



**75th Student Senate
Programming Allocation Committee
(DATE)**

Call to Order: 5:03

Members Present: Staveski, Ahuja, Srivastava, Huynh, Brown

Members Tardy: N/A

Members Absent: Hockett

Guests: Brown

Announcements:

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

Committee Business:

- **Venezuelan Student Association**

- **Application Link:** <https://fsu.yul1.qualtrics.com/apps/single-response-reports/reports/2RtIYznWEoMBCJ-1PtXOENu8fwuEBWnCEPAbpThkIhqB3tV5MfmgdVQwb1JHF2AMk-.zSTb6TiOhwrOe3ZsPhw994517klPc.c4x3qPFNPGFlcZsbzZcxa0nw74d1CCHKkKVqEXB8hlmu0WEOcL6UwIPeBezB86nHcjPpp9gSiJqnPmuSZ3XOI20SqqRqPbogGz.uYNlpEfRY.M6oZxpf0vAOjnKDxP.a71.dvFjblbwnNVIUnyA.ygIoBA.ns6smtnPQ4rPOYNNsW4JtJi594aSNOQpQF8EbWCX3NkXidV4DmoQIZTjp1qDpxqxnxtC>

- **Preliminary Questions:**

- Asking for: 2,000
- Date Request Submitted: 10/22/23
- Date of Event: N/A
- Number of Active Members: 120
- Number expected to come: N/A
- Fundraised: N/A

- **Opening:**

- **Rep (Pedro Zuloaga: PR chair):**

Hi, my name is Predo Zubaga. I'm the Public Relations Chair for the Venezuelan

Student Association here at FSU. We came to the PAC committee today because we felt the need that we wanted to represent ourselves on campus not only through our R.S.O, but also through something that people can wear in general. Here on the screen is our shirt design for the Venezuela Student Association. It's right here. The front says Vensa. It's based on the jerseys that our country is wearing in the eliminating round of the World Cup currently. We have Vensa in the top left. We created our own soccer logo here. Then we have the number seven due to our seven stars and our pride for seven stars. Then it's La Vinotinto en FSU. Our soccer team nationally is called La Vinotinto because we wear this burgundy color and La Vinotinto translates to red wine, so that's the color of our jersey. That sense of La Vinotinto is a big pride to us. Going to a PWI, which is a predominant white institution like Florida State, showing our Venezuelan culture and having that home away from home here is what is important for us. We are HLSU affiliates, and we've been one of the most involved this year. We've actually had events that are upwards of people 100 people attending. We've had El Centro, our room in the Union, almost fully packed. We're trying to basically show Venezuelan pride not only through our culture, but for other people as well. This is our shirt design. I have the quote here. The ideal quote that we wanted was from Full Press apparel, and it was for 267, I think, and it was \$2,001. Basically, this shirt would not only be for us in the Venezuelan Student Association, but it'd be for everybody on campus, essentially. Essentially, we're asking you from the PAC committee to please help us and support us in this decision, because if we feel like this could really take us over the top this year and becoming one of the best affiliates and hopefully HLSU Affiliate of the Year. Thank you, and that was all.

- **Questioning:**

- **Chair Staveski:** Would you be willing to add the SGA logo under where it says paid for by SGA?
 - **Rep:** Yes, absolutely.
- **Hyunh:** How many active members do you have?
 - **Rep:** 100-120
- **Hyunh:** How many shirts are you asking for?
 - **Rep:** For about, I think it was 267. The reason for that, just to give you a mention, since, of course, we have 120 active members, we're also part of the HLSU affiliates. A lot of the time people not only from our affiliate come, and we want to share that with all the other people and have enough shirts. We followed the guidelines that you guys put about the 10%, the 20% medium, 20%, and it's all in there.
- **Chair Staveski:** How many people came to your last event?
 - **Rep:** Our last GBM had around 15 participants but that was due to HLSU having an event the same day. Usually, our events have around 30 participants
- **Chair Staveski:** Where are you planning on distributing these t-shirts?
 - **Rep:** During the spring semester we plan to distribute during our week of events in the first week of the spring semester and then also at one of our first socials.
- **Chair Staveski:** Have you ever ordered t-shirts in the past to distribute
 - **Rep:** No, this would be our first time.

- **Chair Staveski:** Would one be able to get a t-shirt if they were not a member of your organization?
 - **Rep:** Yes, absolutely!

moves to enter roundtable discussion. seconds.

