



Budget Hearings Meeting Minutes

Date: January 19, 2022

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Meeting Called to Order at: 9:16 a.m by Giacomo Natteri.
- II. Roll Call

Position	Name	Attendance
President	Alexander Rubido	Present
Vice President	Alexandra Ibarria	Present
Comptroller	Giacomo Nareti	Present
President of Senate	Nichalos Pastrana	Present
President Pro Tempore	Mariapaz Grijibal	Present
Senate Floor Leader	Cristopher Lugo	Present
Executive Administrator	Valentina Casanova	Present
SGA Governor	Brian Levine	Present

- III. President thanks for filling our request forms. Explains the rules of the request meeting.

Lugo voting on rules and Rubdo seconds. Unanimous vote for rules.

- IV. Hearings
 - A. Outstanding Student Life Awards
 1. Alina Quintana presents for the Student Life Awards.
 2. She explains what the Student Life Awards is.
 3. Discusses the Open Water License.
 4. The 2021 SLA Ceremony was held on April 1st. It was a webinar.
 5. SLA Collaborations: She wants to collaborate with GC in order to livestream the ceremony.
 6. She discusses 2022 costs.
 7. 2022-2023 Budget Request Allocation total \$19,939.50. \$1000 was added due to inflation of catering due to COVID.
 8. With live streaming and recording they can still reach families. It's a student focus event. Wants to include the BBC Campus for the Ballrooms. Alternating years with MMC and BBC. Also wants to include hospitality students.

9. 2021 winner acknowledgement

10. Winner of the SLA

Natteri asks for Q&A

No questions

Brian asks for clarification on the questions being asked . Natteri confirmed that the questions will be asked or emailed. Matilde Gramling clarified the process to the board.

B. SGA- MMC Office

1. Michelle Castro presents
2. Asks for 147,383.50. Mentions that the office is short staffed. BBC location will have a senior assistant and office coordinator.
3. Answers to questions

Natteri asks for Q&A

No questions

10 minute recess at 9:42 am

Meeting begins at 9:51 am

C. Model UN

1. Ashley Weathers presents as the program coordinator.
2. Competitive international united nations team.
3. They started in 1993. They were top 7 in the past decade.
4. They have 3 hour meetings every Monday and Wednesday. They learn about what it means to be model UN.
5. A quote from Mia Rodriguez
6. Discusses High School conference. 500 high school students join the conference online. Schools from Florida, Massachusetts, Columbia, Canada, and New Jersey.
7. Divisional Goals
8. Students are involved across campus. Discusses events held with students. Including Consular Corps.
9. Conferences in the 2022-2023 is what they are looking for. They still have conferences later this year. Training is huge.
10. World MUN is the largest Model UN in the world. Wants to go and participate with schools around the world.
11. Budget Reductions (5% |10% |15% will have to withdraw from certain conferences). Ranking decides on points.
12. Questions

Brian asks how the high school budget is funded for the High school competitors?

Ashley answers that the funding is seperate from SGA.

Another question is to elaborate on World MUN? Natteri states that it will be answered in email.

Recess begins at 10:04 am

Recess begins at 10:14 am

D. Children's Creative Learning Center

1. Silvia Valdes presents.
2. Presents little children who come to campus
3. They are a division of Academic and Student Affairs. Established in 1975.
4. Student Parents are supported.
5. Student Support Staff are University student employees.
6. Other University Students, Sometimes High School Students
7. Winter Festival Event, is a family centered event.
8. Money is spent on 15 tons of snow.
9. Main focal point is the Student employee program.
10. 2022-2023 5% 10% 15% Deduction Could Be From The Winter Festival With Reducing Snow Amount And Find Ways To Pay Students With Smaller Amounts But Still Have Competitive Pay
11. They Cant Have Traditional Experiences Right Now Due To Quarantine

Brian Asks A Question For Student Employees

Silvia answers.

Question asked by president Rubido for waiting lists and how they can come off the waiting list?

Silvia answers.

Last question from the MMC vice president. Natteri states that all other questions will be answered through email.

Silvia answers.

