

116th Student Senate

Finance Committee

Convened 11/01/2024 -- Prepared by Vice-Chairman Matthews

Meeting Began at 03:30 PM

Voting Senators Present: Matthews, Rojas, Lapsley, Hopkins, Iftikar, Peterson, Lyons, Gauvin-Ariaga

Voting Senators Absent:

Other Non-Officio Members Present: Treasurer Vought, Speaker Hamilton

Budget Allocation Requests:

- **[Alpha Kappa Psi]:** [Requested \$1,314.00 Approved \$1,314.00]

Notes:

o Funding for Student Success Summit, covers food expenses

[7] Favorable [0] Unfavorable

[1] Withholding Report

- **[Dawah on Campus]:** [Requested \$32.33 Approved \$32.33]

Notes:

• Covers expenses including water, utensils, and paper plates

[5] Favorable [0] Unfavorable

[2] Withholding Report

- **[Carolina Competitive Dance Club]:** [Requested \$892.50, Approved \$0.00]

Notes:

• Sent back to comptrollers for review, some of the practices are not eligible for funding

[0] Favorable [0] Unfavorable

[0] Withholding Report

- **[Pi Sigma Epsilon]:** [Requested \$245.00, Approved \$245.00]

Notes:

• Funding for a speaker at an event, program is not open to all students and is therefore not eligible for funding

[0] Favorable [6] Unfavorable

[1] Withholding Report

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Legislation:

SBL 116 (33): A Bill to Amend Chapter 3 of these Student Government Codes to Relax the Restrictions on Allocation Requests

Notes:

- The bill adds a provision that allows the finance committee to override the 15 university day rule

[4] Favorable [5] Unfavorable

[0] Withholding Report

SBL 116 (36): A Bill to Amend Chapter 3 of these Student Government Codes to Relax Restrictions Related to International Travel for Tournaments

Notes:

- Allows funding for international travel for tournaments

[4] Favorable [3] Unfavorable

[0] Withholding Report

SBL 116 (38): A Bill to Amend Chapter 3 of these Student Government Codes

Notes:

- Moves some funds from the spring budget to the fall budget
 - o Some of the spring is taken up by a transition period, in which time officers are getting trained

[4] Favorable [2] Unfavorable

[0] Withholding Report

Other Motions and Matters of Discussion:

- Alpha Phi Omega (APO) requested funds for Greek Jam, which occurred last weekend. The Finance Committee approved \$35,000 for APO, which was supposedly the org that was organizing and holding the event. In the reimbursement process, it was discovered that it was the Interfraternity Council (IFC) that held the event, not APO. APO was not featured in the Greek Jam the marketing campaign, and a contract related to the event listed the IFC as the event holding the funding. Per section 3-5-10-B of the Student Government Codes, a student organization is not eligible for funding if it receives funding from a university fee.

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IFC falls is one such organization. Additionally, APO presented false information to the committee and to the university, and thus engaged in fraudulent behavior. According to section 3-5-20 of the Student Government Codes, the finance committee has the power to vote via a 2/3 majority to suspend funding for the event that violated the codes, as well as to suspend the organization from further funding for the remainder of the fiscal year

- Motion to Suspend funding for Greek Jam and any Alpha Phi Omega events for the remainder of the 2024-2025 fiscal year
 - Requires a 2/3s vote, or 6 out of 8 senators present
- [7] Favorable [0] Unfavorable
- [1] Withholding Report
- **Alpha Phi Omega is suspended from Student Government funding for the remainder of the 2024-2025 fiscal year**
- Debated the interpretation of “University Days”. Past precedent was that when you are counting university days, you start on day 0, the day of the event. Day 1 is the day before the event. So, for an event taking place on 11/07/2024, 11/06/2024 would be 1 university day before

Meeting Adjourned at 04:40 PM

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