



**75th Student Senate
Programming Allocation Committee
9.18.23**

Call to Order: 7:38 p.m.

Members Present: Gorelick, Huynh, Staveski, Wyatt

Members Tardy: N/A

Members Absent: N/A

Guests: N/A

Announcements:

Chair – Land Acknowledgement:

“Florida State University acknowledges that its Florida campuses are located on the ancestral and traditional homelands of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida, the Apalachee, Seminole and Muscogee Nations, the ancient Calusa, Uzita and Tocobaga, and others. We pay respect to the resiliency of their tribal members, past and present, and to all Indigenous peoples.

The University honors its unique and collaborative friendship with the Seminole Tribe of Florida, together paying tribute to the Tribe’s great history and rich culture. We encourage all to learn about the significance of Indigenous peoples in this region and throughout the nation. With a collective knowledge of the past, we are inspired to teach, live, and support a future that empowers all individuals.”

- Vice Chair – N/A
- Members – N/A

Committee Business:

- **(Chinese Students and Scholars Association)**
- Application Link: <https://fsu.yul1.qualtrics.com/apps/single-response-reports/reports/Hum6lqDxBQUyOD17ngRrPJBhXltmarZoizRVIGF6pHA4GAYetwJiOLrYozl2YRADVVrr3jvkZagJMQXpkh2WDvRPzl4w7lJxsT6vxSVWL34aUjq80MEbdkRadEQCmxKomTAhVfGGudihL19BoEQ%2Ein9co%2ElyxIWA6ZAQ%2EZCYP3rkMgk3sqjQJkzvGSpOPOU8Pn6ROLu8ZqqEk97y6-Jler%2ECgutr8hvjFQYuyq->

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- **Preliminary Questions:**
 - Asking for: \$2,473.90
 - Date Request Submitted: 9/8/2023.
 - Date of Event: 9/30/2023
 - Number of Active Members: 23
 - Number expected to come: 200
 - Fundraised: 0
- **Notes of the Event/Item:**
 - Notes: N/A
 - Yay: Staveski, Huynh, Wyatt
 - Nay: N/A
 - Abstain: N/A
- **Opening:**
 - **Yiqi Niu:** Our event is the Mid-Autumn Festival. Our organization's name is the Chinese Students and Scholars Association, and this is our organization's purpose and mission. We serve as the representative of Chinese students and scholars at Florida State University. The goal of CSSA is to be a liaison between China and Chinese students and scholars in the U.S. by providing support and promoting activities for Chinese students and scholars at Florida State University. Our mission is to promote friendship and cultural interaction for all people and provide members' services. Our organization also strives to provide opportunities and benefits for members and Chinese students and scholars studying abroad and defend the rights of Chinese students and scholars on campus and in the United States. This is a background to the festival that explains why it is important to us and our culture. Here are the details for the event. We chose the Moore Auditorium, and we expect our attendance to be around 200 based on our attendance last year. This is one of the most important and meaningful festivals in China and other Asian countries, making this a very important event for our students, especially those far from home. This event is open to all students. We made a ticket and a poster to advertise. Here are the 3 quotes from Natural Kitchen, Publix, and Bento Asian Kitchen and Sushi. The Publix quote is the cheapest, which I think is the best for everyone. The meal is \$2,319.82 and groceries are \$154.08 making the total \$2,473.90.
- **Questioning:**
 - **Chair Humberg:** What is the difference between the meal and the groceries?
 - **Yiqi Niu:** The meal is just the food: chicken, rice, noodles, vegetables, and meat. The groceries are for drinks and utensils.
 - **Chair Humberg:** How many people attended last year?

