



Student Government Association
 Budget Committee Deliberations Minutes
 Meeting Date: February 15th, 2021
 Start Time: 9:15am

1. Call to Order
 - a. Call to Order by Alexander Rubido at 9:19am
2. Roll Call

SGA President Alexandra Valdes	Present
SGA Vice President Alexandra Ibarria	Present
Senate President Janelle Fraga	Present
BBC Governor Keanu Orfano	Present
Senate Pro Tempore Bryan Gomez	Present
Executive Administrator Cristina Vale	Present
Floor Leader Giacomo Natteri	Present
Comptroller Alexander Rubido	Present

Intention for today's meeting will be to review and discuss last week's presentations

3. A word from Dr. Michelle Castro:
 - a. While we are in zoom, we still must maintain proper etiquette and ensure that if there are any conflicts of interest, that they be mentioned and discussed to avoid bias.
4. Senate President Pro Tempore Gomez moves to include shared services in allocations, SGA VP Ibarria seconds, motion passes
5. Academic programs and partnerships
 - a. No comments from the committee
6. Activity and service business office (ASBO)
 - a. No comments from the committee
7. Bayview Hall Council
 - a. BBC governor Keanu Orfano:
 - i. It really is not that big of an ask, they were zero funded last year and since we have more of a budget this year I feel we should extend an olive branch to this council
 - b. Executive Administrator Cristina Vale:

- i. Do we have our own council for housing in MMC?
 - 1. We do, although their funding is directly through programming and housing. They put in a request last year but not this year.
- 8. Black Student Union
 - a. No comments from the committee
- 9. BMI Music license
 - a. No comments from the committee
- 10. Campus life base budget
 - a. No comments from the committee
- 11. Campus life- Programming @BBC
 - a. Bryan Gomez:
 - i. If the base budget is the same as last year, but they're asking for an increase in programming, does the cost stay the same?
 - 1. It looks like they took out their panther luau from base and put it in programming, it seems they just shifted their line items.
- 12. Center for Leadership and Service (BASE)
 - a. No comments from the committee
- 13. CLS (roarathon, relay for life, alternative breaks, etc...)
 - a. Bryan Gomez:
 - i. I'd like to talk about alternative breaks, the last budget committee didn't like the size of the ask due to a bunch of different factors, but this years presentation really emphasizes that they are focusing on the quality of trips. I would be willing to give them their full ask. Its only about a \$1500 increase from last year.
- 14. Center for Student Engagement
 - a. No comments from the committee
- 15. Children's Creative Learning Center
 - a. No comments from the committee
- 16. Convocation
 - a. No comments from the committee
- 17. FIU @ I-75
 - a. Bryan Gomez:
 - i. The amount of money requested that goes towards food hasn't been seen in any other request, I can see why its an issue but if we can find a way to shorten that without taking away from their program we should look into it.
 - b. Janelle Fraga:
 - i. Echoing from the sentiments of the senate president Pro tempore, I think the reason why the line item is so high is because they have no on-site catering like BBC and MMC, so since they have to order from outside vendors for every event, the costs can add up
- 18. FIU in DC:
 - a. President Valdes:
 - i. I feel their ask is necessary because of how much they give back to our students in terms of professional development
 - b. Bryan Gomez:

- i. Do we know the total amount of money requested for our allocation?
 - 1. Yes we can, Silvana will send it over shortly
 - c. Giacomo Natteri:
 - i. Id like to echo the sentiments of President Valdes
 - d. Janelle Fraga:
 - i. They mentioned they had steady increases in participants as well as professional speakers, with this comes more expenses. We must recognize that and make sure they are properly funded
- 19. FIU Online
 - a. Janelle Fraga:
 - i. FIU online especially recently, has shown that it is capable of handling massive growth. This is a possible collaboration point to see if we can better our online experience and contribute to increasing FIU affinity
 - b. Bryan Gomez:
 - i. While their ask is warranted, we have to be cautious not to fund this fully before hearing and deliberating further.
- 20. FIU fraternity and sorority Life
 - a. BBC Governor Keanu Orfano:
 - i. This is quite a large increase, the programming is very increased. The past years of less funding does not make up the amount that their asking for
 - b. Janelle Fraga:
 - i. I agree with Governor Orfano, there are a few line items they can decrease to help make their ask for attainable
 - c. Alexandra Valdes:
 - i. We can ask them for proper data on recruitment over the course of the last two years
- 21. Graham Center (BASE)
 - a. No comments from the committee
- 22. Homecoming Council
 - a. Alexandra Valdes
 - i. Does anyone know the specific items in the engagement and virtual engagement lines?
 - b. Janelle Fraga:
 - i. If I remember correctly, FIU @ I-75 works with homecoming to program
- 23. Honors College
 - a. Alexandra Valdes
 - i. Their ask is very little compared to what they give back to the university community
 - b. Bryan Gomez
 - i. The mock trial does cover travel costs by fundraising, I would be in favor of subsidizing partially, but this organization has proved they can get funding. Could we ask the honors college about that line in particular?
 - c. Janelle Fraga