Natteri thanks her.

E. Student Conduct and Academic Integrity

1. Michelle R. Horvath and Rodney J. Dorval colleague introduce themselves
2. Explains the Student Conduct and Honor Code. Knows Adult Consequences.
3. Budget is based upon.
4. 2022-2023 Request. They want to prioritize programming.
5. Tools for the Office and Basic Operations

6. Programming. Their goal is dealing with prevention efforts. They want to make sure that students are not violating the code. They want a don't be salty campaign and have salt donuts. They want to collaborate with Housing Residents Life.
7. They want to support graduate assistants.

Brian None Events Were Included In The Budget Request? Will They Be?

Natteri Asks If They Can Answer That Question As An Email?

They Confirm

President Asks A Question

They Answer

Natteri thanks them.

F. FIU in DC

1. Eric Feldman presents himself. They work with Federal Agencies
2. Student Success. 1249 students enrolled in classes.
3. DC Ready Course
4. Hamilton Scholars taught by Charlyn Stanberry
5. Students from CARTA come to be Journalists
6. 7 Fly-in virtual seminars that serves 76 students
7. Sample Semester includes visiting Mount Vernon.
8. Alumni success stories. Sheworks full time in the Intl Republican Institute
9. Budget Request 73322.50 will serve a lot more students and they are moving.

Natteri opens for Questions

Brian asks to elaborate on reliance and sustainability?

Eric answers

Brian asks another question.

Eric answers.

Lugo asks how they help the environment each flight?

Eric answers.

Brian asks about travel costs?

Eric answers that it comes out of their SGA budget and Campus life.

Natteri thanks him.

Recess begins at 10:56 am

Recess ends at 11:15 am

G. Homecoming Council

1. Stephanie Miller, Jona and Arvi present themselves.
2. Homecoming Structure

3. Accomplishments. Raised 13946.51 with panther pride.
4. They discuss their signature events.
5. Budget Request of 543008.50
6. Funding Request of \$13000 due to general inflation of cost.
7. Funding Request: Admin of \$1000
8. Budget Line: Virtual Engagement for 10,000 for things like social media, technoody fees, and filming.
9. Budget Line: Engagement request of \$500
10. Stipends request for \$3,500
11. Goals for Homecoming at 2022
12. 5% 10% 15% Reduction. Will cut pre-events and some other events.
13. Questions

Natteri opens for q&a

Brian asks a question

Stephanie answers

Questions about who picks the Pandemonium artist?

Stephanie: People suggest Beyonce, Bad Bunny, etc. and continue to answer.

Natteri Thanks them

H. Order of the Torch

1. Phillip Lloyd Hamilton and Jose Toscano present.
2. They discuss the History.
3. Comparable Societies includes the Iron Arrow Society, the Burning Spear from UM, and Florida Blue Keys
4. Value Proposition. Institutional knowledge is maintained. They also mentioned the legacy lecture.
5. Philip states that the purpose of this series is to define customs of FIU's past.
6. Budget request for \$4220.

Natteri opens for q&a

Brian asks how they were previously funded?

Phillip: They were funded by SGA back in 2018.

Natteri asks a question

Phillip answers

Is there a timeline?

Jose answers.

Natteri Thanks them

Recess at 11:43 am

Recess ends at 11:55 am

I. Honors College

1. Susana Rondon presents herself.
2. Defines URFIU
3. It Helps STEM And Non-STEM Research.
4. It takes place every Spring semester.
5. 350 attendees for the last virtual conference and 41 recruiters
6. Showcased an experience that an URFIU attendee.
7. They show how it is in person
8. Another slide feature the same
9. They also showcase a virtual interface
10. The next event is AMTA. They want it to have a lot of publicity
11. It is a mock trial association.
12. Benefits of AMTA include critical thinking and public speaking. The only mock trial fiu can host.
13. Competition happens every February
14. Showcased the winners and attendees of mock trials
15. Eileen Rodriguez presents the financial aspects.
16. They made the budget assuming everything will go back to normal. Projected expenses of 23517.01 for 2022-2023. They did not increase anything except for the food
17. Any reduction is damaging because the college is very small, but if it had to come down to it, it would be the catering.
18. They request \$23.517.

