



Budget Deliberations Meeting Minutes

Date: February 9, 2022

I. Call to Order

A. Meeting Called to Order at: 11:05 a.m by Giacomo Natteri.

II. Roll Call

Position	Name	Attendance
President	Alexander Rubido	Present
Vice President	Alexandra Ibarria	present
Comptroller	Giacomo Natteri	Present
President of Senate	Nichalos Pastrana	Absent
President Pro Tempore	Mariapaz Grijibal	Present
Senate Floor Leader	Cristopher Lugo	Present 11:21am (Late arrival)
Executive Administrator	Valentina Casanova	Present
SGA Governor	Brian Levine	Present

III. Remarks

A. Dr. Castro: to please remember to use the information provided by the hearings and the presentations. Please be mindful and thank you for being here today

B. Matilde Gramling: Explained the projected numbers/preliminary numbers for the budget process. These numbers are all estimates for the next fiscal year. She explained how amount is determined and proposed.

- Questions were asked about the amounts shared
- The projected numbers for the A&S allocation for the 2022-2023 academic year is \$19,890,233
- Based Allocations are to be voted on
- Please remember priorities for the universities and for your process

- Provided an explanation about salaries off the top \$4,496,765 total amount that is funded
- Available funds following Salaries removed total is \$14,552,193
- Question about past budgets how much was requested and how much was allocated

C. President Rubido called for a motion to recess until the budget committee arrives

- VP Ibarria Second
- Motion passes unanimously

D. Meeting recess until 2pm

IV. Call to Order

A. Meeting Called to Order at: 2:06p.m by Giacomo Natteri.

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President Rubido: since we have a lighter budget, we cannot fund many things similarly to next year. We have full confidence in our student leaders that they are looking out for the student body's best interest throughout this meeting.

Q&A:

Q: Governor Levine: could someone identify the general rules section?

A: President Rubido: One of the traditions of budget is to put up a suggestion forward for a fund and if it is denied, we cannot revisit this amount.

President rubido moves to amend SOP rules 12 to extend speaking time from 45 seconds to 1 minute, VP ibarria seconds. Motion passes.

President rubido moves to approve SOP document as it shows, Vp ibarria seconds. Motion passes

President Rubdio moves to look at base budget allocations for deliberations, Pro Temp girjalba seconds. Motion passes

VI. Deliberations

A. Campus Life (Base Budget Request)

- President Rubido moves to go into discussion for allocations to Campus Life for 5 minutes, VP ibarria seconds. Motion passes.
- Requested \$780,000
- President Rubido moves to temporary allocate \$745,000 to campus life base budget budget
 - a) Governor Levine: are we sure giving them less is the right plan for base budgets?
 - b) Based on research it seems like this is the most effective course of action
- Comptroller Natteri moves to vote through voice vote. The ayes have it. Motion passes with voice vote

B. Center for Leadership and Service (Base budget request)

- Requesting \$319,908
- Floor leader lugo moves to allocate \$270,000, VP Ibarria seconds. Motion passes.
 - a) Governor Levine: I was curious as to the thought process of Floor Leader lugo for why \$270,000 was a good middle ground?

(1) Floor Leader Lugo: Seeing as we do not have as much money, 270 will still put them \$10,000 above the 21-22 request and they were very effective with their last allocation.

- Floor Leader lugo moves to end discussion, VP Ibarria seconds. Motion passes.
- Floor Leader Lugo moves to vote on allocating \$300,00 to CLS, president Rubido seconds. Motion passes

C. Graham University Center

- President rubido moves to go into 5 minute discussion, VP Ibarria seconds. Motion passes.
- Requesting \$3,087,872
 - a) President Rubido: the graham center is a crucial entity in the university procedures. I think we should fully fund them. Floor leader lugo seconds.
- Floor leader Lugo moves to close discussion, VP ibarria seconds. Motion passes.
- President Rubido moves to fully fund, Senate president pastrana seconds.

Committee calls 5 minute Recess at the discretion of the chair at 2:39pm. Returned at 2:44pm

- President Rubido: we will change the way we work our order, our motion and discussions will be set into each without being the actual allocation. The number we are voting on traditionally includes shared services.
- President Rubido moves to go into discussion on graham center, VP ibarria seconds.
- Senate President pastrana moves to close, president rubido seconds, motion passes
- President rubido moves to temporarily allocate the full ask of \$3,087,872. VP ibarria seconds. Motion passes
 - a) I believe we should fully allocate because most of the funds go to employee payments that keep the building running
- Floor leader lugo moves to close, VP ibarria seconds
- President rubido moves to vote, Pro temp seconds. Motion passes
- President rubido moves to deliberate on student creative and media, pro temp grijalba seconds

