

THE SEVENTY-FOURTH STUDENT SENATE

Calendar: February 9th, 2022

Location: Zoom

Time: 7:30pm

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Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Senator Murray.

Moment of Silent Reflection: Led Bettley.

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.

Roll Call:

- Refer to attendance.

Verification of Quorum:

Corrections and Approval of the Journal 1.26.2022 and 2.2.2022:

- DuChêne makes a motion to approve of the Journal of 2.2.2022, Myers seconds
 - No objections
 - The Journal 2.22.022 is approved.
- Lessard makes a motion to approve of the Journal of 1.26.2022, Russel seconds
 - No objections
 - The Journal 1.26.2022 is approved.

Student and Non-Budgeted RSO Comments: https://fsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b9EVvRotPr4y03r

Special Introductions and Announcements: None.

Messages from the Executive Branch: None.

Messages from Agency and Bureau Directors, SGA Organizations Officers and Employees: None.

Messages from the Executive Cabinet:

- Secretary England: In big support of Senator Russel's bill that gives the Secretary of Appointments the power to interview candidates, as well as the Chief of Staff. The Chief of Staff is that of the Student Body President, they are tasked with conducting interviews for candidates. I am basically their assistant and send a bunch of emails. If you've ever applied for a position in Student

Government you've probably heard from me. The kicker is that I can't interview candidates, at least not by myself. I can be present in interviews, but the Chief of Staff has to be the individual conducting the interviews, but they just do too much when it comes to working with the Student Body President that we thought it would be a good idea to give the Secretary of Appointments the power to also conduct interviews, so that it can be either or. This does not take power away from the Chief of Staff, it just basically gives power to Secretary of Appointments so they can be an additional person on their own to have the power to conduct interviews. I have to run. If anybody has any questions, I will put my phone number in the chat (850)-300-2392. Feel free to text me, but other than that thank you very much. It's nice to see you all, have a great rest of your meeting.

Messages from the Class Councils: None.

Messages from the Congress of Graduate Students:

- Liaison Linsky: I want to communicate that COGS budget deliberations are this Friday at 5pm. It's the second round of deliberations that we've been holding. I want to anybody who's interested in how this money can be spent, to attend and observe, and even to comment. There are new items on the agenda this year that are the results of 1) Amendment 10 and 2) A change in the distribution of funds, whether COGS money is taken out before or after it's been calculated as part of the whole. I wanted to note that Congress passed a resolution at Monday's meeting condemning two bills that are currently in the Florida Legislature: House Bill 1557 and Senate Bill 1834 (commonly known as the 'don't say gay' bills). We are proud to condemn it, I believe. If there is anything that we can come to the table on as two different parts of FSU's government, the Senate and COGS and have our voices combined and amplify on certain issues – I think that's something COGS is working moving closer towards. If that interests any Senators who are socially conscious about issues that affect both Graduate and Undergraduate student populations, I'll pop my phone number into the chat. Also present is the Speaker of the Congress of Graduate Students (Gaurav Harshe) he is very open to collaboration with Senate as well and together we hope to provide a voice for the students who want to be heard the most.

Messages from the Judicial Branch: None.

Messages from the Union Board and Student Engagement Ambassadors: None.

Messages from the Campus Recreation Board: None.

Report of the SGA Accounting Office: Remaining Balances: Senate Projects \$7,520.22, PAC \$28,936.00, RTAC \$22,208.00, and ORG Fund \$3,000

- Murray: I serve as the liaison for the Center for Participant Education- you might not know that because they haven't been active in a while. I'm going to have a meeting with Dr. Williams on Friday to discuss the future for the Center for Participant Education. If you have any opinions, or if you are really passionate about seeing it come back and wish to attend, please let me know. We're going to be talking about it Friday (2/11).
- Gonzales: I serve as the Liaison for the Black Student Union (BSU). We're having a steak night tomorrow (2/10) from 6pm to 9pm. Then we're having a Family Field Day on Saturday (2/12) from 2pm to 5pm. If anybody could come out it would be very much appreciated.
- Downing: I serve as the Liaison for the FSU Health and Human Sciences College, and they are partnering with the Center for Health Advocacy and Wellness (CHAW) this week. Tonight they are having an event which started at 6:30pm, being a therapy about the rejection with marriages and families. Tomorrow they are having an event from 6:30pm to 7:30pm which is the Culture of Dating in the US with the Center of Global Engagement. Another event will be happening this Friday (2/10) where they will be partnering with LIFT about love and other drugs. If you're interested it's posted on their website and on CHAW's as well.

Report of Senate Liaisons: None.

Report of Committees:

- Judiciary:
 - Met last night at 7pm. Passed Bill 9 unamended, passed Bill 6 and Resolution 7 with amendments, and Constitutional Amendment 1 was withdrawn.
- Internal Affairs
 - Met Monday at 7:30pm. Heard Ramon Veloso for SCURT treasurer, and still waiting for **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (00:20:34) to show up. Heard Constitutional Amendment 1.
- Budget
 - We met **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (00:20:45). We heard Resolution 6 and it passed. We also had **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (00:20:50) and will have a resolution on that next week.
- Finance
 - Heard Resolutions 8 and 9, and elected new Vice Chair.
- Student Life & Academic Affairs
 - Did not meet last Thursday and have not met since January 27th. We will find out tonight if we're meeting tomorrow (2/10) at 5pm.
- Rules & Calendar
 - We met at 5:30pm. Heard and passed Resolution 6, Resolution 7, and Bill 6. Resolution 9 was tabled. We were originally going to have six suspension hearings but ended up only having four. We impeached Senators **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (00:21:40) and unsuspended Senator Lessard and granted them two more absences.

Senate Confirmations:

Candidate for Student Council for Undergraduate Research and Creativity Treasurer – Ramon Veloso (2 Applicants)

- *Ramon Veloso:*
 - Opening Statement:
 - Good afternoon, I'm a third-year chemical engineering major and candidate for Treasurer of SCURT. Before I continue I wanted to correct something from my meeting with Internal Affairs – I said that I was not financially certified, but it had slipped my mind that I did in fact complete the financial certification course last semester when I began being the treasurer for **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (00:23:30) In addition to being financially certified, I believe that my previous experience as a treasurer, and my extensive experience working as a teams in my academic projects, clubs, projects, and jobs make me an ideal candidate for the position. My experience doing math and calculations every day for the past couple years for my engineering degree will also benefit me as I wish to ensure that I will have organized and precise calculations for any financial transactions. I am someone who's passionate about research and helping others gain experience in their own field in research. Before I researched for a lab in Miami, I don't think I truly had a full understanding of the extent to which research helps us gain experience and knowledge. I think this role will put me in a position where I would be able to encourage students at a larger scale to take advantage of the opportunity to participate in research. I've also attended a few board meetings and am collaborating with other members of the Executive Board. My goal for this position will of course be to help students learn more about getting involved in research, and as I said in my Internal Affairs meeting, if I help even one student get involved in research I'll feel that I was successful in my position as Treasurer. Thank you for your time.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - None.

- General Questioning:
 - Lessard: What makes you passionate about research?
 - I've always been a curious person and feel that knowledge is one of the most valuable things that we can have as a society. When I first had that research experience at the lab in Miami Research it really showed me the importance of data that we get from research can be to medical findings to scientific findings. I think it's important that everyone has an opportunity to experience it proved the importance of data from research to medical/scientific findings. It's important that everyone has an opportunity to experience research.
 - Gonzales: Do you know how much SCURC budgeted for this fiscal year.
 - Yes, \$5000.
 - **Gonzalez moves to forward the candidate individually, Stewart seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
- Closing Statement: I hope that I've been able to able a good picture of myself as a candidate and shown everyone why I would be ideal for this role. Thank you for your time.
- Voting Results:
 - **30 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.**
 - **Candidate is elected.**
 - *Oath of office conducted with Pro Tempore Nemeth.*

Consent Calendar:
CR 8

Sponsored by Senator Roy (P)
To fund the College Democrats at FSU, Black Law Students Association, Jim Moran College of Entrepreneurship Leadership Council, PLUS Campus Ministry, Caribbean Student Association, American Society for Microbiology, and Studio H.

- Opening Statement:
 - Roy: On Monday PAC heard eleven different organizations, shown today are eight, and one needs to be voted upon (a speaker for the Jim Moran College of Entrepreneurship Leadership Council). Stephen Key will be the keynote speaker attendance. This would be an amazing opportunity for students who want to attend. This is a great networking opportunity and will be hosted in the Jim Moran building. The Jim Moran College of Entrepreneurship is willing to help with this. They initially came requesting \$3000, but PAC helped to narrow down the price for PAC to fund. They have proven willingness to advertise this event.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Lessard: How much is the Jim Moran College of Entrepreneurship putting towards this speaker for the Leadership Council?
 - Most of the allocated funds are for flights. They're covering around \$500, the difference between \$3000 and \$2330.
 - Wang: Has the College's Leadership Council Funding Committee met?
 - They normally meet in the summer.
 - Point of Clarification: Wang: **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (00:32:58).
 - Wang: Do they plan to apply for any funding from the funding committee **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (00:33:10)
 - I was involved in the last Leadership Council as a member of the College of Arts and Sciences, **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (00:33:25) that is definitely something that can be talked about.

Their speaker is currently set for March 22nd, so they wouldn't have time for that funding.

