



**74<sup>th</sup> Student Senate  
Budget Committee  
06/16/22 | Via Zoom  
<https://fsu.zoom.us/j/91780847660>**

**Call to Order: 7:00**

**Members Present:**

Chair DeChick

Vice Chair Burton

Senator Schiering

Senator Bugallo

Senator Hellman

Senator Rodriguez

**Members Tardy:**

**Members Absent:**

**Guests:**

Senator Suarez, Senator Anand

**Land Acknowledgement**

- Chair

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 settler-colonial violence, dispossession, and removal. In spite of 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 DeChick → thanks committee for electing him and goes over groupme and communication information

**Committee Business:**

- **Bill #53 Amended**

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**Old Business:**

- N/a

**New Business:**

- **Bill #53 Amended - Sponsored by Senator Suarez**

- Opening Statement:

- Senator Suarez : I know these two bills are the only bills on your docket tonight, and I greatly appreciate you all being here, especially because these money items are benefiting. This bill impacts a lot of different corners of campus, including our own Senate chambers. So I wanted to discuss a little bit more about the conferencing streaming capabilities. So as we all know, we are currently using the OWL and it's not very beneficial to senators because of the lack of voice recognition. It does not pick up during in person / Senate online settings. So with the streaming cable streaming conferencing capabilities, this will be next to nothing. This will allow us to completely get rid of the OWL. And be able to hear senators better. This will also allow us to stream our legislation up on the TV screens, which is this, which is vital for the Senate. So that was where the primary bulk of the bills going. If you Scroll down a little bit for what the video wall displays, I struck that out because it is very cosmetic and I thought the funds could be used. Elsewhere, all over campus. So then I have talked to Doctor Bowden, who is the assistant director of the entire Florida State community. He works very closely with us. We decided that the Union would be an amazing proxy for donating donations to NPHC Park, which has come under commemorative park for the historically divine nine African American fraternities and sororities on our campus. This will allow them to continue funding commemorative statues representing their organizations cultural graduation stoles, which are first come, first served. Along with the FSU clothing closet, FSU food pantries, who we have donated to in the past, but nothing over items of \$1000, so this is more than double. Additionally open Library Resources which will allow our students to be able to use our textbooks on campus without having to purchase them. This is open to all of us who are students. Again, this isn't a donation that we've ever done before. Along with the Unconquered Scholars Program, which sends money.Scholarship students on campus and the victim advocacy program, which we have never funded.

- Yields 2 minutes and 4 seconds to closing

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:

- n/a

- **Chair Distinguished time for technical non debatable questions**

- Round-Table Discussion:

- **Senator Hellman moves to allow non-committee member to speak; Vice Chair Burton seconds**

- Senator Anad: Thank you so much to the budget committee for letting me speak tonight. As a co-sponsor of this bill, I think it's amazing and necessary. It cuts out everything that's cosmetic and focuses on the organizations on campus that need it.

- Closing Statement:
  - Perfect. Thank you everyone. This is a pretty straightforward bill. If we don't use these funds now and get the pass at the next Sunday meeting, they will just go straight with sweepings which does still benefit the student body. However, it does not benefit the student body in these specific ways. To Continue funding our students as you notice, instead of striking the wall displays, we added more furniture. This structure will be able to be used by all students in the new Union. So there's two tabs, one for the second floor and one for the third floor right outside of Senate chambers. The Senate members can also be used by anybody on campus. And as well as. Just my final remarks talked about and will be at the Senate next Wednesday. If this passes in committee tonight, which is very exciting.
  - **Senator Hellman moves to call the question; Senator Bugallo seconds**
- Vote:
  - Yes: [3] [Rodriguez, Hellman, Schiering]
  - No: [0]
  - Abstain: [2] [Burton, Bugallo,]
- **RESULT: BILL #53 PASSES**
- **Bill #54 Amended - Sponsored by Senator Suarez**
  - Opening Statement:
    - Again, this is just a follow up Bill to continue funding the bill itself. This one is to continue funding the terrorist furniture specifically because I wanted to extinguish all of the money that is going to sweepings to benefit the student body as a whole. Sorry center. This bill is cut and dry and will help the students at fsu. I extinguished my time to my closing.
    - Yield with 4 minutes and 25 seconds to closing
  - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
    - Vice Chair Burton: Was union board notified or asked about the funds in question
    - Senator Saurez: However, yes, they were notified of my funding bills. I reached out to the Union board as well as their chair to let them know that I am passing something. However, this money doesn't have anything to do with the union board. I wanna make that very clear that although yes, they were notified and although yes, that they were informed of the steps that I was taking. This bill does not affect them in any negative way. So what this bill means to send it to Union funds is sending it to doctor Bowden in his budget team, who will then be taking over the spending aspect because Senate Somerset statutory cannot spend any money during the Senate. Here. So when July 1st comes at the end of the fiscal year, all the money will be taken away from us. Uhm, but yes. For clarity, saying Union board was notified and just talk to. I reached out to her chair to have a meeting
    - Vice Chair Burton: Did they communicate that the extra funds for the Union were needed?
    - Senator Saurez: So although I did reach out, they did not ever schedule a meeting with me. I gave up. My availability is limited. This summer I am abroad, but I'm still dedicated to my bills, which is why I'm here. While it is 1:30 in the morning in Europe. So no, they didn't communicate that extra

funds for the Union were needed, but the stop. Faculty and staff of Florida State University did so. I talked to Doctor Hecht directly. I talked to Doctor Bowden directly. I talked to our student body president. I talked to former cabinet members. I talked to every single person in this bill that is getting money spent towards them. And I talked to Kimball, the main contractor. Of the entire union. So everybody that needs to be communicated to was communicated to and they are all in favor of this bill and I hope it gets passed and I believe it would already have that will be absent next one way.

- **Senator Hellman moves to enter round-table discussion; Senator Bugallo seconds**
- Round-Table Discussion:
  - n/a
- Closing Statement:
  - Senator Saurez: I just wanted to thank Senator Burton for Questions. Senators, we need to continue doing our due diligence and making sure the bills that we are passing are going to benefit the people that we were passing them for and to and money, especially money wise allocation. Very important for the students in it, and very important for school as a whole. So those questions are very much appreciated. But other than that, I hope you guys continue passing this bill as you did the last one. So we can hear it on the Senate floor on Wednesday.
  - **Senator Hellman moves to call the question; Senator Bugallo seconds**
- Vote:
  - Yes: [ (3) ] Rodriguez, Hellman, Bugallo]
  - No: [ (1) ] [Burton]
  - Abstain: [ (1) ] [Schiering]
- **RESULT: BILL #54 PASSES**

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- N/A

#### **Closing Announcements:**

- Chair: Thanks guests and senators for help, participation, and attendance.

#### **Next Meeting:**

- June 23, 2022 at 7pm

#### **Adjourned:**

- 7:28PM

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#### **Signature of Chair**



**Jake DeChick, Chair**