



**75th Student Senate
Programming Allocation Committee
03-35-2024**

Call to Order: 6:32 PM

Members Present: Brown, Ahuja, Tascon, Holliday, Staveski

Members Tardy:

Members Absent: Newsome, Broe, Huynh – All unexcused

Guests:

Announcements:

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

Committee Business:

- **Student Florida Education Association (SFEA)**
- Application Link: <https://fsu.yul1.qualtrics.com/apps/single-response-reports/reports/TKytovoeuHC5wUsc2%2EkKEJBhYcFi0UkURL4mNHlcaC17AhLx1ySYIQGBxr-XtxfEqm5WzKx0LYWb9BpkCYQXVtCty%2ELFihPzDvh1Vd1I7oxSJ50jNu4awN4BddB B0%2ERgg3wiXuiwVb95tBxQA7BsEc2TSoGeMwplb04WSuO-wYd8rxqXpCBpFPoIn5y-aYMPqviv1PE55GiJ2A8YCcQ-918oSznnggeM8-BJf0qzW9NyOUFhMMV4x2nBUiN2hA3MFsMOywFONjBDGvUL8BKOYiDgh1HZUDSZoSk190hwntxLdgUA%2EMOzceiA2CN5D7AlzigFJuZNaTXAqDLKdUd8jw>
- **Preliminary Questions:**
 - Asking for: \$558
 - Date Request Submitted: 3/20
 - Date of Event: N/A
 - Number of Active Members: 31
 - Number expected to come: N/A
 - Fundraised: \$258
- **Opening:**

Speaker: So we are SFEA FSU. So who are we? We are committed group of aspiring educators who believe in ourselves, who believe that we can make the best of ourselves by providing all these opportunities such as talking to special guest educators, future educators, and having students who are in the grad program as well. So what are we requesting this time again? So we did the swag last time, but now we're doing the shirts. So we would like to apply for shirts so we can provide our peers and future educators with apparel whenever we get to conferences such as the one in Kissimmee for the Education Association and we also want to empower those who are part of SFBA FSU with something that they can have forever. So, our company quotes, we decided to go with full press because we're going to be ordering 60 and it is 9.30 the unit price, so like 9.30 times 60 is \$588. Yeah, last time, I think we only tried to order like 20 shirts or so and I was like \$11.00, so yeah, that's the difference. Okay, so Julia, for buttons and stickers. Yeah, so we did more research on the buttons and stickers and for the buttons we found out that we need to get perfect paper and then for the stickers, they told us about the sticker adhesive labels. So those are the perfect access from student publishing. And then we plan to give out the T-shirt stickers and buttons out at Market Wednesday. So a bowl of people at Market Wednesday one day in April once we have all of the merch and then pass them out then. And it will be open to all students. They won't have to pay or anything. It will just be a first-time first-person basis. And this is just some of members of SFEA. And yeah, SFEA, thanks you. Thank you guys so much.

- **Questioning:**

Ahuja: Could you just show me the expense category real quick for the sticker, the buttons, and the stickers?

Speaker: Yes, for sure!

Staveski: How many active members do you have?

Speaker: Around 30

Tascon: how many members do you expect to come to Market Wednesday without the items?

Speaker: We expect all the way near the 30 to come and then also the amount of buttons and stickers we don't use. We'll use it at like the involvement fairs and

moves to enter roundtable discussion. seconds.

- **Roundtable Discussion:**

Ahuja: I feel good I mean this is a very standard request

Brown: Agreed

- **Closing: Motion to fund SFEA the amounts of \$558 in Clothing and Awards and \$22.11 in expenses**

Vice Chair Ahuja administers the vote.

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

- **Nay:**

- **Abstain:**

Funding Total: \$580.11

- **Spoonbill Society: Birding Club at FSU**

- Application Link: <https://fsu.yul1.qualtrics.com/apps/single-response-reports/reports/g-3nS0WHCIebaHwglHF0jHjBC%2EtjA1NP0wByfomDid%2EuVw3d5Lm75o338ehuBVP3RFK%2E6gVJlyqm0743zLTqW8ICELoZlhL2KJJI7tGcjfMyLgslsIoTwLWwDAqVHGdVdM1IHggU10cZOop0j3hFm%2ERAcNgPK8jaTmSEtuNyl1QgvDT109Paj3Jzv3IIBpv2VT1tBg6AsZaxQ3yc65xjx8bnGOYWgpeA2Q9gGt4eO7oj5TBoWjuHw4kmyCvhlS Y9eRyal3N8nvk4B-OSDMngFn6gihXCvlrtVXoNbloqrw%2EEiiefkVFvmY7mhT4%2EYP66BsPI5x%2E25lCuiEGDe8ZSw>

- **Preliminary Questions:**

- Asking for: \$3431.26
- Date Request Submitted: 3/21
- Date of Event: 4/20
- Number of Active Members: 35
- Number expected to come: 20
- Fundraised: \$7.50