- Point of Clarification: President Hunter: The CLC budgeted for the 2021-22 school year.
- Lessard: Do we know the cost per shirt for the Black Law Student Association, and how many they're requesting?
 - They are requesting 144, each of which \$7.09.
- How many shirts is PLUS Campus Ministry requesting?
 - 75 and will be giving out these shirts on campus. Their membership is either 20 or 25 and so we want to fund about two times that.
- Diaz: How many students is the Jim Moran College of Entrepreneurship expecting to attend the speaker's event.
 - About 120 people.
- First Round of Pro:
 - DuChêne: Stephen Key is truly a leader in his industry, especially in the realm of entrepreneurship. This is a fantastic opportunity for students in this college. I don't think they're requesting an exorbitant amount of money so I'm in support.
 - Lessard: I just did a quick Google search on Stephen Key. He's been in the industry for over 20 years and seems to be a wealth of knowledge for students. Having one of the leading entrepreneurship programs in the country at Florida State University, having this speaker would provide a plethora of knowledge to students from the college as well as the general student body. I think this is an exceptional opportunity for the Jim Moran College of Entrepreneurship and student body as a whole.
 - Point of Information: Gonzalez: How many students are expected to attend this event?
 - 120 students. PAC believes that this will be primarily students.
 - Gonzalez: Do contractual services cost more, and how much?
 - Yes, I mentioned in the beginning it was around \$3,000 but we whittled it down. With some of the flight costs it will be easier to go for this number.
 - Gonzalez: The Jim Moran College of Entrepreneurship only has fourteen active members so where are they getting 120 from?
 - They are working with the Jim Moran College of Entrepreneurship themselves – that's who they're applying to do this event with.
 - Point of Information: Bettley: Will this event be open to the general student body?
 - Yes. It will be open, free, and advertised.
 - Bettley: The fact that this is open to student body means that it should not be difficult to get so many students and bodies at the event. I think Stephen Key would be a great speaker as he's well-known as a very well-spoken motivational speaker. Professors would support and advertise this event, the students would see the advertising, and Stephen Key would be a great asset for our students.
- First Round of Con:
 - No speakers.
 - **Stewart makes a motion to call the question, Suarez seconds.**
 - **No objections.**

- Closing Statement:
 - None.
- Voting Results:
 - **29 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions.**
 - **Line-item passes.**
- Point of Information: Gonzalez: Regarding the line item for the Caribbean Student Association, is there anything special with the water bottles?
 - The water bottles have their logos on them. They are very creative as they came with ideas for beanies with logos, hats, and want to do something out for the box. They wish to do something reusable that can really help students.
- Point of Information: Diaz: Could you go into detail on exactly what supplies the American Society for Microbiology is requesting?
 - I need a science degree to answer that – I read it but didn't fully understand the items.
- **Lessard makes a motion to approve the Consent Resolution, Suarez seconds.**
 - **Wang objects.**
 - **Resolution fails.**
- *Parliamentarian Rowan: Ten percent of the Senate has to agree with the objection. Once the objection is sustained, we can go into debate on the Consent Resolution. Yes is to agree with the objection, no is to not agree.*
- Voting Results:
 - **12 yes, 18 no, 1 abstention.**
 - **Senate is now in debate on the Consent Resolution.**
- Opening on Consent Resolution:
 - Roy: The College Democrats at FSU want to do a movie at ASLC with 50 things of popcorn to attract interest for the movie Milk (already been in contact with the ASLC). The Black Law Student Association wants funding for t-shirts. Their request was made back in November. We already talked about the Jim Moran College of Entrepreneurship. PLUS Campus Ministry is requesting funding for 75 t-shirts. I already spoke about the Caribbean Student Association in regard to water bottles. The American Society for Microbiology is requesting funding for **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (00:49:05). A lot of these items will be used for experiments/demonstrations. They will be conducting a STD transmission demo and will have food. They will be depicting how a zombie outbreak could happen. Studio H wants money for their website. They get over 200 viewers each month and think it works well. They wanted to go for a higher premium website, but PAC kept them at the standard level for \$236. We do think it will really help Studio H.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Wang: Are there any alternatives for the water bottles? Is that the lowest per unit price for all of the different alternatives.
 - All of the alternatives were about the same quantity and same price. This option is one of the cheapest options.

- Lessard: What is the College Democrats at FSU's plan if the screening for MILK doesn't go through as it's not fully confirmed with the ASLC at this time.
- Wouldn't be able to do event without the funding. The ASLC understands that without PAC funding the event won't happen, thus the event hasn't been emphasized yet.
- First Round of Pro:
 - Lessard: Considering this is a hefty PAC request (I wish to commend PAC and Finance for handling all of these RSO's) this is exactly what we're here for – we're here to fund student organizations on campus. These are things students are passionate about and will attend. It's our job as a Senate to fund these requests in reason; none of these requests seem unreasonable. Let's fund students.
 - Tucker: I was fortunate to help on PAC this week. We spent hours looking at numerous alternatives for accessibility and price. All these RSO's were very helpful in working with us. The water bottles were suggested by PAC and appreciated by the Caribbean Student Association.
 - Point of Information: Rivers: How does CSA intend to distribute the water bottles?
 - They plan to utilize they're GBM and Market Wednesday. They're very active Markey Wednesday and the water bottles will Incentivize people to attend their GBM.
 - Point of Information: Rivers: How much are the movie rights for Milk?
 - I'm not sure if FSU already has the rights. The ASLC recommended the movie, so I assume it's been approved.
- First Round of Con:
 - Gonzalez: This is particularly for the Caribbean Student Association line item. They were funded \$1850 already in Sweepings (they were one of the fortunate RSO's that got money in sweepings). They went through PAC and got \$1,000 more; thus, we've funded them a total of Already funded \$3,197. Now we're funding them \$1,051 more. They already received funding twice, and now we're funding them another \$1,000 just for aluminum bottles. If they chose plastic water bottles that number would be way down. I think it would be fiscally irresponsible to funding for a third time. So many RSO's are applying for PAC funding. Although I love funding RSO's, this has already been funded twice, and I think we should broaden the scope of RSO's that we fund. Whether this means reaching out more or finding more people to fund, I think it would be fiscally responsible to fund them \$1,000 more after we funded them \$3,197.
 - Point of Information: Lessard: Do we know the last time the Caribbean Student Association was funded by PAC?
 - Would have to look through past minutes for that.
 - Point of Information: Gonzalez: CSA was funded October 25th, 2021, for **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (00:57:58).
 - **Bowler moves to call the question, Russell seconds.**
 - **Gonzalez objects.**
 - **Bowler does not withdraw.**
 - Parliamentarian Rowan:

- Vote yes to call the question, no to continue debate. This is a two thirds majority.

- **Voting Results:**

- **20 yes, 10 no, 0 abstentions.**
- **Question is called.**

- **Closing Statement:**

- Roy: This PAC Consent Resolution will be helping a lot of students. We had a three-hour meeting where we went through that each item will be distributed correctly, something students want, not harmful to environment, and make this campus a better place. The Caribbean Student Association has received funding in the past, but this is an organization that wants to continue spreading their impact across campus. PAC knows they've been funded before. PAC entertains this as we think this is something their students want. Thank you for time.

- **Voting Results:**

- **24 yes, 5 no, 1 abstention.**
- **Consent Resolution passes.**

CR 9

Sponsored by Senator Rider (P)

To fund the FSU Flying High Circus Club, American String Teacher Association at FSU, American Choral Directors Association, American Marketing Association, Club Management Association of America at FSU, and the Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers.

- **Opening Statement:**

- Rider: Thank you to everyone helping me adjust to being the new RTAC Chair. I received access to the RTAC email on Sunday, February 6th. After opening the email, I noticed that there were 10 RTAC requests still waiting for a response. Of those 10, 6 responded they still needed funding. Those requests had been sitting in the inbox for over for three weeks now. The requests had not been responded to and now their travel dates are approaching very fast. The decision we make today will impact six different RSO's. I felt that I should explain this. It was mentioned to split it up, but I feel like it would be more transparent to the Senate just to have everything together. The Finance Committee supports this Consent Resolution. Last night we were able to **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (1:05:23) as we saw fit. These RSO's desperately need an answer fast. I'm willing to answer any questions about this first specific line item. We have a fantastic representative from the RSO who is in the FSU Flying High Circus Club. The FSU Flying High Circus Club itself has done an extensive amount of funding. I learned a lot about the FSU Flying High Circus Club. They have also looked at the financial code which recommends 'Astro' (a bus brand) and that is the one that they are using. They clearly have taken the extra step.

- **Technical Non-Debatable Questions:**

- Gonzalez: Where is the FSU Flying High Circus Club going?
 - Cirque du Soleil, located in Disney springs.

- Rivers: What date is the FSU Flying High Circus Club going on the trip?
 - They're going from February 25th to February 27th.
- Diaz: Is the FSU Flying High Circus Club performing or just watching the performance?
 - They are watching the performance. They haven't had this experience yet due to complications such as COVID-19. They also have the amazing opportunity to speak with cast members afterwards. They understand the need to get the most out of this great amount of funding.
- **Gonzalez moves for the FSU Flying High Circus Club representative to speak, Lessard seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **FSU Flying High Circus Club representative can now speak.**
- Lessard: What date is the show and are the extra dates designated for travel?
 - Rider defers to FSU Flying High Circus Club Representative.
 - FSU Flying High Circus Club Representative: We are seeing the show on February 26th. We will be leaving on February 25th, seeing the show on February 26th, and leaving in the morning to come back on February 27th.
- Gonzalez: Is the bus for all three days or only for the days of travelling?
 - Rider defers to FSU Flying High Circus Club Representative.
 - FSU Flying High Circus Club Representative: The bus will be used just to go and come back – the hotel has a shuttle for everything else. We also paid for a room for the bus driver and got them a ticket for the show.
- Lessard: Is the whole \$2,500 just for the bus, not reimbursement for lodging?
 - Cost is just for the bus.
- Gonzalez: Where did the FSU Flying High Circus Club get the money for lodging and tickets for the show.
 - They did a bunch of different fundraising **RECORDING** **INAUDIBLE** (1:10:43).
 - Defer to FSU Flying High Circus Club Representative
 - FSU Flying High Circus Club Representative: The students paid \$85 each (56 students) which helped cover the amount of the hotel and the tickets for the show. We also get funding from our fall performances (concessions and Halloween shows, cast member designed merchandise in the fall) which goes directly back to us as well.
- Wang:
 - Is this event open to the general public?
 - Open to general public, advertised to both.
- Gonzalez: Why was the amount amended to \$2,500 in Finance.
 - Due to the number of travelers (56), they needed more funding. This was one of the RSO's where if they didn't receive the funding the event might not have happened. Additionally, because of the time crunch, more funding was necessary. They have to wait to get the bus because of a lack of funding so we just wanted to make sure that they have the right amount of

money to book everything. It was last minute, but Finance Committee did see it fit to amend the amount.

