



**75th Student Senate
Programming Allocation Committee
1/29/24**

Call to Order: 6:32

Members Present: Chair Staveski, Vice Chair Ahuja, Brown, Holliday,

Members Tardy: Tascon

Members Absent: Hyunh

Guests:

Announcements:

- Chair – Land Acknowledgement
- Vice Chair –
- Members –

Committee Business:

- **Alliance for Black Women**
- Application Link:
 - **Preliminary Questions:**
 - Asking for: \$1726.42
 - Date Request Submitted: 1/19/24
 - Date of Event: N/A
 - Number of Active Members: 105
 - Number expected to come: N/A
 - Fundraised: \$2,380
- **Opening:**
 - **Speaker:** The mission of our organization is to promote holistic development of black women through empowerment, sisterhood, and service. Our president is Seraiah Kerby and our VP is Alexis McIntosh. The Alliance for Black Women is involved in community service with programs like Second Harvest and street cleanups. Also, this past fall we raised 85 active members and on average 50 people attend gbms. We are requesting funding to establish pride among our members. For our first request we are requesting canva pro which is 119 per year,

we use canva to make flyers and presentations to show our members and to post about events. Our second request is for t-shirts and wrist bands. Our first quote is from full press and we are requesting 140 shirts with S-XL being \$9 a shirt and \$12 for larger sizes. Next we have infocUS apparel for 140 shirts and its \$9.46 shirts small – XL and \$12.24 for XXL and everything else would be \$14.96. The last one is Clothesline and that is \$9.09 per shirt Small – XL and \$16.69 per shirt XXL. On the front of the short it will say our organization name and on the back it will include our mission statement. For the wrist bands the first quote is from SlocciPro with 200 wristbands being \$95.54. The next one is from generic with 200 being \$127.99. The last quote is from VPK which is \$132.99 for 200 wrist bands. As far as dues we gained 80 new members in the fall and last spring we gained 22 members but this fall we already surpassed last years numbers which is why we are requesting 140 shirts and 200 wristbands.

- **Questioning:**

- **Brown:** Are you willing to put the SGA logo along with the tagline
- **Speaker:** Yes
- **Chair Staveski:** How many active members did you say you have?
- **Speaker:** In the fall we had 80 but as far as going to actual gbs it is 50 on average
- **Chair Staveski:** How are you planning on distributing the shirts?
- **Speaker:** We have our spring week coming up so we want to give it out there
- **Chair Staveski: What does your attendance for spring week usually look like?**
- **Speaker:** More than the active members so maybe around 100 members come to events around spring week
- **Ahuja:** Do you charge your members dues?
- **Speaker:** yes we charge \$40 for fall and spring or \$30 if they only wanna join for one semester
- **Chair Staveski:** Will dues paying members be given priority in getting shirts and wrist bands or will it be available for everyone?
- **Speaker:** Dues paying members will be given priority in getting these shirts, so they will get theirs first and then the excess will be given to others.
- **Chair Staveski:** How many dues paying members do you have?
- **Speakr:** Right now we have 105
- **Chair Staveski:** So technically we cannot fund things that wont be given equally to everyone or will be given as priority to dues paying members. Will you be willing to modify this so that is has to be given equally to everyone whether you give it out at spring week or a gbm whether or not they have paid dues?
- **Speaker:** Yes we can do that.

Chair Staveski moves to enter roundtable discussion. seconds.

- **Roundtable Discussion:**

- **Holliday:** Should we fund them that much for t-shirts if they only have like a hundred something members? Or is that like okay? I mean my main concern right now is the fact that it's not like you're I'm saying like that dues paying members are getting priority
- **Chair Staveski:** Yeah, I think that's a problem