- **Roundtable Discussion:**

- **Srivastava:** Considering a normal event has an attendance of around 30 members, is 260ish shirts too many? I love the idea of the shirts but I feel that may be too much.
- **Chair Staveski:** Yes, I agree
- **Hyunh:** The most I would be comfortable funding them for is around 100 shirts considering they gave a ballpark of 100 active members
- **Chair Staveski:** Yes I agree I felt ready to fund all of it but having thirty participants makes me think we could lower it a little.
- **Ahuja:** Yeah I agree I think that's a large amount of t-shirts however since they are a HLSU affiliate and HLSU is such a large organization 100 might be a little low. I think closer to 125 shirts might be more fitting.
- **Chair Staveski:** Yeah that makes sense. I have been hesitant in the past with organizations that say they have like 50 active members but only 10 show up to GBMs and then 40 shirts go unused. But I think this is definitely a different situation since they are a big RSO and part of a huge agency. And also since they are planning to give them out during their week of outreach.
- **Hyunh:** By that logic, I would also agree.
- **Chair Staveski:** Ok, let me do some math so if we cut every shirt number they requested in half then that would be 123 shirts. Their first line order is 246 shirts at \$1800 so what if we do half of that, it would be \$924. And instead of 9 XXL shirts we do 3. Ok so cutting all their original numbers in half we get 125 t-shirts at \$945 with 122 being between XS-XL and three being XXL.

- **Closing:**

- **Hyunh motions to amend line item the category of clothes and awards to \$945**
- **Vice Chair Ahuja administers the vote**
 - **Yay:** Ahuja, Srivastava, Hyunh
 - **Nay:**
 - **Abstain:**

Funding Total: \$945

- **Audio Production Club**

- **Application Link:** <https://fsu.yul1.qualtrics.com/apps/single-response-reports/reports/2RtIYznWEoMBCJ-1PtxOENu8fwuEBWnCEPAbpThkIhqB3tV5MfmgdVQwb1JHF2AMk-.zSTb6TiOhwrOe3ZsPhw994517klPc.c4x3qPFNPGFlcZsbzZcxa0nw74d1CCHKkKVqEXB8hlmu0WEOcL6UwIPeBezB86nHcjPpp9gSiJqnPmuSZ3XOI20SggRqPbogGz.uYNlpEfRY.M6oZxpf0vAOjnKDxP.a71.dvFjblbwnNVIUnyA.ygIoBA.ns6smtnPQ4rPOYN NsW4JtJi594aSNOQpQF8EbWCX3NkXidV4DmoQIZTjp1qDpxqxnxtC>

- **Preliminary Questions:**

- Asking for: \$1500

- Date Request Submitted: 10/09/23
 - Date of Event: 10/30/23
 - Number of Active Members: 22
 - Number expected to come:
 - Fundraised: \$0

- **Opening:** We are with the Audio Production club and we work with people. We had an event called Venture fest which happened last Thursday. It is to my understanding that we wouldn't be able to be reimbursed for money that we spent on food so that is a change from our initial asking. Today we are asking for the funding to cover the contract portion of the budget as that has not been paid yet. But for the actual event it was to being together all these organizations such as song writing club and music production club with the event happening at Venture Fest. This event was set up with people who are in the actual studio with the like the monitors, and then software and everything like that set up and it was just a night of a lot of creative spirit and energy, everyone was bouncing over from the jam room after the concerts and just getting really into it and. Everyone was asking if it was going to happen again and we got a lot of positive feedback. And for the actual contract. The contract that we got has the full amount for \$1500 for the event rental as well as for staffing for Vest productions to actually oversee the event, make sure everything goes smoothly. Obviously there's a lot of instruments and moving pieces with that so it's kind of broken down in here . I can send this contract over to you guys if you need it and that's kind of the main quote.

