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## SGA Budget Hearings 2024-2025

## Meeting Minutes

Date: February 1, 2024

## I. Call to Order

- a. Meeting called to order at 9:37

## II. Roll Call

- a.

Name	Position	Attendance
Alexander Sutton	Student Body President	Present
Santana Way	Student Body Vice President	Present
Iara Raggio	Comptroller	Present
Natalie Martinez	Executive Administrator	Present
Grace McCullough	Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus	Present
Kaily Lachapelle	Senate President	
Tiara Campbell	Senate President Pro-Tempore	
Karina Hernandez	Senate Floor Leader	Present

- b. Quorum is established

## III. New Business

- a. Financial Wellness and College Life Coaching

- i. Presentation starts at 9:39
- ii. Kimberly Noy presents
- iii. Provide one-on-one support to achieve financial wellness and academic goals
- iv. Both offer workshops and individual coaching sessions
- v. Holistic perspective when addressing student issues
  1. Emotional
  2. Spiritual



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3. Cultural
4. Social
- vi. Target areas
  1. Financial literacy
  2. Financial self-awareness
  3. Financial confidence
  4. Financial goal setting
  5. Time management
  6. Goal setting
  7. Motivation
  8. Identifying barriers
- vii. Program goals
  1. Identify and remove barriers
  2. Safe space to reflect
  3. Build partnerships
  4. Connect students to resources
  5. Support students
  6. Provide education
- viii. Highlights
  1. Increased engagement
  2. Increase in GPAs
  3. Increase in retention
- ix. New initiatives
  1. Peer coaching
  2. Res hall programming
  3. BBC presence
- x. Questions
  1. What other funding sources do you have other than A&S fees?
    - a. Grants and Student Affairs
  2. Are there any statistics showing how many students benefit from these programs?
    - a. SGA funding is specifically for programming and materials
    - b. Not specific data

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3. During the presentation you mention the abilities of the CLC side or the FW side. With this funding how do you determine how much money is used for either program?
  - a. Broken up into 3 lines
  - b. Splitting across the board
- xi. Presentation ends at 9:56
- b. Office of Academic Support Initiatives & Services
  - i. Presentation starts at 9:56
  - ii. Giovanna Tello presents
  - iii. Centralized efforts of multiple units dedicated to helping our students succeed
    1. Goals
    2. Development
    3. Requirements
    4. Graduation
  - iv. Budget Request
    1. Pens and notepads
    2. \$9959
  - v. Goal is to expand more especially during tabling
  - vi. Presentation ends at 10:04
- c. Residence Hall Association
  - i. Presentation starts at 10:16
  - ii. Younna Gooden presents
  - iii. What is RHA?
    1. Students-run organization to execute and plan events and is dedicated to student advocacy and engagement
    2. Non-profit national organization
    3. Affiliation with NACURH
    4. Sponsors NRHH
  - iv. Many successful programs in Fall 2023
  - v. Request
    1. Welcome events
    2. Conferences
    3. Community council
  - vi. Benefits student body
    1. Advocates and listens



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2. Plans events
3. Improve residential communities
- vii. Questions
  1. How would you address a decrease in funding?
    - a. Changing main focuses
    - b. Conferences and events
- viii. Presentation ends at 10:30
- d. Veteran & Military Affairs
  - i. Presentation starts at 10:35
  - ii. Phillip Lloyd Hamilton presents
  - iii. Mission
    1. Serve and offer programs for military-affiliated students, including veterans, active military members, members of the national guard and reserve, and their respective families
      - a. 1,190 student's total (approximately 1,000 unaccounted for) 484 veterans
      - b. 448 Military Family Members
    2. Addit
      - a. ional members in reserves, active duty, or the national guard
- iv. Programming
  1. SVA Regional Leadership Summit
  2. Fall Events (examples)
    - a. We've Got Your Six (Signature Event)
    - b. Call of Duty Competition
    - c. Painting with a Scare
  3. Spring Events
    - a. Meet your E-Board Trivia Night
    - b. Women Veteran Stem Panel
    - c. Military Child Luncheon
  4. 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Appreciation Breakfast
    - a. Guest Speaker: Alejandro Villanueva
    - b. Brought in JROTC Cadets from local high schools
- v. U.S. Department of Education Grant
  1. \$450,000
  2. Hired 2 success coaches