- **Brown:** Thinking on it more I'm a little confused because she said there's 105 dues paying members and then somewhere I said they have 85 people in membership and then she also said they only have like 50 that regularly attend meetings. I don't know like how many of those are actually going to get the shirts like if they only really have 50 people that actually involved they don't need 140 shirts So, I'm not I'm not sure exactly who's getting the shirts
- **Chair Staveski:** I Think the discrepancy between dues paying members and like members that attend GBM's isn't really too alarming to me Just because like every a lot of people like joint or and then don't go to everything My main concern is that if they're only having like 50 people come to their GBM I would only want to fund them for like 80 t-shirts But if they have 105 active members and they're giving priority active members There would be a situation where members of the public wouldn't have access to You know I'm saying
- **Brown:** yeah, I agree with that But if I'm more so caught up on the fact that there were on that same slide where it mentioned 50 and GBM's It said 85 like they had 85 people with membership and then she told us 105 Yeah, and so I'm not sure like that would affect how many? Tshirts we give them because we if we we're going off that 80 number and we give them 110 shirts or something like that and they only have five left over if they really have 105 so So I'm a little I'm a little wary of
- **Ahuja:** The only thing I'm a little confused on is what is the most that we're allowed to fund? It's like the for the I think I think for the XXL ones in all three requests they were above 13 and I'm just trying to remember. I think we can't fund more than 12. But like if we take whatever their preference was out of those and take away the shirts that are more than 12 What will the total be then?
- **Chair Staveski:** This quote is for 140 shirts due to have a current membership of 96 anticipated growth of 50 girls in the spring
- **Ahuja:** If it was made last fall and they didn't like update it or like it was like they're using those numbers from last fall They probably like gained those members is what she was trying to say like oh those 50 members that they thought they were gonna gain
- **Chair Staveski:** \$1305 minus \$60 so t-shirt plus to come out to be \$1245 for a little less than 140 shirts
- **Ahuja:** And then one other thing are we allowed to do canvas subscriptions? Like is that a thing that we're allowed to do?
- **Staveski:** That's what I was going to bring up next honestly I don't I mean technically we can kind of funded everyone as long as we deem that it's in the best Like we'll benefit the entire student body. Okay, I think it would call them to produce higher quality graphics But I don't know like that's a decision for you guys if you think that the most graphics is worth \$200 worth of ANS fees because it is that impacting the student body as a whole enough To warrant being it's you know, I'm saying that's a decision for you guys
- **Brown:** In my experience going between just like normal Canva which you can get without a subscription the Canva Pro I don't know that that makes enough of a difference to fund that amount of money, but that's it. That's just my take but I'll hear anyone else out, but that's just my take with that.

- **Ahuja:** I mean I Think it's like a \$120 for a year subscription and they are asking for two years which is a lot I don't know how realistic it is that we fund that. The shirts I feel like is beneficial since its long-lasting and like everyone enjoys and like the shirts like are generally cute but a Canva subscription mostly makes a life easier of like the eboard members
- **Brown:** Yeah, and like since they have dues paying members if there's something they really do if necessary they can use their dues on it
- **Chair Staveski:** Ok I want to check the financial manual to see what we can fund on shirts, I believe the max is \$12. So we can fund the 1305 if we wanted to So I think I'm okay with funding it I just want to like clarify with like if I want to bring her back I think and ask if she's willing to make it like no preference to dues paying members Because I think Senate will tear it apart if there is preference for dues paying numbers. So lets bring her back and see if shes ok with that and then we can make our decision after

- **Chair Staveski:** How do we feel about like funding them for 115?
- **Holliday:** Yeah, I was gonna say like 120 or something.
- **Ahuja:** Yeah, I was gonna say 120. So that sounds like perfectly reasonable
- **Chair Staveski:** Okay, perfect. So, 115 shirts The other ones committed a unit price of nine. Okay, that's 125 at a unit price of 9 so we could give them 105 and then the other 10 XL and XXLs would cost them \$12 a piece. So that would be plus 120 Okay, so to give them a hundred and five shirts at \$9 distributed between the sizes of small medium extra small to large plus 10 shirts at the XL and XXL would be \$1065 in clothing and awards. Okay, that sounds good. Then the wristbands and full price is an approved vendor. This quote is for 200 wristbands, you want to retro that down to like 115?
- **Holliday:** Yeah.
- **Staveski:** Okay, perfect. So 1065 in clothing and award and then 95 divided by 200 times. Ok after all that it would be 1,120 in clothing and awards. Does that sound good to everyone?
- **Everyone:** yeah

- **Closing: \$1,120 in the line item of clothing and awards**

Vice Chair Staveski administers the vote.