- **Yiqi Niu: Around 200**
- **Chair Humberg:** Are other Asian student organizations aware of this event?
 - **Yiqi Niu:** Yes, and I believe that 1/3 of attendants are not Chinese and are from other countries and are just interested in learning about the culture.
- **Chair Humberg:** Have you taken RSVPs, or do you have a list of people coming? Is the 200 people just a guess?
 - **Yiqi Niu:** We shared the tickets as a way to see how many people are coming. For entering the event, they will show their tickets.
- **Chair Humberg:** Have you given out any tickets yet?
 - **Yiqi Niu:** We have them in the library and other places. If somebody comes without a ticket, we will give them one at the door.
- **Staveski:** So, you said that you are basing this off of last year's numbers. Have you changed anything about your advertising since last year?
 - **Yiqi Niu:** We have not changed much for this since last year. We are keeping it mostly the same.
- **Huynh:** Have you done any other fundraising?
 - **Yiqi Niu:** No, this is the only way we can get money for this event. If you don't support us, (inaudible).

Staveski moves to enter roundtable discussion. Huynh seconds.

- **Roundtable Discussion:**
 - **Huynh:** I am not very confident in fully funding them. It seems like the advertisement has not been that great. CSSA is an affiliate of AASU, and I am pretty involved in AASU, and I have not seen or heard anything about this event. I also think that the lack of prior fundraising is pretty notable.
 - **Chair Humberg:** I agree that was a bit of a concern for me that they have not done anything.
 - **Staveski:** I totally agree. I'm hesitant on both fronts because on the one hand I do not want to shut down this event, but especially since Damion you are saying that you have not even heard about this event, and they have not made an effort to fundraise for this event. I would feel better about it if they had raised half of it, and they came to us asking for the rest of it to get them over the finish line.
 - **Chair Humberg:** I will point out that they came to us last year and we funded them. That does not mean that we have to. We did fund them \$2000 last year, but we also ran out of money last year. I kind of agree; I do not know if we should fund them the whole thing.
 - **Huynh:** There is another Mid-Autumn Event with three other AASU affiliates, but I definitely want this event to still happen. What was their estimated attendance again?
 - **Chair Humberg:** 200. Are you sure it's not the same one? I also received a request form the Korean American Student Association for September 23rd for a Mid-autumn Festival.
 - **Huynh:** They are definitely not the same as the one I am thinking of is a collaboration between three organizations: the Korean American Student

- Association, the Chinese American Student Organization, and the Vietnamese Student Association, and it got pushed back to October.
- **Chair Humberg:** I had to email them because they did not give me enough quotes, and they did not get back to me. However, they must be different events as they are not on the same day. We did not fund all of Hillel last week as we felt they were an organization with a large budget, and we thought they could do it while this one does not seem to have that budget. I agree that the lack of fundraising is a concern. This may stem from a lack of knowing how to do that. Maybe we can fund them a little less and give them some tips on how to best fundraise, like they could set up a table outside of Landis a raise a couple hundred dollars.
 - **Wyatt:** I feel like they only have 23 active members in their organization, so I do not necessarily see where they are getting this large number from. Without seeing them making an effort to fundraise, I am hesitant to finding them the full amount.
 - **Staveski:** I agree with Erica, but I also think that as an organization with only 23 active members it may be hard to raise money for an event of this size that will impact a community much larger than just their club. I am hesitant to fund them the full amount as I do not want this to become a recurring thing where they keep coming back to PAC for the full amount. What do you guys think about funding them like \$1750. So, we give them most of it, but they have to fundraise a little bit.
 - **Huynh:** I am comfortable with that.
 - **Chair Humberg:** I am not a voting member, so this is just a recommendation. However, I think we could go a little lower.
 - **Huynh:** I am also comfortable with that.
 - **Chair Humberg:** It is totally up to you all.
 - **Huynh:** I do not understand where there other 175 people are going to come from since they are not doing a lot of advertising.
 - **Staveski:** I tried to look at their Instagram, but I could not find it.
 - **Huynh:** I found their Instagram account.
 - **Staveski:** It looks like they have not been active since April.
 - **Staveski:** How do you all feel about \$1250.
 - **Huynh:** I was going to say \$1200.

Staveski moves to amend the line item in the category of food to \$1200. Huynh seconds.

Vice Chair Staveski administers the vote.