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3. Non-renewable, expired after 3 years
4. University expressed that they would retain success coaches with internal funding after December 2024
- vi. 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Retention Rates
  1. For most of the past 5 years, FTIC military students have higher 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> year retention rates compared to non-military students
- vii. FIU is Military-Friendly
  1. Multiple national accolades
- viii. 2022-2023 VMA Graduates
  1. 469, a 5.87% increase from previous year
- ix. Budget Request
  1. Removed items for efficiency
  2. 2 success coaches added
  3. Graduate assistant needed and would help improve student and department programming
  4. Want to expand programming efforts so veterans get career development to help with the military to civilian transition
- x. Questions
  1. What is the total revenue between the A&S allocation received, the grant money that the provost has committed to covering, and any other funding sources?
    - a. Roughly \$250,000. The remainder of the budget is mostly for 3 staff salaries. A large focus for these roles is enrollment. Specific information will be emailed to the Comptroller at a later time.
  2. How many years do they believe that the Free Printing for Heroes Program will last with \$500?
    - a. Used to be a \$2,000 allocation. Printing is not as common as it used to be. Around \$200 was used. There are still a few thousand dollars of current credit. They do not foresee having to add more money for another 3 years.
- xi. Presentation ends at 10:51.
- e. Outstanding Student Life Awards
  - i. Presentation starts at 10:55
  - ii. Sofia Trelles presents



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- iii. What are the Student Life Awards?
  - 1. Only University-Wide awards process
  - 2. Recognizes student/student organization excellence every Spring
  - 3. Recognizes them in the following categories
    - a. Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging
    - b. Leadership
    - c. Service
    - d. Spirit
    - e. Innovation
    - f. Scholar
    - g. Presidential
  - 4. 20-25 awardees, approximately 300 nominees
- iv. OpenWater License
  - 1. Online platform for the nomination process
  - 2. Mirrors the FIU Academic and Student Affairs Website
  - 3. Provides visibility and transparency to save time
  - 4. Allows judges and reviewers to enter the system since it is one platform
  - 5. Did not get selected for a Tech Fee to get online program funding
- v. 2023 SLA Ceremony
  - 1. In-person ceremony
  - 2. Cost for 2023: \$20,992.39
    - a. Software is approximately \$4,000
  - 3. Online video testimonials are available
  - 4. FIU News Articles and social media featuring for winning students
- vi. Timeline
  - 1. January 1st-31st
    - a. Nominations open
  - 2. February
    - a. Students Submit Info
    - b. Round 1 interview
    - c. Finalists identified
  - 3. March
    - a. Identifies winners
    - b. Finalists and guests invited
  - 4. Winning ceremony



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- vii. Current Allocation for 2024:
  - 1. Total was \$19,700
  - 2. Bulk will be spent during March and April
- viii. 2023-2024 Budget Request
  - 1. Changes in the cost of food cause a difference of at least \$1,000
  - 2. Wants to make sure support units can also be invited alongside the nominated and winning students
- ix. Moving Forward
  - 1. Continue to create awareness and engaging opportunities for participation
  - 2. Connect students to the Prestigious Scholarship Office so that they can apply to further programs
  - 3. Foster partnerships with different academic units like FIU Online
- x. Winner Examples
  - 1. Student who researched about illegal trade of sharks
  - 2. Student who provided menstrual and sexual health education to homeless women
- xi. No questions were asked.
- xii. Presentation ends at 11:05
- f. FIU Museums Insiders
  - i. Presentation starts at 11:15
  - ii. Molly Channon presents
  - iii. What is the FIU Museum Insiders
    - 1. Launched in 2020; student community organization dedicated to fostering engagement in the arts
    - 2. Partner program shaped by FIU's 3 museums: the Jewish Museum of Florida, the Patricia and Phillip Frost Museum, and the Wolfsonian
    - 3. Students join and receive perks such as plus-2 entry to the museums, swag items, newsletter updates, and other benefits
    - 4. Hybrid and Online experiences for student so they can get more access to the museums and collections
  - iv. Mission
    - 1. Create access to arts and programs, networking, internships, employment opportunities, and other perks for any interested FIU students



