



**76th Student Senate
Budget Committee
February 9th, 2024 at 5:30 PM | Zoom:
<https://fsu.zoom.us/j/4349728982>**

Call to Order: 5:33 PM

Members Present: Chair Salazar, Vice Chair Meier, Senators Barresi, DeVitto, Goldstein, McEnery, Rodriguez, Valdes-Herrera, Vargheese

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Members Absent: Senators Arellano, Garcia, Valderrama

Guests: N/A

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Announcements:

- Chair: Budget week is next week, super exciting, let me or Vice Chair Meier know if you can't make it!
- Members: N/A
- Guests: N/A

Committee Business:

- N/A

Old Business:

- N/A

New Business:

- **Chair Salazar relinquishes chair-ship to Vice Chair Meier.**
- **Bill #17 - Sponsored by Senator Salazar (P)**

- Opening Statement:
 - Salazar: So every year, HLSU has its end of the year festival which is called HLSU gala, the location is usually in the ballrooms or the Wesley Foundation which is right next to the Sweet Shop. It's just a celebration, like a year in review, of everything that HLSU did that year, it's a really big thing, it's their final event of that administration because it is right before the current administration is done, and the new administration comes in. So a big thing here is that they cater a lot of food, usually their head count is around 100-150 people, and they've got to feed those people, and in order to be able to fully cover all of those expenses, they need a little more money. So, they're asking for \$750 to be transferred in from Senate Projects. The HLSU Treasurer already had conversations with Senate leadership such as Pro-Temp Gorelick, and he was like "This works perfectly, we have the money," and the reason why they can't get any money from PAC, just to address this right out of the gate, is because they are a budgeted entity, they receive SGA funds, from the A&S fee, we'll be budgeting them next week. As a result, they can't receive any money from PAC, so the only way they can get money is through internal transfer of funds, so that's why they went to Senate Projects to get this money. But yeah, it's just \$750, Senate Projects has more than enough to cover this. I yield the rest of my time.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Valdes-Herrera: I just wanted to ask if this is money they could get from Budget Week?
 - Salazar: So, yeah, the thing is that Budget Week, the money that they will receive from Budget, that money wouldn't come into their account until mid to late summer, the gala is usually held in late April. So, this is way after they would need the money, they kind of just need it as soon as possible, so they can start making those food orders. To answer your question, no they can't get this money from Budget Week.
- **McEnergy moves to enter round-table discussion; Barresi seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - N/A
- **Valdes-Herrera moves to call the question; Barresi seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Salazar: I waive the rest of my time.
- Vote:
 - Yes: 6 [Barresi, DeVitto, McEnergy, Rodriguez, Valdes-Herrera, Vargheese]
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 1 [Salazar]
- **RESULT: BILL #17 PASSES**
- **Bill #18 - Sponsored by Senator Salazar (P)**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Salazar: Ok great! So this is just another HLSU thing, so recently I just did another budget transfer within their budget from expenses to clothing and awards, just to reiterate what I said last time, when HLSU received a bunch of money from Sweepings, all that money just went into their expense category. In order to spend it on other things, they need to move it into those categories. So, they want to buy more merch, more things

that they can hand out at their events, and in order to do so, they needed more money in their Clothing category, so they're just moving \$2800 to their Clothing and Awards category, so they can just make those purchases. With that I welcome any questions, and I yield the rest of my time to my closing.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Rodriguez: I just have a question, how much money would be left in their Expenses category, do you happen to know?
 - Salazar: Let me pull up the numbers right now, I have a screenshot. So in Expenses they currently have \$8,704, so we take away \$2,800 which leaves them with around \$5,900. They currently have \$7,200 in Clothing and Awards, so they would still have a fair amount of money in both categories and would continue to operate the way they want to.
- **Rodriguez moves to enter round-table discussion; Barresi seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - N/A
- **McEnergy moves to call the question; Goldstein seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Salazar: I waive the rest of my time.
- Vote:
 - Yes: 7 [Barresi, DeVitto, Goldstein, McEnergy, Rodriguez, Valdes-Herrera, Vargheese]
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0

○ **RESULT: BILL #18 PASSES**

- **Bill #20 - Sponsored by Senators Salazar, Meier (P) Arellano, Barresi, DeVitto, Garcia, Goldstein, McEnergy, Rodriguez, Valderrama, Valdes-Herrera, Vargheese**

- Opening Statement:
 - Salazar: Exactly what Senator Goldstein said, I will entertain a motion to table this, because if this passes through here then it'll just go to the Senate Floor, and we're not presenting an empty Budget bill to the floor. So my whole idea is we're going to have this here and it'll just be tabled in committee up until that Wednesday when we finalize everything and submit it. It's just here so we can get around that thing that says in order to pass this it needs to be submitted for more than 5 business days, so this gives us more than enough time to just go over that and to submit it, and hopefully get this submitted and processed through Senate by the 21st. So I will gladly entertain a motion to table this.
- **Goldstein moves to table Bill #20; Rodriguez seconds**

○ **RESULT: BILL #20 IS TABLED IN BUDGET**

Unfinished Business:

- N/A

Closing Announcements:

- Salazar: Reiterating that Budget training will be on Wednesday, more times to be announced, I'm just waiting to hear from Andy, so he's setting that up on his end. Thursday, Friday, and Monday we'll be doing our presentations, and then Tuesday will be our deliberations, and if we need more time that will bleed over into Wednesday, the

21st. A deal is currently being finalized with administration, we're pretty close to that, so the dates of Budget Week will probably be the final dates. Yeah, if you have any questions, please let me know!

- Meier: I wanted to say, if you have any conflicts with Budget training, I know it's going to be on pretty short notice, so just as soon as we figure out the times for that, please let me know. Thanks guys.
- Salazar: Please keep an eye on the GroupMe for updates in the next couple of days. Really quick I wanted to add- this Sunday I will be running the Tallahassee half marathon, so if any of you guys want to come to the finish line, it'll be in Collegetown around MadSo, that area, so if any of you guys want to come see your chair running through that, show up!
- Goldstein: When we go do a tour of the Student Union, can you ask if we can go to the penthouse in the Student Union, I want to go there really bad.
- Salazar: Well, I don't think we'll be doing that anymore. Neither Campus Rec, because we're not funding them anymore, so what's the point. I mean we can still do it, I've discussed with Andy if we could just have it set up so at some point in the future we could have Senators just go with the Union and Campus Rec, but that'll be probably sometime later in the semester. But I can communicate that with Andy, and we can set up a date for that in the future, but that will not be a part of Budget training this time, and I am sorry. Any further questions? Seeing none, see you guys hopefully on Wednesday!

Next Meeting: February 16th, 2024 at 5:30 PM

Adjourned: 5:51 PM

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Signature of Chair