Nateri opens for Q&A

Brian asks what kind of events would you like to host at BBC?

Susana responds. They are looking to expand at BBC.

Another question is asked and Eileen answers.

SGA senate resident asks a question.

Eileen responds.

Natteri Thanks them and commends their presentation.

J. Orientation and Family Programs

1. Korrin Stanek presents
2. Mission Statement
3. Impact Data and discusses leadership awards and teams
4. They provide assessment to their leaders.
5. Travel Requests for conferences
6. Orientation for Undergraduate students

7. Panther Camp is similar but provides affinity. More students feel connected to FIU after attending Panther Camp.
8. Parent & Family Day: A mom says she wanted to join the next event
9. Utilization Data of 2021-2022:
 - a) first year 5272
 - b) Transfer 1095
 - c) Panther Camp 443
 - d) Parent and family 43 Families | 411 Individuals
10. Events Request \$130,500
11. Funding Sources ree Orientation, Panther Camp, and Parent & Family Day Ticket Cost
12. Q&a

Natteri opens for Q&A

President Rubido asks a question

Korrin answers

Natteri notes that there are a lot more questions, but diverges into having them answered by email.

Lunch starts at 12:23pm

Lunch ends at 1:36pm

K. National First Generation Initiatives

1. Jeannette Cruz presents. She is the director.
2. They celebrate on Nv 8 for the higher education act in 1965.
3. They show a video
4. Goal and Strategic Areas
5. FIU was the first cohort awarded by the First Gen Forward Institution
6. First Gen Highlights include a First Generation Scholarship
7. First Gen Celebration Week where she elaborates on events done for First Generation students. Mentions a brunch where President Rubido attended. Has a drive thru event picture featured. 2022 Proposed FIU schedule of events, virtual and in person. Celebration Kickoff and Celebration Day
8. Budget Request for 2022-2023 of \$11,235.75
9. Questions

Natteri opens for Q&a

No questions were asked.

Natteri Thanks them

L. Office of the Ombudsperson

1. Sofia Trelles presents herself and thanks the people of the meeting
2. One of the things that people tell her is that students never knew of their office existence.
3. Asks for support for outreach
4. 675 visits
5. Most of undergrad students were non first generation students
6. Questions

Brian asks if they request AMS funding?

Sofia says they did not and elaborates

Natteri Thanks them

Recess starts at 1:57pm

Recess ends at 2:15pm

M. Student Media

1. Valentina Palm, Robert Jaross, and Katherine Wong presents
2. Robert Jaross speaks and then hands it over to Francesca Rosario
3. They have moved to CARTA
4. They have a video of what they do at Student Media.
5. The video was of their bootcamp. Bootcamp was a place for students to learn from Alumni.
6. Platforms they use
7. Social media grew from last year.
8. Panther Den is a platform they use.
9. Since PANTHER DEN initiated they had over 2000 students access page
10. Student Success to employ between 100-400 students
11. Large users are senior students
12. Juniors and Seniors are biggest users
13. Attention rates are 100% across the board
14. 2021 SPJ Awards Panther placed in 7 categories.
15. Shows a list of students who are currently in Student Internships
16. Katherine Wong shares her experience as a dj, and a editor and chief
17. Valentina shares her experience of the pandemic and being the editor and chief.
18. Q&A

Robert offers to answer questions

Brian asks if they plan to go back to go to weekly printing.

Robert says yes. The reason why they went monthly was due to the lack of students who knew how to do printing. Valentina states that the pandemic forced them to do more with the online presence and that they will focus more of their online presence seeing a surge of use in students.

Someone asks a question.

Robert answers.

What does student media use for social media in terms of funds in terms of marketing and promotions?

Robert answers that funding doesn't usually go into marketing and promotion because there isn't much. But it could be used in those terms of merchandise.

President asks what is the plan to increase student employment?

Robert answers.

Valentina responds to the question of how many students read them. The answer is 30,000 and the number is growing.

