voting members by Senator Garcia. I yield.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Garcia moves to amend Resolution 13. McEnergy seconds.
 - Garcia: The first amendment is for Section 5.3 a, where it says, "The Student Body Treasurer or designee shall be considered an ex-officio..."

after “ex-officio” put “non-voting” before the word “member”. So “ex-officio non-voting member of the Student Senate Budget Committee.”

- Garcia moves to amend Resolution 13. McEnery seconds.
- Garcia: Section 5.3 b right below that, after where it says “One member of the Campus Recreation Board to serve as an ex-officio”, “non-voting” “member.”

- Sponsor finds the amendment friendly.

- **Meier moves to enter round-table discussion; Barresi seconds**

- Round-Table Discussion:

- Rodriguez: I think this resolution is really well-written, well thought out, I think it’ll make the process a lot easier in terms of having that voice for them, so I think it’s a great idea.

- **Meier moves to call the question; Garcia seconds**

- Closing Statement:

- Goldstein: I yield.

- Vote:

- Yes: 7 [Meier, Arellano, Barresi, Garcia, McEnery, Rodriguez, Vargheese]
- No: 0
- Abstain: 1 [Goldstein]

- **RESULT: RESOLUTION 13 PASSES (AMENDED)**

- **Bill 10 - Sponsored by Senators Goldstein, Garcia (P)**

- Opening Statement:

- Goldstein: Hi guys, this bill would make a few significant changes to the Organizational Fund process, this bill was recommended to me from the office of the Student Body Treasurer, just to make their lives a little easier when it comes to this process, and allow even more organizations to go through this fund for its intended purpose. Some of the changes I’ll go through just to make it easier for you guys, it allows the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer to create a comprehensive funding recommendation for the Senate’s review, when in the past it was only the Treasurer that could. It also streamlines the process for the funding recommendations that go directly to the chair of the Finance committee, instead of how it was before, where we’d just go to finance as a whole with no exact direction of how it will show up on the consent calendar. It also changes the total amount that RSOs can receive for the Organizational Fund from \$300 to \$500, along with reserving the requirement that the RSOs who received funding from A&S fees can apply again. But it does also put a good faith effort to put people who have not received funding first. I yield.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

- Meier: I wanted to ask, have you or Senator Garcia spoken with any of the members of the other funding boards regarding this bill such as PAC or RTAC about this bill?
- Goldstein: No.
- Garcia: I guess to add on to that, we have spoken with members of the executive board surrounding this bill, specifically within Budget, so that’s kind of where the brainstorming part of it originated.
- McEnery: Just wondering, who is funding the extra \$200 increase?
- Goldstein: It’s not coming from anywhere, it just means that now they can award more per organization, it’s still the same pot as they had prior,

they're just able to give more at a single time. Each org can now receive more money.

- Meier: One more question, do you happen to know off the top of your head how many RSOs made use of the Organizational Fund last year?
- Goldstein: No, not to my knowledge, but I know it was used.
- McEnery moves to allow a non-senator to speak: Adam Bowling. Meier seconds.
- Meier: I'd like to direct this question to Adam Bowling, do you happen to know how many organizations made use of the Organizational Fund last fiscal year?
- Bowling: The last fiscal year, organizational funds didn't exist in this form, it was reformed very recently to basically rejuvenate it. It had existed previously, I will say in the first semester we funded around 15-20 organizations, but due to the fact that RSO registration was paused, those organizations have dried up unfortunately, we fund less and less every week. Yeah, last fiscal year there were no organizations funded by the organizational fund.
- **Rodriguez moves to enter round-table discussion; Barresi seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - N/A
- **Meier moves to call the question; Barresi seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Goldstein: I yield.
- Vote:
 - Yes: 7 [Meier, Barresi, Garcia, Goldstein, McEnery, Rodriguez, Vargheese]
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 1 [Arellano]
- **RESULT: BILL 10 PASSES**

- **Chair Salazar relinquishes chair-ship to Vice Chair Meier.**

- **Bill 13 - Sponsored by Senators Salazar, Meier (P)**

- Opening Statement:
 - Ok great, so, Bill 13 is very simple, all it does is just: usually according to statutes, the Budget process has been since I've been in Senate, has always been in Fall. However, you guys might have noticed that that's when the Sweepings process takes place, and it's also weird that Budget is taking place in the Spring instead, and that was because former President Diaz did push it back, because he thought there would be an A&S fee increase that would increase the Budget but that never happened. However, the Budget process is still happening in the Spring, and this bill would make that permanent, because obviously the Sweepings process happens in the fall, also we don't want two major funding processes to happen at the same time. Also, it gives budgeted entities more time to realize where money goes, because they get their money towards like over the summer, and that's when the fiscal year resets. Pushing the Budget Week back just gives them more time to allocate and see how much money they want to request in the new Budget Week, so it just makes sense for all parties involved and makes it easier for senators because they don't have to deal with these two huge funding things in the same semester, and it gives budgeted entities more

time to figure their stuff out and make a better and more accurate request.
With that, I yield.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - N/A
- **Rodriguez moves to enter round-table discussion; Goldstein seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - N/A
- **Goldstein moves to call the question; McEnery seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Salazar: I yield.
- Vote:
 - Yes: 7 [Arellano, Barresi, Garcia, Goldstein, McEnery, Rodriguez, Vargheese]
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 1 [Salazar]
- **RESULT: BILL 13 PASSES**
- **Vice Chair Meier relinquishes chair-ship to Chair Salazar.**

Unfinished Business:

- N/A

Closing Announcements:

- Chair Salazar: I wanted to start off by just giving us a refresher on the schedule for Budget Training week, just a disclaimer, Budget Training is completely open to the public, anybody is welcome to come, so I guess if you want to bring a friend in case they want to know what the Budget process is going to be like, they completely can. It will be in the Senate Chambers, Wednesday we will start at 11:00 AM in the Senate Chambers, and that will go well past 3:00 PM, because at 2:30 we'll be getting a tour of the Student Union just so we can see where the money goes, because they get a ton of money. Moving on over to Thursday, the February 1st training will start at 2:30, and for that one, Andy sent out an email if you guys got it, in 2:30 PM we'll be meeting in the lobby of the Leach, I'm sure you guys all know where that is, and from there, we'll be meeting at 4:30 in the Senate Chambers to get an SGA budget outlook brought to you by the distinguished Adam Bowling, and then Vice Chair Meier and I will walk you through an overview of Budget timelines and what to expect for Budget Week, and then after that budget training will be done. We'll also meet on Friday probably if we have any new business, so yeah, that's what Budget training is going to look like, do you guys have any questions?

Next Meeting: Friday, February 2, 2024 at 5:30 PM

Adjourned: 6:02 PM

Bryan Jones

Signature of Chair