- **Yay:** Staveski, Huynh, Wyatt
 - **Nay:** N/A
 - **Abstain:** N/A
- **Chair Humberg:** We just did a little bit of debating and we decided to fund you all for 1200 dollars. I know that's a little under, but I will be sending you all an email with some more information and some more funding resources. We just felt that with this size of your organization and the amount of funding we have this was the best course of action for us. I will be sending you that email, but besides that you all are free to go.

- **Organization Representative:** Can we ask the reason?
- **Chair Humberg:** We just felt that with the number of members in this organization and the amount of funding we have, this is the best course of action for us.
- **Representative:** This is an event that we have done for multiple years, and we have always gotten funded, so I am just curious why this is only happening this year.
- **Chair Humberg:** We are just trying to conserve the funds we have, but it will be heard by the Finance Committee tomorrow where you can appeal to them, and they can amend the amount to be more or less.
- **Representative:** We were able to get a sponsorship for the mooncakes, which should be around \$600. So, we pay for that. Could you all go up to \$1800. This is open to undergraduate students, graduate students, and professors.
- **Chair Humberg:** Sorry we do have other organizations waiting. I understand your frustration and need; please attend Finance tomorrow, and we can talk about it more there. I appreciate you guys; we just need to get moving in the interest of time.

- **Yoga Club**

- **Application Link:** <https://fsu.yul1.qualtrics.com/apps/single-response-reports/reports/8tgFrYY9Zwt50QDIR56MAkWUJpKLdYKzO1LSzAud5N1xikRq77uGQbnhRhX1eGaED0Hlaf%2EFuUeRAflkwv1JQLYotUho%2E8PfQDc4UGzsZA79zPpBM5HQm7OrQhzg%2EvfHfZuAO7L%2ErHvh%2EsR9FONASTv82plkLWWyze-ugtARE5rQ%2EjsjlkG-GFqF1LxIjupHVkdpITCtC-mD5cGb2TH4EDkTPAyaAja3gFORnr9fLKLkSulASmUre2peGkQByC4T6yTva0K4TBO1enpCZXhyQFN3Z1bzK5Zwta9EdFQI%2E-KhOgo3KOzLrOhsn93S9-7k>
- **Preliminary Questions:**
 - Asking for: \$95.11
 - Date Request Submitted: 9/11/2023.
 - Date of Event: N/A
 - Number of Active Members: 265
 - Number expected to come: N/A
 - Fundraised: 0
- **Notes of the Event/Item:**
 - Notes: N/A
 - Yay: Staveski, Huynh, Wyatt
 - Nay: N/A
 - Abstain: N/A
- **Opening:**
 - **Isabella Riquezes:** We thank you for your time and consideration. We are an organization of over 300 FSU students at all levels. Our mission is to share the practice and benefits of yoga. We host at least 3 events per week. In the spring,

we received a lot of help from SGA to buy yoga mats, which helped us lower the barrier to entry and increase the reach of our organization. However, this presented a logistical challenge with our small executive board. Each mat that we have weighs 3 to 4 pounds, and we try to bring at least 15 to each class. Our entire board cannot attend events; thus, that usually leaves two exec members to carry around 45 pounds of mats. This is just not safe for our team. Our request is for a wagon to carry these mats. We have 3 quotes, varying in the quality of the wagon. We need one that can carry our heavy equipment. We have been having discussions with SGA representatives and the Student Involvement Office to see if there is a space for us to store our mats as many of us live off campus, but we have not arrived at a solution. We really need this to make sure our board is safe and that our members have the proper equipment.

- **Questioning:**

- **Chair Humberg:** Do you all have a preference as the most expensive one is \$130 and the least expensive one is \$53. Is there a reason why we should buy the most expensive one?
 - **Representative:** We are looking for the size of what the cart can carry and the weight capacity. We want to be able to carry as many mats as we can to accommodate our bigger events, which we are having a lot of this semester and for some of them we are collaborating with other university departments. We would prefer the most expensive option as it does have more positive reviews and can carry the most weight.
- **Staveski:** On your application, I see that you all did not fundraise anything last year, but I believe that one of my organizations had you come out. Did we pay you anything or do you do that for free? Do you all make any money off of that?
 - **Representative:** We have organizations pay for the instructor, which is usually around \$30. We do not make any money off of that.