Natteri Thanks them and mentions that other questions will be answered through email.

N. Bayview Hall Council

1. Larissa James presents. Kemani has class.
2. Mission is coordinated programming and a studios and fun environment.
3. Events hosted through Summer and Fall. It was boring through the pandemic and to combat it, they gave cupcakes for birthdays, hosted a movie night, a sunrise event, using the use of the view of the bay, a forum every semester, a BHC spooktacular, and an anime day for november. We have anime stickers left over.
4. Future events include a meet and greet with RA. Unfortunately, not many students know their RA's. A super soaker event that will be held in spring. A 305 day that will be bigger and better and a food truck event.
5. Increase of \$2000.
6. It will cover recruitment tools, affordability for residents, earning opportunities, and leader retention.
7. Budget Justification, they ask orgs to borrow things
8. Commitment to engagement includes an increase in marketing, maintaining relations with bayview students, open forums, social media, etc.
9. Questions

Natteri Thanks her

Brian asks why the budget does not line up with last year.

Larissa answers

Lugo asks the percentage of students attending bayview

Larissa answers that 85% and 420 beds, but not entirely sure

Lugo asks if they host different events outside of Bayview

Larissa answers that it is a Coachella type of event.

Natteri helps by saying that it's Baychella with help from Brian.

the 2nd president asks a question.

Larissa answers.

Natteri asks a questions

Larissa answers

Natteri Thanks her

O. Fraternity and Sorority Life

1. Jennifer Attilus and Jose Toscano presents
2. Talks about what the governing council does
3. Multicultural Greek Council
4. Stomp the Yard event, black history month session, monthly community service
5. Panhellenic council includes the circle of sisterhood programming
6. Order of Omega has 28 new members in the fall
7. FSL Leadership Programming Overview
8. Paws for Cause events, greek academy of leaders,blck and brown greeks
9. Future of FSL. Greek student have the highest population of graduates
- 10.FSL Staff Graduate Assistant
11. Everyone except homecoming queen is are greeks
12. Needs for marketing merch and food.
13. Questions

Natteri opens for Q&A

In depth synopsis of the allocation of the money and where it will be used

Jose answers

Brian asks about Carnival

Jennifer states that they are working with BBC and that they have her working on her birthday

Natteri shares a birthday wish

Recess at 3:03pm

Recess ends at 3:19pm

P. Higher Education Student Association

1. AnnMarie Cooker presents
2. Now known as Higher Education Student Association
3. Goals include helping those within Higher Ed
4. Events include bootcamp (4 speakers, diversity in education, and scholarship opportunities), homecoming tailgate, and the start of the year social.
5. Marlee Gordon speaks
6. AnnMarie talks about friendsgiving, general body meetings, etc
7. Marlee: Budget request of 10655. It will go toward rebranding and marketing.
8. One of the most active students, Javon A. Stovall, passed away and a scholarship was made in his honor.
9. 5% (scale back from marketing) 10%(attendance cap) 15%
10. Questions

Open for questions

No questions

Recess at 3:30pm

Recess ends at 3:35pm

Q. Residential Hall Association

1. Ricky Vazquez and D'Jovens Palmy present themselves.
2. A table contents
3. Budget overview that includes the three pillars for their budget.
4. 2021-2022 3 key events include Resident Appreciation Week, welcome events, and etc.
5. Budget Request Spreads show total of \$90,941 for budget
6. Rouhani presents the Events costs for semester-wise and yearly
7. Key event is the welcome event. \$8000 per resident
8. Trap Karaoke \$1600 total
9. Resident Appreciation Week \$15,000 total
10. Conclusion
11. Ricky presents the benefits of the events to the student body.
12. Benefits to Proposed Budget
13. A short video is shown of events
14. Q&A

Natteri opens for Q&A

Brian asks for clarification for RHA and what RNHA

Ricky answer

Brian asks another question

Ricky doesn't answer

Rubido answers 20 and 21

Rubido asks a question

Ricky answers

D'Jovens adds to that answer

SGA Senate prez asks if they track their event presence and if they have a negative trend

Ricky they track through google surveys and there is a positive trend.

