

75th Student Senate Programming Allocation Committee 2.27.23

Call to Order: 5:04pm

Members Present: Daniel Ellison, Jackson Boisvert, Mausam Jariwala, Julio Cesar Borges

Members Tardy: None **Members Absent:** None

Guests: Sam Diaz, Patrick DuChêne

Announcements:

- Chair Land Acknowledgment
- Vice Chair None
- Members None

Committee Business:

- Yoga Club at FSU
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 - o Preliminary Questions:

Asking for: \$1,360 for Contractual Services

Date Request Submitted: 2/16/23

Date of Event: NA

Number of Active Members: 367Number expected to come: NA

Fundraised: \$0

o Notes of the Event/Item:

Opening:

This semester we have been revamping the yoga club because the leach has reduced their classes. We've seen overwhelming demand to put on more classes. We've had over 60 people wanting to attend our events on landis and we've had to instate an RSVP form. It's difficult to get instructors for our classes because they want to be paid. Our past administration gave us nothing for funding, so we reached out to all our instructors and got their individual rates which are all listed here on the document. We've hosted a variety of fun classes and hope to offer more in the future. All of this would be beneficial to the student body because college is stressful. We have over 600 people in our groupme chat and over 1,000 followers on instagram. All our instructors listed here are FSU Students and they're all certified, experienced teachers. To explain our quotes, a lot of FSU students don't have their own yoga mats and we only have very few old ones. This funding would help us provide the equipment.

Questions:

- Borges: There are two main things you;re looking for, wages and funding for mats, correct?
 - o RSO Representative: Yes.
- Borges: All of these instructors are students, correct?
 - o RSO Representative: Yes, and they're all yoga certified.
- Ellison: Is there a future where you can fundraise for your club in instances we cannot fund you?
 - o RSO Representative: Yes we are looking to do class fees and sell tshirts as a method of raising our own funds. Our last administration really dropped the ball.
- Ellison: Is there a difference in the quality of the yoga mats you're requesting?
 - o RSO Representative: The main difference is the thickness, thicker mats are more comfortable.
- Borges motioned to enter roundtable discussion, seconded by Ellison.

Roundtable:

- Borges: The instructors are certified. This would be a contractual service I assume so would they need a written contract with each instructor? It looks like there are four separate instructors.
 - o Chair Wyatt: I think what they're provided is fine.
 - o Borges: If this gets approved, can they cut checks?
 - o Chair Wyatt: Accounting really handles all of that, I'm not too sure how it works but I know it won't be an issue.
- Borges: Is there an issue with the instructors being students? I don't have an issue with it personally but I see a conflict of interest because students are involved in the club?

- o Boisvert: I don't see it being an issue
- Borges: For the mats, are they good as far as quotes or would they need to provide more?
 - o Chair Wyatt: I think it's fine, we can see the base price for mats.
 - o Ellison: Is that included in the total for contractual services?
 - o Jariwala: I think it is separate so we would have to add on to expenses. The \$1,360 is only for the instructors.
- Ellison: Would the yoga mats need to be FSU property?
 - o Chair Wyatt: I got some clarification on this, and I think they should be fine. They wouldn't be FSU property.
- Jariwala: I just don't think we talked more about it, but I would say to fund between the 3mm and 4mm mats because someone said they had the 4mm and it was fine.
 - o Borges: I like the 4mm.
- Jariwala: For the special events they mostly mentioned the weekend classes, so if we had to cut the headphone yoga would that be okay with the sponsors?
 - o RSO Representative: We have done the headphone yoga twice and received high demand for it, if something needs to be cut I would say maybe the sound bath one because we don't have as much experience with it.
- Borges: Have you all had any opportunities for fundraising?
 - o RSO Representative: Yes we can plan events in the future.
- Borges: If they receive the funds, it has to be spent in a matter of time, correct?
 - o Chair Wyatt: Yes, it is supposed to be 90 days but we can waive that. They should be fine.
- Ellison motioned to approve the line item for Contractual Services to \$1360 and \$340 for the category of Expenses seconded by Borges.
- Closing:
 - We source our instructors from local yoga studios and our special event classes are professional instructors that aren't FSU Students.
- Vote:
 - Yay: Jariwala, Borges, Daniel, Boisvert.