- i. I understand the sentiments of the pro tempore, but I think their ask doesn't even cover half of the travel expenses, so it seems like their ask is already a partial subsidy
- 24. International Student and Scholar Services
 - a. No comments from the committee
- 25. LGBTQA Initiatives Office
 - a. Giacomo Natteri
 - i. Their ask is reasonable for the amount of work they do for the university
 - b. Alexandra Valdes
 - i. Do we have the updated line items for PSU?
- 26. Medical Student Council
 - a. No comments from the committee
- 27. Model United Nations
 - a. No comments from the committee
- 28. Multifaith council
 - a. BBC governor Keanu Orfano
 - i. I just wanted to reiterate the importance of programming at BBC
 - b. Pro Tempore Bryan Gomez
 - i. Should we pro viso to have a faith fair at BBC?
 - 1. Alexander Rubido- I think it would be better to write a statement letter and send it with the request, so that way it is more of a suggestion than a command
- 29. National First Generation Celebration Week
 - a. Comptroller Alexander Rubido
 - i. Are we still using floor stickers even though we have projectors in GC?
 - 1. Yes, everywhere else on campus will have them
- 30. Orientation and family programs
 - a. Pro Tempore Bryan Gomez
 - i. I really like the work this office does, their role in welcoming students is absolutely necessary, but their increase seems steep. The main point being emphasizes was the peer advisors as well as the general increase. While I think they do great work, giving them the full cost seems irresponsible
- 31. Outstanding student life awards
 - a. Bryan Gomez
 - i. Possible collaboration for social justice (MPAS office) in ceremonies
- 32. Panther Connect
 - a. No comments from the committee
- 33. Panther Power
 - a. Alexandra Valdes
 - i. How much have they spent during this year?
 - 1. Silvana can find the necessary information
 - b. Bryan Gomez
 - i. I think we should sit down as an executive board to make sure this organization is working as it should.
- 34. Registered Student Organization Council
 - a. Alexandra Valdes

- i. Since they merged with MMC and BBC, it makes sense that their ask is more than last year.
 - b. Keanu Orfano
 - i. I don't think they need that much programming, perhaps branching out and using marketing as well will help.
 - c. Bryan Gomez
 - i. I agree with Governor Orfano, the biggest increases were in programming
- 35. Room Rental
 - a. Bryan Gomez
 - i. While we asked for budgets assuming there would be 100% repopulation, yet their increase is due to covid, so how will this increase work?
 - 1. We plan on doing hybrid events for almost everything for the foreseeable future. Its not necessarily due to covid, but we are still working around it.
- 36. SA Technology Center
 - a. Giacomo Natteri
 - i. Most of the line items are one time purchases, I would be ok with giving them their full ask
- 37. SGA BBC main office
 - a. No comments from the committee
- 38. Student Government Council
 - a. Alexander Rubido
 - i. Each line is funded separately, the council is not funded as a whole
 - b. Keanu Orfano
 - i. Why is the presidential discretionary increased this year?
 - 1. Certain line items were mixed together into presidential discretionary
- 39. SGA MMC Main Office
 - a. No comments from the committee
- 40. Social Justice and Inclusion (formerly MPAS office)
 - a. Alexandra Valdes
 - i. The MLK parade was cancelled this year, but did they put it in this years request?
 - 1. Yes they did
- 41. Student Affairs Graduate Association
 - a. No comments from the committee
- 42. Student Bar Association
 - a. No comments from the committee
- 43. Student Conduct and Academic Integrity
 - a. No comments from the committee
- 44. Student Creative & Media
 - a. Cristina vale
 - i. Can student organizations get their publications printed for free?
 - 1. Yes, once the proper paperwork has been filled to show your organization is student run, they'll publish whatever you need
 - b. Keanu Orfano