D. Student Creative & media (Base Budget)

- Requesting \$131,875
 - a) Floor leader lugo: i believe we should increase their funding from \$62,773 last request because of their presentation and the impact they bring to campus
 - (1) Governor levine: i am not sure we can afford to fully fund their increase
 - (2) President Rubido: i agree with the sentiments of Governor levine, but while they used to be funded by campus life they are now their own entity.
- Pro temp grijalba moves to close discussion, administrator casanova seconds. Motion passes
- Floor leader lugo moves to go into discussion about allocating \$100,000, senate president pastrana seconds.
 - a) Governor levine: perhaps \$80,00 would be better so we can leave more aside for the final calculations.
 - b) President Rubido: there were significant cuts to their intern program that helped with programming
- Pro temp Grijalba moves to close discussion, Senate president pastrana seconds. Motion passes
- President Rubido moves to allocate \$100,000 to student creative and media, senate president pastrana seconds. Motion passes.

E. Wellness and Recreation Services BBC (Base)

- Requesting \$1,000,001
 - a) Governor levine: it is actually a decrease from last years request, i believe it is to help balance out the budget for the other WRC. i believe we should fully fund this because this facility is an important one for BBC.
 - b) President Rubido: i believe by centralizing operations we can begin to see efficiencies that help the university save money especially between operations between campus. I am also in favor of fully funding.
- Floor leader lugo moves to close discussion, pro temp grijalba seconds. Motion passes
- Governor Levine moves to enter a discussion on allocating \$1,000,001, VP Ibarria seconds. Motion passes.

- Vp ibarria moves to close discussion, pro temp grijalba seconds. Motion passes
- Governor levine moves to tentatively allocate \$1,00,001 to the wellness and recreation center at BBC. VP ibarria seconds. Motion passes

F. Wellness and Recreation Services BBC (Base)

- Requesting \$3,715,905
- Comptroller Naterra moves to enter discussion, floor leader lugo seconds. Motion passes.
 - a) Floor leader Lugo: I believe we should give \$3.1 million instead of the requested 3.7
 - b) President Rubido: i agree with floor leader lugo about how we cannot afford 3.7 but i do not think 3.1 is a good medium, perhaps a fair proposal could be 3.2. This could be a good way to notice efficiencies within the WRC
 - c) Administrator Cassanova: i agree with the sentiments of floor leader lugo and president rubido, especially with the pandemic, people have been returning to campus and utilizing the resources
 - d) Senate president pastrana: i think it should be slightly increased to about 3.45 because by the third year things could become unfunded
- Floor leader lugo moves to close discussion, pro temp grijalba seconds
- President rubido moves to allocate 3.2 million, administrator casanova seconds. Committee is now in discussion over 3.2 million.
 - a) President rubido: if there is something we crucially missed, WRC can come to us and ask for a special allocation But for the purposes of the generic base allocations i believe that 3.2 million is an easier number to utilize instead of the requested amount last budget process
 - b) Floor leader lugo: looking at it now, I think 3.3 would give WRC a bit more comfort to pay for any necessary increases in cost.
 - (1) Governor levine: i agree with the number posed by floor leader lugo for 3.3 million.
- President rubido moves to close discussion, VP ibarria seconds. Motion passes
- President rubido moves to vote on allocating 3.2 million tentatively to the wellness and recreation services at MMC. VP ibarria seconds. Motion passes

G. Wolfe University Center (WUC) (Base)

- Requesting \$1,762,002

- Comptroller natteri moves to enter 5 minute discussion, vp ibarria seconds. Motion passes.
- Governor levine: the wolfe university center truly is a central hub at BBC. i believe we should fully allocate their request
- President rubido: there is an intention both in SGA and the university in general to get more involvement and affinity with BBC, however the facilities are not at the capacity for what they are asking. I believe we should fund 1.6 million so other entities can be respectfully funded while still maintaining proper funding for WUC.
 - a) Governor levine: I believe it is important to look at university functioning as a whole with both campuses especially with the SGA merger, i still believe we should fund this fully because it is critical to campus life.
 - b) President Rubido: every member of the university is an advocate for every FIU campus. The merger was partially done in order to ensure fiscal responsibility, making sure our student are represented is still one of the foremost priorities that we as student leaders have as well as SGA as an organization. I still believe a 1.6 million budget is appropriate because the facility can still function in their operations and the university is in no way undermined
- Floor leader lugo: similarly to WRC and GC, if there is a pressing issue we can provide a special allocation. We need to remember we are dealing with less money in our budget
- Governor levine moves to close discussion, president rubido seconds, motion passes
- Governor levine moves to allocate fully for the WUC at \$1,762,002, president rubido seconds. Motion fails
- Senate president pastrana moves to allocate 1.6 million, president rubido seconds. Motion passes.

