

THE SEVENTY-SIXTH STUDENT SENATE

Calendar: February 28, 2024

Location: Senate Chambers

Time: 7:30 pm

Call to Order:

- President Cofer calls the meeting to order at 7:38PM.

Pledge of Allegiance:

- Conducted.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

- Conducted.

Land Acknowledgement:

Senator Lalani: 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:

- Verified.

Corrections and Approval of the Journal:

- **Senator Lento moves to approve the Journals of 2.21.24**
 - **No objections.**
 - **The Journals 2.21.24 are approved.**

Student and RSO Comments:

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- *President of the Venezuelan Student Association*
 - Hi everyone, at this point we are acquaintances. I am the President of the Venezuelan Student Association. I brought my exec board with me today. I am really honored that I have had the pleasure of meeting you all. You guys are the reason we made these shirts. I am here today, because we are submitting another PAC request for the end of the year event. This is the first one we have ever done. We would really appreciate it if we had your support on this as well.

Special Introductions:

- None.

Report of Senate Officers:

- Sienna Burns - *Press Secretary*
 - Hey guys so I just wanted to say something quickly, after coming off of a great meeting with Andy, and a couple of senators. When you guys are drafting legislation, please reach out to the counterparts that are going to be involved, and try to have discussions with them about what is trying to be passed. Feel free to CC the Press Secretary email in these emails, I would be more than happy to help. Just make sure you are having these conversations, before, or during, you doing your legislation. Thank you!
- Marshall Widmann - *Parliamentarian*
 - Just a reminder. We are getting into that one season of the year. Campaign materials are not permitted in the chambers, it needs to be put away while you are in here.
- Isabella Lobianco - *Chief of Staff*
 - Market Wednesday! Finance is next week! Be ready to table, it is on election day so be engaged!
- Jason Gorelick - *Pro-Temp*
 - Hi everyone, welcome. Few things, one, have Iclicker ready. Two, we have our LCP's in the back, get to know them, talk to them, reach out to them. If anyone is working on legislation, work with them. Last but not least, we are going to be hearing a bill today that we may not all agree on, and that is ok. Let's have a great meeting!
- Joseph Cofer - *President*
 - I have some announcements as well. Jason and I are aware that election week is about to happen. We want to address a few things. We have agreed that your voice matters, we understand and respect your affiliations. When in the chambers, any affiliation will not continue. The work you are doing is far too important to be influenced by outside entities. Just make sure you are eating, sleeping, and respecting everyone. Within these chambers, no affiliations exist, and we are upholding that as well. As a chamber, we will not blindly pass pro and con. That being said, please speak in pro and con, and if no one is speaking for a long time then we will move past. With that, I also want to read what I sent in the GroupMe.

Messages from the Executive Branch:

- Adam Bowling - *Student Body Treasurer*
 - Hey everyone. Great to be back. So I just want to outline the agreement that we have been discussing with the administration. So this is our current budget situation. Projected revenue of about \$14,089. If we look at all the requests, it is around \$1M, COGS required funds are \$1,247,767, and Overhead is at \$1.1M approximately. That leaves \$15,865,736 with Union and Campus Rec cuts. Any budget bill that the Senate sends, can be vetoed by the VPSA, and senate can't overturn this. Unfortunately, we won't be getting A&S budget increase any time soon, for example, the minimum wage is increasing, and costs are increasing, so there is a lot of increase and not a lot of budget. We are partially doing this deal in the first place because 250 students are employed by the Union, and 600 by Campus Rec. If we were to make any cuts here, we would have to cut hours, and

we don't want students to lose out on this. Given this, this is what we have decided. So specific allocation will be \$1,189,132 for the fiscal year. This is 4% over the last year, so we got an increase. We fought hard for this, and we got a 4% annual increase for 5 years to address inflation. So anything funded by SGA, is getting a budget increase. COGS allocation, \$1,247,767 will continue to be funded at this. We have been working with a lot of senators, as well as the budget committee. I am happy to have collaborated with them. I wanted to emphasize this is bipartisan work, so the exec will not sign this deal if the Senate does not agree. We believe this is the best step forward. So continued, the remaining A&S funds will be given to the Union and Campus Rec and Student Engagement. Overhead assessment will be waived, no longer charged to us. This would be ratified by Senate. We have a lot of opportunities to renegotiate this deal. We believe this is the best step forward for student government. We want to expand on the budget, and we believe this is the best way to do so. We don't want to cut Campus Rec and the Union any further. Open to questions now.