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2. Increasing online and hybrid opportunities for online students, such as inviting speakers
- v. Achievements
  1. 500+ insiders across majors, FIU colleges, and departments
  2. Did not have funding; entirely grassroots between the three museums' teams
    - a. No marketing budget or swag budget
  3. Virtual workshops and alerts about work opportunities
- vi. Coming Next
  1. Create more programs, both virtual and in person
  2. Better access for students through transportation (bussing) so that students can go to the Wolfsonian or Jewish Museums from FIU MMC
- vii. Requested Budget and Programming
  1. Total: \$38,132.23
    - a. Create a student council
    - b. Host activities with artmaking
    - c. Tertula Nights being expanded
    - d. Invite guest lecturers who are experts in the field
    - e. Annual Night at the Museum program, which is being piloted
    - f. Purchasing swag
- viii. Questions
  1. If SGA cannot fund the entire request, what would be the aspects of your request that you would prioritize be if given 5 to 10 thousand dollars?
    - a. Priority would be creating a student council and keeping the Night at the Museum program
    - b. Support a smaller number of annual programs; maybe just one talk or one activity
      - i. Bussing would be built into programming
  2. Would you be open to collaborations such as with the TEDx Talk College series for lecture opportunities?
    - a. Yes
  3. How would a council be promoted and how will students sign up?



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- a. Will start with a foundation of students from a variety of backgrounds. Will utilize PantherNow to promote an application. Students will answer questions, take part in an interview, and then be selected on a case-by-case basis.
- ix. Presentation ends at 11:31
- g. Higher Education Student Association
  - i. Presentation starts at 11:35
  - ii. David Bynes presents
  - iii. Mission
    - 1. Helps students who want to pursue a career in higher education
    - 2. Advocate for the betterment of students and offer mentorship
  - iv. FIU Departments with Higher Education Students (examples)
    - 1. Housing and Residential Experience
    - 2. Career and Talent Development
    - 3. International Student and Scholar Services
    - 4. Admissions
  - v. HESA Events and Activities
    - 1. General Body Meetings
      - a. Forum for students to engage with higher education professionals on a variety of topics, including interview preparation, internship support, and roundtables
      - b. Students give feedback to HESA
    - 2. HESA Symposium
      - a. Providing a meaningful farewell to graduating students
      - b. Has over 80 RSVPS (including students and families)
      - c. Celebratory in nature
    - 3. Mock Interview Bootcamp
      - a. Opportunity to provide insight and preparation for students who have upcoming interviews
    - 4. HESA Retreat
      - a. Fall and Spring
      - b. Executive Board can bond
    - 5. HESA Educational Socials
      - a. Guest Speaker Series
      - b. Affinity Groups and Roundtable Discussions

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- c. Movie Screenings and Discussions
    - d. HESA Day Out for destressing outside of school
  - vi. 2024-2025 Budget Request
    - 1. Total: \$15,034
      - a. HESA Symposium- \$4,500 (prioritized)
      - b. HESA Educational Socials- \$5,000
      - c. General Body Meetings- \$1,800
      - d. HESA Days- \$750
      - e. HESA Bootcamp- \$300
      - f. HESA Retreat- \$900
      - g. Special Events- \$600
      - h. Giveaways and marketing- \$400
      - i. Shared Services: \$783.75
  - vii. Alternative Budget
    - 1. 5-10% Reduction
      - a. Reduce number of programs
      - b. Reduce number of educational socials and general body meetings
    - 2. 15% Reduction
      - a. Reduce funding for HESA Symposium
      - b. Limit marketing efforts
  - viii. Questions
    - 1. Where did you receive funds in the last fiscal year and how much was it since you did not receive SGA Funding the previous year?
      - a. Received emergency funding from DASA; approximately \$4,000, which ran out during previous fall. Will now request more emergency funding through the higher education chair.
    - 2. How many members are in HESA?
      - a. Approximately 40, not including prospective undergraduate students.
  - ix. Presentation ends at 11:47
- h. Homecoming
  - i. Presentation starts at 11:52
  - ii. Andrew Goodman and Becky Campos present
  - iii. What is Homecoming?