- **Opening:**

Speaker: Hi, my name is Tracy and Kaya and I founded the Spoonbill Society And today we are making some funding requests both for some equipment that we need and actually for an event Um, I'm not sure exactly what my treasurer sent to you I know that he sent you the funding request in a bit of a hurry This was having a family emergency at the time But we had to get this in to kind of abide by the 21 business days rule So briefly about the Spoonbill Society The mission of our club is really just to encourage enthusiasm about bird watching And get more undergraduates involved with the hobby Um, we really seek to just kind of enjoy nature together And just kind of go outside and have field trips that are really cool for us And as a result, we kind of need some funding requests Both for some equipment and a more expensive trip that we'd like to go on So the total funding request that we're looking for is \$3,164 About \$3,000 of which are for equipment And \$159 of which are the funded event So the first item that we would like to request for are binoculars And so bird watching is actually a pretty cheap hobby But the one thing we do require are a pair of binoculars And for more dedicated bird watchers, we often have these equipment already But for new bird watchers, it's a really limiting thing to not be able to save For this \$300 pair of equipment just to kind of go outside and bird watch with us The good news about this is that it's a one-time purchase We're seeking \$3,000 to fund 15 pairs of binoculars And all of these binoculars will have a lifetime warranty So even if they're damaged, so long as they're not stolen, we'll be able to repair them And we won't have to repurchase them Um, unfortunately, the lack of equipment limits the number of numbers That are kind of able to join our group But they will be available to use for the entire student body We have no membership dues or anything like that And so everybody is available to use them And right now, we've currently donated three pairs into the Dirac student library For people to check out for about three days at a time And those are almost always checked out and available for use Um, right now, we do have a couple pairs of binoculars to loan to club members However, they are donated to us by Dr. Emily Duvall, the ornithologist on campus If, in future, the president is not somebody who is a member of her lab like I am I don't think that this equipment will be available to our club anymore And so we will not be able to kind of have the same level of outreach we do with new members So we have three

vendors The first is an approved vendor by B&H Photo They're requesting \$189 per pair All of these quilts will all be for the same binoculars, even though they vary in price But B&H Photo is not only the cheapest one, but they're also approved and they offer free shipping So they are our preferred vendor The second vendor is from the Vortex Optics website themselves This price is for \$329, \$330 Significantly more expensive, and they're not approved vendors And then our final quote is from birdwatching.com Same pair of binoculars, and these ones are about \$251 So in some, including tax, these are our rates We're obviously looking to go with B&H Photo I think that's easier for your guys' funding because they're already approved And also significantly cheaper, so it makes the most sense The lifetime warranty does apply to all three of these vendors, though, so that's not an issue And then finally for our event Our club is looking to go on April 20th at 8.30 a.m. on a Wakulla boat ride Wakulla River is a beautiful state park in northern Florida And we haven't been able to visit there yet Because a lot of their walkable trails aren't so great for birdwatching And are sometimes kind of lucky and the weather isn't too good Or like really, really conducive to mosquitoes The boat ride, however, is a completely different story And would allow us to see a lot of birds that we're not really able to right now By just walking, like a lot of water birds So specifically we're requesting \$159.3 To fund 20 students For \$7.44 per person And this will allow us to see birds like the Lincoln, Swallow Kite And also other animals, like, for the beautiful manatees at Wakulla And so again, we wouldn't really be able to see these things without being able to go on the boat ride And so this was my first funding request And so I'm sure you guys have tons of questions

- **Questioning:**

Brown: How many members do you currently have in your club that are, like, active?

Speaker: We have a total of 35 And we have a rotating active count of about 15 on the field trips And that's not the same numbers every single time It's really based on variability I'd say this year we've had probably about 30 people come to field trips Thank you

Holliday: Have you guys done any fundraising, or do you plan on doing any fundraising in the future?

Speaker: We're open to fundraising, however, we don't really know how to do it without, like, significant startup costs on our own I've already decided some t-shirts we'd like to sell and such like that But we just kind of don't know how to fundraise \$3,000 yet So we're hoping that you guys would be willing to fund those requests I have a question about the binoculars in particular

Staveski: Are you guys purchasing 10 or 15?

Speaker: We're purchasing 15 Those specs that were included for, like, 10 by 42 I think they're more specific, but they're just, like, good resolution quality for us

Tascon: Do you guys have any binoculars right now? Or are you just starting fresh and buying just 15 new ones for the club?

Speaker: So the club technically does not own any right now However, I am in a lab with the ornithologist on campus, Dr. Emily Duval And because she is a practice ornithologist and she leads field crews in Panama and such She has an excess of

binoculars and so she allows me to rent them out to other people However, if in future the head of this club were not to be me or somebody who's involved with her lab She probably would not be willing to, like, loan such expensive equipment out to another president And as such, I just, like, as a senior and I'm graduating I want to make sure that this club can make this in perpetuity And so I'd like to nail this funding request down now so that whoever takes over after me Doesn't have to go through the same favor

Ahuja: Why these binoculars specifically?

Speaker: Yeah, so there are, like, two or three great brands for binoculars But the dynamics, I think, are by far the best for their value And there are a lot of listicles that I can send you guys afterwards Specifically by, like, the Autobahn Society and stuff like that They'll break down their value by cost For us, we were trying to find a good pair of lightweight binoculars But specifically that had a lifetime warranty And so other brands like Eagle Optics and Nikon have served them a limited lifetime warranty Where the vortex went into our superior pair And so we're hoping that even, like, through lots of wear and tear That these will be good for at least a decade

Staveski: Can you show me the site for the trip again?

Speaker: Yes.

Staveski: I am not sure if this is an approved vendor so if they are not we might have to get them approved but I will find out from accounting I just wanted to give you a heads up. And just to be sure anyone can sign up to go on this trip right?

Speaker: Yes

moves to enter roundtable discussion. seconds.

- **Roundtable Discussion:**

Ahuja: At first I wasn't sure how I felt since it's such a high request, but they explained super well why they need this stuff and how it'll help

Brown: yeah and those are a very good pair of binoculars, and it seems like they will take care of them and make them last a long time

- **Closing: Motion to fund Spoonbill Society the amounts of \$3005.10 in expenses and \$159.22 in Contractual Services.**

Vice Chair Staveski administers the vote.

- **Yay:**
- **Nay:**
- **Abstain:**

Funding Total: \$3164.32

Current funding amount: \$11,684.00

Unfinished Business: N/A

Final Budget: \$7,939.57

Final Announcements: N/A

Date and Time of Next Meeting: 4/15 @ 6:30 PM

Adjourned: 7:02 PM