



**76th Student Senate
Finance Committee
Tuesday, January 30th | <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/7880016999>**

Call to Order: 6:05 PM

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

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

Guests: Chair Staveski, Chair Bevis, Senator Goldstein.

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: None

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Committee Business: None

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Old Business: None

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New Business:

- **Consent Resolution 8 - Sponsored by Chair Bevis**

- **Line Item \$6,425**

- Opening Statement:

- So we're giving away \$6,425 to the Society of Black Male future attorneys, and the American Marketing Association. We did zero fun three RSO on if you guys have any questions about that, I can gladly go a little more into detail about why we did that. But if you're I'll say that for questioning if anyone has any questions on that. And yeah, this is what we have. For this week. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask them.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

- Senator Raiford: Can I get a little more information about the American Marketing Association's events? I know we did just find them 2 weeks ago, so I'm wondering what this lodging is for

- Chair Bevis: So this lodging is for all this competition that we're going for in going to New Orleans. They originally requested a little over \$4,000 And we decided to fully fund them for their lodging costs.

- Senator Raiford: So what's like an average lodging fee for a competition for an RSO?

- Chair Bevis: I would say I mean, I will say I do think my committee thought this is a very reasonable for lodging though. I will say that.

- Vice Chair Navarro: So the rest of the expenses are they funding them? out of their personal pocket?

- Chair Bevis: Yes

- Senator Raiford: What city is the American Marketing Association going to and what city is the Society of Black female future returns on to American

- Chair Bevis: Marketing Association. They are going to New Orleans and society black female future attorneys are going up to Washington DC.

- Senator Baez: Just wondering as to why we zero funded three of these RSOs. So if you could provide more insight, that'd be great

- Chair Bevis: Thank you, Senator Baez. I'll be glad to give you a little more information on why my committee decided to on zero on these are SOS for dental brigades on my committee decided they asked for a they asked for a lot of money, I believe was either presentation pulled up here it was about \$34,000 which, yeah, more than half the budget I have left for this semester. And I can't just give away that we my committee cannot just give away that kind of money in one meeting. I know there's like no technical expectations for longevity. We haven't statutes or anything, but we do need to at least be going for a little bit of time, you know, and we did consider funding them for on their, their airline tickets. We're giving them a portion which they in total asked for \$21,000 but my committee just decided the my committee members at the end of the day just felt that it was just too expensive. And since they were traveling out of different cities, too. We felt that it could my committee felt that could have been a little more fiscally responsible. So we decided to fund them. For big sister Little Sister they did not give my committee a whole lot of information on their trip. Like it says here they're considering having like 20 to 50 travelers they did not give us like a definite number. For travelers and they just had do not offer us a whole lot. So my committee decided to zero fund them and I have messaged them and we are going to be likely

going to be here in the next week with more information for us and just a much more put together presentation because it really just was not very concrete at the end of the day. And you know, we need that kind of information if we're going to get our money. And then for alpha epsilon delta. So they were requesting it was about \$9,000. And I will say too, I just uploaded on a Google Doc with the links to all their applications a little bit ago. If you want to take a look at them. They had asked for it was about \$6,000 for their airline their on air tickets and then a little under \$3,000 for their like a rental vehicle they had already on purchase their airline tickets and some members of my committee felt that they didn't show a whole lot of financial need compared to some of our RSPs we had heard and they decided to zero up on them for that.

- **moves to enter round-table discussion; 4.29 seconds**

- Round-Table Discussion:

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

- Closing Statement:

- Chair Bevis: I yield.

- Vote:

- Yes: [(7)] [Senators Wilfong, Thomas, Raiford, Baez, Soletti, Seldess, Tran]

- No: [(0)]

- Abstain: [(0)]

- **RESULT: [CONSENT RESOLUTION] [8] [PASSES]**

- **Consent Resolution 9 - Sponsored by Chair Staveski**

- **Line Item \$5,140.80**

- Opening Statement:

- Chair Staveki: So PAC had a busier week this week than we have in past weeks. But all these requests were very good and the committee found them all very reasonable. So the lines for black women they're requesting \$1,120 in clothing and awards that is for t shirts and wristbands for GBM and just like market Wednesday tabling materials, Theta Tau Professional Engineering fraternity, they were requesting funds for a midterm Coffee Break. They wanted to bring proper his daughter to the engineering campus which they had never seen an event like that happened before. So it's something really cool. The engineering fraternity wants to bring to the FAMU FSU engineering campus CSSA came to request for their Chinese Spring Festival Gala. They wanted \$85 and expense for like plates, napkins, tablecloths stuff like that for the gala itself. And then the 1600 that you see under food is for food from Publix catering. They came with three approved quotes for the policy one was the cheapest and the one they wanted. So we went with that. And then women in business in March for women's history month they're having a panel with FSU alumni and we're giving them \$986 For food for that. And then strategies for quality education, diversity and sustainability. wants \$304.08 for some field trips. I know that kind of sounds like a tribal thing, but they're like local. They just wanted like four steps and like little like collection cups. They could you know, go on, like local ventures with those materials. Thank you. I yield to my closing