- i. Was this one of the programs that merged with BBC?
 - 1. Yes it was
- 45. Student Media
 - a. Alexandra Valdes
 - i. What was their primary audience? We asked a similar question during the hearings but we did not get a definitive answer
 - 1. We asked them to send us that information so we'll follow up
- 46. Student Programming Council (BBC)
 - a. Alexandra Valdes
 - i. Weren't we expecting both programming council to merge? Wouldn't the budgets merge together?
 - 1. Yes, but the spending on each council is where we separate them, to avoid things getting confusing
 - ii. I don't understand the extent to which SGA has influence on the merger, but how can we make sure whatever we allocate is used on the specific councils home campus?
 - 1. We can put it in pro viso language
- 47. Student Programming Council (MMC)
 - a. Janelle Fraga
 - i. They have emergency funds as well as their presidents fund
 - 1. They have multi line discretionary funds
- 48. Tailgate Safety
 - a. Alexandra Valdes
 - i. This is a safety net for when we have tailgates again?
 - 1. Yes, this is for when and if we have tailgates this year
- 49. University Wide Retreat
 - a. No comments from the committee
- 50. Veteran and Military Affairs
 - a. Bryan Gomez
 - i. Are we in the midst of making a veteran student council?
 - 1. That has not been communicated yet
 - b. Alexandra Valdes
 - i. Why is there 2 gradate ceremonies instead of 1?
 - 1. They want to do the spring and fall graduates, but they also wanted to do a summer graduation ceremony
- 51. Wellness and Recreation Services BBC (BASE)
 - a. Bryan Gomez
 - i. I think we should make it known that the WRC is extended their hours
- 52. Wolfe University Center (BASE)
 - a. No comments from the committee
- 53. Women's Center (BASE)
 - a. No comments from the committee

Committee stands in recess until 1:30pm

Since the committee has finished today's agenda with time to spare, the committee will continue on with Wednesday's agenda.

All allocations made today are *tentative*

Pro temp Gomez moves to set the amount for allocation of the BMI music license at \$37,980. Senate Speaker Fraga seconds. Motion passes

Pro temp Gomez moves to tentatively allocate outstanding student life awards \$18,885. speaker Fraga seconds. Motion passes

Pro temp Gomez moves to tentatively allocate University wide leadership \$34,500. Floor leader Natteri seconds. Motion passes

1. Financial wellness program
 - a. Floor leader Natteri moves to tentatively allocate \$2,387. President Valdes seconds. Motion passes
2. ASBO office
 - a. Senate president Fraga \$38,697, pro temp Gomez seconds. Motion passes
3. Bayview Hall Council
 - a. BBC governor Orfano moves to tentatively allocate \$6,697. Senate president Fraga seconds. Motion passes
4. Black student Union
 - a. Senate president Fraga moves to allocate \$130,000, floor leader Natteri seconds. Motion passes
5. Pro temp Gomez moves to tentatively set all line items from last year to this year, senate president Fraga seconds. Motion passes
6. Pro temp Gomez moves to have a 5 minute discussion to decide what order to follow the allocations, president Valdes seconds. Motion passes.
7. Pro temp Gomez moves to end discussion period, senate president Fraga seconds, motion passes
8. Senate president Fraga moves to begin voting line by line on each organization request, pro temp Gomez seconds. Motion passes
9. Campus life programming (BBC)
 - a. Pro temp Gomez moves to skip this line item, senate president Fraga seconds. Motion passes
10. Center for student engagement
 - a. Senate president moves to skip this line item, pro temp Gomez seconds. Motion passes
11. Childrens creative learning center
 - a. Pro temp Gomez moves to allocate \$90,174. Executive administrator vale seconds. Motion passes
12. Convocation
 - a. Pro temp Gomez moves to skip this line, senate president Fraga seconds. Motion passes
13. FIU @ I-75