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1. One of the earliest traditions at FIU
2. Has collaborated with organizations that are related to students such as Orientation and Parent Programs, Athletics, and Alumni
- iv. Structure:
  1. Executive Board, Council, Interns, Street Team
- v. Accomplishments
  1. Uncaging was expanded but sadly disrupted by rain
  2. Panthers Got Talent (PGT) got double the amount of acts
  3. Raised over \$4000 with Homecoming Court for Fostering Panther Pride
  4. BBC saw over 100 students
  5. Pop Ups in MMC, BBC, EC, and I 75
  6. 40 collaborations with other departments
- vi. Signature Events
  1. Uncaging
  2. The Crown
- vii.
- viii. Budget with Concert
  1. Increase needed: \$403,640
- ix. Budget Priorities
  1. Revive concert
  2. BBC events continue
  3. Uncaging
  4. Program engaging pop-up events
- x. Programming
  1. Budget Request: \$130,000
    - a. Improving Uncaging with more booths, food options, decorations, and attractions
  2. Administration
    - a. Request: \$28,000
    - b. Includes The Crown and Panthers Got Talent
  3. BBC Programming
    - a. Budget Request: \$32,000
    - b. Taste of the Bay and Caribbean Bash
    - c. Food vendors are increasing in price



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- d. Want to improve the decorations at BBC
- 4. Engagement
  - a. Pop-up events to “hype” up homecoming week
  - b. Accommodates housing students
- 5. Communications
  - a. Social media and marketing promotion
  - b. Covers giveaway items for pop-ups
  - c. More giveaways were covered by the cancelled concert budget, so an increase in budget is needed
  - d. Cost of items is also increasing
  - e. Need to get ahead of the curve so people can RSVP in a timely manner due to early Homecoming Week
- 6. E-Board Pay
  - a. \$15,000
- 7. Goals for Homecoming
  - a. Expand Uncaging and Taste of the Bay
  - b. Increase Greek participation in Homecoming
  - c. Fundraise \$15,000 for Fostering Panther Pride
  - d. Try to bring the concert back or find an alternative event
- xi. Questions
  - 1. The Crown was made during sorority and fraternity recruitment time. Since this is being cancelled, what else is going to be created to replace it?
    - a. The event will not be canceled. They just want to get more participation, especially from Greek Life.
  - 2. Would you be willing to work more with the Fraternity and Sorority Life create a more seamless schedule since they play a large role in homecoming activities?
    - a. Need to meet with members of Greek Life regarding The Crown and Panthers got Talent, especially if we have another September Homecoming. Need to meet before Summer Break or even spring break to have a timely schedule.
  - 3. As Homecoming Council, would you be willing to work with the Office of Business Services to find sponsors not just for a concert but for student activities?