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Vice Chair Navarro: Would you please tell me how many people approximately are going to the Chinese Spring Festival Gala?
 - Chair Staveski: I think they got this number from previous attendance record. So they had this like a yearly event. And they also had a similar event of a similar caliber in the fall, and that estimated attendance is 150 people.
 - Senator Seldess: the Theta Tau company or the fraternity or whatever. So are they buying food or is they just having like a father daughter like event? There? How does that work?
 - Chair Staveski: So they are going to enter into a contract with frothers daughter, which is why it's under like contractual services. But on that, so it's like for 150 to 199 drinks and then three hours of service might have been two hours of service. Yeah, I think it was two hours of service and up to 199. Drinks from proffers.
 - Chair Lento: The frothers event also with Theta Tau that's open to all students, correct?
 - Chair Staveski: there was a concern that this would break statutes because it like lets in family students, but according to the prohibited like, purchases section as long as there'll be 15 FSU students, it's allowed and they're expecting way more than that.
 - **moves to enter round-table discussion; 3.36 seconds**
 - Round-Table Discussion:
 - Vice Chair Navarro: Yeah, I think that it is a good resolution.
 - **moves to call the question; 3.36 seconds**
 - Closing Statement:
 - All right, thank you guys so much for hearing this. Out. All with that I yield my time.
 - Vote:
 - Yes: [(7)] [Senators Wilfong, Thomas, Raiford, Baez, Soletti, Seldess, Tran]
 - No: [(0)]
 - Abstain: [(0)]
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○ Round-Table Discussion:

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■ Vote:

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■ No: [(0)]

■ Abstain: [(0)]

○ **RESULT: [CONSENT RESOLUTION] [9] [PASSES]**

● **Resolution or Bill #10 - Sponsored by Senator Goldstein**

○ Opening Statement: so I'm just going to run over kind of like a synopsis of this bill just as a precursor before I go into it. This is a bill that was recommended by the Office of the treasurer just so they can make their lives easier and their job easier. So I worked with Debbie student by treasurer, Carson Dale on this. I'm going to run through all of the things that kind of does just so it's easy as you don't have to read the whole thing. So this bill would make a few significant

changes in that organizational fund. This bill allows the deputy treasurer now to create a comprehensive funding recommendation for the Senate's review when in the past my student body treasurer Could it also streamlines the process of funding recommendations going directly to the Chair of the Finance Committee, instead of how it was vaguely worded before where it just go to the finance as a whole with no exact direction on how it was going to end up on the consent calendar. And then it also changes the total amount are so we can receive from the organizational fund from \$300 to \$500. Along with removing the requirement for orgs to have not yet received funding in the previous fiscal year from any ans fees. But it still adds in that they would be given a good faith that there would be given to prioritize their funding. So that's it. I yield.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

- **___ moves to enter round-table discussion; _4.0_ seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion: Senator Raiford: I just want to say I support this bill. I know how hard it is for an organization to start. And \$300 is not a lot. So upping it to almost double it sounds like a really good cause.
- Vice Chair Navarro: Yeah, I also agree. I think that it is a good bill.

- **___ moves to call the question; _4.0_ seconds**
- Closing Statement:

- Vote:
 - Yes: [(5)] [Senator Wilfong, Thomas, Raiford, Tran, Soletti]
 - No: [(0)] []
 - Abstain: [(2)] [Senator Baez, Seldess,]

- **RESULT: [BILL] [10] [PASSES]**

- **Resolution or Bill #11 - Sponsored by Senator Goldstein**

- Opening Statement: Hi, guys. So this is just going to change one bottom paragraph and the bottom of the bill. You'll see it that's the main focus of it. And just rewording something, it's this kind of ties into Bill tan on the organizational fun it just rewards it and it makes it easier to understand for interpretation. The prior version kind of like added a separate sentence at the bottom about the organizational fun but I just incorporated back into the statement I read through Marshall because he was the person who originally wrote this bowl hack in our tech islands and he said it was fine. It's just for clarity. I yield

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

- **___ moves to enter round-table discussion; _4.33_ seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion: Vice Chair Navarro: Well, I think that it is pretty straightforward.
- **___ moves to call the question; _4.33_ seconds**
- Closing Statement:

- Vote:
 - Yes: [(7)] [Senator Wilfong, Thomas, Baez, Raiford, Tran, Seldess, Soletti]
 - No: [(0)] []

- - ■ Abstain: [(0)] []
 - **RESULT: [BILL] [11] [PASSES]**

Unfinished Business: None

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Closing Announcements: None

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 6th. 6 PM.

Adjourned: 6:28 PM

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Signature of Chair Lento