- **Yay: Ahuja, Brown, Holliday**
- **Nay:**
- **Abstain:**

Funding Total: \$1,120

- **Theta Tau**

- **Application Link:**

- **Preliminary Questions:**
 - Asking for: \$1,085
 - Date Request Submitted: 1/23/24
 - Date of Event: 3/6/23 at 10 AM
 - Number of Active Members: 115
 - Number expected to come: 200

- Fundraised: \$27,357

- **Opening:**

- **Speaker:** We want to bring Frothers Daughter to the engineering campus with my organization which is Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity. This is my event overview I've already done the event proposal and I've worked with the College of Engineering So everything is like tentatively approved. We're just hopefully waiting on the funding so Wednesday March 6 from 10:30 to 12:30 at the College of Engineering in the b-side parking lot. it's open to all FSU students. The reason we wanted to have it at the engineering campus is that there's not that much that goes on there I was very involved on campus last year and just seeing everything that goes on there. It was really sad transitioning and realizing there's no freebies Like nobody's giving out chic fil a at the end of stuff and so I really wanted to bring frothers daughter out to give back to the engineering students especially because it is such a demanding major like little stuff we really do appreciate. Just like doing polls from students they have said that they would like to see more programming like from the engineering campus in general but specifically I would love to bring in the role that I do have. We wanted to request the 199, but we're going to call it 200 drink package. However, if PAC is willing to fund more We would obviously I don't think we're going to have an issue getting more students to come out. This would yeah, like I just said it was not that much that happens at the engineering campus. We have higher dropout rates and higher depression rates like across the United States than any other major so the little stuff like free food and something that really does help out engineering students and it does put a smile on to their faces and then this benefits my organization This year, especially we're focused on growth We don't take members all the time So we really want to make sure that we're keeping our name and students mouths throughout the entirety of the semester and so we have she just blue time this event to be I like a mid-term me time To optimize turnout because we think there'll be a lot of well, obviously there's going to be a lot more students At the College of Engineering during midterms and certain other period of the year.
- So, this is the pricing I only have one cook because we really only wanted frothers Like there wasn't really much else I can do that we're proposing but three hours of service for 150 to 199 drinks. However, I saw that you guys can sometimes spend more. So if you wanted to fund The three hours of service with the 200 to 249 drinks, we would happily work with that as well. This is our marketing plan I've already been in contact with people at the College of Engineering so it will be posted on the this week in engineering and they have like periodic calendars as well as digital bulletin boards And so we're already set for that to be posted. All we need to do is like confirm the event and then our chapter operates in a way so that certain events every brother is required to publicize it So like this is going to be an event where every brother needs to repost on their story and then word of mouth

- **Questioning:**

- **Chair Staveski:** So let's say I'm a student not an engineering student Can I just walk up and get for coffee?
- **Speaker:** Oh, okay So the way that we wanted to do it just because the witness is the way we've seen How to do it, which is that they either need to follow us on Instagram or like complete a spit like a raffle spin activity And regardless of for the spinner activity they can get it no matter what they land on We haven't quite decided what the activities will be there as long as they do the activity They'll be able to get a ticket for it, even if they're not College of Engineering
- **Chair Staveski:** I'm not totally sure on the Legality of requiring a student to do something to get it just because we're supposed to be like open to the entire student body So if I doubt that that's like not allowed would you guys be willing to just like heavily encourage them to do that?
- **Speaker:** Yes absolutely
- **Chair Staveski:** So you guys are requesting the 950 + 135 for gratuity?
- **Speaker:** Yes, and honestly like I saw somewhere that it said that gratuity over 15% is not permitted so like if we're comes to worse and we're not able to get like The tip added on if we can just get the 950 we can get I can if I personally have a budget like within my role So I'm willing to take the 135 out of my own budget. I just really would love to see this in that happen
- **Chair Staveski:** and just to confirm there will be more than 15 FSU student correct?
- **Speaker:** Yes
- **Ahuja:** The event is taking place from 10:30 to 12:30 you said right Okay, and then so I'm assuming that three out of the three hours of service includes like half an hour before to set up and Half an hour after to like Shut down or are you gonna extend the timing?
- **Speaker:** That actually might have been an oversight on my part Um, I think I have I think I reserved it with the College of Engineering from 10 to 2 Okay, so I think I just put the wrong time on the slide.
- **Chair Staveski:** How many people are you anticipating like having at this event? Do you have any way to gauge that by like how many students are on the engineering campus on a daily basis? I just don't know.
- **Speaker:** So I don't necessarily have a daily how many students are at the engineering campus But in total, it's 2,270 students at the engineering campus. I timed it specifically to line up when our classes get out because our classes don't get out at the same time at FSU I'm expecting there to be 300 people total because I'm requiring People from our organization to go out not to drink the coffee but to mingle and to like talk to people while they're in line and then Yeah Yes, and we have we have a hundred members in our organization roughly and so we're doing well, it's not roughly 115 I believe. Okay. Yes, 115 and then So we're encouraging like bring two friends to coffee.
- **Staveski:** So that's how you arrived at that 300 number.
- **Speaker:** Yes.