A question about a formal

Ricky answers

Natteri Thanks them and they thank them for having them

R. Financial Wellness Program

1. Kimberly Noy presents herself
2. 2nd year of making a request for SGA funds. Goal is to help the Panther community.
3. Services and Resources includes working closely with the Wells Fargo with workshop and Financial Wellness
4. Dimension of Wellness
5. Discusses the components of financial wellness and thinks that she skipped something because they offer a financial wellness workshop
6. Goals are to continue to build awareness, build partnerships like with Chase, student feedback, increase participation, and involve students
7. Highlights are the Instagram launch, over 150 followers, excellent feedback, bring Thrive in the Spring of 2022
8. Spring events include first time home buyer event for the financial wellness month.
9. Change in the budget request because the initial amount was fairly low. Requesting \$7664.08. Also Wants a scavenger hunt to increase participation

Natteri open Q&A

Prez asks to elaborate the Fundamental program

Kimberly elaborates

Someone asks do you have a plan to increase student awareness on social media?

Kimberly answers

Brian asks if the workshop would be available at BBC?

Kimberly states that they are working on the post rad workshop. They are working with Campus Life and it will be held virtually. Mentions that if there is a tabling event, then she is open to going to BBC.

Natteri Thanks her

S. SGA- BBC Office

1. Larissa James presents herself
2. Full request of \$66,465
3. Main office needs \$23,000
4. \$37,000 allocated for student staff. Due to her being at MMC on Mondays she needs someone at the office while students come for blue books and other things.
5. \$3000 for phones
6. \$3465 for shared services
7. They transferred to a new space and hope members come to visit one day.
8. Questions

Brian asks if the budget will meet students' needs?

Larissa answers

Someone asks why weren't computers budgeted last year?

Larissa: We are in the process of adding laptops. It's a 3 years cycle which is why they weren't requested last year.

T. FIU Museums Insiders

1. Erica Corsano presents herself
2. This is her first time at this rodeo
3. They started this program for student engagement at the museums. If you ask students if they have 3 museums they can visit, they say no.
4. The vision includes inclusion, empowering, and welcoming. Thousands of students come through word of mouth and no form of marketing. Some students are art students and some are not.
5. They want to expand
6. They want to see leadership, networking and better opportunities. They want more students involved.
7. Meg Floryan speaks. The requested budget is \$35,273.93. They want students to direct what the program needs to be.

No questions

Natteri mentions that further questions will be answered through email

U. Student Government Association

1. Michelle Castro presents herself
2. Each request line is an allocation for each member.
3. This past fall they gave more than 2,000 blue books
4. The Total is \$893,640.
5. Answer questions for reduction will be advisors working with student leaders to review plans for more cost efficiency. SGA would need to review current lines and determine which need reduction.
6. Questions

No questions. Oh wait.. There is a question.

Brian asks when the banquet is?

Michelle says they are looking for a date.

Recess at 4:33pm

Recess until 4:40pm

Jose Toscano says congratulations and that they were doing a good job with the meeting

V. BMI License, Engage Platform, SGA Room Rentals

1. There is no presentation
2. BMI is the license that we have to pay into as a University. If the bio club is in the pit and they need a dj or if they need music in the lawns, all of that is covered by the BMI.
3. Since 2019 they expanded this to the academic side.
4. This is a unified end for different forms of engagement. Business Intelligence helps students get employment at the campus. Through stats they get a lot of engagement through it.
5. \$59,939 for panther connect and campus life.
6. Room rental was made to help subsidize.

Questions will be emailed to him. There are no questions.

Jose provides further comments.

W. Convocation, Student Tailgate Safety, Uwide Retreat

1. Convocation is at the arena.
2. 7 home games
3. 4 home games need to be highly attended
4. Uwide retreat, used to be in the hotel, but is no longer

Questions

Natteri says someone asks a question.

Jose answers.

V. Adoption of the Agenda

A. Natteri thanks everyone and looks forward to the upcoming year.

VI. Meeting Adjournment

A. Meeting Adjourned at 5:03 p.m. by Natteri