- Wang: As the event is happening in two weeks, would we even be able to clear **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (01:12:58) with accounting in time?
 - I have asked this question to the past Chair. I haven't gotten a response about anything related to that. That is a really great question. Again, I just got access to the email and was stalking every email to see what was going on; so, I apologize, but that is not something that has been educated to me yet.
- Gonzalez: What was the original amount of the request?
 - \$2,750.
- Lessard: Was that \$2,750 all in the travel expense category?
 - Yes. We brought it down, and back up. As the new RTAC Chair I didn't want to go over the top on every little thing, this was the first of six RSO's, so I thought **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (01:14:03).
- First Round of Pro:
 - Point of Information: Gonzalez: What was the reasoning for the original price cut?
 - The committee members were very concerned about three weeks of request. The RTAC email is a little bit unorganized, so at the time we **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (01:14:52). With that in mind the **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (01:14:56) decided to stay balanced, knowing that this would go to Finance and at that point be brought back up. **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (01:15:12).
 - Point of Information: Gonzalez: Seeing as we usually like to have at least three weeks between time that we fund, do you think it is feasible for us to fund something like this.
 - President Hunter: I think that this line item is feasible to fund as it's not under contractual service, it's under travel expense. I'm sure Chair Rider can comment more, she was CC'd on all of the emails: our business manager. I can take a moment to ask our advisors for sure.
 - Rider: I did my best to try to make sure everyone's on everything. The Student Government Treasurer is CC'd on the Consent Resolution as well. Again, I literally got the email Sunday, and did the best I could for these RSO's.
 - President Hunter: So, the best of our understanding it can be funded and occur, even in a short period of time it can happen.
 - Bowling: Finance met and discussed this Resolution; the Representative from the FSU Flying High Circus Club came to the conclusion after looking at it that \$2,500 was a viable number, and we amended to that. The Finance Committee discussed and decided that this was the best number to ensure that they can have the event and travel to their event in a way that is feasible for them.
 - DuChêne: Any opportunity to support student artists needs to be taken advantage of. The FSU Flying High Circus Club is extremely unique – the only other circus like them is at Illinois State University, but they don't have Cirque du Soleil within three hours from them. This is a really unique opportunity and we need to support our artists.
 - Bettley: This is a great opportunity for the FSU Flying High Circus Club. They have already shown that they've raised a majority of the

money to go on this trip; this is just the last little piece they need to ensure it. I think this is a fantastic opportunity. **RECORDING** **INAUDIBLE** (01:17:54). I really support them.

- Roy: PAC and RTAC fund because they want to give experiences to students they want to have on campus. With this specifically, this is a line item for students to engage in Cirque du Soleil: they will get to meet and network with those in the height of their career field. I was able to attend finance committee meeting and hear a little about this request specifically, and it has a lot of people. Sure this may be a lot of money, but I think this is exactly the type of experience we should be giving our students.
 - Suarez: This is an amazing opportunity for the FSU Flying High Circus Club. Their members speak nothing but the highest of the FSU Flying High Circus Club and love being members of this organization. I don't see why we should keep this opportunity away from them seeing how they are going to be talking to professionals through an amazing networking opportunity. They put so much dedication into the FSU Flying High Circus Club (practices every single week).
 - Diaz: I will always be an advocate for folks visiting the city of Orlando. I also think it's an amazing opportunity for students in FSU Flying High Circus Club to be able to speak with different professionals in the industry. This is money funded by the student body, let's give it back to them for amazing experiences.
- **First Round of Con:**
 - **Stewart moves to call the question, Suarez seconds.**
 - **Lessard objects.**
 - **Stewart withdraws.**
 - Lessard: Not that I'm against the FSU Flying High Circus Club in going to this - I think this is a fantastic opportunity - my concern resides in the amount of this Consent Resolution as whole being eleven thousand dollars as this is over half of the current RTAC budget. This is only three weeks of requests. I'm concerned about being able to fund students who want to travel in the second half of the semester. We are only in the second week of February, we still have the rest of February, March, and a good portion of April to go through, as well as May and part of June as our fiscal year doesn't end until June 31. I want the FSU Flying High Circus Club to be able to go, but I think we need to amend this back down to the \$2,000.
 - **Point of Clarification:** Roy: PAC and RTAC stops funding when Spring Senate stops. In the summer we don't fund anything because we can't meet in the summer.
 - **Point of Information:** Suarez: When was the last time the FSU Flying High Circus Club was funded?
 - Defer to FSU Flying High Circus Club Representative
 - FSU Flying High Circus Club Representative: The last time we have been funded by RTAC was February of 2020 before the shutdown. This is an annual trip we go on, that time we had gone to Cirque du Soleil in Nashville.
 - **Point of Information:** Bettley: Will they still be able to go with \$2,000?
 - They need the \$2,500.
 - **Gonzalez moves to amend total to \$2,000 and travel expenses to \$2,000, Wang seconds.**
 - **Bowling objects.**

- **Gonzalez does not withdraw.**

- Amendment Opening Statement:
 - Gonzalez: I agree that \$11,000 is half of the budget that RTAC has. The reason we can be a little bit more **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (01:24:23) with PAC is because they went to Sweepings and got \$20,000 to \$30,000 more in funding, so their budget is way bigger than RTAC's. RTAC has to be more fiscally responsible because if we pass this it's half of RTAC's budget and we still have three months to go. That is not responsible at all. **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (01:24:50). I think that we should amend it back to \$2,000.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - No speakers.
- First Round of Pro:
 - Point of Information: Roy: Why was \$2,000 what you chose for this?
 - RTAC chose this amount in the beginning.
 - Point of Information: Murray: Would the FSU Flying High Circus Club be able to fundraise the difference?
 - Defers to FSU Flying High Circus Club Representative
 - FSU Flying High Circus Club Representative: Given how soon the trip is, no.
 - Point of Clarification: Bowling: In Finance this number was decided upon after given a quote from the FSU Flying High Circus Club about the amount that was necessary to travel.
 - Point of Information: Rivers: Last time the FSU Flying High Circus Club went to RTAC, how much were they funded?
 - On February 11th, 2020, the FSU Flying High Circus Club was funded \$2,000.
 - Point of Information: Roy: Did you attend the RTAC meeting or brief RTAC minutes for that day on Monday (2/7)?
 - I reviewed the minutes but did not attend the meeting.
 - Lessard: I am concerned about having RTAC funds for the remainder for the semester. With COVID-19 getting somewhat to an end and students being able to travel in larger capacities, it is the Spring semester so a lot more research conferences are happening, more general travelling opportunities will be arising. It concerns me to spend half of our budget when once the budget is gone it's gone – we can't fund anymore students to travel. I think \$2,000 is more than generous, not as many people are going to get this \$2,000. We have another organization requesting even more and that one concerns me as well. I just think that we need to be a little bit more fiscally conservative while also funding students and this is the best way to do that.
 - Point of Clarification: President Hunter: Some of these requests have been in communication since December.
 - Wang: I agree with the previous speaker. Although \$500 may not seem like a large number, it's still half of \$1,000 and we need every single penny of RTAC. Initially you might look at that and say 'Hey, \$2,500 isn't even the largest number on the RTAC Consent Resolution,' that doesn't mean were not going to cut the rest of them because I really believe that spending \$11,000 on one Consent Resolution is fiscally irresponsible. RTAC really needs more of a budget for the remainder of the semester.

- Point of Information: DuChêne: When was last time RTAC depleted its budget before the end of the school year?
 - President Hunter: Not anytime past the 70th Senate; only checked from the 70th Senate on.
- Point of Information: DuChêne: What was RTAC's balance was in the second meeting of February during the 71st Senate.
 - Parliamentarian Rowan: At the February 13th meeting of the 71st Senate the RTAC balance was \$13,552.83
 - President Hunter: The RTAC balance as of today in the 74th Student Senate is \$22,208.
- Point of Information: Stewart: Has the organization already purchased tickets and hotel rooms?
 - Yes.
- Point of Information: Lessard: Can you tell me what the 71st Senate RTAC budget ended with at the last Senate meeting.
 - Parliamentarian Rowan: \$3,997.77.
 - **Diaz moves for a non-senator to speak, Suarez seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Non-senator can now speak.**
- Point of Information Directed to FSU Flying High Circus Club Treasurer: Diaz: How was \$2,500 calculated?
 - Treasurer for FSU Flying High Circus Club: If you look on the FSU website where you can rent charter busses, in 2021-22, and 2022-23, the long-distance daily rate is \$1,250, and as we need the bus for two days that total is \$2,500. I want to emphasize that RTAC is first-come-first-serve, and I do know that there was a switch between the Chairs, but I submitted this RTAC request on January 20th.
- First Round of Con:
 - B. Suarez: I would like to speak in pro of the original Consent Resolution as the FSU Flying High Circus Club does a lot for the FSU community - it brings name recommendation to FSU. If we strike it out to \$2,000, we will basically be telling them they can't go at all because they won't have any time to fundraise the difference. They've already contributed \$85 per person. **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (01:36:38). I don't see any reason why we should strike the amount.
 - E. Suarez: I do see the concern when talking about the majority of budget, but there are other places that can be cut. We did fund the FSU Flying High Circus Club \$2,000 in 2019, and the FSU Flying High Circus Club wasn't able to go on their trip last year due to COVID-19, so I don't see the problem with the \$2,500.
 - Tsouroukdissian: I think we should all take a step back and be proud to fund any RSO that requests funding. To be scared of spending every penny doesn't sit well with me. The FSU Flying High Circus Club makes FSU so unique. To withhold \$500 to all 56 great individuals is kind of crazy. We should keep it at \$2,500. If we don't, the event is only a couple weeks away and they really won't be able to fundraise. It makes no sense to me.
 - Stewart: I would like to speak in pro of the original Consent Resolution. It's been made very clear that a distinctive line drawn whether the organization will be able to attend the event or not. I think eh FSU Flying High Circus Club brings joy to students at FSU. Being from a small town where the circus is a big deal, its unique to see the FSU

- Flying High Circus Club perform at FSU. They should be able to attend this trip to experience this joy for themselves. This opportunity is unique and not one that many get.
- DuChêne: Since the 70th Student Senate RTAC has not depleted their funding. Also compared to the 71st Student Senate we have been more conservative thus far.
 - Second Round of Pro:
 - No speakers.
 - Second Round of Con:
 - Point of Information: Lessard: Would it be impossible for the people going on this trip to contribute the \$9 per person it would take to make up the \$500?
 - Deferred to Representative from the FSU Flying High Circus Club.
 - Treasurer from the FSU Flying High Circus Club: They have already paid \$85 each to go on this trip which is covering a lot of the lodging, bus, and tickets. On top of that we still have to pay about half of our total budget. As a student I struggle financially and I feel that after paying \$85 I'm uncomfortable asking for more money which is near \$100, especially when we have never charged that much for trips in the past.
 - Roy: When an organization says they can't make up a \$500 difference, I tend to believe them. When we put in the time for every committee meeting. I could not speak anymore in con. If we cut every single organization, then we're going to allow zero organizations to put on their events. This is not how we should be conducting business. If you have questions or concerns they should be before a Senate like this. I'm just so glad that the organization is actually here to speak and answer questions because not every organization can be here. With this one specifically, \$500 (\$9 per person), it is completely feasible. This is one of the greatest networking events I've heard through RTAC in a long time. I speak fully against this.
 - Tucker: I think we're going in circles; urgency necessitates this. If we take \$500 they won't be able to go on this trip. We need to realize that this is more than a show, we should recognize that sending these students to the top of their career pathways is pretty important. I'll be supporting the original line item.
 - Point of Information: Stewart: If the FSU Flying High Circus Club already said they can't go on this trip if they don't get this extra \$500, why would you not just zero-fund them?
 - It's just a **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (01:44:02). They can try, and if it's \$9 per person (even if they have to fundraise), if they put those Dance Marathons on their Instagram and you tell me they can't raise \$9 each, I think it's still possible.
 - Bowling: Not funding them for the full amount is basically telling them not to go. The fact we are suggesting to put the financial burden on students is absolutely unacceptable. As Senators our job is to make sure these organization get to go to these events. I would rather give money to an organization that we know is having an event then plan for some hypothetical organization that might want in the future. RTAC is first come first serve. We already discussed with these organizations on why this funding amount is necessary. The fact that we're cutting it and putting the financial burden on the students is unacceptable.