H. Women's Center (Base)

- Requesting \$80,890
- Comptroller natteri moves to enter discussion, president rubido seconds. Motion passes.

- a) President rubido: The office of social justice and inclusion has separated their funding into 4 different entities, the women center being one of them. This should be considered when we deliberate on the amount because all of the money allocated to the 4 entities is going to one office
- b) Senate president pastrana: could \$65,000 be a good amount?
 - (1) President rubido: i believe \$60,000 would be a better number.
- c) Governor levine: i believe we should grant them the full fund or at least very close because this could affect programming efforts. We could talk to the office of social justice and inclusion about integrating their entities into one budget request.
- d) Floor leader lugo: i believe a good compromise would be \$70,000 so they can continue their conferences and promoting their efforts
- e) Comptroller natteri: how does \$65,000 sound to the committee?
 - (1) I believe \$70,000 is a good compromise as expressed by the floor leader

- President rubido moves to enter discussion on \$60,000 allocation, senate president pastrana seconds. Motion passes.
 - a) Governor levine: i would like to point out that the decrease should not exceed the 15% mentioned in the presentation
 - b) Floor leader lugo: while this is a tough decision, i now agree with president rubido on the allocation of \$60,000
 - c) Administrator casanova: if the women's center finds this amount low then perhaps they can work with the office of social justice and inclusion to collaborate with the other entities they have.
- President rubido moves to close discussion, senate president pastrana seconds. Motion passes
- President rubido moves to allocate \$60,000 to the women's center base budget. Senate president pastrana seconds. Motion passes.

President rubido moves to have a general discussion with a 1 minute speaking time, VP ibarria seconds. Motion passes

- President rubido moves to discuss the activity and services business office
 - I. Activity and Service Business Office
 - Requesting \$38,697

- Comptroller moves to enter discussion, president rubido seconds, motion passes
 - a) President rubido: without the activity and service office our budget meeting would not be anywhere near as efficient and professional. I would like to fully fund this office.
- VP ibarria moves to close discussion, senate president pastrana seconds. Motion passes
- Floor leader lugo moves to enter discussion about fully funding the activity and service business office.
- Comptroller moves to end discussion, president rubido seconds. Motion passes
- President rubido moves to allocate \$38,697. Pro temp Grijalba seconds. Motion passes

J. BMI License

- BMI License - Requesting \$37,980
- Comptroller natteri moves to go into discussion. Vp ibarria seconds. Motion passes
- VP ibarria moves to end discussion, president rubido seconds. Motion passes
- Vp ibarria moves to go into discussion to fully fund BMI license. President rubido seconds. Motion passes
- Vp ibarria moves to fully allocate BMI license \$37,890, pro temp grijalba seconds. Motion passes .

K. Engage Platform

- Requesting \$59,538
- Comptroller Natteri moves to enter discussion, senate president pastrana seconds. Motion passes.
- Floor leader lugo moves to go into discussion to fully fund engage platform. Pro temp grijalba seconds. Motion passes
- President rubido moves to close discussion, vp ibarria seconds. Motion passes
- President rubido moves to fully allocate engage platform \$59,538, senate president seconds. Motion passes
- President rubido moves to go on to Convocation, vp ibarria seconds. Motion passes

L. Convocation

- Requesting \$60,000

- Comptroller natteri moves to enter discussion, president rubido seconds.
Motion passes
- Floor leader moves to close discussion, vp ibarria seconds. Motion passes
- President rubido moves to go into discussion of fully allocating convocation,
pro temp grijalba seconds
- Vp ibarria moves to close discussion, floor leader lugo seconds. Motion passes
- President Rubido moves to fully allocate \$60,000, Vp ibarria seconds. Motion
passes
- President rubido moves to go into discussion about order of the torch, senate
president pastrana seconds. Motion passes.

M. Order of the Torch

- Requesting \$4,220
- Comptroller Natteri moves to enter discussion, president rubido seconds.
Motion passes
- Senate president pastrana moves to close discussion, president rubido seconds.
Motion passes
- President rubido moves to enter discussion on fully funding order of the torch.
senate president pastrana seconds. Motion passes
- President rubido moves to close discussion, administrator casanova seconds.
Motion passes
- President rubido moves to fully fund order of the torch \$4,220, senate
president pastran seconds. Motion passes.

President rubido moves to go into open discussion for 10 minutes with a 1 minute speaking time.

Senate president pastrana seconds. Motion passes.

- President Rubido Moves to adjourn the committee, senate president pastrana
seconds. Motion passes. Meeting is adjourned

N. Meeting Adjournment

- President Rubido Moves to adjourn the committee, senate president pastrana
seconds. Motion passes. Meeting is adjourned

O. Meeting Adjourned at 4:46 p.m. by Comptroller Natteri