



76th Student Senate Finance Committee

Tuesday, February 20 at 6:00 PM | <https://fsu.zoom.us/j/7880016999>

Call to Order: 6:04 PM

Members Present: Chair Lento, Vice Chair Navarro, Senators Wilfong, Warrem, Soletti, Seldess, Tran, Daley, Zuloaga.

Members Tardy: Senator Raiford, Baez.

Members Absent: Senators Thomas, Zuckerbraun, Munoz.

Guests: Chair Staveski, Chair Bevis.

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:

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Committee Business:

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Old Business:

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New Business:

- **Bill # 22 - Sponsored by Chair Stavekeski**

- - Opening Statement:

- Chair Staveski: Thank you so much, Chair Lento to all so thank you so much for moving this around. So I can make judiciary in 20 minutes. But so this bill, it kind of overhauls the funding board statutes, specifically packet Artech and has three main goals. One to make the process easier for ourselves to just to streamline the statute as a whole and three expand the members expand the membership of the committee to include two senators. So how are we going to make this easier for ourselves? Right now the chairs don't have the power to hear organizations within 24 hours even if the meeting has been posted on the website and according to Sunshine Law for days like right now my meetings for the rest of the semester are up. But if an organization emails me on Monday morning is like oh yeah, we can make the meeting now. Technically, I can't hear them and I have to push the request off until next week. And a lot of times our shows don't come back that following week just because they're students too. They get busy. So I see a lot of drop off during that week long period. So I spoke with Travis and we just think that giving us the power to hear organizations within that 24 hour period with email confirmation from them will just make the process easier for everyone else. We also want to expand the board's membership to include senators really just create more opportunities for senators to become better versed on on the Senate like funding process. Obviously this guy this isn't for you guys as a finance committee, but there are a lot of senators who don't, who don't have experience with allocating the hundreds of 1000s of dollars that we do so we always kind of want to create a space for the senators to get that experience if they want to. And also just to give us on the floor, more perspectives of people who are actually in the meeting. A lot of times stuff comes up and we can't always like speak to why a decision was made if the minutes aren't up yet or something and just having people in that room who were there and can speak to why the committee was thinking the way they were. We think we'll just streamline the process on the floor as well. So we also want to give the chair the power to accept three quotes at the meeting in their presentation. So right now statutorily, our souls have to submit three quotes with their Qualtrics application, but they have to follow so many rules that a lot of times they submit to quote or the third one isn't from an approved vendor. So it kind of makes a statute area kind of greatest whether or not we can hear them. It tells it says right now that it's up to the discretion of the chair if they find like enough evidence to waive the rule, but it's just kind of unclear. So we just wanted to make it to where the chair could accept those quotes at the meeting because they'll still serve their purpose and then we won't have to delay the Arctos funding by another week. And then some other quick things is that it makes the request do 21 school days before an event instead of business days, just with long breaks sometimes makes them that 21 business days if we have like Thanksgiving break or winter break, we can't always hear them within that 21 days since we don't have school even though they're technically business days. So yeah, I know these are a lot of changes and I just ran

through them really fast. So please ask me any questions. And with that I yield.

■ Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

■ Senator Seldess: What's the difference between a business day and a school day?

■ Chair Staveski: business days is just like Monday to Friday where like the government doesn't have a holiday like Presidents Day I think is technically the government holiday. But we still have school. So for instance, like winter break, the whole month of December where we don't have classes is technically like business days up until Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. So if an organization was to submit a request, like let's say the second week of winter break, technically we would have to hear it within 21 days and we're not really back meeting attack within those 21 days. So making that change from business days to school days just kind of better works with how like our committees flow.

■ Vice Chair Navarro: So when you say just of asking when you say to senators, Um Would you have any exact or specific process to to choose the senators do you have anything in mind for that?

■ Chair Staveski: Absolutely. Thank you so much for asking, because something that I should have mentioned in my opening, I was just worried I was gonna run out of time with everything that I had to say. So thank you so much for asking. It'll be assigned. You'll see it in the corresponding resolution that we'll look at next, or actually Geralyn just highlighting it. The students senate president currently President Cofer would just appoint people as he usually does, but the interesting caveat to this is this will count as your standing committee. So if you were serving on pack, you wouldn't have to serve on another committee, but you would be able to if you wanted to. So it'll be appointed the same way as standard committees are now through like the Qualtrics form and everything.