Nay: NoneAbstain: None

• Society of Women Engineers - SWE Annual Banquet

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o Preliminary Questions:

Asking for: \$1,955.45 for FoodDate Request Submitted: 2/20/23

Date of Event: 4/12/2023 from 6-9pm at Township

Number of Active Members: 74Number expected to come: 80

• Fundraised: \$2,955

o Notes of the Event/Item:

Opening:

The Society of Women Engineers mission is to empower women to achieve their full potential in careers as engineers and leaders. Their annual banquet will be open to all students and faculty for networking and connections throughout the community. Advertising will be done through social media and at their GBM meetings. They are having the event at Township in The Garden. They are requesting money for food from the venue. They are requesting money for shareables like quesadillas, chicken tenders, sliders, and dips. There is a \$1,500 minimum on food to rent out the venue space. The service charge for Township is \$332.20. The sales tax is \$113.25. The total cost of the event will cost \$1,955.45. Their sample flier that will be posted on their social media includes SGA acknowledgement.

• Questions:

- Mausam: How much have you fundraised?
 - o RSO Representative: Yes, we have done substantial fundraising but most of the money goes towards our conference in the Fall.
- Daniel: Is this the first year you are hosting the event?
 - o RSO Representative: Last year we hosted the event at Georgio's but it was a lot more expensive because we had to do a sit-down dinner. We wanted to make the event more casual and less expensive this year.
- Chair Wyatt: Will this event be open to all FSU students?
 - o RSO Representative: Yes, it will be.
- Daniel: How much was the cost last year at Georgio's?
 - o If we went with Gerogio's this year, it would be \$3,072.75. Last year, we also had appetizers, so it cost even more.
- Daniel: How did you fundraise for the event last year? Did you get funding from PAC?
 - o Our advisor planned last year's event and she used our conference money.

Mausam motioned to enter roundtable discussion, seconded by Juilo.

- Roundtable:
 - Daniel: I'm a bit concerned about how they funded a more expensive event last year but need PAC funds this year?
 - Point of Information from Julio: Can you explain the funding situation from last year a bit more?
 - o RSO Representative: We had an old advisor last year who used up a lot of our club funds to put together this event. We are still in the process of finding a new advisor so we have had to take on this task ourselves. We want to make sure that we are saving the club funds for our main conference.
 - Point of Information from Daniel: Would you be able to use any organization funds to help fund this event?
 - o RSO Representative: We could, but we would have to probably ask for additional funds in the Fall to pay for our conference then.
 - Point of Information from Mausam: How often have you received money for the conferences?
 - o RSO Representative: It depends. The cost changes each year because of new locations. This last year we had to fly from Jacksonville to Texas. This year, this will probably double for each girl because the conference will be in California. It is hard to get companies to donate this much money.
 - Daniel: They have not received any PAC money this year.
 - Point of Information from Mausam: If you had to come back to PAC to ask for additional money, would that be this semester or next semester?
 - o RSO Representative: Our conference would be funded from RTAC in the Fall. It usually takes place in October. For this banquet, we are also taking on a lot of the costs ourselves already. We have other ceremonies and expenses that we will be paying for. We are just requesting money from PAC for the venue and food.
 - Daniel: I want to fund this event, but I'm concerned with the limited funds we have left for this semester.
 - Point of Information from Mausam: I think we are just a bit confused on how the money was spent this year versus last year. How were you able to afford last year's event without a PAC request?

- o RSO Representative: Our advisor chose to spend our money on this dinner instead of on the conference last year. She spent more money than a majority of us agreed on.
- Daniel: I think we should reduce the line item by a bit.
- Mausam: I think we should cut funding because of the limited funds that PAC has.
- Point of Information from Chair Wyatt: What possible fundraising events could your organization do to pay for the event and conference if PAC had to cut funding?
 - o RSO Representative: In the past we did t-shirt fundraising at Madison Social, took donations at the Career Fair, and reached out to companies to see if they would like to donate to the club.
- Daniel: I think we should cut funding. They can use some of their club funds to pay for this event and still have time to fundraise additionally for the conference in October. Also, RTAC's budget will be updated and they can request more money from them.
- Daniel Elison moved to amend the line item to \$1,555.45 in the category of Food. Seconded by Mausam Jariwala.
- Closing:
 - These funds do help so thank you.
- Vote:
 - Yay: Daniel Elison, Mausam Jariwala, Julio Cesar Borges
 - Nay: NoneAbstain: None

Japanese Animation Club - FreeCon 19

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o Preliminary Questions:

- Asking for: \$550 for Food, \$2,046 for Expenses, \$1,602 for Clothing and Awards
- Date Request Submitted:
- Date of Event: NA
- Number of Active Members: 30Number expected to come: 2,000
- Fundraised: \$1,118.32

o Notes of the Event/Item:

Opening:

• We are requesting money for our animation convention. Each year, our convention brings an experience to those who would not be able to spend the money to travel or attend these types of Japanese cultural conventions. We will hold a cosplay contest, drawing contest and more. This is a free event for anyone in the FSU public to attend. We are trying to provide funding for one of our featured guests who will be speaking in a panel about Japanese culture. We want to pay for her hotel room of \$346.

