



76th Student Senate Finance Committee

Wednesday, January 17th | <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/99399303524>

Call to Order: 5:05 PM

Members Present: Chair Lento, Vice Chair Navarro, Senators Wilfong, Thomas, Raiford, Soletti, Seldess, Tran.

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Members Absent: Senators Baez, Zuckerbraun, Warren, Munoz, Daley.

Guests: Chair Staveski, Chair Bevis, American Marketing Association, Golden Anchor Society, North Florida Chapter of the Meteorological Society, Systems Inc.

Land Acknowledgement

The Student Government of Florida State University acknowledges that it is located on land that is the ancestral and traditional territory of the Apalachee Nation, the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida, the Muscogee Creek Nation, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida. We pay respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to their descendants and to all Indigenous people. We recognize this land remains scarred by the histories and ongoing legacies of settlercolonial violence, dispossession, and removal. Despite all this, and with tremendous resilience, these Indigenous Nations have remained deeply connected to this territory, to their families, to their communities, and to their cultural ways of life. We recognize the ongoing relationships of care that these Indigenous Nations maintain with this land and extend our gratitude as we live and work as humble and respectful guests upon their territory. We encourage all to learn about and educate others on the contemporary work of the Indigenous Nations whose land we are on and to endeavor to support Indigenous sovereignty in all the ways that we can.

Announcements:

- Chair Staveski moved to wish Vice Chair Navarro a Happy Birthday.

Committee Business: None

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Old Business: None

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New Business:

- Consent Resolution 3 - **Sponsored by Chair Staveski**

- Line Item **\$1,984 and \$1,700**

- Opening Statement:

- Chair Staveski: So guys, this is a pretty short consent resolution compared to some past ones that I've presented to finance. But I want to start off by saying I think there are some representatives of the American Marketing Association here. We did have a slight issue with the American Marketing Association in pack today, their event is a little bit unique. It is um, food for a 75 person marketing event, but only 15 of those are confirmed FSU students. So statutorily I wasn't sure if we were allowed to fund it. But I talked to our accounting office and Andy and in accordance with statute eight oh 3.7 F we are allowed to fund it. So I can give you guys some more clarification on that. But I think they're here just in case there was an issue. So I wanted to let them know that we are allowed to fund it statutorily. They're asking for food for their conference. It's \$1,700 for two meals for 75 people, which we thought was very reasonable. And then who bought us here to request for their event. That's this Friday. All the food is from Publix, which is an approved vendor, it actually comes out to somewhere between like five to \$7 a person because they have an expected attendance of 350 people so that is a very low number. We found it very reasonable. And even though that events on Friday, I've coordinated with our accounting office and since it is a vendor we use often they'll be able to get the PIO in time for this Friday. So yeah, I welcome any and all questions. I can drop the Qualtrics links in the chat but yeah, let me know if you have any questions.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

- Senator Raiford: I was just wondering what is the appropriate or like an average amount of a price per meal for an event like this? Because I know you said five to seven for the first event, but if the 1700 divided by two because it's a two meals that's 850 divided by seven my people is a little over \$11 and one is like five to \$7. So I'm just wondering what's like the average amount that we typically find?

- Chair Staveski: Oh, yeah, absolutely. When I the question I've seen honestly vary depending on the type of event that it is. It seems like from my interpretation, it seemed that the American Marketing Association's event was more like a meal. When I'm actually I'm going to I'm going to change what I'm saying. Sorry, I'm remembering what's happening now. So American Marketing Association, they, they're getting their food from Chick fil A or mo so it's like prepared food but nobody's getting all of their stuff from Publix. So it's kind of more groceries, which is why we thought it would be much less expensive, and also they're making it in a much larger quantity. So I think that's kind of where that discrepancy and price comes from. But we funded meals that are like way more than \$11 before like if somebody caterers and events like Sunday's I think once we spent like \$16 a meal so we didn't think that these were unreasonable or unusual at all.

- **moves to enter round-table discussion; 4.40 seconds**

- Round-Table Discussion:

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- **moves to call the question; 3.42 seconds**

- Closing Statement:
 - Chair Staveski: Thank you so much for hearing me out. These two are so it's really came prepared and I know how bad's a quick turnaround. But that is no fault of their own. They submit their request in December. It got forwarded to me early January and this is the first PAC meeting of the year. So just because quick turnaround doesn't mean that they did it last minute or anything they were well within that 21 day mark that we allow. And yeah, I think both these are great requests and I'm really excited for these events. So thank you guys.
- Vote:
 - Yes: [(6)] [Senators Wilfong, Thomas, Raiford, Soletti, Seldess, Tran]
 - No: [(0)]
 - Abstain: [(0)]
- **RESULT: [CONSENT RESOLUTION] [3] [PASSES]**

- **Consent Resolution 4 - Sponsored by Chair Bevis**

- **Line Item \$15,800.92**

- Opening Statement:
 - Hey, guys. So um, yeah. PAC had it easy this week. I didn't know we had about I believe 12 requests, which is I've been sending on PAC since I sat on it last fall before I became chair of RTAC and my time on the funding boys. This is the most requests I've ever seen. We got all about \$85,000 in requests, which, again, is also most requests which we worked down to \$15,800.92 It was really hard. We had to make some pretty hard cuts unfortunately, but we have to keep this funding board going. At least at least I'm hoping to at least halfway through the semester. I have to keep it going for a certain number of time. So that's unfortunately why we had cuts. I know we have a few RSOs here tonight or here to request for a little bit more funding. The ones who told me they were coming more golden anchor society, North Florida Chapter of the American Meteorological Society and Systems Inc. Um, yeah, I know we I'll be honest, we this is already very high. If you do an increase funding for any of those organizations I mentioned or any others, I strongly encourage that you don't do it too much because again, I have to keep this funding going for the rest of the semester all if you have any questions for me, or any RSOs we're here for comment, please feel free to ask them. Thank you I yield.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Vice Chair Navarro: So the budget that says registration fee for the American Society of Civil Engineers and the North Florida Chapter of the American, Meteorological Society, what does the registration fee consist on?
 - Chair Bevis: So basically, registration fee is basically just all just this fee you have to pay to like go to a certain conference. That's really all it is.
- **moves to enter round-table discussion; 3.35 seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
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- **moves to call the question; 3.29 seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - All right, thank you guys so much for hearing this. Out. All with that I yield my time.

- Vote:
- Yes: [(6)] [Senators Wilfong, Thomas, Raiford, Soletti, Seldess, Tran]
- No: [(0)]
- Abstain: [(0)]
- **RESULT: [CONSENT RESOLUTION] [4] [PASSES]**

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Unfinished Business: None

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Closing Announcements:

- Chair Lento: To my RSOs representatives who are here. We do meet at 730 and Senate tonight and this third floor the Student Union chambers. I appreciate you guys coming to finance. If you still want to, like, show your support or like, want to, you know, have an amendment to this consent resolution. Please, please, please come to Senate tonight at 730.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 23rd. 6 PM.

Adjourned: 5:23 PM



Signature of Chair Lento