- **Questioning:**
 - **Hyunh:** If we were not able to allocate the money to your RSO how would you be able to fund this event? Do you have the funds to pay for it currently
 - **Rep:** We do not currently have the funds and we would probably do some type of fundraising with the other clubs we co founded this event with.
 - **Hyunh:** How much money do you guys have in your account?
 - **Rep:** \$0
 - **Chair Staveski:** Can you tell us more about your event? How many people came?
 - **Rep:** We had upwards of 50 people come.
 - **Chair Staveski:** Can you tell us why you decided to have your event off campus and how that many have contributed to the success of your event?
 - **Rep:** The biggest part of that is the studio we used. The odds of getting the studio on campus booked for the amount of time we needed it was slim. Due to the nature of the event and the equipment being handled we felt it best to have it an outside studio. Additionally having the expertise of the Vest Studios people there to help facilitate the event was huge. Additionally, parking was easier and allowed more people to come because of how big the space is.
 - **Chair Staveski:** You mentioned in your opening that you have an understanding with your contract holder, can you expand on that?
 - **Rep:** The understanding is that we will get the funding so I think I don't really know what that means. I think we work it out with them people who love music and want to connect in the industry FSU here and as well as

the club we've had a long-standing relationship with them or the past couple years through multiple presidents, but the understanding is that would be able to figure out some way to fund raise that \$1500 and if not maybe payment plan or either yeah some other solution that we have to go forward with them.

- **Staveski:** Have you had this event there in the past?
 - **Rep:** No not this event but we have had events with this studio and have relation with this place. we've had multiple tours they've come to campus presentations, and we've gone back-and-forth with them.
- **Staveski:** In your Qualtrics form you mentioned that you had received A&S funds before, did you mean PAC funding in that?
 - **Rep:** Yes I got a little confused with the terminology but the only funding we received was from PAC.
- **Staveski:** How did marketing go for this event?
 - **Rep:** Big social media production and a cosponsor with the Song writing club at FSU. We all promoted this, and we had flyers that we marketed on social media that we reposted a lot.
- **Huynh:** You guys spent money on food for the event, correct? Did you guys fundraise in advance for this event for food? Have you guys fundraised in the past for your organization?
 - **Rep:** No we did not fundraise for this event and we have never fundraised before for event. In the past of we did not use PAC funding we just fundraised like in the e-board
- **Staveski:** How much money was spent on food and from where? And where did the money from that come from? And where did the money from that come from?
 - **Rep:** We got free sandwiches from chic-fil-a and we spent around \$300 on that. I just paid that on my own.
- **Huynh:** Was there a mention of a deposit in the contract or was there a deposit paid?
 - **Rep:** There was no deposit that we paid. The contract was revised a few times so that contract might have some oversight as we have not paid any deposit.

Huynh moves to enter roundtable discussion. seconds.

• **Roundtable Discussion:**

- **Srivastava:** I am a little confused, they got \$460 for this event already and used it.
- **Staveski:** No they got that money for T-shirts
- **Huynh:** I am just a little confused about the timeline of everything and the practices of everything.
- **Staveski:** Yes and it does seem concerning that they are saying that if we can't fund them then they basically have no way to pay the contract.
- **Huynh:** Whats the timeline on this event?
- **Ahuja:** They submitted their request on the 9th and their event was on the 30th
- **Staveski:** So they did submit their request in time. I feel for them in the regard that due to break and the turning over in leadership, if this event was at any other

time in the semester they would have been heard way earlier and allocated the money earlier.

- **Ahuja:** Yes I agree we can't actually penalize them for being late because they did everything on time it was just bad timing semester wise.
- **Staveski:** Yes definitely, I just don't know why they held the event with no guarantee that the event would be able to be paid for.
- **Ahuja:** Is it possible that maybe they held the event due to maybe enduring some cancellation fee since it was booked outside
- **Hyunh:** Yeah that is possible but in any RSO's I've seen it is usually better to cancel the event then take that chance. It just seems like bad business practices.
- **Staveski:** I looked over Vest Production cancellation policy so let me look at that... How would you guys feel about bringing them back in and asking them about a deposit?
- **All:** Yes lets do that.
- **Staveski:** I feel bad about not taking them at their face value so I think we should trust that they have not paid anything and maybe the business owner is just close to this organization.
- **Hyunh:** Yes I would not be opposed to funding them, but I don't know if I would vote to fund them as is puts us in the position that we are bailing out an RSO after bad financial practice.
- **Srivastava:** Yeah I do not know how I feel about this and it seems odd that the RSO would just go with everything there should be better financial practices here
- **Ahuja:** Yes I agree the only explanation I can really think of is that the contract is a general one that the studio uses for everything and they did not ask this org for a deposit due to their relationship and that was like a verbal agreement
- **Srivastava:** Yeah I am not 100% opposed to giving it to them like it is possible to make mistakes and fall into this situation
- **Staveski:** I can see how this may have happened but it is certainly bad practice to hold an event that costs \$1500 and I had \$0 I would be uncertain about holding the event
- **Hyunh:** How do we feel about funding them and letting finance committee decide further steps?
- **Ahuja:** In full transparency, I would probably vote in this manner as I feel sympathetic to their situation and can see how it could happen to a newer RSO that may been unaware of business practice. And like Alexis said they technically did everything right, everything was in on time and any other time of the year they wouldn't have had a problem being heard by PAC committee. It was unfortunate timing.
- **Staveski:** Yeah if we fund them and then it goes to finance then it would be easier for them in the way that they would not have to defend themselves again.
- **Ahuja:** Just of out curiosity, how much money do we have for the rest of this semester? And what happens to the money we do not use?
- **Staveski:** We have no fiscal constraints and we have certainly have the money to spend now as we also got \$40K from sweepings money. We have around \$48K now. So we should definitely take that into consideration.