- E Suarez: This isn't some club emailing and asking for money: they've attended the meetings, are here at the Senate tonight, and have done their research.
- Point of Information: Lessard: The original request for \$2,750, what is the difference you guys would be able to go between that \$2,750 and this \$2,500? What were those \$250 for?
 - Deferred to a FSU Flying High Circus Club Representative.
 - FSU Flying High Circus Club Representative: \$2,750 was requested assuming we would get less money as we needed \$2,500. \$2,750 was a safety net.
- **Bettley moves to call the question, Murray seconds,**
 - **No objections.**
- Closing Statement:
 - Gonzalez: I want everyone to listen. It seems like everybody made up their minds, but I just want you to not make up your mind just yet – give me these four minutes and let me try to convince you. First of all, I am not someone that doesn't go to PAC and RTAC meetings. Who is the one person that they've always texted to fill into RTAC meetings when they did not have RTAC members, it was me. I know how these **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (1:47:30) work, I know how to deal with these organization's requests, I know the 'ins' and 'outs' of everything. I'm not going to sit here and act like I don't know, and I'm not going to sit here and act like me trying to cut this is disrespectful to the organization because it's not. I don't know why you think that's funny, but okay. I have not said anything about the FSU Flying High Circus Club, my best friend is in the FSU Flying High Circus Club, it's not that deep. I'm just saying this entire thing is \$11,000 and if we don't start cutting, little-by-little, this is half the budget. And just to clarify, the only reason RTAC hasn't depleted their budget in the past few years is because they have been able to go to Sweepings to request more money, to add up to their budget. Sweepings happened in the fall. The RTAC Chair did not request from Sweepings which means they couldn't add up to their budget. The money that they have is not only less than what they've had historically ever, this year they were budgeted the least they have historically ever. On top of that, he did not request in Sweepings which means he has not been able to add to the budget already given, which is already thousands of dollars less than he's ever had before. I want you to understand that. The way that we're comparing this to pass Senates is not comparable because the budget is not the same. They were funded \$2,000 in 2019 (2020), this is not under-funded according to the precedent that has been established with the FSU Flying High Circus Club, and honestly, I don't see how it's hard for an individual to raise. It is a privilege to go on this trip and I do not want to take away from that. This is not personal. I'm just saying we have to be smarter because people cannot get this money back. In the summer, RTAC doesn't exist – it only happens until Senate concludes in the Spring.
- Voting Results on Amendment:
 - **Voting Results: 7 yes, 23 no, 1 abstention.**
 - **Amendment fails.**
- First Round of Con on the Original Line Item:

- **Bettley moves to call the question, Stewart seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
- Closing Statement:
 - Rider: I believe that we need to fund this group. This group is excited to go and the FSU Flying High Circus Club is one of coolest things on campus. **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (01:52:13). They've done their research and figured out which bus to use from the financial manual. They deserve this opportunity. It is an amazing opportunity for us as the Senate to help. I joined Senate not for what's going on in Senate right now, but for the purposes like this - to see change on campus. If you pass this, they would be super grateful to us and it would be a great partnership between the FSU Flying High Circus Club and Senate.
- Voting Results:
 - **23 yes, 4 no, 0 abstentions.**
 - **Line-item passes.**
- *Line Item for American String Association (ASTA) at FSU:*
 - Opening Statement:
 - Rider: We have a representative from this RSO is in attendance to better represent their club. This RSO cannot go without this funding – that is why this number is the way it is. Something interesting about the American String Association (ASTA) is that this event is expensive because of what type of club this is. The instruments in the cars that are travelling take up about three seats, reorganization necessary. Thus, more expensive. They already fundraised \$2,975, proving their initiative. They also funded a trip for themselves to the Florida Orchestra Association Conference. Their budget has been depleted, proving the necessity of their request for RTAC funds. **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (01:56:28). The instruments greatly contribute to the expense of the request. They have paid close attention to make sure **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (01:56:49). We've talked about every which way. The lodging follows statutes of \$175 per person, per room, which is a new part of the financial code. The RSO cannot go on this trip without this funding.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Lessard: Why they are taking seven cars?:
 - The instruments – the seats must be reconfigured to accommodate the instruments.
 - Lessard: There might a car or two transporting nothing but instruments?
 - Yes, they're still determining the best way to split it up. They have cars with about three people and are trying as much as they can. The instruments are huge.
 - Wang: How many nights are they staying in the hotel?
 - March 16th to March 19th.
 - **Lessard moves for a non-senator to speak, Tucker seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - Wang: How many rooms are they receiving?
 - Deferred to ASTA Representative (Grace).

- Grace: There will be four hotel rooms. A few people will be carpool with us but room separately. A few people are driving separately and rooming with us but are being reimbursed. We have it all on Excel sheet we submitted for the documentation for the application. It's all a little complicated but we have it all there.
- First Round of Pro:
 - Bowling: I'm in full support of funding this organization. We had a long talk with them where we sat down and asked what they needed for this event, and this is what they told us. Frankly I am always interested in funding an RSO that comes to RTAC rather than saving the money for future RSO's that may never happen. If we decrease the funding in any way this RSO will not be able to attend the event.
 - Point of Information: Lessard: What is the mileage to and from the event?
 - Deferred to Grace.
 - Grace: It's to Atlanta, Georgia. I don't have the exact mileage in mind but can look it up. It's in the Hyatt Hotel Atlanta, which is right next to the conference, so we don't have to do any driving once we get there. The mileage is just to get to Atlanta, Georgia, and back, and we're only covering people carpooling (not those driving individually).
 - **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (02:01:53): As a music major I just want to speak in part of ASTA. I am not part of ASTA, but ASTA maintains a large presence in the College of Music. They are always doing fundraisers and the only reason why they're asking for this much money is because they have cancelled many fundraisers due to COVID-19. Also, music education is the largest program in the College of Music at FSU. I think this is important.
 - Lessard: Both of my parents are music educators. My dad teaches string at a local middle school, specifically guitar and was the head of their orchestra program until his guitar program grew too big for him to do both. String education has been a huge part of my life, I grew up with my dad pulling out his violin at 9pm. I'm always down to support not only teachers, but especially music educators. Music education is one of the most underfunded things in the American school system. If we can help fund future music educators in this country, we should do that. Music education is vital to student life at numerous academic levels. There have been psychological studies that have linked music with kids retaining things like math better. When I taught math, I used a program called museology to use music to help students retain math principles. Music education is vital in the United States as we can fund future music educators; we need to keep doing that.
 - Point of Clarification: Rivers: It was said that they could not go on this trip if they did not get this full amount of funding. In the finance meeting RTAC came with zero funding for mileage reimbursements because it was said that they could cover that themselves, and Finance **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (02:04:17) and just give that to them.
 - Point of Clarification: Bowling: We discussed and asked if we don't fund mileage would they still be able to attend this event. They said no, it was highly unlikely. We funded them for that amount because that is what was needed to attend the event – I want to make that very clear.

- Point of Information: Roy: How heavily should we consider what RTAC originally funded?
 - In the RTAC meeting it was not said that if they were not funded they couldn't go, it was later figured out by further research and communication. I did email the RSO's on Sunday and they showed up on Monday. Everything was expedited. **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (02:05:43). With that information, RTAC and Finance created this.
- Garner: All of these RSO's are requesting funds they desperately need to make their trips happen. They already spent much time in RTAC and Finance and all expenditures were passed unanimously. I don't see a problem with this money being spent.
- Point of Clarification: Wang: The financial manual states as standard for hotel room and limit for hotel room, is \$175 a night multiplied by four rooms they're getting, multiplied by three nights, is only \$2,100.
- Point of Information: Bettley: Since it's 17 people, wouldn't that be five rooms because there's four people per room?
 - Yes, some are undecided on **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (02:02:25). That was something I was also wondering about, but I think the RSO can better answer that because the answer to me wasn't clear.
 - Deferred to Grace
 - Grace: We have 17 travelers but only four rooms because some people are choosing to do their own individual arrangements. From what I heard at the RTAC meeting – I don't know who it was – they stated that the policy was changed was \$175 per person, per room. That was what was told to me, that the wording has changed. If that's the case, then we should be well under the limit. We do have a definite 17 travelers, but we do not have 17 people in the rooms as 3 people are doing their own individual arrangements.
- Point of Information: Bettley: Those three people funding their own individual hotel rooms, so we're only funding 14 people in four rooms?
 - Yes.
- Point of Information: Wang: Where is this change?
 - On the financial code, **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (02:09:15), came to the meeting to state that change.
- Point of Information: Gonzalez: Seeing as the financial manual doesn't state such change and seeing that every other organization that has requested funding has been held to that expectation of \$175 per night, why should we **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (02:09:42).
 - President Hunter: It has been said in our meeting prior that it's \$175 per person. And it was said in the last meeting of RTAC, I believe our advisor said it, amending to \$175 per person. This is not the first time it's been stated. Since that is what the Business Office says, that is what will go.
- Point of Information: Gonzalez: If the code that every other RSO reads that states \$175 per night is what we've held them to, why should we change it for this specific RSO.
 - President Hunter: What we're going to do is I can ask for the financial manual to be updated once the meeting's over, but \$175 per person is going to allow more people and RSO's to

get funded. That is what I'm going to allow in the Senate Chambers this evening.