■ Chair Khosh

- I just want to clarify, this means we are going from \$14M to \$2M, that would fall under our jurisdiction?
 - We would still allocate to the Union and Campus Rec, but we would have an increasing budget.
- Could you explain what the difference between this year and last year is?
 - So if we were to sign this deal, COGS would get their allocation, we would get the same number that we have historically used, but it would increase by 4% over the next 5 years.

■ Chair Velazquez

- Who is overseeing that \$10M?
 - So it is going to Union, Campus Rec, and Student Engagement. We want to make sure students know where this is going. Union and Campus Rec are still going to present, and we want to know where it is going. The administration has agreed to maintain these orgs.
- University said they will maintain the costs for the upcoming year? Is that in writing?
 - Yes it is in the deal.

■ Senator Randall

- In the writing, is it saying that we don't have to pay overhead?
 - It says we are going to be allocated \$1.1M, we would have to charge overhead like every other.
- Does it say in the deal that we will have transparency reports?
 - That is something that we are working on right now, and something that is happening currently.

■ Senator Pu

- Where would Campus Rec and Union Board stand after this budget?
 - So the university will be able to fund them enough to maintain current operations. I just want to continue to explain that we would either have to cut from student entities, or Union and Campus Rec, if we wanted to

change this. University will maintain those services, and be responsible for the difference in this funding. It is in writing.

- Chair Khosh
 - A large portion of this that Campus Rec and Union are receiving will be facilitated by the University, things they cut and add, where is that information going to be streamlined to us, and how are we going to know what is going on with that?
 - That is a good point, and that is why we brought it to Senate. If that is something that the Senate believes is important, then we agree, and would like to contact them as well.
 - Is there a cut to the Union and Campus Rec or no?
 - In this deal, because we are allocating the remainder, those current levels will be maintained, no cut.
- Chair Valazquez
 - I know we have a 4% year-over-year increase, where is that coming from?
 - It would be a higher percentage of the A&S fees, and the remainder would go to Union and Campus Rec.
- Senator Castellanos
 - Does the Union make its own money from the businesses downstairs?
 - Union makes rent from Starbucks, and all those. They do charge rent per square foot, on top of this there is a percentage of sales that is taken out, that is under a larger deal that is overseen by administration. Union does collect rent though.
- Senator Larancuent
 - So do the places that sell food, do we pay their wages?
 - No Armark does, these places pay rent to the Union.
 - Where do the Union workers' pay come from?
 - We pay OPS wages to student workers, like bowling alley, or paint a pot, but not the restaurants.
- Chair Velazquez
 - Let's say we enter into this year, are we locked into this?
 - It is a five-year deal, I will say there is a mutual renegotiation clause, and Senate has control over passing the budget, and admin needs Senate to pass the budget.
 - Have you made any considerations to split the 4% across student engagement?
 - So this is more used to clubs, and all of that. Because costs are increasing, we believe that maintaining services is important.
- Senator Daley
 - Is there any way to get in touch with Armark, or those that control the rent?
 - That is a good point, that falls outside of the scope of this deal, and I would talk to Union or admin about that.
- Senator Anandjiwala
 - Does that 4% stay consistent, or does it falter if anything increases?

- It will not get higher, it is stable. We will know what the budget is five years from now.
- Senator Garcia
 - Is there a minimum wage adjustment, or is it based on the now wage?
 - Within the five-year deal, the minimum wage will only increase by .6%, so the 4% is well enough to cover this.
- Chair Khosh
 - So the five-year part, why 5 years, where does that come from?
 - So we can change things, negotiate things, if A&S fees change, we can negotiate, if enrollment changes by 5%, we can renegotiate. That is something the administration wanted, they want stability for the next five years, we also want that.
- Senator Pu
 - How did we arrive at 4%, did you do this over the next five-years, if the economic situation changes, would we then be able to negotiate that?
 - We took the average for five years, which is 4%, and said we wanted this increase. It was originally supposed to be 3%, no increase this year, so we did 4% this year and the next five years. I will say that the stability in the budget with this deal will prepare us better for economic instability, compared to as if we did not take this deal. This would give us a consistent budget.
- Senator Anandjiwala
 - You said Campus Rec last year got less than the minimum and then got a stipend, what is the difference between this year's and last year's?
 - The administration has promised to maintain this, so they have to have those convos with Campus Rec. If we weren't to pass the bill, we would have to cut Campus Rec or student activities, this would create a much more difficult situation, but it would be up to the University to cut that funding.
- Senator Windlan
 - Where did the estimation from overhead come from?
 - So we have been asking for a breakdown, they aren't really able to do this. Overhead increases up to the discretion of the finance head of administration. They aren't able to give us a breakdown. There is an agreement signed previously, that this is something we have to pay. We have asked and have had no answer. In this deal we don't pay for this however.
- Senator Goldstein
 - Can you tell everyone just how much work has gone into this?
 - We have been working since halfway through the Fall semester.
- Senator Seldess
 - Do you know if the Leach had any layoffs this past year?

