



SGA Budget Deal Meeting

02/19/2024

Call to Order: 5:02 PM

Members Present: Joseph Cofer, Jason Gorelick, Carson Dale, Madeline King, Adam Bowling, Ben Salazar, Ana Gitli, and Jona Meier

Guests: N/A

Meeting:

- Chair
 - 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 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.
- Guests

- Public Statements: N/A
- Introduction:
 - Adam: Budget deal is being closed in on, we are going to proceed as normal as of right now until we have a deal, we've been given a number but the Executive Branch is going to stand by the Senate's opinion on this no matter what. If the Senate doesn't like the deal, then the Executive Branch doesn't like the deal. We won't be agreeing to anything until the Senate agrees to it first. We also want to make sure that whatever strategy Senate Leadership wants to adopt in terms of presenting it to the Senate we will be there for. If you all want the Executive Branch to be there then we will be there just let us know.
 - Joseph: I think that we should be able to get the deal through, might be good for you to come field questions Adam and anyone from your team like Carson.
 - Adam: Looking at the deal a little bit more in detail, we are looking at a 4 percent escalator for 5 years. We also want an adjustment to the deal to be able to happen if an A&S fee increase were to be adopted in order to make the deal match how much money would normally be coming into Student Government. Ana, what do you think about the details of this so far, we can also give you access to the document to look at later.
 - Ana: I generally would recommend making the time frame shorter, is there anything to look at for a precedent?
 - Adam: No. Just a little bit more details on the deal, this would set up the SGA budget to where we get a guaranteed amount every year, and administration absorbs the additional costs for student engagement, salaries, campus rec, and the union. Really the funds for student orgs are ours to handle and will stay steadily increasing, and the rest of A&S fees will be up to the discretion of admin.
 - Ana: What should the time frame look like? Are any orgs in danger of not getting funding?
 - Adam: As soon as possible, deadlines have already been blown past so we want to get this out as soon as we can.
 - Ana: Well in general, if you want to push things to get done quicker then I think you can change the first notification of renegotiations to 15 days instead of 30 days.
 - Adam: another important part that we want in proviso is to make sure that they can't add fees to student facilities to help pay for the costs, so we can't change

hours without student oversight, or add entrance fees to buildings without student oversight, and those specific committees will need to be fleshed out. I know that was a lot so I want to give everyone a second to think about all of this. I think Campus Rec or Union board would be an intuitive board to oversee it but it could also be a Senate or budget committee.

- Jason: We could also write that an ad hoc committee could be created if need be.
- Ben: We could also create liaisons to campus rec and union board for that ad hoc, but I also like the idea of campus rec and the union board being the ones that would decide it.
- Joseph: If we want to do an Ad Hoc then it would have to be just senators in that committee, vs budget where we can have liaisons.
- Carson: I believe ad hocs in the past have had liaisons.
- Joseph: I believe it was changed recently, we can look into it.
- Adam: We could also make it dependent on how much the hours change, for example if it's only an hour change then it may not need to have the student oversight vs closing for a whole day or 5 hours earlier. It would also be worth it to change the deal and include that in proviso if there's a significant enrollment change, how would you all want to approach that?
- Joseph: We could tie that into historical numbers.
- Adam: I like that a lot, I think that we may not even feel the impact so this may be something we need not worry about but it would be good to have included.
- Ben: I agree this would be important, there has been a lot of variance lately.
- Adam: I think we can base this off of credit hours as well, because it doesn't matter how many students are enrolled if they get tuition waivers or credit hours being taken is larger or smaller. We can choose two provisos as well, tying to A&S Fees or historical enrollment, whichever happens first.
- Ana: Yeah I wouldn't just tie it to A&S fees, I would make it dependent on what happens first.
- Adam: Next, we need to make sure that all DEI initiatives are funded through A&S and that need to be stated in the language, and that amendments are agreed to by all parties present. That's all I have but does anybody have any thoughts?

- Carson: I want to hear where the Senate's head is at with this deal as a whole if you guys have thoughts?
- Joseph: I am in agreeance that this deal sucked in terms of how it developed and the rushed nature, I don't think that Senate is aware of the internal details of how this happened, I do think the fact that we're in the green is a good thing and where I'm at is for the deal and just happy we're not in the hole.
- Ben: I agree with what Joseph said, the anger isn't towards students but rather towards admin, the fact that we were supposed to have already passed this is very frustrating, but overall the Senate has been very understanding and supportive, knowing that there's a lot out of our control. The Senate will be fine if we can fully fund our orgs.
- Jona: Would we just send this out via announcement or do a special introduction?
- Joseph: Probably during opening announcements, Jason and I would sponsor it, and then have you guys cosponsor.
- Adam: I do want to make sure that the Senate has time to look this over before they are expected to ratify it. If there's any way to introduce it earlier rather than later that would be great.
- Ben: Well all of this is open to the public, if they care they can see it beforehand, and I don't see this being an issue. You can bring your mom even, I might.
- Joseph: It will also start on budget and everyone will be able to come through and see this ahead of time through that end of the process.
- Carson: What did we think about adding staff back into the deal? To increase the amount we get back from the escalator but also to add protection to the staff.
- Adam: yeah i definitely think that it will be important to add in proviso to protect them and then also to make sure it doesn't seem like we are losing our autonomy over organizations.
- Carson: And what about the escalator part about it?
- Adam: To be honest this is something I need to look into more, a lot of those types of conversations have been happening without students present.
- Joseph: Building off of that I agree that there's benefits in us getting more money back and then also we can reduce the "risk" for admin and so bringing this up can also kind of let us see where administration's mind is at on a lot of this.

- Adam: Another thing to consider, is that we are later in the process so we need to consider how long finding a new number because of that would actually take. Important to consider that Campus Rec and the union are the largest student employers as well so we need to ensure there are protections in place for that. For Senate talking points as well it is important to emphasize that the alternative to this is likely gridlock with administration on the budget.
- Ben: Can you translate this into layman's terms for me?
- Adam: What I'm saying is that we don't have a lot of control over union and campus rec right now, and if we don't take this deal then we lose a lot of control over discretionary funding or lose the amount that we'll be able to allocate.
- Joseph: You may want to clarify what you mean by discretionary funding.
- Ben: I think a lot of people don't entirely understand where the budget goes right now, so I think that will be important to clarify to the Senate and make sure they understand the full benefits. I also think that it may be too late to field too much of the Senate's opinion because of where we're at in the process.
- Adam: I acknowledge that it is later in the process, but I think the point of getting the temperature on this is that we can figure out any adjustments that need to happen now, and also make sure that we can allow the Senate to understand where it is that we're coming from.
- Jason: I think that it will be important to make sure you guys come in, like Adam you should be there, Carson you should be there, Hitchcock, but it will be important to make sure you guys don't talk unless questions are pointed at you to ensure everything comes across the right way, because of some recent controversies we've had with presentations.
- Jona: I agree I think that having this be in the opening might not be ideal. But having it be fielded in questions would be better.
- Adam: That makes sense for sure and I don't want the first time senators learn about this to be from the Executive Branch because I know I wouldn't have reacted to that the best when I was in the Senate.
- Ben: Just wanted to say I'm very proud of everyone through this process. I really love you guys a whole lot, everyone have a great day, talk soon.
- Adam: Alright guys that's all, I'll send the doc in the chat, and please let me know if there's anything more I can be doing!

Meeting Adjourned at: 5:55PM