- **Lessard moves to amend the amount of travelers down to 14, Diaz seconds.**
 - **Stewart objects.**
 - **Lessard does not withdraw.**

- Opening Statement on Amendment:
 - Lessard: Doing the lodging calculations by the number of people, if we know that three people are not using the lodging provided by the funding we are giving them today, we need to do calculations by number of students actually utilizing the lodging that we are funding - which would be the 14 students that I amend to. We're going to need four rooms no matter what because there are fourteen people. **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (02:12:36). We still have to do four rooms; however, we have to keep the financial code. We can't fund lodging for three people who aren't going to be utilizing it.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Myers: Why wouldn't you just have amended lodging to accommodate pricing for those 17 students? **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (02:13:18). Why did you amend travelers as well?
 - We need to reflect the amount of students being funded. In this case it's 14 lodging. Yes, there are 17 travelling but if they're not utilizing the RTAC funds, I don't think they need to be listed as 'travelers.'
 - Bettley: Are those 17 people being funded for the mileage reimbursement?
 - Deferred to ASTA Representative.
 - Grace: Total, there are 14 people utilizing lodging, and there are less than 17 utilizing the mileage (it's seven cars). All the people who have offered to use individual arrangements have offered to drive other people for carpooling.
 - Myers: In total of the seven cars, is everybody carpooling or is it present where an individual is driving by themselves?
 - Deferred to ASTA Representative.
 - Grace: 4 people travelling individually, 3 making their own individual hotel arrangements, none of which overlap.
 - Bowling: How many people will be taking advantage of the mileage reimbursement?
 - Deferred to ASTA Representative.
 - Grace: 10 people being fit into 7 cars.
 - 10 people are taking advantage of the mileage reimbursements, 14 people are utilizing lodging, is that correct?
 - Grace: Correct.
 - Roy: Will all seventeen people need to list their names for the RTAC funding?
 - President Hunter: All travelers must be listed.
 - Bowling: Would this amendment be in violation of RTAC rules considering the previous **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (02:18:03).

- President Hunter: The Amendment is in violation. The Financial Manual says that a list of students participating in a trip funded by SGA must be present.
- *Amendment thrown out.*
- First Round of Pro on Original Line Item:
 - Point of Order: Gonzalez: According to the Financial Manual, University Policy requires **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (02:20:08). That means they can only take five cars where they're taking seven cars.
 - President Hunter: Let me look.
- *Taking a recess subject to the call of the Chair.*
- *Back in session at 10:33pm.*
 - President Hunter: To the point that was raised I'm going to say the mileage reimbursement is not in violation of the Financial Manual. Mileage reimbursements are detailed specifically. They need to come back with their exact mileage and then are allocated however much to that mileage of this \$400 to be reimbursed. This is a detailed estimated mileage that has to come back and be reimbursed for the account of all their mileage, and what they spent on mileage. The \$400 can stand is not in violation of the Financial Manual.
 - Point of Order: Gonzalez: According to the Financial Manual you can only fund four travelers for \$175 per room, that means it's **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (02:52:57) so it's in violation.
 - President Hunter: Can you say that again?
 - Gonzalez: The Financial Manual says that they can only fund \$175 per night for four travelers in a room. If it's fourteen travelers, that means it's three and a half rooms – so four rooms - \$2,700 divided by four, which is \$675, divided by three nights is \$225 per night.
 - President Hunter: I stated earlier about **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (02:54:32).
 - **Gonzalez moves to overturn the decision of the Chair.**
- Parliamentarian Rowan: This is a non-debatable motion so **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (02:54:52). This is a majority vote, yes is with Chair Gonzalez's position that is \$175 per night, no is with President Hunter's position that is \$175 per person, per night.
- Voting Results:
 - **10 yes, 19 no, 2 abstentions.**
 - **President Hunter's decision stands.**
 - **Bettley moves to zero-fund the ASTA, Gonzalez seconds.**
 - **Lessard objects.**
 - **Bettley does not withdraw.**
- Opening Statement for Zero-Funding the ASTA:

- Bettley: I am not zero-funding the ASTA with ill-content, I am zero-funding them because this Consent Resolution has six organizations on here. We are on the second one and have been here for a while. At this point there are two organizations that really need funding with their events in February. We are going to be running ourselves in circles with the Financial Manual. I think, for our best interest, these organizations need to provide some clarification for how many people are going, what the expenses are, and then come back to RTAC. Just because I'm zero-funding them now does not mean they cannot come back to RTAC. We still have a lot of times on our calendar tonight and it would save a lot of us a headache to zero-fund them right now so they can come back to RTAC with the correct information, that way there's no miscommunication.
- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - No speakers.
- First Round of Pro:
 - Diaz: This would save us a lot of time. I don't necessarily feel confident in voting in favor of a line item that may violate the Finance Code. **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (03:01:11).
 - Point of Clarification: President Hunter: It's the Finance Manual not Finance Code.
 - Point of Information to the ASTA Representative: Roy: Would you be willing to come back next week to RTAC with new information to help this process?
 - Grace: Frankly, we have all of our information together, we've had it together for a while. No information will change. Everything is stable. We have had information from our students since December.
 - Point of Information to the ASTA Representative: Roy: How did you come to these hotel rooms specifically? Did you check other hotels also in the area?
 - Grace: Yes I did, we checked the Marriott (\$230 per room, per night), the Aloft (\$250 per room, per night), and the Indigo (\$300 per room, per night). The hotel we have is \$189 per room, per night, which is also done through the Conference, which not only funds the Conference but we don't have to travel to the Conference – we don't have to request mileage back for it.
- First Round of Con:
 - Lessard: Considering what we just heard from the organization itself, this information is not going to change. I don't see the benefit in waiting it out a week just when we're going to come back and have this same debate again. This information is not going to change, so we should make a decision now. I don't think any of these questions are going to get further clarified. She shouldn't have to go through this process again. I commend Grace, as well, for being here this long. We need to save ourselves the headache next week.
 - Point of Information to President Hunter: Diaz: Does this line item, without amendment, violate the Finance Manual?
 - President Hunter: The Business Manager (Laurel) was in the meeting and she said the Finance Manual was not accurate

saying that it is 'per night' – it is supposed to say 'per person.'
All that I can say is that in order for this RSO to get funded, the person who wrote this Finance Manual stated there's a mistake. If we know there's a mistake in the document, why would we hold them accountable for said mistake. The Finance Manual will be updated as soon as it can be. That is my opinion.

- Point of Information: Roy: Given that the organization won't be changing any information next week, are you still in favor of zero-funding the organization.
 - I don't think it's within the organization anymore, I think based on what the ASTA Representative just said, regardless this will be the number. I would like to fund them, I'm not zero-funding them with intent of not giving them money to go on this trip.
- Point of Information: DuChêne: Are rules in the Financial Manual at the discretion of Laurel or is it at the discretion of a code or rule.
 - **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (03:08:06): It's up to University Policy. I'm looking at the FSU travel website right now. The University states per person whereas the Financial Manual is wrong. The corrections are still in line with University policy.
- Point of Information: Gonzalez: Is the line-item time sensitive?
 - Deferred to ASTA Representative.
 - Grace: Preferably yes, it is over spring break, but we do want to ensure that everyone has everything together. We are planning on having a meeting soon and letting everyone know the logistics. If we don't get the funding, I'm not sure that we can go so I would like to break the news to students so they can get refunds for the \$175 they have paid out-of-pocket. I would say yes.
 - President Hunter: The Accounting Office is working to expedite the FSU Flying High Circus Club, **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (03:09:48).
- Point of Information to the ASTA Representative: Lessard: You guys haven't done anything past having the students pay registration fees for this conference?
 - Grace: We have reserved lodging and figured out carpooling. We have an Excel sheet for all of the logistics.
 - Lessard: Is lodging already paid for or contingent on this funding?
 - Grace: Contingent.
- Point of Information to the ASTA Representative: Gonzalez: Does that mean a down payment was put down?
 - Yes, a down payment with money and receipts were submitted in the application.
- President Hunter to the ASTA Representative: You made a down payment that was monetary?
 - Grace: Yes.
- **Diaz moves to call the question, Tucker seconds.**
 - **Lessard objects.**
- Point of Order: Gonzalez: According to the Financial Manual, individuals can only be reimbursed for pre-approved and pre-allocated amounts. Since they have not been allocated, they cannot be reimbursed for the money they have put down in a down payment.

- President Hunter to ASTA Representative: To make that clear, since you already made a down payment, if the original line item includes any amounts that you have used to make a down payment, you are not allowed to be reimbursed for that. Do any of these amounts have down payments included.
 - Grace: No, we just have the confirmation, but have not physically paid anything. We only have a reservation on a card.
- President Hunter to ASTA Representative: You have not downplayed money towards the lodging or mileage.
 - Grace: No because we don't have enough money in our account to do that.
- President Hunter to ASTA Representative: I just want to make it clear that you did just say that you did put money down.
 - Grace: I did, I just doubled checked because I wasn't sure. I apologize that was incorrect information. No money has been put down.
- First Round of Con:
 - **DuChêne moves to extend bedtime, Roy seconds.**
 - **Lessard objects.**
 - **DuChêne does not withdraw.**
- Voting Results on Extending Bedtime:
 - **18 yes, 9 no, 1 abstention.**
 - **Senate proceeds.**
 - Bowling: We've heard from the organization; we've look at the Financial Manual. It's in accordance with the Financial Manual. The person who wrote the Financial Manual was in the meeting when it happened. If we zero-fund, this organization may not be able to attend.
 - Stewart: These RSO's have been here since 7:30pm, they deserve to have the funding they've asked for weeks ago. This travel date is during spring date. If this isn't funded, these people will have to find spring break plans. I think it's in our best interest to fund them.
 - B. Suarez: There's a lot of representation from the College of Music within Senate and if we zero-fund them, then we are not setting a great precedent that we're not supporting all the RSO's, especially the smaller. They're going to an amazing thing and representing a small college as it is and FSU on a larger scale.
 - **Tsouroukdissian moves to call the question, Tucker seconds.**
 - **Lessard objects.**
 - **Tsouroukdissian does not withdraw.**
- Voting Results to Call the Question:
 - **28 yes, 2 no, 0 abstentions**
 - **The question has been called.**
- Closing Statement:
 - Bettley: I just want to clarify that I'm zero-funding them, it's not with the intent to make them not go on this trip. I just think that there are a lot of unanswered questions and there has been miscommunication from the organization. I respect the organization for staying so long but I feel like were going back and forth. We don't have any definitive numbers

at this point. This needs to be reconsidered. If it's reconsidered and they come back with same numbers, I will fine with funding them at that point. There should just be more communication. We still have other line items to fund. More time will allow senators to ask more questions and have more answers. Zero-funding will allow for such time

- **Voting Results on Zero-Funding the ASTA:**
 - **7 yes, 21 no, 1 abstention.**
 - **Amendment fails.**

- **First Round of Pro on Original Line Item:**
 - Bettley: At this point the organization needs the money. We've already established that we're not going to push it off to next week. This is in alignment with University policy.

- **First Round of Con:**
 - **Stewart moves to call the question, B. Suarez seconds.**
 - **No objections.**

- **Closing Statement:**
 - Rider: This organization deserves the funding. They have an Excel spreadsheet and know what's going on. If we do decide to fund them, we will look back on this and laugh. They should have an amazing trip. We've gotten a lot of information. Other RSO's are here, we should keep it moving.