- Because admin was able to give them the difference, they did not have to.
- Senator Garcia
 - Are there any governing state public records of these discussions?
 - There are minutes in our most recent meeting, with the senate, and exec, breaking everything down. We have taken notes. A lot of these meetings have happened without notice, and we have done the best we can to maintain transparency.
- Chair Valazquez
 - Has there been any contemplation about getting it out earlier than five years?
 - Yes, they said no. It was something they were firm on.
- Chair Khosh
 - Can you talk about the feasibility behind signing this for five years, but adding something in there that says we are able to review it at the end of each fiscal year, for the next five years, that Senate can still see it?
 - I think that would be more of an internal senate rules and procedures thing. I think we don't need admin to do that, it is something we can collab on, make sure Senate is doing this.
 - What happens if Campus Rec does not spend all of their budget?
 - I will say, Campus Rec will spend all of it. They will spend all of it.
- Senator Windlan
 - Does this deal imply that there will not be any A&S fee increase in the next five years?
 - If there is, we will negotiate.
- Chair Khosh
 - Could you just highlight why there is a low possibility of an A&S fee increase?
 - In 2013, the A&S fee was \$12 per credit hour, overtime that fee has wavered. We cannot change this without state law changes. To keep Florida tuition low, this is not changing. The board of trustees, they don't want to increase the A&S fees, because tuition would increase.
 - Just to clarify, is there other ways that A&S fees could increase, without the raise of tuition?
 - If we were to increase A&S fees, that would increase tuition automatically.
 - I have talked to people who are in the senate in other universities in other states, and they get very frequent A&S fee increases, so everyone needs to think of this unique position we are in.
- Carson Dale - *Deputy Student Body Treasurer*
 - Hey guys, I am here for two reasons, first I want to talk about my position, and I wanted to shout out the budget committee. They have been working hard, and very long for this. Shoutout to Adam, he has been working on this very hard. We entered in this budget with a \$600,000 decrease, so being able to walk out with this deal is huge and attractive. As for my position as Deputy Treasurer, working

under the Student Body Treasurer. You help out with their projects, helping chair committees, all the negotiations, bouncing ideas off one another. Ya, it really is whatever the next treasurer makes out of it. If you have any questions, feel free to ask me!

- Denver Harris - *Press Secretary*
 - Hey Senate! I am here today, to speak to you about my position as well! I am serving as Press Secretary, and I have a vested interest in a smooth transition into who is ever next. I think the next person, is going to have some cool things to work with. If you want more information, feel free to reach out to me.

Messages from Agencies, Bureaus, Affiliated Projects, and SGA Organizations:

- None.

Messages from the Class Councils:

- Cassidy Rider - *Senior Class Council President*
 - So, I am here today to say hello senate! I am here today to speak about the bill that Senator Goldstien has done a good job speaking out about. I wanted to give you all a run down. We are growing as a class council, this will help us keep people in class councils. The biggest thing that makes me so sad is that we don't have the best attendance, it is interesting because some of them are in multiple positions. Us as class councils are going to fail if we keep this up. This bill is going to make all presidents and vice presidents major positions. This happens in many other organizations. I have talked to multiple people in class councils, past class councils, they really like this idea. If you are the president, you can't go do another big major position in other places. This also helps with double dipping. I did some research before this, and we have never had an issue before, but we want to do this to reinstate the dedication of class councils as a whole. If this is terrible, we can always change it back, but I just really think this will help make class councils a strong organization, because presidents and vice presidents will be fully committed. So I would appreciate it if you would support this bill, but DM me if you have any questions. Thank you! Come to FCC research fair tomorrow, from 4pm-6pm on Landis!

Messages from the Congress of Graduate Students:

- Jack Rowan - *COGS*
 - As always, the COGS assembly meeting is next Monday at 6:30pm in the chambers. We are setting up our funds, and getting ready to work with some RSOs. Hoping to spend \$60,000 to create events. In addition, COGS budget week is starting up soon, on March 25. Our budget is about \$1.2M, and we use this for multiple functions and events, we pay for the globe, we fund travel grants, and much more. We will be here basically all week, so come out! On the budget deal, I have been here since 2020. I believe this deal is a good idea. The fact that overhead is being covered, and helps us as COGS. We take on a portion of that funding, we have paid a portion of this before, all of these will be covered under this deal, so we will have more money to fund different things such as the childcare center, and travel grants. Thank you for your time, and please give it some deep consideration.