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- a. Something that can be looked into.
- 4. How many E-Board members are there in homecoming and how is pay distributed?
  - a. Used to be 7. Currently 4. Will be 6 next year. It is stipend pay and based on office hours according to Florida's minimum wage laws. Some members received double stipends by taking on multiple roles.
- 5. Is there any way to work with Athletics to move Homecoming to a later date?
  - a. Out of the control of Homecoming Council. Athletics signed a deal to play football games on Tuesdays. All home games will be on that day of the week during October. Either we have a Homecoming game in September or in November.
- 6. What happens if you cannot find an artist as big or as relatable as students want?
  - a. Would need to reach out to the student body to make sure the artist would be well-received. If that is not the case, the money would be set to a new event.
- 7. Are you willing to create a Google Form or questionnaire to see what artist or genre the student body would be interested in for a Homecoming Concert?
  - a. Absolutely. Provide students with a list of options with different artists across genres.
- xii. Presentation ends at 12:08.
- i. Center for Fraternity and Sorority Enrichment
  - i. Presentation starts at 12:15
  - ii. Stephen Dominy presents
  - iii. Mission
    - 1. Prepare and uphold leadership and career readiness for students who are in Fraternity and Sorority Life
  - iv. Trends
    - 1. Students want in person experiences that have a social dynamic, but want online modality for critical conversations and serious topics



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2. Students want 3-4 weeks' notice for a program or event for higher attendance, but they usually do not respond until 2-3 days before the event
  3. Collaborate with Center for Male Engagement, BSU, PSU
  4. Time and dates affect event attendance
    - a. Utilize heat maps to better support student initiatives
  5. Students want more late-night programming, but it comes with additional costs
  6. Increases in costs of operations after opening the Center
- v. Program Review
1. Fall 2023:
    - a. FIRST NIGHT, showcase with MPHIC Organizations
      - i. 7,000 students in attendance
    - b. Alcohol Awareness Week and Hazing Prevention; Tastefully Buzzed, Beers Aren't Bad: 475
    - c. SAFE Training: 93, thirty more than previous year
    - d. Stamp-Out Hazing: 24 (smaller event)
- vi. Upcoming Programming
1. Spring 2024:
    - a. First Center with Ribbon Cutting, one of first in country with
    - b. Student
    - c. Delegation by Bus to Georgia to go to a Leadership Retreat
    - d. March 14: Leadership Awards
    - e. Partnership with Pride Center to Support Miami Beach Pride
- vii. Priorities
1. Student learning and engagement
  2. Growth
  3. Operations and staffing
- viii. Budget Impact
1. Adding 9 fraternities and sororities with a focus on LGBTQ and Asian interests. Also want to add professional sororities and fraternities to the new Center, which would be another 9. Now there will be 50 organizations, which makes them the second largest entity alongside RSOC



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2. Keeping up with the rising costs to make sure to keep student employment
    - a. If there is a reduction, they will shift to fundraising with an initiative started in 2023
  3. Will raise 1.5 million dollars
    - a.
- ix. Fundraising Priorities
1. Support Center for Fraternity and Sorority Enrichment
  2. Funds for student Engagement and Participation
  3. Supporting all students at Student Leadership Summit
  4. Rising costs of travel and first of its kind center
  5. Need to pay for Graduate Assistant
- x. Questions
1. You are requesting \$3000 for each council. What is this money being used for?
    - a. Primarily for reservation costs.
    - b. Operational costs and promotional items to do events
    - c. Sororities and fraternities do not overspend their budgets; are reasonable
    - d. Took a decrease in the council budgets this most recent year
  2. Would you be open to separating the Greek BBQ and FIRST Night and collaborating with Housing to reduce costs?
    - a. Would have to figure out the logistics, recognizing that next Fall first week of class is also MGC week.
    - b. Could be rebranded with a new name that is not Greek BBQ
  3. What happens to the funds that are collected from dues and fines from each organization?
    - a. Those funds are at the discretion of those councils because they do not go to the Fraternity and Sorority Life Budget
  4. Fundraising methods were mentioned. If there is a budget cut, what type of ideas do you already have?
    - a. Already in the fundraising process with Alumni and Foundation. Since launching the 1.5 million campaign, they have not scratched \$10,000. Asks us to consider staying at \$136,000 budget.