- **Voting Results:**
 - **25 yes, 4 no, 1 abstention.**
 - **The American String Teacher Association (ASTA) at FSU is funded.**

- *Line Item for the American Marketing Association:*
 - **Opening Statement:**
 - Rider: I understand that this is a larger number, but the American Marketing Association is one of the most well-known organizations on campus. They do a lot for our students' connections. They have been trying to get to go on this event. They do plenty of fundraising on-campus. Their event got moved further away which is why the presented line item is higher. We have a representative from their RSO here. We should fund them as they haven't been able to go with COVID-19. They've already taken a lot of money out of pocket from their members, proving their commitment to contribute individually. Clearly their members wish to go on this trip.

 - **Technical Non-Debatable Questions:**
 - Lessard: What is the individual cost for registration?
 - \$199.

 - **First Round of Pro:**
 - **Bettley moves for a non-Senator to speak, RECORDING INAUDIBLE (03:32:09) seconds.**

- **No objections.**
- Point of Information: Bettley: What was the reason why the value changed from 12 to 8 travelers. and did it change anything regarding the total number.
 - Yes, the request was submitted at 12 which was put into the minutes. After we got into the meeting it changed from there.
- Point of Information: Wang: Did that change the registration fee?
 - No, the price was the same.
- Point of Information to the American Marketing Association Representative (Haley Power): Bettley: Was the registration fee \$1,592 regardless? Or is that number contingent on the number of people attending?
 - Haley Power: The base price per attendee is \$249. If you have a group over 5+ members, you receive a 20% discount. If we were to get more members it'd be a larger amount in the discount. Since we dropped from 12 to 8 members, the registration fee declines.
- Point of Information to the American Marketing Association Representative: Wang: What is the per person cost for the registration fee?
 - It's \$249 subtracted by the 20% discount which is about \$199 per person.
- Point of Clarification: Lessard: Just did the math and with that 20% discount the actual cost of registration is actually \$1,593.60. Technically they're asking for **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (03:35:04) less than whatever the registration cost should've been. I don't think we need to debate that. The math checks out. Their asking for what the registration cost is for 8 people, not 12.
- Barker: As the business seat I have many friends in AMA and they always have good things to say about it. **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (03:35:45). I think this is a great opportunity for them.
- Bowling: Finance Committee saw this organization, made sure they had funding they needed; let's pass this and get the RSO the funding they deserve
- Point of Information: Bettley to American Marketing Association Representative: Was this open to the general student body?
 - Haley Power: No, this event was only open to our members. We have over 150 active members, proving this to be a very selective process. We chose the 8 members that are the most involved in the organization who really proved their dedication to us. The members going on this trip are the most dedicated and involved.
- President Hunter to the American Marketing Association Representative: For us to fund organizations and trips, it has to be open to the general public. Unfortunately, if no one told you this in RTAC and Finance, we can't fund anything with SGA money that's not open to the whole University. In the fact that you have to at least post about it on social media, make it available to apply to.
 - Haley Power: I want to clarify that we didn't go out and choose these members, all members in AMA had the opportunity to apply since we can't take every single AMA member. We're open to all majors, there was an application available. From those applications is how we chose those members. Everyone could apply.

- President Hunter to the American Marketing Association Representative: Who did the application go out to?
 - Haley Power: Posted on our Instagram.
- Bettley: They did everything they needed to do. RTAC is first-come-first-serve. The AMA is planning well in advance with over a month away from their event. AMA should have this money because they have done the work: they've interviewed, posted on their Instagram, and doing all that they need to do. Everything aligns with the Financial Manual and University policy.
- **Diaz moves to call the question, Wang seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
- Closing Statement:
 - Rider: It's never a dull moment. I've learned so much physically and mentally from these Senate Chambers. I believe in this association. The representatives have texted me non-stop to take all the steps they should be taking. I know how much work they've put into this. They will handle the money we give them in a smart way. This will be a great event.
- Voting Results on Line Item:
 - 31 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.
 - Line-item passes.
- **B. Suarez makes a motion to approve the Consent Resolution, RECORDING INAUDIBLE (03:42:26) seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - Consent Resolution is approved.

Bills First Reading:

- Bill 10 Sponsored by Diaz (P) Senators Hunter, Lessard, Tucker (Co)
Clarifying Senate seat vacancy procedures for those serving as Senate President and Pro-Tempore upon their removal or resignation.
- Bill 11 Sponsored by Rivers (P) Bettley, Gonzalez (Co)
To require Homecoming and the Student Alumni Association to release the voting results for Homecoming Chief and Princess one (1) business day after the winners are announced at Homecoming Live.

Bills Second Reading:

- Bill 6 Sponsored Senator Bettley & Senator Gonzalez (P) Barker, Berger, Himatsingani, Rider, Ritzel, Williams (Co)
Revising the statute regarding the Senate Projects account to send Bills to the Budget Committee. **(Referred to Budget, Judiciary, and Rules & Calendar. Passed in Budget 2.1. Tabled in Judiciary 2.1. Amended and Passed in Judiciary 2.8. Passed in Rules & Calendar 2.9.)**
- Opening Statement:
 - Gonzalez: Budget handles the allocation for Senate Projects and are the ones that usually know the agencies and departments funded by Senate Projects. Usually Senate Projects are given out to agencies because they have budget shortfalls, because of budgetary cuts. Obviously since we're the ones that handle the budgets of the

agencies it makes sense that we're approving the transfer of allocation, judging whether the 50% threshold is being violated. This is sponsored by us and the entirety of the Budget Committee.

- Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - None
- First Round of Pro:
 - Myers: I think this is a great bill.
 - Lessard: This just makes sense to have things go through the Budget Committee that are already handled by the Budget Committee. It seems unnecessary to throw it to Finance when Budget knows what they're doing with this.
 - **Stewart makes a motion to pass by unanimous consent, Wang seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Bill passes by unanimous consent.**
- Bill 9
 - Sponsored by Senator Russell (P)
 - To aid the Executive Cabinet's Chief of Staff with the Candidate Search and Candidate Screening Process by allowing the Secretary of Appointments to also conduct interviews. **(Referred to Judiciary. Passed in Judiciary 2.8)**
 - Opening Statement:
 - Russel: The Secretary of Appointments gave me this idea and asked me to help him with aiding the appointments process and interview process, giving the Secretary of Appointments the ability and option to conduct interviews. Currently the Chief of Staff has the many responsibilities and only holds interviews twice a week, for one hour, where one of such days lies on a Monday (whenever a holiday happens there is no make-up day), resulting in a backlog of candidates. This will help people get through quicker, get more people into vacant spots.
 - Technical Non-Debatable Questions:
 - Murray: Did you speak to the Student Body Chief of Staff about this?
 - No.
 - Lessard: Did Secretary England speak to the Chief of Staff about this?
 - As far as I know, yes.
 - Gonzalez: What other responsibilities fall on the Student Body Chief of Staff?
 - I'm not entirely sure, that's not what this is about. It's not to take power away from them, rather to give them the option if they are overloaded with other things. Whatever the Chief of Staff does, now they have someone else who can help them. I don't see a problem with helping out someone else.
 - Bettley: In order for the Secretary of Appointments to assist with this process they have to have the Chief of Staff **RECORDING** **INAUDIBLE** (03:38:27)?
 - Right now, in statutes, the only person who is allowed to conduct these interviews of the appointment process is the Chief of Staff. Putting this in the statutes allows the Secretary of Appointments to do this as well. It doesn't make it a primary

- responsibility of the Secretary of Appointments, but it just is like a delegating thing.
- Bettley: If the Secretary of Appointments does this, do they have to work with or be delegated by the Chief of Staff. Would the Secretary of Appointments have the power to do it without discussing it with the Chief of Staff?
 - President Hunter: To be clear, you're asking will the Secretary of Appointments be able to conduct interviews independent of the Chief of Staff?
 - Bettley: Yes.
 - Russel: That was not the intent of this at all to make it the sole responsibility of the Secretary of Appointments, or to give them complete power over this. I have said, I never even thought that being a problem with this. It's just to have a back-up reinforcement if needed. Right now, the Secretary of Appointments is not mentioned anywhere in this process, in statutes, at all. The only person allowed to conduct the interviews is the Chief of Staff. This was brought to me by Secretary of Appointments England, asking me to help with this, so that's what I'm doing.
- Gonzalez: Would you be friendly in some way to make it clear that they cannot operate without consent.
 - Yes.
- Murray: Is this the first and only mention of the Secretary of Appointments in statutes?
 - Yes, the Secretary of Appointments is not mentioned in statutes because the Student Body Executive Cabinet does not have to have a Secretary of Appointments. That is why, as it was explained to me by Secretary England, why they are not explained in the statutes thus far.
- Gonzalez: Did you just say that you were asked to write this bill from the Secretary of Appointments?
 - Not necessarily asked but it was brought to me as an idea. I felt as the Chair of Internal Affairs who deals with vacant seats, I would be happy to help with something that you are seeing is a problem right now.
- First Round of Pro:
 - Rivers: I can speak on this from experience. When I applied for Senate the Secretary of Appointments emailed me and I just expected him to be doing my interview, however I signed up for an interview on Martin Luther King Day, a Monday. I signed up for that Monday and sat in that meeting for 30 to 45 minutes expecting the Chief of Staff to come, but she never came because there was no email telling me that they could not do an interview on a federal holiday. I 100% am in support of this bill.
 - Point of Information: B. Suarez: Would Secretary England be conducting interviews on behalf of the Chief of Staff? I understood it as the Chief of Staff has a lot of responsibilities including doing the appointments. This legislation would be a benefit to the current Chief of Staff?
 - This won't go into effect until the next Executive Cabinet is chosen. But that is how I intended it to be perceived when I wrote it to help aid in this process that puts candidates on a

backlog. Like Senator Rivers just said, to get more people through and get people into these spots that we're begging them to apply for. This is just to help.