Messages from the Judicial Branch:

- None.

Messages from the Union Board and Campus Recreation Board:

- None.

Report of the SGA Accounting Office: Remaining Balances: Senate Projects \$19,023.44, PAC \$38,772.65, RTAC \$28,982.86, and ORG Fund \$10,738.24

Report of Senate Liaisons:

- Senator Castellanos
 - I am the liaison for CARE, and tomorrow from 4-6pm they are going to have a workshop. This will be in ssb. After this, they will be at the BSU house at 6:30pm.
- Chair Lento
 - From the elections office, the spring debate is March 4 from 6-8pm, the form to ask questions is on the website. Results will be around on March 6.
- Senator Emokidi
 - I am the liaison for BSU. The BSU exec board wants to give their thanks to those who came out to their events, as well as the resolution passed by Senator Castellanos and Larancuent.
- Senator Larancuent
 - *Inaudible*
- Senator Anandjiwala
 - *Inaudible*
- Senator Vandermeulen
 - Hey everyone! I am the liaison for COBSLC, and next Tuesday they are hosting a mixer, in RBB 220. If you are in the College of Business, come out, it is a great networking opportunity!
- Chair Khosh
 - Executive branch, I went to their meeting last night. I went to give them a report of the senate, and encouraged everyone to come to the senate and talk to them about their roles, in case any of y'all would want to run. Also the Golden Torch Lecture Series is going to be this coming Tuesday! It's free for FSU students, so please come out. The last one is the class council, make sure to go to their event tomorrow for FCC!
- Senator Windlan
 - I am the liaison for sustainable campus, on March 2nd they are doing a group bike ride, and their fellowship applications open.
- Chair Salazar
 - For HLSU, they are having their outdoor festival next Tuesday from 6-9:30pm. Also for the MGC, it is probate season. If you guys don't know this is for new members, this is them revealing themselves to the rest of the community. It is super exciting and interesting to watch. It starts at 6pm on Friday!

Report of Committees:

- Judiciary:
 - Passed Bill 22.
- Internal Affairs:
 - Confirmed the candidate for the Director of the Civic Engagement Board.
- Budget:
 - Tabled Bill 24.
- Finance:
 - Passed CR 16, and 17.

- Student Life:
 - Passed Bill 23, and tabled Bill 24.
- Rules:
 - Forwarded two candidates for their senate seats.
- Legislative Ad Hoc:
 - Heard a presentation from the OGA director.

Senate Confirmations:

- Ian Parry–Student Senate, COSSPP Seat 5 (fall) (5 applicants)
 - Opening
 - Hi everyone, my name is Ian Parry. I am running for COSSPP Seat 5. Social sciences and public policy is really important to me. I have a renowned interest in leaving an impact on this campus, and I believe I can accomplish this through this position. I am from Fort Lauderdale, FL, and as a second year student, I am a double major in International Affairs and Political Science. I am eligible for my college, as an academic level junior. Some of my interests involve, transparency and communication, improving voter turnout, and improvement of campus. Some of the policy initiatives that I would like to pursue, involve increasing general quality of life on campus. This involved just beautifying landscaping on campus, and investing further into that. I recognize that we have regressing fiscal years. I would like to see us improve things like access to fresher foods, and wireless phone chargers. Beyond that, I would like to grow COSSPP and the Global Citizenship Certificate Program. I am in strong support of this, as someone that appreciates these values. Beyond that, I have been working on an out of state student mixer in conjunction with FCC. Thank you!
 - General Questioning
 - None.
 - Pro Con Debate
 - Senator Zoluaga:
 - I wanted to speak in pro of the candidate for COSSPP Seat 5. He was a classmate of mine at TCC. Just seeing him there he was an amazing student, he always got the best grades! He is very academically inclined, very intelligent, and very ethical. He has care for everything he does. As a transfer student, I want to see more transfer students in senate. I love seeing this and am proud to see him here today!
 - Chair Lento:
 - I would love to speak in pro of the candidate for COSSPP Seat. It is so rare to see someone come into these chambers having taken initiative already, so I think he is a phenomenal candidate!
 - Senator Daniely
 - *Inaudible*