Chair Staveski moves to enter roundtable discussion. seconds.

- **Roundtable Discussion:**

- **Chair Staveski:** So What are we thinking about Theta Taus request?

- **Ahuja:** I Like it. I know I haven't seen anything for engineering campus. Like they said, so I like it.
- **Brown:** So I think it's I think it's good I wouldn't fund them more because I felt out what the cost of this event that's kind of like So it sent me in the heart of campus and we did that like 200 249 option and we like just hit that 249 in about the same time period and that's in a much busier part of campus So I don't know that I would fund them anymore. I just I just don't I just don't see them getting that much traffic Given that they're in the engineering campus, but I think it's a great idea They're really trying to get people to get involved over there
- **Chair Staveski:** Okay, perfect. I agree. Actually, I totally agree. So my only question now would be about the gratuity How are you guys feeling about that? I think we can fund it good says you can't fund gratuity over 15% and 15% is only 142 yeah
- **Ahuja:** I actually looked at that too 15% is lower is the 15% is higher than what they're asking for Which I don't really know where that number is coming from but it's directly from I'm assuming It's from the father's daughter website. So I assume it's legit.
- **Brown:** Unless I did the math there was 135 for gratuity on that one and then 950 with it Unless I plugged it in wrong to my calculator that comes out to like 14.2 percent in gratuity. So like I think that's 100% fine. I would fund that
- **Chair Staveski:** I think we can fund it But just since we have a big request coming in and we haven't really been making too many cuts They did fundraise \$27,000 last year They should have a lot in their account. But again, like that's totally up to you guys I just want you guys to like keep in mind that we have a whole semester to fund
- **Holliday:** She just said they that they could do it themselves so if we can make the cut we might as well
- **Brown:** I agree
- **Closing: Motion to amend the line item to \$950 in contractual services**
Vice Chair Staveski administers the vote.
 - **Yay: Brown, Holliday, Ahuja**
 - **Nay:**
 - **Abstain:**

Funding Total: \$950

- **Chinese Students and Scholars**
- Application Link:
 - **Preliminary Questions:**
 - Asking for: \$1800
 - Date Request Submitted: 1/17/24
 - Date of Event: 2.17.24
 - Number of Active Members: 53
 - Number expected to come: 150
 - Fundraised: \$1,700

- **Opening:**

- This year we are going to host the Chinese lunar new year event, we are the CSSA, the event is going to be Saturday Feb 17th at 5:00 pm at Moore auditorium and we estimate 150 attendees. So the goal of our organization the CSSA is to foster friendship and cultural exchange among diverse individuals and offer valuable opportunities for members to get connected and Um, we also really dedicate to safeguard the rights of the Chinese students and scholars on campus and within us. The purpose of CSSA is to function as the representative body for the Chinese students and scholars at FSU and Our objective is to bring uh, like to act as a bridge between China and the Chinese students and scholars since we do have a lot of international students on campus and by offering support and organizing activities that enhance the experience of Chinese students and scholars at fsu So the background of the events we're about to host is the lunar new year. It hosts immense importance. It is the most important actually holiday for Chinese people It marks the beginning of the traditional Chinese calendar, and it is deeply rooted in cultural and historical significance It's known as the spring festival It's like the renewal life family reunion. You can say it's like a combination of thanksgiving and Christmas. It celebrates various customs like family gathering and all It is a time-honored tradition that reflects the rich cultural heritage and spiritual value of the Chinese people So it is super important to us the most important And it stands as most a significant and meaningful festival for Chinese and numerous Asian countries and hosting such event entails the power to forge emotional bonds Among international students who find themselves away from home And we are creating a shared celebration for the arrival of this new year And continuing on with our event, um, we will offer free food and captivating performances as well as intercultural communications for our members and for Chinese students and anyone who comes to an event Um the performance featuring singing dancing any contents related to the Chinese culture we have games as well, um in between And which foster deep appreciation for the cultural significance of the lunar new year. Last but not least we have our estimated budget on this slide. I do have all the um layouts of the three, Publix's, bento Asian kitchen and sushi and natural kitchen on other three slides, but I figure I'll just Combine all of the our um budgets on this slide. So you have a clear understanding of where we're going through.