- Point of Information: Wang: You just said that not every Cabinet has a Secretary of Appointments so how is this going to help the next Cabinet if they don't appoint a Secretary of Appointments?
 - I said that they don't have to have one. If they have a Secretary of Appointments, then they have one. Does that answer your question?
- Point of Information: DuChêne: Would you be friendly to changing 'Secretary of Appointments' to more ambiguous language such as 'subordinate officer thereunder' so that the Chief of Staff can delegate this duty to any officer in their office? Just because a future Chief of Staff may not have a Secretary of Appointments but if they have a subordinate officer that they do wish to delegate this duty to, they still have that power without being like 'Oh I don't have a Secretary of Appointments so I can't delegate this.'
 - No.
- Lessard: I went through the confirmation process last fall. The Chief of Staff does a lot, they are the Executive Assistant to the Student Body President. They do so much for the Student Body President and also have classes to attend, possibly an outside work commitment, so having a secondary person available to conduct these interviews ensures a speedier process. You also have to consider the fact that a student's availability for an interview may not coincide with the Chief of Staff's schedule – that scheduling conflict should not deter students from getting to serve in our Student Government Association. We have to consider the fact that we are students first before we are Student Government Officers. Having more than one person only to have the ability to conduct interviews and get people in Student Government positions only ensures that more people will be interviewed and possibly put into these vacant positions. It makes the interview process more accessible when you have more availability as you have two separate individuals that I guarantee will not have the exact same schedule.
- Point of Information: Rivers: Why would you not be friendly to more ambiguous language?
 - The Secretary of Appointments is already involved in the appointment process of scheduling interviews and reaching out to candidates, giving candidates information about coming to the Internal Affairs Committee and guiding in that process. Because they are already involved so closely within that process, I feel like it makes more sense to have them involved.
- Point of Information: Gonzalez: Where in this Bill does it say that this doesn't apply to the current Executive Cabinet?
 - At the top in the PROVISOR.
- Point of Personal Privilege: DuChêne: I will be moving to amend, just because Secretary of Appointments is not enumerated in statutes. I would like more of your perspective, but I just don't understand because Secretary of Appointments is not enumerated so if there is no future Secretary of Appointments, but this is approved, then we just have a power that the Chief of Staff can't do anything about, only because they do not have a Secretary of Appointments.

- Point of Information: Bettley: Is the Chief of Staff and the Secretary of Appointments the only two involved in that process?
 - As far as I know they are the only ones involved because right now Secretary of Appointments England schedules and the Chief of Staff interviews. That is how it has been explained to me so far. There is no one else in the Cabinet that I know of involved in this specific process.
- Point of Information: Lessard: Do we know who handles the initial process when there is not a Secretary of Appointment in the Executive Cabinet?
 - President Hunter: From my understanding it's fluid. There doesn't have to be any Secretaries in office. The fact that there is a Secretary of Appointments, that person does it. Let's say the position is vacated, then you have no one who does that job so they can make anyone do it. To be clear, the Chief of Staff who gives all the appointments, the Secretary of Appointments deals with the scheduling. So, if there is no Secretary of Appointments, the Chief of Staff does it all.
- Point of Information: Lessard: Do we know the last executive administration that did not have a Secretary of Appointments?
 - Parliamentarian Rowan: To the best of my knowledge the Steinberg administration did not have one.
 - President Hunter: Two have had a Secretary of Appointments, but before that it had not been a position.
- Point of Information: Rivers: Why did you include the PROVISIO for this to come into effect for the next school year?
 - When discussing with Secretary England, he discussed saving it for the incoming Cabinet. I think in his mind he did not want to take on the extra work, but also helping with the fluidity of how he has it worked out with the Chief of Staff right now. I can't speak on why **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (04:01:41), but this is a new change for the new Executive Cabinet.
- Point of Clarification: Gonzalez: The Student Body President is also involved in this process.
- Point of Information to President Hunter: Gonzalez: Because it says that the candidate screening process conducted by the Chief of Staff, **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (04:02:13), does that mean the Secretary of Appointment's job right now is a violation of statues?
 - I don't think they do the candidate screening process; they just do the scheduling. I don't think so. The screening process from what Parliamentarian Rowan and myself understand is that the screening does not count as the 'reaching out to people,' it's specifically the interviewing. I see it more as a scheduling position.
 - President Hunter: I have to leave at 11:50pm. That might mean that Pro Tempore Nemeth has to take my spot then I apologize as unfortunately I was not able to prepare her for this, or this is going to be the last thing we do. I just want to make that clear. I might be back if you're still meeting.
- **Bettley moves to remand this back to the Judiciary Committee.**
 - **Gonzalez seconds.**
 - **No objections.**
 - **Bill 9 is remanded back to the Judiciary Committee.**

- Point of Personal Privilege: Myers: Please come to Judiciary. We did this last time and the bills came back exactly as they left. Show up to Committee. We have members who don't show up, who speak in con of a bill and don't show up when they get remanded back to Committee – that's not the point of it. We do a multitude of things to the Bills in Committee. I will not forward these bills again untouched if they were remanded back to Committee. Please show up to Judiciary next Tuesday (2/15) on Zoom at 7:00pm, pending time.
 - Point of Personal Privilege: Bell: I completely agree and please come to Judiciary. As a new Senator I am always very entertained in Judiciary, it's actually very fun. Please come, thank you.
- **Bettley moves to do final roll call, Bell seconds**
 - **Gonzalez objects.**
 - **Bettley withdraws.**
 - **Roy moves to move into Statements of the Senate, Drackley seconds,**
 - **Lessard objects.**
 - **Roy does not withdraw.**
 - **Voting Results:**
 - **25 yes, 4 no, 1 abstention.**
 - **Senate moves into Statements of the Senate.**

Constitutional Amendments:

CA 1 Sponsored by Senator Roy (P)
 To amend Section 7 B of Article V of the FSU Student Senate Constitution to include appointment exceptions to offices defined in statutes. **(Referred to Internal Affairs & Judiciary. Passed in Internal Affairs 2.7. Withdrawn in Judiciary 2.8)**

Resolutions:

Resolution 6 Sponsored by Senator Drackley (P) Tucker, Diaz, Russell
 To increase transparency to the student body, specifically those applying for positions within SGA. **(Referred to Internal Affairs & Rules and Calendar. Tabled in Internal Affairs 1.24. Amended and Passed in Internal Affairs 1.31. Tabled in Rules and Calendar 2.2. Passed in Rules and Calendar 2.9.)**

Resolution 7 Sponsored by Senator Gonzalez and Senator Bettley (P) Barker, Berger, Himatsingani, Rider, Ritzel, Williams (Co)
 To expand the Budget Committees purview under Student Senate Rules of Procedure to encapsulate all the responsibilities assigned to us under Student Body Statutes. **(Referred to Budget, Judiciary, and Rules & Calendar. Passed in Budget 2.8. Amended and Passed in Judiciary 2.8. Passed in Rules & Calendar 2.9.)**

Resolution 8 Sponsored by Senator Roy and Senator Russell (P)
 To fund the World Affairs Program and the Case Competition Club via SAP. **(Referred to Budget. Removed from the Agenda in Budget by Chair 2.8)**

Resolution 9 Sponsored by Senator Roy (P)
 Rules of Procedure Changes regarding masks and Zoom cameras. **(Referred to Rules and Calendar. Tabled in Rules and Calendar 2.9.)**

Resolution 11 Sponsored by Senators Fronczak and Stewart (P) Beall, Nemeth (Co)
Creating a distinguishable difference between excused and unexcused absences in
Student Senate.

Unfinished Business: None.

Statements of Dissent:

- *Bowling wishes to write a Statement of Dissent.*
- *Gonzalez wishes to write a Statement of Dissent.*
- *Roy wishes to write a Statement of Dissent.*

Roy: I lodge this statement of dissent because as a PAC Chair and an individual who has been involved in the RSO funding process since October of 2019. I was incredibly dismayed and have taken great concern with the methodologies used by certain members of our Senate to justify cutting every line in a resolution to make the request less expensive. This is a horrible precedent to set because if you don't listen to organizations which tell you they can't put on an event with \$500 less dollars and you go ahead in defunding them, there's a very real and probable possibility the event won't be able to happen. By defunding six organizations for fiscal responsibility, you risk all six being unable to put on any of their events. We have multiple-hour funding board meetings and a Finance Committee every week to ask all of the questions asked today in the Senate, and while I respect the Senate's rights to question allocations that seem excessive, I encourage Senators that do so to read our published minutes or reach out to funding board chairs beforehand with these concerns. Our Monday and Tuesday meetings are made pointless when every question asked in committee is reasked in Senate, and the reason the organization must come to PAC and RTAC but not Senate itself is because these boards are where these questions are and have always been asked. Not every organization can easily attend Senate on Wednesdays to answer these last-minute questions posed by Senators to bring their requests down. That's why it's a multiple day process so we can still contact RSOs if any serious questions went unasked or unanswered, but I have never had to cold-call organization on their home phones from the Senate floor as much as I've been doing this semester just so they can come because individuals are wanting to defund them with no advance notice at all. This is disrespectful to the organizations, disrespectful to our funding committees and their members that dedicate hours each week to hearing these requests and questioning the organizations, and it's disrespectful to our entire funding process.

Furthermore, funding boards have and should always work on a first-come mindset because it's impossible for any funding committee to predict how many requests they'll receive at the end of a semester. Instead of funding every organization that comes through with less money than they will need to put on their event so we can keep every possible dollar for ourselves, it is the job of our funding committees to fund requests that come from the first month to the last month equally based on the feasibility, probable impact, and fiscal responsibility of the request. We consider whether requests are fiscally responsible so we don't overfund any organizations, but we won't underfund organizations just to save money for future requests that may never even come.

In no uncertain terms, we should never underfund good requests if they are fiscally responsible and likely unable to happen without this funding.

The funding boards are the organizations that determine whether funding can and should be cut if we believe the organization can cover it based on our lines of questioning, and from my experience I can confidently say that PAC regularly does this and even did it this week with the request from the Jim Moran College of Entrepreneurship Leadership Council. It was incredibly disrespectful for a Senator to suggest on the floor that an organization (The FSU Flying High Circus Club) could cover an incredibly well-planned and fiscally responsible event with a last-minute fundraiser that would completely jeopardize the event's ability to happen. That act and what we put organizations through this night will serve as an embarrassment and stain on the good work our Senate and funding boards do to fund and help organizations on our campus, and I speak so strongly against this because I hope it doesn't discourage organizations from coming to us for funds if they expect this same treatment in the future.

I lodge this statement because in my goal to stand up for student organizations and advocate for our funding board processes I not only hold myself to serving as the best and most-communicative PAC Chair I can be, I also dedicate myself to standing against anything that would threaten these processes. What happened tonight was clearly a drive to set us on a path that would make funding less accessible to RSOs for the purpose of saving funds for future requests that may not happen, for underfunding organizations because individuals don't want us to trust organizations when they tell us they can't put on an event without a certain amount of funding, and it was an attempt to set us on a path that would make every Senate meeting into another multiple-hour funding board or Finance committee meeting where the same questions would be continually asked because individuals don't want to trust our funding board processes either.

This is not the path our Senate should be put on, and I'm very proud other Senators stood with me in fighting and voting for the funding of our RSOs.