- Senator Anandjiwala
 - I would like to speak in pro of both candidates. They both seem very excited and eager to get to work, and this is what we need in the Senate!
 - Senator Emokidi:
 - *Inaudible*
 - Senator Coll:
 - *Inaudible*
 - Senator Anandjiwala
 - Moves to forward the candidates individually.
 - Senator Castellanos seconds.
 - No objections.
 - Closing
 - Thank you so much for this opportunity. I yield.
 - Voting Results
 - 58 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.
 - Candidate Passes.
- Connor Battaglia–Student Senate, Business Seat 5 (fall) (3 applicants)
 - Opening
 - Thank you guys for your time, my name is Connor Battaglia. I am from St. Petersburg, FL. I am a second semester junior in the College of Business. One of the main reasons I got involved with senate, is because I have been a part of many RSOs, and I’ve seen the direct effect senate can have on these. Looking around the room, I see a lot of familiar faces, who have inspired me to where I am today. I look forward to seeing everyone in this community, and making FSU a better place! I yield.
 - General Questioning
 - None.
 - Pro Con Debate
 - Senator Anandjiwala
 - I would like to speak in pro of both candidates. They both seem very excited and eager to get to work, and this is what we need in the Senate!
 - Closing
 - Thank you for all the kind words, and I am excited to hopefully be voted into the Senate today, and begin working with you all.
 - Voting Results
 - 55 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.
 - Candidate Passes.

Consent Calendar:

CR16

Sponsored by Staveski (P) Ahuja (Co)

A consent resolution to fund numerous student organizations a total of \$15,428.79.

- Opening
 - Hi everyone, so we are talking about this line item, Diverse fashion magazine. In full transparency I wasn't able to attend this meeting. But I did watch the recording. Diverse World Fashion Magazine requested funding to print their magazine, and for their release party. They requested the money for 200 magazines. And then \$1,000 to hold the release party. We decided to half fund them for their release party in Township. It still came to the same amount. I talked to Chair Staveski about this yesterday. If you guys feel this is high, we are willing to amend them down, we just wanted to present this to you guys.
- General Questioning
 - Senator Goldstein
 - Are all the things this is funding, open to the student body fully?
 - Yes. They give the magazine out to those who are in the magazine first. But everyone is able to go to the event.
 - Just for clarification, did they receive funding before?
 - They did last year for the same event.
 - Senator Anandjiwala
 - Moves to amend.
 - *Inaudible.*
 - Senator Randall seconds.
 - No objections.
 - Found friendly.
 - Senator Baez
 - How many people are already in the organization that have already requested a magazine?
 - The number in the org total is 138 active members.
 - Chair Lento
 - Did they do any outside funding?
 - Yes, they do some share it nights, and are looking to do another one.
 - How much did they raise
 - \$2,400.
- Pro Debate
 - Senator Hine
 - I think they put on some cool events, I think they have 130 members, I promise you not all these people are actually active.
- Con Debate
 - Chair Lento
 - Moves to call the question
 - Senator Anandjiwala seconds.
 - No objections.
- Closing
 - I yield.
- Voting Results
 - 56 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions.
 - Line item passes.
- Opening

- I will also explain this one but Japanese animation club. They requested \$17,000 for their event. They put on an anime convention in the Union. It is going to be March 30-31. This is to cover security for their event. FSU PD told them they also need outside security. We fully funded them. Last year there were incidents, so they don't want that to happen this year. We would be willing to amend, if you all feel like it. FSU PD is required to be there. They have about \$6,000 in their account right now. If we choose to amend it down, they do have the money to still do the event.
- General Questioning
 - Senator Anandjiwala
 - Moves to amend.
 - Make contractual services \$2,774.
 - Chair Lento seconds.
 - No objections
 - Found friendly
 - Senator Blackwell
 - Were there direct talks with FSU PD?
 - Yes, there was, they have to have security.
 - Chair Bevis
 - Do you know how many people are expected to come?
 - Over two days about 1,500-2,000.
- Pro
 - None.
- Con
 - Chair Bevis
 - Moves to call the question.
 - Senator Goldstein seconds.
 - No objections.
- Closing
 - I yield.
- Voting Results
 - 56 yes, 1 no, 3 abstentions.
 - Line item passes.
- Opening
 - This line item is to fund the Vensa end-of-year event. It seems fun! I have anything to change on this. They are requesting for food, for a comedian and it seems fun!
- General Questioning
 - Senator Zuloaga
 - Moves to amend
 - Add \$1,263.50 for clothing and awards
 - Senator Castellanos seconds.
 - Senator Anandjiwala objects.
 - Opening
 - This event is not only groundbreaking, but is the first end of the year event ever for VenSA. This would help them purchase the supplies needed for awards for this event.
 - General Questioning
 - None.