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5. Would you cut the travel costs in order to enrich other programs?
  - a. Needs to think through. Most institutions in Florida are taking delegations of 60-70 to Georgia. FIU is already taking a dip by only taking approximately 35. There is not just student travel; staff also learn best practices at these conferences.

xi. Presentation ends at 12:31

Recess starting at 12:15

### IV. Call to order

- a. Meeting called to order at 1:55

### V. Roll Call

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### VI. New Business Continued

- a. First Generation Initiatives
  - i. Presentation starts at 1:56
  - ii. Jeanette Cruz presents



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- iii. November 8<sup>th</sup> is the national celebration
- iv. First Scholar
  - 1. Only a few universities have been given this title
- v. 1 in 3 undergraduates are first generation
- vi. 93% retention from 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year first generation students
- vii. Goals and strategic areas
  - 1. Increasing affinity
  - 2. Enhancing student development
- viii. First-generation celebration week
- ix. Questions
  - 1. How would you respond to a decrease in funding?
    - a. Make efforts to seek for other grants
  - 2. We see that there is a line item for a First-Generation Video for around \$3,000. Are you outsourcing the resources for this video production, and would you be open to using FIU-based video entities to lower production costs?
    - a. Using FIU – made here
    - b. All students can see
    - c. Looking to be cost efficient
  - 3. Since the line items are all in fall does that mean everything you're requesting would be for her entire year?
    - a. This is for the celebration
    - b. Resources can be used year-round like the video
    - c. Trainings
- x. Presentation ends at 2:13
- b. FIU Students Ambassadors
  - i. Presentation starts at 2:15
  - ii. Diana Galbon presents
  - iii. Who we are?
    - 1. Philanthropic council of FIU
    - 2. Traditions
  - iv. Leadership
    - 1. Executive board
    - 2. General members
  - v. Achievements



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1. Trail of the Torch Ceremony Events – 18 years
2. 34 applications in Fall 2023
- vi. Events
  1. Trail of the Torch
  2. Sweetheart bridge
- vii. Budget request - \$9495
  1. Priorities
    - a. Events
    - b. Uniforms
    - c. Tours
- viii. Changing
  1. More attention to serve general student body
  2. Working on having more collaborations
- ix. Questions
  1. Does student ambassador receive funds or can receive funds from the FIU foundation or the office of alumni relations?
    - a. Alumni office can support
    - b. No more partnerships – less funding
  2. Student Ambassadors were not given an SGA allocation for this fiscal year. How did Student Ambassadors fund all the events showcased in your presentation?
    - a. Managed to use materials from previous years and previous materials
  3. Could you please explain more on the fundraising investments featured in your request?
    - a. Clarification: fundraising investments cannot be used with A&S funds in line item
- x. Presentation ends at 2:25
- c. Relay for Life
  - i. Presentation starts at 3:36
  - ii. Patty Lopez presents
  - iii. About
    1. Major fundraising event for American cancer society
    2. 20 years
    3. This one has raised over \$13 million



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- iv. Why?
  - 1. Celebrate strength
  - 2. Hope and support
  - 3. Remembering
  - 4. Fighting back
- v. Goals and initiatives
  - 1. Theme reveals
  - 2. Cancer awareness pit event
  - 3. School for beautiful lengths and shave event
  - 4. Alumni engagement
- vi. Budget request - \$10023
  - 1. Priorities
    - a. Operational expenses
    - b. Events and programming
    - c. Giveaways and marketing
    - d. Student leadership development
  - 2. Reduction
    - a. Scaling down funds for marketing and special events
- vii. Questions
  - 1. Are you planning to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Relay with any special programming or differences from your usual run of show?
    - a. Working on planning a special alumni event
    - b. Inviting from the last 20 years
    - c. Survivor dinner
  - 2. When collaborating with fraternity and sorority life or other organizations do they contribute with funds within this event or just strictly participation, engagement, etc.?
    - a. They don't get any funds
    - b. Community event
    - c. Students participate through joining relay
  - 3. Are there any outsourcing options to lower the operational expenses for the event?
    - a. Work closely with parking and traffic for tent rentals which is the least amount
    - b. Use FIU police