Garner. It is my personal philosophy and long held view that the primary function of our Student Government Association is to further the success and positive impact of RSO's on the larger student body. By making resources abundantly available and accessible, an environment focused on intentional programming can be cultivated.

This dogma is particularly admissible when concerning the prerogatives and nature of the Senate. As the largest and most diverse body of the SGA, there is an abundant opportunity for Senators to interact with RSO's and students directly. I would go as far to say that Senators are often the first SGA contact for many of our fellow student peers. Most of whom are seeking guidance and aid in their quest to productively engage the student body. This is a responsibility I do not take lightly, inconsistently, or whimsically.

The actions of a particular Senator have affronted the very nature of this responsibility and has splintered the relationship of trust, the Senate holds with its RSO partners. While I understand each Senator reserves prerogatives and maintains the right to offer debate or questions in the spirit of thoroughness, this does not entitle Senators to act maliciously with respect to any Senate business, let alone the interests of RSO's. Some Senators may maintain undisclosed philosophies and despite their personal liberty to have these, it is wrong for said philosophies to impact their judgement when concerning Senate business.

Furthermore, Senators should be mindful of their personal conduct when in session. An abandonment of decorum, let alone common manners, should never be tolerated. In addressing other Senators, one should be mindful of how their words or actions can be negatively perceived. The Senate should be a welcoming environment and childish behavior unfitting of a Senator or more importantly, a Florida State Seminole, must never be tolerated. The world is toxic enough and the persistence of certain actors within our Senate make it more difficult to do the work our constituents sent us to do. The Senate can only function with constructive relationships and trust, without those we fail. In closing, I would offer this advice to any willing to accept it; self-aggrandizing generally doesn't create your desired outcome.

New Business: None.

Closing Announcements:

- Roy: Good evening and thank you for coming to finance tonight. PAC and RTAC fund things because we look whether it's a good request and whether we want to fund it. We don't think how much we want to keep by the end of this year – we think if there's a good request should we fund it. That's something this entire time we debated and were told 'No, we shouldn't this if it's a good event just because we should cut everything and make nothing happen.' I will have a very detailed Statement of Dissent. But, because this is the Closing Announcements, my announcements will be that PAC does have an adjunct liaison position open. If any Senator would like to come to our meeting, it's Mondays at 7:00pm. You will be able to sit on, and if I'm not in the meeting, will list you as a co-sponsor. Every single PAC Resolution will list you as a co-sponsor. It is a cool opportunity to be involved in an extra thing in Senate. Tyler Roy News finally

dropped this week. If you have any questions about anything we covered, I actually want to hear feedback. Thank you for your time.

- DuChêne: I will be absent for the next two weeks from Senate because I will be performing in Cinderella, which means Cinderella will be happening for the next two weeks. Performances will be happening Wednesday through Sunday (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, two shows on Saturday, one on Sunday) – six shows a week, we'll be doing twelve performances total. That's a lot of opportunities for Senate to come out.
- Bowling: I acknowledge a Statement of Dissent for multiple reasons. I would also like to say that a lot of questions asked tonight were asked in Finance, in some cases multiple times. Please check the minutes. If you have any questions, a lot of them will be answered in Finance. It is our duty as Student Senators to fund these RSO's and make sure these events happen. If we're looking at through a lens of I'm not sure how much we can fund because we need to save a certain amount, that keeps a lot of RSO's from holding events. That philosophy is not how SGA and the Senate should be run as Student representatives. My Statement of Dissent will be very detailed - we are here for these RSOs and work for them. We should keep doing our best to fund as much as possible.
- Lessard: I'm going to echo the sentiments of Roy and Bowling. I didn't get a chance to skim over RTAC and Finance minutes until this evening, but it honestly only takes a short time to read through them, even if you're sitting here with your laptop open – to avoid asking redundant questions. I found the answers to pretty much every question that I had without having to voice. Please read your minutes. The same goes for internal Affairs interview candidates. I've seen IA interview candidates be asked questions here that were asked in IA. Please review your Senate Committee meeting minutes, it honestly never takes me more than about two to three minutes per Committee. Please read your Committee minutes - it would save us so much time here.
- Wang: I forgot to do this during liaison announcements, but I serve as the liaison to the FSU ASU and as you all may know it is still currently Lunar New Year. The Chinese American Student Organization is having a **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (04:14:57) gala at the end of this month and are looking for performers for their talent show. If you are interested please apply, applications are due February 21st. **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (04:15:11) is one of their pageants that they do every year. Apply, or if you know anyone that's in the Asian American community who wishes to apply, I would say apply but applications close in four minutes. Please consider going to the event the week of February 21st.
- Bettley: First I just want to apologize with my whole amendment, it was not my intent to not fund these organizations. I know how much these organizations need the money and I really think this was a good learning lesson as it proved the importance of Committee meetings and showing up ready to be engaged. **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (04:16:17) now I'm going to make an effort to show up to RTAC and PAC that way this doesn't have to happen again. I know that I asked questions that were definitely answered in those committees. If you have time attend the committees. If you don't have time just look at the minutes. These organizations do need that funding. While there were inconsistencies, there are simple ways to solve such inconsistencies without taking up everyone's time, including that of the organizations who had to sit here for four hours today. If you can go to RTAC and PAC, both Chairs would really appreciate it, but just look at the minutes.
- I would like to apologize for my late arrival; however, I would like to echo the sentiments said by Senators previous to me. It's unfortunate as member of Finance that I have to inform RSO's that it's very possible some of our colleagues will cut your funding for undisclosed philosophies. It's very disheartening to many of them and pushes a variety of RSO's from wanting to get funds in the first place. I understand that there is a fine line between being thorough and being malicious. I would invite my colleagues to analyze their philosophies for the future.
- B. Suarez: At the end we are all Senators and we're all constituents and there's a basic level of respect we should give each other. To laugh or roll your eyes after a question is made is disrespectful to your fellow Senators.
- Diaz: On a lighter note, I think it's important that we recognize and commend the Office of Governmental Affairs (OGA) for all the amazing work that they do. They worked so hard to plan

the 'Day at the Capitol.' I think it's Important that we publicly announce support for what they've done. Thank you.

Officer Announcements:

- Parliamentarian Rowan: The reception last night was amazing. Quick shoutout to Senator Tucker for coming **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (04:19:13) for keeping us going because you all saw how long that Consent Resolution was for PAC. None of that would have happened if it weren't for these two Senators. If you know anybody who wants to be on RTAC or involved in SGA, please tell them to fill out an RTAC application, RTAC needs members. In the meantime, RTAC needs Senators so please go out and keep their operations going. President Hunter and I got everything worked out and there will be a mandatory parliamentary procedure refresher on the afternoon of February 27th – we will get a time and place to you all soon; it will likely be in the afternoon so please keep that afternoon open. A refresher is always nice for parliamentary procedure.
- Historian Cofer: Nothing, I just want to go home. Thank you.
- Pro-Tempore Nemeth: I want to start with the fact that healthy debate is crucial. If someone is critiquing your amendment or resolution, it is not a personal attack – it's not an invitation to roll your eyes, it's not an invitation to go on your phones and text your friends. Tonight did not feel like a safe space, and I was very disappointed. I was already very disappointed on attendance, which I will get to. In closing announcements as well, it's not an invitation to critique or elaborate on the little bits and pieces on what you're providing in your Statements of Dissent. You can save those conversations - emotional intelligence, like Dr. Williams said. Next is attendance, not a very fun topic. I was very disappointed to see six Senators suspended this week and only have one of those suspended Senators come to Rules Committee. It's pretty disrespectful to Rules to have to hear so many suspended Senators who have been elected and then we're now forced to make assumptions on why they haven't been coming and what not. Please let your Senator friends know as a lot of work is required to track people down their attendance. We have expectations for you, or it's okay to resign. There is no shame in resigning as it opens a seat for someone to come I who is eager and get some work done. I look forward to seeing you all next week.
- President Hunter: N/A.

Advisor Announcements:

- Jacquelyn Butts: At the end of last semester I sent an email to all of the Senate leadership Chairs for transition documents. Tonight is a perfect example as why – as an Advisor – we ask for them. We had somebody resign and for three weeks we were not able to receive any information. **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (04:24:12). When we send you all emails asking for that, we're not trying to micromanage you – we're trying to prepare for the future. Please keep that in mind. You are students, this is not your job and you won't be here forever - that's why we're here to support you. When we ask for that information, please share that with us.
- **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (04:24:48): I have a few things to say. I didn't see the rolling of the eyes because I'm behind you all but be respectful of each other. I heard very healthy debate tonight. I texted Jacquelyn at one point and said, 'magic is happening.' What I mean by that is you all were actually questioning each other; you all were being independent thinkers which is important. You don't have to be in a 'group-think mentality' where you solely support your friends. I heard more people speaking in Senate than I heard the whole year of my first year working here. You all are doing a great job in that aspect. Feel confident in yourselves to make sure that you're speaking up and asking questions. We are still having many issues with myself and staff

being disrespected. I'm going to ask that you please make sure that you respect us **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (04:26:08). I have a sixteen-year-old daughter that is home, probably doing Geometry by herself, so that I can be with you all. I'm asking that you all give us the respect that we will always reciprocate. Last week, the bill had my name in it was not representative of me properly, and I could not even say anything in the last meeting because I was occupied with a few things **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (04:26:54). There was a bill that said that I was in a Finance meeting, I was not. The bill is not a bad thing, but we do need to look at what's happening with the funding and if people are putting 'paid by SGA,' that they follow the proper rules with the money that they're given. What I would like to say is if you are having to add my or staff's name to a bill, I'm going to ask that you all get a statement, or at least allow us to express what we wanted you to know about that so we can express this to the whole Senate so that everything is clear. I have no problem supporting you all with bills. I would like for the opportunity to tell you what I think about it if I'm named. You don't have to do what I tell you, but I at least want to discuss it with you. I want you all to understand that there's a fine line between how you are able to be dispersing this money. You all hold a lot of power. With this power, you must ensure that you are being neutral with the aspect of the dollars being given out **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (04:29:12). Make sure that your biases are not involved in how you fund people. We have to make sure that we are not excluding whole groups of people based on our biases. You must be content neutral when it comes to the funding that we disperse. I will do whatever you need of me to support you because I believe in students. I've been doing this for a long time and I believe in what you all stand for and need, but please work with my team. I'm an alum from Florida State, and as an alum it's almost interesting that my one year of working year has been opposite of respect level of my entire education career. **RECORDING INAUDIBLE** (04:31:03). I learned some things and now have to make sure that we are actually teaching and working with you all. If you have any questions, please reach out to me. Thank you.

Final Roll Call:

- Refer to attendance.

Adjournment:

- Lessard moves to adjourn the meeting at 12:16am.