- a. Senate president Fraga moves to skip this item, BBC governor Orfano seconds.
Motion passes
- 14. FIU in DC
 - a. Senate president Fraga moves to allocate \$55,388. VP Ibarria seconds, motion passes
- 15. FIU Online
 - a. Senate president Fraga moves to skip this line item, pro temp Gomez seconds.
Motion passes
- 16. Fraternity and sorority life
 - a. Senate president Fraga moves to skip this line item, pro temp Gomez seconds.
Motion passes
- 17. Homecoming Council
 - a. Senate president Fraga moves to skip this line item, floor leader Natteri seconds.
Motion passes
- 18. Honors College
 - a. Senate president Fraga moves to skip this line item, pro temp Gomez seconds.
Motion passes
- 19. International student and scholars services
 - a. Senate president Fraga moves to allocate \$19,222. VP Ibarria seconds. Motion passes
- 20. LGBTQA
 - a. Pro temp Gomez moves to skip this line item, executive administrator vale seconds, motion passes
- 21. Medical student council
 - a. Senate president Fraga moves to skip this item, executive administrator vale seconds, motion passes
- 22. Model UN
 - a. Pro temp Gomez moves to allocate \$147,827, senate president Fraga seconds.
Motion passes
- 23. Multifaith council
 - a. Pro temp Gomez moves to allocate \$4,958 senate president Fraga seconds.
Motion passes
- 24. National first generation celebration week
 - a. Pro temp Gomez moves to allocate \$11,642. Executive administrator vale seconds. Motion passes
- 25. Orientation
 - a. Pro temp moves to skip this line item, senate president Fraga seconds. Motion passes
- 26. Panther connect
 - a. Executive administrator Vale moves to allocate \$59,538, pro temp Gomez seconds. Motion passes
- 27. Panther power
 - a. Pro temp Gomez moves to skip line item, vale seconds. Motion passes
- 28. Registered student organization council
 - a. Pro temp Gomez moves to skip line item, vale seconds. Motion passes
- 29. Room Rental

- a. Pro temp Gomez moves to open a 5 minute discussion on room rentals, floor leader Natteri seconds, Motion passes
 - b. Pro temp Gomez moves to close discussion, senate president Fraga seconds. Motion passes
 - c. Senate president Fraga moves to go onto SA technology center, VP Ibarria seconds, motion passes
30. SA technology center
 - a. Senate president Fraga moves to allocate \$8,059. Floor leader Natteri seconds. Motion passes
31. SGA BBC Main Office
 - a. Executive administrator Vale moves to skip this line item. Pro temp Gomez seconds. Motion passes
32. SGA MMC Main Office
 - a. Senate president Fraga moves to skip this line item. Executive administrator Vale seconds. Motion passes
33. Social Justice and Inclusion
 - a. Senate president Fraga moves to skip this line item, floor leader Natteri seconds, motion passes
34. Student Affairs Graduate Association
 - a. President Valdes moves to table this line item, pro temp Gomez seconds. Motion passes
35. Student bar association
 - a. Senate president Fraga moves to skip line item, VP Ibarria seconds, motion passes
36. Student Conduct and Academic integrity
 - a. Pro temp Gomez moves to allocate \$23,156, floor leader Natteri seconds. Motion passes
37. Student Creative & Media
 - a. Senate president Fraga moves to skip this line item, pro temp Gomez seconds. Motion passes
38. Student media
 - a. Senate president Fraga moves to skip this line item, executive administrator vale seconds. Motion passes
39. SPC BBC
 - a. executive administrator Vale moves to table discussion, Senate president Fraga seconds, motion passes
40. SPC MMC
 - a. Senate president Fraga moves to skip this line item, executive administrator vale seconds, motion passes
41. Tailgate safety
 - a. Pro temp Gomez moves to table the tentative allocation, executive administrator vale seconds. Motion passes
42. University wide retreat
 - a. executive administrator Vale moves to allocate \$34,500. Senate president Fraga seconds. Motion passes
43. Veteran and military affairs