So for the groceries, it's kind of a necessity um for all the plates chopsticks forks paper tap tissues and like around 197 but for the meal only we have three choices. The first one is publics which is which is what we desire because it is the lowest price around a thousand dollars a thousand five hundred dollars and bento we have 3375 While natural kitchen is around two thousand dollars. So we do prefer Publix's. And here are the groceries um 197 dollars the price may vary but um, I don't think it'll be much different.

Questioning:

- **Chair Staveski:** Have you had this event in the past and how have you counted attendance?

- **Speaker:** Yes we had this event in the past, we have a mid autumn event last year and we had an RSVP attendance of 126 people that we gave tickets to but we had other people walk in after without tickets so that is why we estimated 150 this time.
- **Chair Staveski:** So if someone walks in without a ticket they sill still be let in?
- **Speaker:** Yes anyone is allowed they just might not be guaranteed food if we do not have enough
- **Tascon:** Will this event be posted to the general student body and anyone be allowed to come?
- **Speaker:** Yes we post it to insta and our chats
- **Chair Staveski:** Any student regardless of whether they are with your organization can RSVP and register for a ticket correct?
- **Speaker:** Yes
- **Chair Staveski:** Your preferred quote if publix correct?
- **Speaker:** Yes and with groceries also from publix it is like 1,700 I believe

Chair Staveski moves to enter roundtable discussion. seconds.

• **Roundtable Discussion:**

- **Brown:** I think their request is good everything is laid out nicely. I'd maybe even be able to I'm willing to round it up just like just a little bit Because I know they mentioned about groceries. They weren't 100 sure about the number They said that it could change a little bit So I'd be willing to round up like the total number to like 1,775 for groceries and the catering from publics so that's like an additional like 20 bucks it's not it's not a lot but It just gives them a little more wiggle room with the groceries and stuff like that
- **Tascon:** I really like how they clarified that They're going to expect 150 to 200 people. I feel like Although it's something I personally like I guess like I personally haven't really seen That much about it, but that's probably just like where I am on campus But like if they're getting that many people then we know like the money's going to be put to good use Especially if it's one of their major events
- **Holliday:** I looked up their Instagram and they haven't posted. I don't think about this event yet I just checked out. They haven't posted about this event
- **Ahuja:** They're saying um check the mid-autumn one Which is their latest post and it'll be the same format like look different, but it'll say the same stuff on it

• **Closing: Motion to amend the line item to \$1,780**

Vice Chair Staveski administers the vote.

- **Yay: Brown, Tascon, Holliday, Ahuja**
- **Nay:**
- **Abstain:**

Funding Total: \$1,780

• **Women in Business**

• **Application Link:**

- **Preliminary Questions:**

- Asking for: \$986.72
- Date Request Submitted: 1/25/24
- Date of Event: 3/4/24
- Number of Active Members: 114
- Number expected to come: 200
- Fundraised:\$4,200

