



**76th Student Senate
Budget Committee
Friday, March 22nd 2024 at 5:30 PM | Zoom:
<https://fsu.zoom.us/j/4349728982>**

Call to Order: 5:31 PM

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

Members Tardy: N/A

Members Absent: Senators Arellano, Garcia

Guests: Senators Cofer, Larancuent, Khosh

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Announcements:

- Chair: We're going to blast through everything, get everything done, Vice Chair Meier has to leave soon.
- Members:
 - Vice Chair Meier: Since I might not be here for closing announcements, I love all you guys, you're so amazing, you've been such a participatory committee, and I'm so happy that I've had the opportunity to be your Vice Chair.
 - Chair Salazar: We love you more.
- Guests:

Committee Business:

- N/A

Old Business:

- N/A

New Business:

- **Bill 29 - Sponsored by Senator Goldstein (P)**

- Opening Statement:
 - Goldstein: Hi guys, I just presented this to Student Life and it passed unanimously, it's mainly just a clerical change, during Budget Week we zero-funded SAP, so this is just taking SAP out of statutes so we don't have to go through the debate again this upcoming year. All the funds that are normally allocated to SAP have been reallocated to PAC, RTAC, and the org fund. I yield.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - N/A
- **Meier moves to enter round-table discussion; Valdes-Herrera seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - N/A
- Closing Statement:
 - Goldstein: I yield.
- Vote:
 - **McEnery moves to pass by Unanimous Consent. Motion passes.**
- **RESULT: BILL 29 PASSES BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

- **Bill 30 - Sponsored by Senator Goldstein (P)**

- Opening Statement:
 - Goldstein: Hi guys, according to Budget proviso, we requested that the Senate do this, and make all of these accounts not being swept in their own area, also make WVFS not swept for the first time ever, so they don't have to be punished for not spending their like, 20 dollars that they have remaining and they can save their money. Beyond that, this is just doing what we wanted to do during Budget Week. I yield.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - N/A
- **Meier moves to enter round-table discussion; Barresi seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - N/A
- Closing Statement:
 - Goldstein: I yield.
- Vote:
 - **Meier moves to pass by Unanimous Consent. Motion passes.**
- **RESULT: BILL 30 PASSES BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

- **Bill 33 - Sponsored by Senators Brown, Larancuent (P)**

- Opening Statement:
 - Larancuent: Alright, so this bill allocates \$2,000.00 so the FSU Libraries can buy books for their Course Reserves collection. If you don't already know how Course Reserves works, a professor basically writes the books that they need for their class, and the students give the books they aren't going to use anymore at the end of the semester to the libraries, and students can check out the books for two hours. The books that they have mainly are stuff like religion, history, baby bio, and those types. We're no longer funding the test prep section because the Executive Branch is already funding them with \$5,000.00 solely for test prep books, we didn't

want to double dip. I'll possibly amend it to go lower on the floor, if they don't need that much money, but right now it's solely \$2,000 for books that they generally don't have that much access too, and FSU libraries have stated that they want to be able to purchase these books on their own, seeing as they are the ones that receive which books are missing. After they purchase these books, we can probably receive an itemized list of each book they've purchased, and I could show it to Senate in Public Comment. I think this would be really good for accessibility and affordability, I think this also follows some of our SGA Projects by helping students get the books for their classes that they're maybe not able to get because it's such a specific book. With that, I think this would really support academics and make it accessible to people, knowing that textbooks are very expensive. I yield.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - N/A
- **Meier moves to enter round-table discussion; Barresi seconds.**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - Goldstein: I think this is absolutely amazing, I commend the sponsor on being able to advocate for an institution like the FSU Library program seeing as they don't have an active liaison at the time, I think you're going really above and beyond as a senator to make this progress happen. I commend them in all ways possible.
- Closing Statement:
 - Larancuent: Yield.
- Vote:
 - **Meier moves to pass by Unanimous Consent. Motion passes.**
- **RESULT: BILL 33 PASSES BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**
- **Bill 34 - Sponsored by Senator Larancuent (P)**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Larancuent: So I amended this down to \$6,570.00, but I have another senator in this committee who will also be making another amendment to bring it even lower down. They will get to you after I tell you what the Bill is about. So, FSU Libraries currently does not have enough calculators, they only have 29 circulating between both, it would be amended down to 20 of each calculator which would consist of graphing, financial, scientific, and four function, which would amount to \$4,380.00. I think this would be really good, especially for those who cannot afford these calculators last minute, or they lost them and don't have the ability to purchase another one, or they saw it on the syllabus and said they'll just use the online one, until they have an exam and need it, or they're told to use one in class and it switches last minute for the exam. I just think this would be a lot easier, and the libraries said they'd also be interested in partnering with us to increase the rental period of them from 4 hours to more, seeing as now they will have more calculators. I think this would also be a good opening to see, if these calculators are being used even more, we can possibly give them more later on in Senate. Please ask me any questions, because I will most likely have the answer to any you have. I yield.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