- **Roundtable Discussion:**

- **Chair Humberg:** The least expensive one they quoted was from Walmart which is not an approved vendor, but the middle quote is like \$40 cheaper than the most expensive and can also hold a good amount of weight.
- **Staveski:** I may have misheard this, but would the most expensive option allow them to hold longer mats?
- **Chair Humberg:** So, the more expensive one is bigger and has gone down in price; it is only \$110 right now as compared to \$139.09. The most expensive one is the largest one, but they can all hold similar amounts of weight.
- **Staveski:** I really like this organization. They came out to one of my events for Student Foundation where we were trying to fundraise for our philanthropy. Now that I know that they did not take anything off the top, I think they are really helping a lot of organizations with programming. So, I am open to funding them for the full amount.
- **Wyatt:** I do not see the harm in funding them for the most expensive one especially since they are not taking money from other organizations.
- **Huynh:** I agree.

- **Chair Humberg:** On their application, they only asked for \$95.11. Do we want to just fund them that number since they seem comfortable with that number, or should we amend them up?
- **Staveski:** I think that they are probably comfortable with what they put on the Qualtrics and the precedent we have been setting recently is cutting people to where they are comfortable being cut. However, I am open to both.
- **Huynh:** Let's just fund them the 95.

Staveski moves to call the question. Wyatt seconds.

Vice Chair Staveski administers the vote.

- **Yay:** Wyatt, Huynh, Staveski
- **Nay:** N/A
- **Abstain:** N/A

- **(Seminole Airmen Boosters)**

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- **Preliminary Questions:**
 - Asking for: \$2,610
 - Date Request Submitted: 9/13/2023.
 - Date of Event: N/A
 - Number of Active Members: 120
 - Number expected to come: 120.
 - Fundraised: 20,000
- **Notes of the Event/Item:**
 - Notes: N/A
 - Yay: Staveski, Huynh, Wyatt
 - Nay: N/A
 - Abstain: N/A
- **Opening:**
 - **Matthew Conlan:** Good Evening. My name is Matthew, and I am in charge of the Memorial Wall Initiative at the Harp-Johnson building. The Air Force and Army ROTC Programs are stationed in this building. I am here to talk about a memorial wall that we are putting up for the Air Force Program. This wall will honor 9 individuals who were either killed or are missing in action from the Vietnam War. This wall intends to promote history and engage learning with people in the program and just visitors to the building. There are three portions to this and two of them are already covered. One of that is a mural, the other is framing and shadowboxes containing items from the individuals who passed, and

the last is a poem that will be put up. The individual who wrote the poem did so while he was sitting in his jail cell at a P.O.W. camp. He asked others to bring it into the world after he passed. It'll be a 48 by 32 piece of signage that will be the centerpiece of this whole thing. The price is brought down to \$1100 under a new quote, and this will be the centerpiece for the wall. We are looking to do either an unveiling or dedication with VSU around Parent's Weekend.