• Questions:

- Chair Wyatt: I would like to confirm the amounts that you are asking for.
 - o RSO Representative: Originally, we requested money for food, clothing, and other expenses. Now, we just need funding to pay for the guest hotel room.
- Daniel: Could you elaborate on the guest you are funding the hotel room for?
 - o RSO Representative: The guest is a cosplay guest who has won various awards for costume construction. She is hosting a panel about handmade cosplays. She is also going to be a judge in the convention's cosplay contest. She will be staying at the Four Points on Sheraton Hotel. She is checking in on March 3rd and checking out on March 5th.
- Chair Wyatt: Did you look at any other hotels?
 - o We looked at other hotels but this is the hotel that was already booked and reserved.
- Chair Wyatt: So the hotel is already booked?
 - o RSO Representative: Yes, they are requesting reimbursement.
- Chair Wyatt: Unfortunately, PAC is not able to do any reimbursements according to SGA statutes.
- Daniel motioned to enter roundtable discussion, seconded by Mausam.

Roundtable:

- Daniel: Are we allowed to fund hotels normally?
- Chair Wyatt: Yes, I believe that would fall under the expense category but we are not allowed to give reimbursements.
- Mausam motioned to zero fund the line item, seconded by Daniel.
- Closing:
 - None
- Vote:
 - Yay: Daniel Ellison, Mausam Jariwala
 - Nay: None
 - Abstain: Patrick DuChêne

Arab Student Union - Iftars

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o Preliminary Questions:

Asking for: \$4,262.21 for FoodDate Request Submitted: 2/23/23

Date of Event: 3/29/23 and 4/19/23 at 7:30pm

Number of Active Members: 184Number expected to come: 200 each

• Fundraised: \$350

o Notes of the Event/Item:

Opening:

ASU is hosting this event to honor the month of Ramadan. ASU is not a religious organization but a cultural one. Still, many individuals within our community are Muslim and we want to show our support and celebrate their religion alongside them. Last year, we had a massive amount of people attend and it went very successfully. We are asking to fund two different events. The Persis Ouote is for the first Iftar. The 64 Tally is for the second event. We used Persis last year because they are easy to work with and the Indian food is popular. They will cost us \$1,525.68. We chose 64 Tally for the second Iftar because there is not much Middle Eastern food in Tallahassee. We share a lot of culture and religious customs with the Turkish people so we wanted to do an event to celebrate that union. 64 Tally is also a new business. 64 Tally will cost \$3,016.04. They are providing a lot more diverse food options, deserts, and cutlery. We will be advertising on social media with "Paid for by SGA" included.

• Questions:

- Mausam: Are you asking for money for both quotes for two events?
 - o RSO Representative: Yes, each quote correlates with its own event.
- Chair Wyatt: What type of fundraising do you do as an organization and can you contribute to the banquet with those funds?
 - o RSO Representative: We usually budget for the cutlery expenses. We fundraise mostly through share-it-nights for

these expenses. Whenever we have needed t-shirts, we have gone through PAC. We have about \$300 that we can contribute to this event. We help out with other events and GBM expenses throughout the year.

- Daniel: Have you thought about other ways to improve fundraising efforts?
 - o RSO Representative: We fundraise for what we know we need. We have a lot of international students and graduate students and like to emphasize that SGA gets to give back to this community that SGA doesn't get to help often.
- Chair Wyatt: If you were not able to get fully funded from PAC, how would the event change or what would you do to fundraise the rest?
 - o We could try to cut down the quote price. For example, we could take out the dessert from 64 Tally. We still want to make sure that we are giving 200 people a full meal, however. We learned last year that after a full day of fasting, people will need a substantial meal and not just "samples" of everything. We could cut how many people we would let into the event.
- Mausam motioned to enter roundtable discussion. Seconded by Daniel.