- **Opening:**

- So this is FSU women in business PAC proposal for our her story speaker event. So about the event women in business at Florida state universities organizing a panel speaker event named her story to commemorate women's history month in march. Three florida state alumni are traveling to florida state's campus to participate in a one-hour panel session Followed by one-hour networking session with smaller hors d'oeuvres served. Attendees will learn from these inspiring speakers and interact with peers from different majors and backgrounds Women in business is committed to building a community of empowerment for students who are striving to become successful in whichever path they take post-graduation This year the event will take place on monday march 4th 2024 and the starry conference room and weichelt lounge in Rovetta from 6 to 8 pm. Here's a list of our panel speakers They're all like totally confirmed. So Jennifer Hansen She's the vice president of Ad sales and partnerships at NBC sports next for golf She was a sociology and communications major with a minor in business And then Julie eckenberg. She's the chief revenue officer at fan data insights She was a marketing major at fsu And then Melanie griffin who is secretary of the florida department of business and professional regulation She was a finance major fsu and then went to law school fsu So our first option is Hors d'Oeuvres from legacy catering for the networking session after the panel session This is our number one choice Just because it has a mix of like hot and cold options. Um, it's from legacy catering, which is like through fsu So it's really convenient with like setup and everything um So we are requesting to serve order with some legacy catering, which is a catering company at for state university We are planning to accommodate 100 guests We chose five different options on the website as it is recommended to have several different choices for guests with different preferences and dietary Restrictions there are a total of 424 hors d'oeuvres which would allow each guest to have four appetizers each We chose the most inexpensive dessert option, which would allow each guest to have one cookie We're also requesting six gallons of water to accommodate 100 guests as As it is recommended to have five gallons of water for 80 guests in total. We're requesting 986 dollars and 72 cents for hors d'oeuvres from legacy catering and then we have two other options These are hot options and then cold options um So we're requesting to serve hot hors d'oeuvres to accommodate 100 guests We chose the four most inexpensive hot options on the website There's a total of 432 hors d'oeuvres which would allow each guest to have four appetizers each and we chose again The most inexpensive dessert option and six gallons of water So in total we're requesting 1 207 dollars and 89 cents for hot hors d'oeuvres from legacy catering And then we have another option, which is our cold option Um So

we plan to accommodate 100 guests we chose the four most inexpensive options Um, it would be a total of 432 hors d'oeuvres And we again chose the most expensive inexpensive dessert option with um, six gallons of water So in total we're requesting 891 dollars and nine cents for cold hors d'oeuvres from legacy catering But like I said our first option is our number one option just Based on like having hot cold and what we think our guests would like prefer um And then just some details of the event. So it's going to be in the starry conference room, which is at 821 academic way and the event is confirmed for 6 – 8 pm

- **Questioning:**

- **Ahuja:** is this event only going to be available to people in Your like in your group as in like members of women in business Or is it going to be something that like anyone can come to whether or not you're in that or you're a business major or?
- **Speaker 1:** Oh, yeah, we're opening up to like everyone. So you don't need to be a business major You don't need to be in women in business Like I all the speakers have like really different backgrounds like Jennifer was in the College of social sciences. I'm pretty sure like sociology and communications Melanie to pre-law so it's definitely open to everyone. I think every student On fsu campus would like get something out of it for sure So yeah open to everyone going to be promoted on our public instagram page At our meetings which are like open to everyone.
- **Holliday:** How did you come to the estimate of 100 guests?
- **Speaker 1:** Yeah, so we just based on like our members this year we have over 100 so we were thinking 100 is probably a good number. We've had like 238 people come to our meetings, which are meetings are open to everyone. So Yeah, we just thought that's kind of like a good number to start with Last year we had the event and it was around like 40 to 50 people that came But we only we like started planning the event like a month in advance So like we didn't we weren't able to promote it like a ton so now that's like almost a month and a half advance and Like we have a committee dedicated to it and like all the girls have been helping with planning and like spreading a word about it We think that's going to be like a really big turnout this year
- **Speaker 2:** And also the room capacity for whatever holding it this year is about 120 So we thought like 100 was a good estimate just because we know we won't be able to go past 120 so Yeah, and we've also started putting out interest orgs and kind of just getting a general idea of the number and so far It's been filling up quite a bit. So once we open it to All other orgs and promote it more. I think we'll hit that 100 if not more
- **Tascon:** Do you know how many people of that group of a hundred or more are people who aren't in women in business?
- **Speaker 2:** Like just newcomers like coming by I know like a few people like that. I met last me network members. Um, I don't have like that data on hand But I do know that like especially at least just in the college of business alone Like if they post it on their instagram and stuff So it's not necessarily just women in

business members But like as we said, we're gonna plan to promote it like outside of the college as well.

Chair Staveski: moves to enter roundtable discussion. seconds.

• **Roundtable Discussion:**

- **Brown:** I think it's a solid request very reasonable overall
- **Tascon:** Did they clarify why they need like three different catering options Like I know people have different Like food tastes, but do they clarify why they need like that many different options?
- **Chair Staveski:** Oh, that was just their quotes because we require them to send in three quotes So they got all okay cool appearing and then they gave us like a preferred option.