■ **moves to enter round-table discussion; 2.39_ seconds**

○ Round-Table Discussion:

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○ **___ moves to call the question; _2.39__ seconds**

○ Closing Statement:

■ Chair Staveski: Thank you guys so much for hearing me out. There changes that I think will really help RSO is going through this process and also mitigate some of the issues of packing our tax sometimes run into meeting quorum because like yesterday, I only had two people coming and I had to find a third last minute so this will just make our lives easier in that sense having like two dedicated senators on the committee, so thank you with that I waive.

○ Vote:

■ Yes: [(8)] **[Senators Wilfong, Warren, Soletti, Raiford, Seldess, Tran, Daley, Zuloaga]**

■ No: [(0)] []

■ Abstain: [(0)] []

○ **RESULT: [BILL] [12] [PASSES]**

● **Consent Resolution #26 - Sponsored by Chair Staveski**

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- Opening Statement:
 - Chair Staveski: Thank you so much for lentu um, so this is the corresponding Rules of Procedure change to update adding additional senators to pack in our tack in Senate Rules of Procedure. We can't do it as a bill because it has to change rules procedure. So sorry for the second piece of legislation, but it basically does the same thing. Just an ROP. So thank you. And with that, I yield.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
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- **moves to enter round-table discussion; 4.44_ seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
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- **___ moves to call the question; _4.44__ seconds**
- Closing Statement:
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- Vote:
 - Yes: [(7)] **[Senators Wilfong, Warren, Soletti, Raiford, Seldess, Tran, Daley, Zuloaga]**
 - No: [(0)] []
 - Abstain: [(0)] []
- **RESULT: [CONSENT RESOLUTION] [26] [PASSES]**

- **Consent Resolution #14 - Sponsored by Chair Staveski**
- **Line Item \$10,625.75**

- - Opening Statement:
 - Chair Staveski: So basically, pack had a relatively light week even though the car is still pretty high. The only requests that we got that actually came to the meeting was really for life and they're requesting \$10,600 for two things. One is in the first request is clothing and awards. That's \$4,300 and clothing and awards, I believe for 800 t shirt is that of seven or 800. I can get that exact number. They had that many participants last year and more. They obviously do incredible work on campus and the other \$1,600 is in contractual services. That is for the like audio visual productive production capabilities in the union. They're having the event in the Union ballroom so it's open and accessible. But that's really just like for their microphone, their music, like all of that stuff. The company is going to come in and take care of it all. They've used them before so they're confident they can get the job done. But please ask questions. It's a huge request. Thank you. And with that, I yield.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Senator Seldess: Hi, everyone. Yep. Why is audio and visual at the Student Union so expensive.
 - Chair Staveski: It's a private company that's going to come in and do it. Hang on, let me pull up what specifically they're going to do from the quote because that's a great question. They've used this company before. And it's just for all of the equipment itself like they say here like a Yamaha digital mixer. Passive Line Array speaker stand eight channel amp rack it's just a huge production because they have over 1000 Students come

so I think it's just so they can, you know, facilitate the entire event. Okay, thank you. Thank you.

- Senator Daley: Said it's in the union is it? Is it just in like one of the Union kind of like ballroom spaces, or is it like at club down under because if it's not club down under I don't I don't see a world where it's like that expensive.
- Chair Staveski: It's the second floor of the Union ballrooms, I'm assuming all of them. They didn't explicitly say, but I'm assuming it's the entire ballrooms.
- Senator Zuloaga: I was gonna ask a question. Is this the original amount that came with the diskette? Did this amount get changed at all, or is this did they come asking for 1000 10,625 75?
- Chair Staveski: that's the original amount. Usually pack a does try to cut where we can, but since they're an organization whose primary goal is to fundraise and they donate everything that they make, we didn't really see it value in us asking them to fund some of it when like last year, they raised I think it was over \$100,000 And they're going to donate everything they raised this year. So we didn't really see a reason to cut because if we were to cut that would just take money out of what they raise.

○ **moves to enter round-table discussion; 4.09_ seconds**

○ Round-Table Discussion:

- Vice Chair Navarro: I think that it's I mean for a very good cause. And we shouldn't have a problem with this budget at all. In my opinion, I don't have any problem with it.
- Senator Zuloaga: I also wanted to mention the fact that this organization is one of like the big three philanthropy orgs on campus that are not DSOs and it's amazing all the work they do and I think they deserve all this money.