- **Questioning:**

- **Chair Humberg:** On your form, it says \$2,610, but you mentioned you now have a lower quote.
 - **Representative:** I can show you the updated quote.
- **Chair Humberg:** So, this would go in the Harp-Johnston building specifically for Seminole Airmen Boosters? Or is it for all of VSU and you are just the RSO bringing it to us?
 - **Representative:** It is for all of VSU, and we are just bringing it to you. More often than not, people in this building have some military affiliation, but they do not have to. We want this to be an opportunity for people to come and learn. It is a shame that I learned that there were nine former FSU students who either are missing or died in action was because I found their names in the storage room. I think we need to remember these people who gave their lives for a purpose. I can show my screen to show a final mockup of the wall. We have another Seminole Airmen doing the mural behind the wall.
- **Chair Humberg:** Have you been able to get funding from anywhere else? You are coming for a building at FSU so are you able to get funding from maybe FSU.
 - **Representative:** I've been working with our secretary. We tried to do it through Arts and Sciences, but they declined. I believe we are getting some funding from VSU. However, the rest of it is falling on our shoulders.
- **Chair Humberg:** Do you have any fundraising planned?
 - **Representative:** We do fundraise per semester, but there are other things that are more central to the education of the cadets that our funding is currently geared towards. We have recently taken a hit to our funding as we do not have as many cadets working ticketing, so we are a little leaner than we have been in recent years.
- **Staveski:** I see on your application that you raised a total of \$20,000 last year. Can you tell me more about where that came from and what you put it towards?
 - **Representative:** We get all of that from the ticketing I just mentioned which entails us scanning tickets at home football games. That money goes towards functions that are mandatory to our program and curriculum such as a dinner that is program-wide and very expensive. This dinner allows cadets to complete the learning checkpoints in their career. We also spend it on training exercises and general health of the wing. We do not tend to have a lot of money for our wants such as this memorial as there are certain things we need to accomplish each semester.

- **Huynh:** Are you confident that you could still complete this project if we partially fund you?
 - **Representative:** I am confident that we would be able to. I would have to discuss this with the Head of the Seminole Airmen, but I am confident we could find other funding or shift money around.
 - **Chair Humberg:** How will you all be advertising the opening? How many people will see this a day? Do you think this will change the number of people who go in the building each day.
 - **Representative:** We have a very active social media presence and a public affairs team. I believe this will get more people flowing through the building. The Air Force program goes through there every day, and we have 130-150 members. The Army Program is larger than us with around 150 to 200 members who will also be in the building daily. These numbers exclude our staff. If this project is realized by Parent's Weekend, I believe we will see a lot of parents and students coming to see this. Throughout the year, we also have people come in who are interested in joining and they will see it. People high up in chain will see this, and they will love it as well as promote it. I believe this will increase traffic to our building.
 - **Staveski:** You mentioned there are other parts to this memorial that we do not need to fund. What is the estimated cost of these?
 - **Representative:** VSU is giving \$400 for framing and other pictures. FSU is giving us \$200 for paint.
 - **Staveski:** Do you think VSU would put this on their social media?
 - **Representative:** Absolutely.
- **Roundtable Discussion:**
 - **Huynh:** I do not want to fully fund them as this is an unusual situation as it is for a building, and they are confident this project can be realized through partial funding.
 - **Staveski:** I agree. Stella, I am a little concerned with the statutory language surrounding this, but if we are allowed to fund t-shirts as well as anything that an RSO views as an expensive. This is something that an RSO wants to do, so I feel like we are allowed to fund this, but I wanted to get your take.
 - **Chair Humberg:** I was also confused by this request and not sure if it was within what we can do. We have never done this before, so it may be setting a precedent to what we are and are not willing to fund. He gave a really good presentation. It's weird because it's inside a building and not specifically for like their physical office.
 - **Staveski:** Do they operate out of the building? So, could we say that they are operating out of this space? On our guidelines, it says that we can fund expense, food, contractual services, and clothing/awards. If this falls under expense, I feel like we are statutorily allowed to fund it, but I am not sure.
 - **Chair Humberg:** I think that we are allowed to fund it, but it is a question of if we want to. We do still have to go through Finance and the Senate Floor so we can get a second opinion from them.

- **Huynh:** I would be more comfortable with us cutting them and getting a second opinion.
- **Staveski:** I am worried that we are setting a precedent for funding non-programming items?
- **Chair Humberg:** What is the difference between funding this and the cart for yoga.
- **Staveski:** Ok, I agree.

Huynh moves to amend the expense line item from \$1100 to \$500.

Vice Chair Staveski administers the vote.

- **Yay:** Wyatt, Huynh, Staveski
- **Nay:** N/A
- **Abstain:** N/A

Current funding amount: \$75,063.13

Unfinished Business: N/A

Final Budget: \$73,268.02

Final Announcements: We will be moving the meeting time up, so we do not run as late.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: September 25th, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 8:45 p.m.