Roundtable:

- Daniel: This is a big request so I think we should try to cut the amount.
- Chair Wyatt: It appears that they are almost having two different banquets one on the 29th of March and one on April 19th.
- Daniel: Didn't we fund the Muslim Student Union last week for a Ramadan Event?
- Chair Wyatt: Yes, we funded them for \$3,140 last week for their event on March 28th.
- Daniel: What if MSU and ASU collaborated on the event on March 28th and only funded the ASU event on April 19th?
- Mausam: Yes, I think we could propose that. They still would have some time to fundraise additionally if needed.
- Chair Wyatt: The Persis quote is for the 29th. The 64 Tally is for the April event. If this committee wanted to recommend that ASU partner with MSU for the MSU event on the 28th, the April event that ASU wants to hold would still cost \$3,016.
- Mausam: I think we should fund the April 19th event and ask them to collaborate with MSU for their March event.
- Daniel: I agree.

- Point of Information from Mausam: As you know, we are running low on funds. Would you be okay with attending the MSU banquet on March 28th and us only funding you April 19th event?
 - o RSO Representative: Was MSU funding approved by PAC?
 - o Chair Wyatt: Yes, MSU was approved last week by PAC. We obviously cannot speak on behalf of MSU, but we believe that you could possibly have a joint event.
 - o RSO Representative: Yes that sounds great. Are we able to table the request so that we have time to reach out to MSU?
 - o Chair Wyatt: If approved by PAC, there are a few more steps that the request needs to go through before you actually have access to those funds. So, at any point in those meetings the amount can change. You could speak on behalf of your organization to ask for more money or further change the line item in the Finance Committee or Senate.
- Mausam motioned to amend the line item for \$3,016 in the category of Food, seconded by Daniel.
- Closing:
 - We appreciate the diligent work of this committee. Also, thank you
 for funding 64 Tally as they are a new business. I'm sure this is
 helping them a lot.
- Vote:
 - Yay: Daniel Ellison, Mausam Jariwala, Patrick DuChêne
 - Nay: None
 - Abstain: Sam Diaz

Minorities in Public Health

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o Preliminary Questions:

Asking for: \$633.82 for 75 t-shirtsDate Request Submitted: 2/24/23

Date of Event: NA

Number of Active Members: 22Number expected to come: NA

• Fundraised: \$0

o Notes of the Event/Item:

Opening:

• MPH was created to inform and raise awareness to minorities of public health issues. The organization will serve to help improve and promote the importance of quality health for minorities. They seek to empower the minds of future public health works through the strategies and community service they implement. They do community service 2-3 times per month and host health seminars and informationals. Finally, they provide networking and opportunities for all health majors. They are requesting funding for t-shirts. They reviewed the SGA statues to ensure they could get funding this time from PAC.

• Questions:

- Mausam: How will you be distributing the shirts:
 - o RSO Representative: At market Wednesday and any internal events.
- Daniel: When was your organization established?
 - o 2019. Last year, we did not operate last year so we are currently reviving the organization. The t-shirts would really help get the word out.
- Daniel: For one of the quotes, it says you are looking for 100 shirts. The other quote says you are looking for 75 shirts and the final quote says you are looking for 65 shirts. Can you explain this?
 - o RSO Representative: Yes, I wanted to make sure we followed the breakdown percentage for sizes and under the SGA \$10-12 maximum. Each company told me how many shirts I could get to fall within these requirements.
- Chair Wyatt: If you were funded for 65 shirts from T-formation, would you be okay with this?
 - o RSO Representative: Yes
- Chair Wyatt: Do the shirts have the SGA logo or a statement acknowledging SGA funding?
 - o RSO Representative: Yes
- Daniel motioned to enter roundtable discussion, seconded by Mausam.
- Roundtable:
 - Daniel: I think we should fund the T-Formation Quote
 - Masaum: I agree. She followed all the requirements.
 - Masaum motioned to amend the line item for \$634 in the category of Clothing & Awards, seconded by Daniel.
- Closing:
 - Thank you for listening to my presentation and this is a great way for us to expand and spread our mission
- Vote:
 - Yay: Daniel Ellison, Mausam Jariwala

• Nay: None

• Abstain: Patrick DuChêne

Current funding amount: \$6,905.45

Unfinished Business: None Final Budget: \$5,668.36 Final Announcements: None

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Monday, March 6th at 5pm

Adjourned: 7:06