○ **___ moves to call the question; _4.09__ seconds**

○ Closing Statement:

- Thank you guys so much. I wanted to give a little bit more of a perspective on what that money is actually going towards. It's like six projectors, the truck to get it all there and then people to set it up and take it down. And then all of like the audio visual stuff. So that's where that \$6,000 is going. Also Relay for Life is a 24 hour event last year raised over \$100,000 for cancer research. So this is an eight pack we're super excited about and thank you guys

○ Vote:

- Yes: [(7)] [**Senators Wilfong, Thomas, Raiford, Warren, Tran, Daley, Zuloaga**]
- No: [(0)] []
- Abstain: [(2)] [**Senators Soletti, Seldess**]

● **RESULT: [CONSENT RESOLUTION] [26] [PASSES]**

● **Consent Resolution # xx - Sponsored by Chair Bevis
Line Item \$1,960.58**

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○ Opening Statement:

- Chair Lento: Hey, guys, I hope everyone's having an awesome night. So our topic was pretty chill. We just had to ourselves we heard from and we're not giving away a whole lot of money. So hopefully it shouldn't be too controversial.

So basically, for the first RSO is Lego. They're basically this sports psychology RSO and they're trying to get funding to go to the sports psychology conference in Austria. And they had asked us for because international travel is very expensive. They asked us for just under \$60,000. And yeah, well first of all, first of all, we don't have that kind of money to give away obviously and then also the reason why is on Mike, some of my committee members, they said they had planned out like one or two fundraisers, but some of my committee members didn't feel like some of their ideas were concrete enough. I will say going off that I do think there might have been a few maybe miscommunications or misunderstandings, when we heard this or so. Because, um, they did, I did ask them like they didn't have sorry, if they didn't get any funding from us, they had a plan to go and they said they had a majority of the money that they could spend themselves to go by. I don't know if that maybe got across to some of my campaign committee members who well and I am going to say that I do think there were a few myths or sayings like one person also had like, one person also got kicked out of the zoom for a second while they're presenting and missing stuff. And I will say we do plan like you're gonna get next week, two weeks into their funding, because my committee wants to do that. I just want to put that out there too. So they might be coming back next week to you all. But on top of that, too, um, we also heard from Sigma Tau Delta, they are in English honor society. And basically they're seeking funding to go to the Sigma Tau Delta Centennial conference in St. Louis, and several of their members will be presenting their research there. And we heard we did hear them last week, but we deemed that they did not advertise properly. So we decided to zero fund them. And I've been talking a lot with their president and they have started to properly advertise with flyers and they have also opened up this trip to the entire student body and we decided to give them \$1,960.58 to fully cover. They asked us for lodging and personal mileage they also asked us for on food and parking which we can't find either one of those. The amount we gave though, will be fine for 12 people for lodging and personal mileage. And yeah, that's all I got. If you guys have any questions, please feel free to ask.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
- Senator Seldess: Yeah, how many cents per mile is the mileage reimbursement if that makes sense?
- Chair Bevis: It's all point 445 cents
- Vice Chair Navarro: What kind of rooms or what's the housing situation? In terms of the lodging?
- Chair Bevis: Yeah, of course. I kind of figured someone asked I pulled it up. They're saying and I'm Drury hotels in St. Louis.
- **moves to enter round-table discussion; 2.40_ seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
 - Vice Chair Navarro: think that 60,000 For 16 people. I mean, I don't know the magnitude or or size of this event, but just the number as a whole like \$60,000 for a trip. I think that that is a little bit too much to be honest.
- **__ moves to call the question; _2.40__ seconds**
- Closing Statement:
 - Chair Bevis: one thing I do want to close with is um, yeah, totally agree with Vice Chair Navarro said. Yeah, about 60 k's a lot. Of Money to ask for. I just want to put out there. They might be coming back to us next week. I mean, obviously, I would never give away 60k or anything like that. But we might try and partially fund them and see what we can do for

them. I just want to put that out there because they might be coming back to us next week. And yeah, with that, I yield. Thank you.

- Vote:
 - Yes: [(9)] [**Senators Wilfong, Warren, Soletti, Baez, Raiford, Seldess, Tran, Daley, Zuloaga**]
 - No: [(0)] []
 - Abstain: [(0)] []
- **RESULT: [CONSENT RESOLUTION] [xx] [PASSES]**

Unfinished Business: None

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Closing Announcements: None

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 27 2024

Adjourned: 6:28 PM

Signature of Chair Lento