- **Srivasta:** Is there anything we can do to kind of not make this situation happen again in the future.
- **Staveski:** Yeah we can try to amend statutes so that RSO's have to submit requests 15 school days in advance of an event instead of 21 business days so vacation days are considered.
- **Closing:**
 - **Hyunh motions to amend contractual services amount to \$1500. Seconded**
 - **Ahuja administers the vote**

Vice Chair Staveski administers the vote.

- **Yay: Ahuja, Hyunh, Srivastava**
- **Nay:**
- **Abstain:**

Funding Total: \$1500

- **Active Minds**

- **Application Link:** <https://fsu.yu1.qualtrics.com/apps/single-response-reports/reports/mJ8tgIIKDqxD.TH5qqGyahEIIP83F3jAPxhFnw0ayP6fcwfVdJ3VnjtMpcm00ObwEbvYQ-n4F9e9U1TJVjrulCv6v-CzqsjYyUh-KlBfWWFtkJRj1XmLVre1JM8eb7nyAu.Y.Uw9.YTeevPi6Mzdt3Mm6s1HQ8TjfEGQpRz6Gp9euXqaaotk0sB-FWBerxKUwSHPFIFbmO9iDVmwHias3wxwVU28FN4nT6SUdu-18JKPzBvjghsuO0NmMtkNfERHFRCqmPue-yf.iGeeurJo.SogaoINMj81Rrx2xF-Jt7GjqBC60u-n2DqeALoC3x>

- **Preliminary Questions:**
 - Asking for: \$359.59
 - Date Request Submitted: 10/20/23
 - Date of Event: N/A
 - Number of Active Members: 10
 - Number expected to come: N/A
 - Fundraised: N/A
- **Opening:** We put in a request for tablecloths, wristbands, rubber wristbands. We are a little bit of a newer org as we just started this Wednesday. We are asking for tablecloths to look professional as well as to use during Market Wednesday. We are asking for the wristbands to promote and spread positive mental health to people who pass by our table for market Wednesdays. And for the stickers I believe the last time I did this presentation we asked for the stickers and agreed to get them printed at FSU. Same thing with the stickers we want to spread a positive message on campus with something for students to enjoy.
- **Questioning:**
 - **Staveski: How many members do you have?**
 - **15 active members who come to meetings and then for events we are almost always at full capacity**

Hyunh moves to enter roundtable discussion. seconds.

- **Roundtable Discussion:**

- **Staveski:** So just a bit of background for this organization we already funded them for this request and due to a clerical error on our parts in last PAC committee the tablecloths were left off so they came today to amend that and get the full money we first voted to give them.
- **Hyunh:** Yeah this makes sense they were supposed to be allotted this money.
- **Staveski:** Just in case this gets confused late would you all like to vote now that she gets an additional request in case something goes wrong in the backend of everything.
- **Vote goes to motion**

Vice Chair Staveski administers the vote to ensure the organization to get another request .

- **Yay: Ahuja, Hyunh, Srivasta**
- **Nay:**
- **Abstain:**

Closing:

- **Hyunh motions to amend expenses amount to \$195.68 and clothing and award amount to \$163.91 brining the total to \$359.59. So Seconded**
- **Ahuja administers the vote**
 - **Yay: Ahuja, Hyunh, Srivasta**
 - **Nay:**
 - **Abstain:**

Funding Total: \$359.59

Current funding amount: \$48,310.52

Unfinished Business: N/A

Final Budget: \$45,505.93

Final Announcements: N/A

Date and Time of Next Meeting: TBA

Adjourned: 6:27 pm