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- c. Cleaning crew – contracts with university
    - d. Must use business services
  - 4. In the recruitment & branding line, besides swagger and giveaways, what other marketing options will you be pursuing to make sure this year's specific engagement is higher?
    - a. Getting more alumni back
    - b. The goal is show that impact
    - c. Want a large attendance
    - d. Raising awareness
    - e. No merchandise
  - viii. Presentation ends at 2:52
- d. CLS Special Request
  - i. Presentation starts at 2:56
  - ii. Patty Lopez presents
  - iii. Specific budget – not a part of base budget
  - iv. CLS
    - 1. Provide students with opportunities to foster leadership, action, and community engagement
    - 2. Commitment
      - a. Leadership
      - b. Community engagement
      - c. Civic learning and democratic engagement
      - d. Student food pantry
    - 3. Leading, serving and learning
  - v. Primarily funded by A&S
  - vi. Engaged many students and collaborations
  - vii. Many events coming up
  - viii. Student food pantry
  - ix. Request - \$15,177.23
    - 1. Student employees
    - 2. Daily operations
  - x. Questions
    - 1. If SGA were unable to grant this special request, would CLS be able to partially or fully cover these costs through its \$300,000 base funding?
      - a. This is to help supplement – A&S



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- b. Budget is to keep staff
      - c. Maintaining other costs with the base funding
    - 2. Would the hours have to be reduced if the number of student staff was reduced?
      - a. It would reduce hours directly and indirectly
  - xi. Presentation ends at 3:11
- e. Alternative Breaks
  - i. Presentation starts at 3:16
  - ii. Joanna Garcia presents
  - iii. What is it?
    - 1. Students can engage in service and experiential learning during winter, spring, and summer
  - iv. Accomplishments
    - 1. 101,110 hours of community impact
    - 2. 15,533 hours of training and student development
    - 3. 20 states and countries served
  - v. Highlights
    - 1. Travel
    - 2. SDG's
    - 3. Training and education
    - 4. Participant application
  - vi. Budget breakdown - \$57392
    - 1. Priorities
      - a. Student travel
      - b. Student leadership development
      - c. Event programming
      - d. Marketing
    - 2. Reduction
      - a. Cut down on trips
      - b. Possible eliminate one semester
  - vii. Presentation ends at 3:25
- f. Office of University Sustainability
  - i. Presentation starts at 3:36
  - ii. Lissette Hernandez presents



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- iii. Started in 2018 – to showcase different organizations that promote sustainability
- iv. Growth
  - 1. VIP parking
  - 2. Catering
  - 3. More partnerships
- v. Participants
  - 1. Student organizations
  - 2. FIU departments and vendors
  - 3. External organizations
- vi. Provided
  - 1. Plant based meals
  - 2. Sustainable giveaways
  - 3. Resources and opportunities
  - 4. Fun activities
- vii. Intent
  - 1. Improve culture of sustainability
  - 2. Showcase environmental efforts
- viii. 14 student organizations fall 2023
- ix. 500+ panthers served
- x. Budget request - \$17,632.80
- xi. Questions
  - 1. In Spring of 2023, the first sustainability fair was funded by SGA for \$2,500. Can you explain the increase in cost from \$2,500 to \$11k and \$6.5k for Fall and Spring respectively?
    - a. The office allocated some of their funding
    - b. Other sponsorships and partners
  - 2. What is the entire budget for the Fall 2023 Sustainability Fair, including SGA and the office funds?
    - a. Around \$13000 in total
    - b. E&G funds
  - 3. Could you explain the decrease in giveaways and marketing from fall to spring?
    - a. Using leftover from fall and bring them into spring
- xii. Presentation ends at 3:50