- Pro Con Debate
 - Chair Salazar
 - Moves to call the question.
 - Chair Lento seconds.
 - No objections.
 - Closing
 - I love VenSA, I am so excited! I yield.
 - Voting Results
 - 59 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.
 - Line item passes.
 - Opening
 - It was a long week, the minutes were long, but ya!
 - General Questioning
 - Senator Anandjiwala
 - Moves to amend
 - Change philosophy club to \$905 for expense category.
- Pro Con Debate
 - Vice Chair Meier
 - The Hispanic population just increased to 20%, so it is important that we not just serve the Hispanic community, but also different ethnicities, so this is great.
 - Senator Castellanos
 - I would like to speak in pro of this, because Vensa has never had an end of the year event.
 - Chair Salazar
 - I think this is fantastic, the Hispanic community is growing, and this would allow them to keep building, and growing.
 - Pro-Temp Gorelick
 - This RSO is one that has done the work when coming to PAC or Senate when asking for things. I think that shows their hard work and dedication.
 - Senator Anandjiwala
 - I am fully in support of this.
 - Senator Goldstein
 - Moves to call the question.
 - Senator Anandjiwala seconds.
 - No objections.
 - Closing
 - I yield.
 - Voting Results
 - 58 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.
 - Amendment passes.

- Senator Goldstein seconds.
 - No objections.
 - Found friendly.
- Pro Con Debate
 - Chair Bevis
 - Moves to enter con.
 - Senator Daniely seconds.
 - No objections.
 - Senator Larancuent
 - Moves to call the question.
 - Chair Bevis seconds.
 - No objections.
- Closing
 - I yield.
- Voting Results
 - 58 yes, 0 no, 1 abstentions.
 - CR passes.

CR17

Sponsored by Bevis (P) Vandermeulen (Co)

This CR allocates \$6,225 to the Arnold Air Society at FSU and the Themed Entertainment Association for their various travel expenses.

- Opening
 - Hey guys so this week we had a pretty light week. We heard from Arnold Air Society at FSU, a professional, honorary, service organization advocating the support of aerospace power and developing people interested in joining the Air Force. They are seeking funding to attend this conference called NATCON, which is this conference hosted by Arnold Air Society and its sister organization, where they will decide on rules and procedures for their chapters and get the chance to network with top members of the air force. RTAC decided to half fund them and give them money for their airfare and registration fee.
- General Questioning
 - Chair Windlan
 - Can you repeat why you chose to half-fund them?
 - We talked to them, and they made it sound like they would still be able to go on this trip with half funding.
 - Senator Kleinmetz
 - Do you know how much they fundraised?
 - About \$500.
- Pro
 - Senator Goldstein
 - I heard them in RTAC, he would be more than happy to be here tonight, but there was an event so he couldn't.
- Con
 - Senator Anandjiwala
 - Moves to call the question.
 - Senator Larancuent seconds.
 - No objections.
- Closing
 - I yield.
- Voting Results
 - 55 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions.

- Line item passes.
- Chair Lento
 - Moves to accept the decision of the finance committee as the decision of the whole.
 - Senator Baez seconds.
 - No objections.
 - CR Passes.

Bill 23 Sponsored by Goldstein, Kleinmetz (P) Barresi, Brown, Chinn, DeVitto, Lalani, Larancuent, Raiford, Rodriguez, Staveski, Valderrama, Vandermeulen, Windlan (Co)
 Updating the classification of Class Council major positions, to continue the efforts of Bill 19 which updates Class Councils for operational efficiency. **(Referred to Student Life, Judiciary 2.21. Passed Student Life Unanimously 2.23. Passed Judiciary Unanimously 2.27)**

- Chair Bevis
 - Objects to pass by unanimous consent.
 - Heard in second reading.

Bills First Reading:

Bill 2024 Sponsored by Meier, Salazar (P) Arellano, Barresi, Cofer, Devitto, Garcia, Goldstein, Gorelick, McEnery, Rodriguez, Valderrama, Valdes-Herrera, Vargheese (Co)
 The Budget Committee's recommendation for the FY 24-25 SGA budget allocation. **(Passed Budget Unanimously 2.27)**

- Senator Anandjiwala
 - Moves to move Bill 2024 to second reading.
 - Senator Goldstein seconds.
- Opening
 - Hey guys, the sponsors are not here, but ya!
- General Questioning
 - Senator Ahuja
 - Does this mean this senate will vote on this?
 - Yes
- Pro
 - None.
- Con
 - Senator Goldstein
 - Moves to call the question.
 - Senator Lalani seconds.
 - No objections.
- Closing
 - I yield.
- Voting Results
 - 52 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.
 - Placed on Second Reading.