- Vote:
 - Meier moves to pass by Unanimous Consent. Motion passes.
- **RESULT: BILL 41 PASSES BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

Unfinished Business:

- N/A

Closing Announcements:

- Salazar: Guys, it's been really real, hanging out with y'all, but I just wanted to dedicate my closing statement to just express my sincere level of gratitude, and how lucky I feel to have worked alongside all of you, especially Vice Chair Meier. The work that you've put in, and your dedication to this role means a lot to me. I was over in IA before, and I came over here now, and I've honestly had such a good time. I was really hesitant about coming to Budget before, but now that I'm here, you guys really did an amazing job, you asked so many questions, and Vice Chair Meier, the help that you provided during the Budget Process, setting it up and everything, I can't believe how fast you type those minutes, I just wanted to thank and commend you so much for everything you've done, it's been such a pleasure to work alongside you. Guys, before we leave next week's Senate meeting, we all have to hug Jona. If you don't, I'll come find you. Love you.
- Meier: You don't have to hug me if you don't want, after Senate.
- Salazar: No, you do.
- Meier: Ok. But, thank you so much Chair Salazar. I want to commend Chair Salazar, he's done an amazing job leading this committee. It's absolutely phenomenal that he never experienced Budget before, and he just leapt into the Budget process and did so, so well with it. Especially considering how difficult of a process it was, and how many constraints we had. Thank you guys so much for everything, all of your flexibility, you've been so professional throughout all of this, throughout all of the crazy presentations we listened to. If you're going to keep on being in Senate, I hope to keep on seeing your good work, and if you're leaving Senate, you're going to keep doing great things for the student body. Love you all, and I am leaving now, bye!
- Cofer: Hi you guys, this is my first Budget meeting that I've ever sat in on, and I love the casual commentary that the chair gives about everything.
- Salazar: The commentary loves you too.
- Cofer: I just wanted to come in and say thank you so much to the chair, to the vice chair, to the Budget committee, because half of you guys are terming out, and there was so much work that has happened behind the scenes that, like Vice Chair Meier said, Chair Salazar really took on, and that hasn't even been brought to anybody's attention. So, I appreciate him for all that, the Vice Chair as well, and for all of you as well for getting through the Budget Process and doing something we haven't done in literally two years, making sure that we could do it, and that we did it well with one million extra dollars is insane, all of you better be posting it on your LinkedIns, and I'll be happy to support you as well in anything you do after you leave Senate. For those staying in Senate, what will probably happen for your next steps, is that I imagine the Pro-Temp and I are just going to keep everybody where they are and add people accordingly, but if you would not like to remain in Budget, send us something in the Committee Request that we'll send out for our new children, just to change your committee. With that, I hope everyone has a great weekend, and I'm going to miss you guys. I appreciate all the work that you've done.
- Salazar: Yeah, that's everything for this meeting. Thank you so much for coming. I'm going to miss those of you who are leaving, you guys really did an amazing job, I'm super proud of everything that you've done, and this isn't the end, as Vice Chair Meier

said, you're going to go on, this is not the end of your involvement, if anything this will motivate you as a platform to just keep on doing better and better things in SGA and in any of your involvements. I love you guys, and if you ever need anything, I will be here for you guys no matter what, just reach out, give me a quick text, you all have my number or my email. Don't email me, that's so weird. But, love you guys, also really quick- who's going to be my Vice Chair? ...We'll find out! Anyways, have a great weekend, and I'll see you guys on Wednesday!

Next Meeting: Friday, April 5th 2024 at 5:30 PM

Adjourned:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryan Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with some loops and flourishes.

Signature of Chair