• **Closing: Motion to amend the line item to \$986.72 in food**

Vice Chair Staveski administers the vote.

- **Yay: Brown, Holliday, Ahuja, Tascon**
- **Nay:**
- **Abstain:**

Funding Total: \$986.72

• **Strategies for Ecology Education Diversity and Sustainability**

• **Application Link:**

○ **Preliminary Questions:**

- Asking for: \$304.08
- Date Request Submitted: 1/26/24
- Date of Event: N/A
- Number of Active Members: 35
- Number expected to come: N/A
- Fundraised: \$0

• **Opening:**

- So, we're SEEDS, which stands for Strategies for Ecology, Education, Diversity, and Sustainability, and I just have a slide to kind of tell you what we offer students. We are an ecology club, and we offer opportunities for students to explore the area around Tallahassee, and we educate them on the nature, and the students in the club also educate us. We connect people with ecological research. We have a great biology department, a great environmental science department, and there's a lot of professors doing great research in there, and students aren't always sure where to start getting involved in research, so we kind of help them, help connect them with that, and we also do career development activities. We do some educational outreach in the community. We table at the Tallahassee Science Festival. We have volunteer opportunities with local nonprofits. We just recently volunteered for the Crystal Plains Institute, networking opportunities, social events, and educational field research methods for students who are interested in field biology and ecology, and opportunities to learn about ecology for those

students who are interested in nature and love ecology but maybe aren't on the career path for ecology or aren't majoring in it.

And I'll take you over to the budget proposal. I just have a couple of these first few items, forceps, insect collection jars and vials, hand lenses are for an event that we've yet to set a date, but it's open to the FSU community, and it's an insect collection night, and we're going to educate on the ecological importance of insects, take a look at what we've got flying around here, and these are also, will be, especially the hand lenses will be useful for other field trips and kind of getting to look at things a little closer up, and the insect collection jars will also be used at outreach events, have a little, have a little bug in a jar on our table is, kids love that. We also have a gardening plot, and students don't always have their own gardening gloves, and we'd like to get everybody involved even if they don't have any garden gloves. So we have those. Similarly, the biodegradable plant plots are for activities, and also used for outreach events. Maybe we also have sticker paper for tabling at events, just distributing them among club members, and this ecology is card game as an educational tool for outreach. It's kind of an education about like building food webs and different biomes and aloe pellets for education within the club and outreach events, and I think we also just have food to have around the club meetings, not too much, but especially nobody's hungry.

To advertise we have group meeting with all the club members and Blake sends out a weekly email with everything we've got going on, including events, and then we're super active on Instagram and make posts for all of that. And sometimes for our workshops or events that kind of have a broader appeal, we'll make flyers and post those. I think that's all we have.

- **Questioning:**

- **Chair Staveski:** So I do have a quick question about the forceps. I was just going through your request to make sure that everything was an approved vendor. Do you have a preference on the forceps?
- **Speaker 1:** The featherweight ones, which are approved!
- **Ahuja:** I was just wondering, for the food specifically, I'm not sure if you went over this, and if you did, I'm so sorry, but is that for a specific event or for a market Wednesday or?
- **Speaker 1:** That's mainly for social events. We have our regular meetings kind of during dinner time. It's just kind of making it a little more appealing to come out when it's 7 p.m.
- **Chair Staveski:** What's your usual attendance for events?
- **Speaker 1:** Between 10 and 20
- **Chair Staveski:** So for all of the forceps and the collection jars, that's all for field trips that are open to the entire student body, correct?
- **Speaker 1:** Yes

Chair Staveski moves to enter roundtable discussion. seconds.

- **Roundtable Discussion:**

- **Brown:** Once again, I thought that was a pretty good request, because they laid it out pretty straightforward. I really like what they're doing. I think it's a respectable mission, and I mean, they're not asking for a whole lot.
- **Ahuja:** Yeah agreed.
- **Closing: Motion to approve the line item at \$304.08**
Vice Chair Staveski administers the vote.
 - **Yay: Ahuja, Tascon, Holliday, Brown**
 - **Nay:**
 - **Abstain:**

Funding Total: \$304.08

Current funding amount: \$69,015.32

Unfinished Business: N/A

Final Budget: \$63,874.53

Final Announcements: N/A

Date and Time of Next Meeting: 2/5/24 at 6:30

Adjourned: 8:12