Bill 24 Sponsored by McEnery (P)

A transfer of \$100 from Senate Projects to Transportation & Parking Services to fund the purchase of weather-resistant stickers that will be placed on all Seminole Express stops to provide an alternate PDF version of all bus routes. **(Referred to Student Life, Budget 2.21. Passed Student Life Unanimously 2.23. Tabled in Budget 2.23)**

- Bill 25 Sponsored by Goldstein (P) Lento, Windlan (Co)
This bill shall establish the Campus Pulse Commission to develop and refine ballot questions that capture student opinions on key campus issues, i.e. the “pulse” of Campus.
- Going to Judiciary, and Student Life.
- Bill 26 Sponsored by Salazar (P)
Transfer of \$1220 from HLSU Contract to HLSU Food to provide sufficient funding for the upcoming HLSU Festival event. HLSU will not be contracting anybody for the event, so they desire to use those funds to purchase sufficient food to be passed out to all attendees at the event.
- Chair Salazar withdraws.
- Bill 27 Sponsored by Gorelick (P)
This bill establishes “policies”, a more formal procedure to have SGA entities establish and maintain rules of procedures and internal governing documents, which shall allow them to maintain internal flexibility while creating consistency from a Senatorial level.
- Going to Judiciary.

Resolutions First Reading:

- Resolution 27 Sponsored by Khosh (P) Anandjiwala, Bevis, Carr, Castellanos, Coll, Goldstein, Kleinmetz, Lalani, Lansdale, Larancuent, McEnergy, Teplin, Valderrama, Vandermeulen, Zuloaga (Co)
A resolution to commemorate the Tallahassee bicentennial and the rich history that exists within the city of Tallahassee.
- Going to Student Life.
- Resolution 28 Sponsored by Hine (P) Carr, Castellanos, Chinn, Dayley, Emokidi, Garcia, McEnergy, Meier, Ramos, Rodriguez, Souvenir (Co)
This resolution celebrates March as National Social Work month and encourages state and federal lawmakers to pass legislation that supports social workers.
- Going to Student Life.
- Resolution 29 Sponsored by Castellanos (P) Ahuja, Anandjiwala, Brown, Carr, Chinn, Daley, Emokidi, Garcia, Gomez, Hine, McEnergy, Meier, Lalani, Larancuent, Lento, Olsen-Galvan, Randall, Randall, Rodriguez, Souvenir, Tran, Vargheese, Windlan, Zuloaga (Co)
This resolution will serve as the first step in respectfully asking the City of Tallahassee to repaint the Black Lives Matter Mural at the intersection of

Gaines St. and Railroad Ave. A mural that served as a symbol of unity against systemic racism.

- Going to Student Life.

Resolution 30

Sponsored by Khosh (P)

A resolution to highlight and celebrate Persian New Year on the campus of Florida State University.

- Going to Student Life.

Bills Second Reading:

Bill 23

Sponsored by Goldstein, Kleinmetz (P) Barresi, Brown, Chinn, DeVitto, Lalani, Larancuent, Raiford, Rodriguez, Staveski, Valderrama, Vandermeulen, Windlan (Co)

Updating the classification of Class Council major positions, to continue the efforts of Bill 19 which updates Class Councils for operational efficiency. **(Referred to Student Life, Judiciary 2.21. Passed Student Life Unanimously 2.23. Passed Judiciary Unanimously 2.27)**

- Opening
 - Hi guys, you heard from the Senior Class Council President, I could not have said it any better, so I'm yielding.
- General Questioning
 - Pro-Temp Gorelick
 - Just to be clear, so this just changes making President and VP a major position. But FCC, SCC, and JCC, Treasurer and Secretary are not major positions, but senior all four are still.
 - Yes
 - Senator Zuloaga
 - Is there a reason why the Senior Class Council Secretary and Treasurer are major positions?
 - So these are the only ones that are elected, and they serve as an oversight for the others, so the Treasurer and Secretary of Senior Class Council are the bigger picture.
 - Senator Coll
 - Just for clarification, did you attempt to contact fcc?
 - Yes, I did, I was in contact with Cassidy Rider through all of this, and she informed me that through her, she reached out to all the Class Councils about this.
- Pro
 - Chair Khosh
 - I would like to speak in pro of this bill, President and VP of all Class Councils is very much a major role. They work in their Class Councils at large. All the Presidents of every single Class Council supports this bill and they all agree!
 - Chair Lento
 - I would also like to speak in pro of this, and echo what the Senior Class Council President said.
 - Chair Windlan
 - I think this is a great piece of legislation, and I would also like to speak in pro of this.