- a. Senate president Fraga moves to table this line item, executive administrator vale seconds. Motion passes.
44. Pro temp Gomez moves to go to the allocation of FIU online, VP Ibarria seconds, motion passes
 - a. Pro temp Gomez moves to go into a 5 minute discussion, VP Ibarria seconds, motion passes
 - b. Comptroller Rubido moves to close discussion, VP Ibarria seconds. Motion passes
 - c. Pro temp moves to tentatively allocate \$200,000 to FIU online, senate president Fraga seconds. Motion passes
45. Vale moves to go line by line, SGA president Valdes seconds. Motion fails
46. Pro temp Gomez moves to go to the allocation of the student Bar association, senate president Fraga seconds. Motion passes
 - a. Pro temp Gomez moves to open a 5 minute discussion, executive administrator vale seconds. Motion passes
 - b. Senate president Fraga moves to close discussion
 - c. Pro temp Gomez moves to allocate \$90,000. Senate president Fraga seconds. Motion passes
47. Pro temp Gomez moves to go to the allocation of the medical student council, president Valdes seconds. Motion passes
 - a. Pro temp Gomez moves to tentatively allocate \$92,000. President Valdes seconds. Motion passes
48. Pro temp Gomez moves to go to the allocation of fraternity and sorority life, senate president Fraga seconds. Motion passes
 - a. Floor leader Natteri moves to go into a 4 minute discussion, executive administrator vale seconds. Motion passes
 - b. Pro temp Gomez moves to close discussion, senate president Fraga seconds. Motion passes
 - c. Floor leader Natteri moves to allocate \$160,000 senate president Fraga seconds, motion passes
49. Pro temp Gomez moves to go into the allocation of homecoming, senate president Fraga seconds, motion passes
 - a. Pro temp Gomez moves to go into a 5 minute discussion, executive administrator vale seconds. Motion passes
 - b. Pro temp Gomez moves to allocate homecoming council \$510,000. President Valdes seconds. Motion passes
50. Executive administrator vale moves to go into student media, pro temp Gomez seconds, motion passes
 - a. President Valdes moves to go into a 5 minute discussion, pro temp Gomez seconds, motion passes
 - b. Pro temp Gomez moves to allocate \$280,000. BBC governor Orfano seconds. Motion passes
51. President Valdes moves to go to SPC BBC, pro temp Gomez seconds. Motion passes.
 - a. Executive administrator vale moves to go into 5 minute discussion, VP Ibarria seconds. Motion passes.

- b. Pro temp Gomez moves to allocate SPC BBC \$196,124. Senate president Fraga seconds. Motion passes
- 52. Senate president Fraga moves to go to SPC MMC, VP Ibarria seconds, motion passes
 - a. Senate president Fraga moves to go into a 3 minute discussion, president Valdes seconds, motion passes
 - b. Senate president Fraga moves to allocate \$565,000 to SPC MMC, floor leader Natteri seconds. Motion passes
- 53. Pro temp Gomez moves to go to orientation and family programs line, floor leader Natteri seconds. Motion passes
 - a. BBC governor Orfano moves to go into 5 minute discussion, pro temp Gomez seconds, motion passes.
 - b. Executive administrator vale moves to allocate \$220,000 to orientation and family programs, president Valdes seconds. Motion passes
- 54. Pro temp Gomez moves to go to student creative & media, senate president Fraga seconds, motion passes
 - a. Pro temp Gomez moves to go into 5 minute discussion, executive administrator vale seconds, motion passes
 - b. Pro temp Gomez moves to allocate \$58,000 to student creative & media, senate president Fraga seconds, motion passes
- 55. BBC governor Orfano moves to go to Campus life Programming BBC, pro temp Gomez seconds, motion passes
 - a. Pro temp Gomez moves to enter 5 minute discussion, senate president Fraga seconds
 - b. Pro temp Gomez moves to close discussion, executive administrator vale seconds, motion passes
 - c. Pro temp Gomez moves to allocate \$66,000 to campus life programming BBC, senate president Fraga seconds, motion passes.
- 56. Pro temp Gomez moves to go into LGBTQA line. Senate president Fraga seconds. Motion passes
 - a. Pro temp Gomez moves to go into 3 minute discussion, VP Ibarria seconds, motion passes
 - b. Pro temp Gomez moves to allocate \$70,000 to LGBTQA, executive administrator vale seconds. Motion passes

Floor Leader Natteri moves to adjourn, pro temp Gomez seconds, motion passes.

Meeting is adjourned until Wednesday, February 17th at 9am