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- g. Student Bar Association
  - i. Presentation starts at 3:55
  - ii. Sophia Polo presents
  - iii. About
    - 1. Student-run organization to represent and promote interests of FIU law students
    - 2. Governing body of 36 organizations – around 600 people
  - iv. Focus on well-being of law students
  - v. Professionalism
    - 1. Create on and off campus opportunities
  - vi. Questions
    - 1. What ways can SBA commit to collaborating directly with SGA in the upcoming fiscal year?
      - a. Looking for more ways
      - b. Planning
      - c. Using GC and College of Law
    - 2. Are the venues you use for the Ball the only option, have you thought about finding a cheaper option?
      - a. Changed venues in the last year
      - b. Strayed away from venues with higher ranges many have \$25000 minimum
    - 3. Do you guys keep track of the number of students who attend your events?
      - a. Sign in sheets
      - b. Can include email for upcoming events
    - 4. How does SBA allocate money for the on-campus organizations, how do you keep it fair?
      - a. Budget proposal for each organization
      - b. Use the last year's budget
    - 5. Could you tell us more about the barrister's ball. Any other costs?
      - a. End of the year events
      - b. Over 350 students attended
      - c. Venue and food and beverage
      - d. Photographer
      - e. DJ

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- f. Photobooth
    - g. Pamphlets
    - h. All FIU students for free
  - vii. Presentation ends at 4:12
- h. Model United Nations
  - i. Presentation starts at 4:15
  - ii. Marek Kong presents
  - iii. Mission and vision
    - 1. For the past 30 years – allow students interested in politics to be involved
    - 2. New generation of leaders
  - iv. Year in review
    - 1. Ranked #6 in North America out of 150+ schools
    - 2. Over 80 individual awards
  - v. Reductions
    - 1. Smaller groups travelling
    - 2. Less conferences
  - vi. Challenges
    - 1. Lodging
    - 2. Flights
    - 3. Competitive strategy
- i. Questions
  - i. Knowing that traveling is expensive, if someone gets sick or cancels a trip and they can't go what are the next steps taken to ensure this money isn't lost?
    - 1. Working with travel agencies to move around
    - 2. Working with Green school to cover some of those costs
  - ii. Does MUN plan any marketing strategies to advertise the team for new members?
    - 1. The social chairs help with getting more involved
    - 2. FIMUN for high schoolers
  - iii. Are there any plans to receive some funding through SIPA or external donors rather than being solely reliant on SGA?
    - 1. Yes. Trying to get donors
    - 2. They do not have budget to do as much



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- iv. What measures have you taken to decrease the amount of spending for travel to stretch the funding you receive from us
  - 1. Layovers, not staying in hotels, timing of travel
- v. Presentation ends at 4:33
- j. Engineering Student Council
  - i. Presentation starts at 4:34
  - ii. Xua Xiu Vogel presents
  - iii. Objective
    - 1. Create a network with all the clubs at the EC
  - iv. Goals
    - 1. Advocate for engineering organizations
    - 2. Increase engagement
    - 3. Advocate for space
  - v. Professional development
    - 1. Technical skills
    - 2. Soft skill development
    - 3. Career development
    - 4. Networking
    - 5. Conferences
  - vi. Conferences make up a lot of the budget
  - vii. SEDS, SWE, Eco Engineering, SHPE, and Panther Robotics
  - viii. Technical based projects
    - 1. Competitions
    - 2. Research
    - 3. Certification development
  - ix. Funding sources
    - 1. Grants
    - 2. Sponsorships
    - 3. SGA
    - 4. College of Engineering and Computing Dean
  - x. Budget priorities
    - 1. Establishing as a new entity
    - 2. Advocate for organizations
    - 3. Receive funding directly
  - xi. Questions



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1. If they are under the council does that mean in the future, they will not be under RSOC?
  - a. They do not want to be under RSOC
  - b. Want to become bureau status
2. Are there any other relevant organizations on campus that you hope to integrate into the council in the future?
  - a. The goal is to include all organization
  - b. Interested in being a part of this council
  - c. Every year they can accept new people
3. Where did the 44,000 come from, that's in the last year allocation if they only received 1200 from RSO?
  - a. Grants and sponsorships
  - b. External
  - c. Not reliant to receive funding
  - d. Would still be require looking for those
  - e. Students have been funding as well

xii. Presentation ends at 4:51

### VII. Meeting Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 4:51