- Chair McEnergy
 - *Inaudible*
- Senator Zuolaga
 - I see a lot of student leaders involve themselves in six different orgs, and it becomes a thing of quantity over quality. And their quality begins to decline, so I think this is important.
- Con
 - Chair Bevis
 - As a member of the Class Council, I am against this bill. First of all, I do not think the VP's were properly kept in the loop on this. I spoke with the Senior Class VP at Great Give, and she had no idea that this bill was going through Senate. I also spoke with the Junior Class VP and I had to explain everything that the bill was doing. I also texted the Sophomore Class VP and she had no idea what was going on either. The VP of each Class Council is a major stakeholder in this event. I spoke with other members of the Class Council who are against this as well.
 - Senator Coll
 - This is not a complete con, I am a member of the FCC, I think it has a lot of potential. The FCC was not fully in this, in the future I would appreciate if more of the stakeholders were contacted prior.
 - Senator Garcia
 - I support the intention of this bill. I do think that we should be focused on reaching out to all stakeholders, since that is important in SGA.
 - Senator Pu
 - *Inaudible*
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- Pro (2)
 - Chair Khosh
 - Couple points were made about people not being discussed with. I am going to say something, a lot of the individuals of class councils that are saying they are not in agreeance with this, potentially have overlap with the same people that President Ryder was saying have attendance issues. I am just going to say that. Not to offend anyone, but this is what I was told. I am not a member of class councils, but I am a liaison, in which I have held many conversations with members of the class councils. This bill originally included two other roles, and I had a long conversation with the sponsor of this bill to personally remove that. I have put a lot of effort and convo into this, so I am not sure where the details were lost.
 - Chair Windlan
 - *Inaudible*
- Con (2)
 - Chair Bevis
 - I just think that all stakeholders need to be spoken to.
 - Senator Coll
 - I do think this has a lot of potential, but I know you told President Ryder.
 - Chair Velazquez
 - Moves to call the question.
 - Seconded.
 - No objections.
- Closing

- Thank you guys, I yield!
- Voting results
 - 42 yes, 10 no, 6 abstentions.
 - Passes.

Resolutions Second Reading:

- None.

Unfinished Business:

- None.

New Business:

- None.

Statements of Dissent:

- None.

Closing Announcements:

- Senator Srivastava
 - *Inaudible*
- Senator Randall
 - *Inaudible*
- Senator Castellanos
 - *Inaudible*
- Senator Zuloaga
 - *Inaudible*
- Senator Garcia
 - Please come to the FCC event, there will be drink covers here, as well as at Market Wednesday, and at Bottoms the movie on March 7th!
- Senator Coll
 - Show up to the FCC event! 4-6pm Union Green.
- Isabella Lobianco - *Chief of Staff*
 - So basically, one thing that I really liked today, was the questions and the debate. If you are confused about something, do not be afraid to ask and engage. It is extremely important, to speak up and talk about something if you do not agree with it! There is a lot of talking going on to, let's please keep this down.
- Jason Gorelick - *Pro-Temp*
 - Great meeting today! LCP come see me. Two meetings next week, see you there! Please stay after we here elections, cause we need quorum. Please remember if you have any kind of campaign materials, to remove them before coming into the chambers. Wear your seatbelts, proud of y'all, love y'all.
- Joseph Cofer - *President*
 - Thank you all for participating. There is a lot of big stuff coming up, do your duty and research it! I, will be going to Puerto Rico tomorrow until Sunday, so I don't know if I will have service, but if you have questions, I am still willing to answer, so reach out! Great meeting!

Advisor Announcements:

- Thank you Mr. President. Congratulations to our new members! Great meeting tonight, good debate, and a personal thank you for all being respectful to one another. Madam Press Secretary, thank you for the shoutout! You guys have heard me say before, your

advising office is always here and available. Thank you for reiterating that. One thing I will say, is that I understand it can be frustrating sometimes, the fact that good policy happens really slowly. You guys are getting stuff to the floor very fast. The process happens slowly, because you do have to do all these check-ins with all the different parties, and evaluate different options. This takes a lot of work, but that is the process of putting together good public policy. There is a balance that needs to be had. All that said, thank you, and reiterating that we are always here, feel free to use us. Help us to understand the way you are seeing the issues, and give us the opportunity to tell you how we see it too. Inauguration set in stone, April 3rd, in Miller Hall. Mr. President, wear your seatbelt to Puerto Rico. If you are sick get some medicine, I love you all, and I am proud of each and every one of you!

Final Roll Call:

- Conducted.

Adjournment:

- **President Cofer adjourns Senate at 10:19PM.**