



Student Government
Association

Budget Hearings Meeting Minutes

Date: January 20, 2022

I. Call to Order

A. Meeting Called to Order at: 9:18 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. Welcome Remarks

A. Comptroller Nareti welcomed everyone. Today will be the base budget presentations and Multifith

IV. Hearings

A. Women's Center

1. Erica Friedman, Interim Director of FIU Women's Center, began her presentation.
2. The Women's Center has not received a increase since 2017

Recess at 9:44am

Recess ends at 9:55 am

B. Student Creative + Media

1. John Parmenter and JP Ruiz present themselves
2. They introduce the student media staff team
3. They start to state what they do, which includes flyers, photos, brochures, and other things for events. They update the FIU Instagram, with their library.
4. tHEY HAVE A NEW sld yOUTube channel. So now they have a YouTube channel full of FIU events. SGA has several videos on that channel.

5. They talk about what they do. Things like summer fest, they handle the student handbook with the cover art and photos. It used to be a huge printed piece, which is now digital only which saved them money. They make collabs with Athletics, the engineering center and the BBC campus with the mural. They design graphics for the football team when they win.
6. UWIDE photography program. They will set up a program for people who have not updated their photos in 10-15 years.
7. They want new uniforms and an esports team.
8. They need the money for the hardware, software, travel, and student life. Mac towers are needed. That computer goes up to \$50000 per computer. It includes the google cloud software, trello is their project management software. They travel to 2 conferences per year. They go to Adobe Max every year. How Design Live showcases marketing and advertising knowledge.
9. Student interns are something that had for a while, says JP. They are learning from 6 professional staff. When they leave this progra, they can build a portfolio and have a career. 2 interns leave and got jobs 2 weeks after looking for employment.
10. Natteri likes how the powerpoint looks

Brian asks a question regarding the 2 budget requests.

JP answers.

Natteri thanks them.

Recess starts at 10:09am

Recess ends at 10:30am

C. Campus Life

1. Kerry Montgomery Orozco presents herself
2. She talks about CL Mission & Values. They worked the values at both CL offices in BBC and MMC. The merger process that happened before the Pandemic, they never got the "Vibe" of their office. They did a survey last year seeing what CL events, student participated last year. It turns out people stated events that are not CL. They make a moto for it.
3. 2 categories in the Mission being Advising and Programming
4. They talk about full time staff being the backbone of CL and that they have not been fully staffed. They also mention GA's, student staff and the SGA. They have not received new ga's this year. They have between 8-10 front desk students. They know that students

get customer service experience from their job. Without funding they can;t do anything.

5. Base Budget Request is the total request of \$740,000. She mentions that the budget looked a little wonky on the actual form.
6. The breakdown includes programming like general programming and DC Fly-ins, Summer fest, senior week, Athletics collabs, and Blue & Gold Recruitment Week. They noticed that Instagram helps. They still do late night breakfast at BBC. They are looking to expand what CL does. The Fly-Ins are for 3 days and 2 nights. They want to add another night to the program in order to have an experience instead of being rushed. They focus on the health of water at BBC. They will do a study of Latin America and Africa in DC. Senior Week starts in convocation. This past fall they implemented the first Senior Sendoff. This past fall they did a brunch, 1 at MMC, 2 at BBC. They take photos with a photographer and get food. They partnered with the bookstore. It's also open to graduate students.
7. They also have operating expenses. They ask for one allocation for CL. They need separation between the MMC and BBC office. They have to be responsive. Total increase is \$20,000. It's not a huge jump, but with the minimum wage with reg students and GA's it can come to pass.
8. If we were to take a cut, it would be okay with the 5% cut it would be program efforts. Anything more would be the Fly-in costs. For 15% would be the Week of Welcome costs and the concerts.
9. They don't have any other funding sources. They have a MAST academy agreement. They got funding from the Miami-Dade public schools due to MAST students passing by events and taking advantage of free stuff. They paid \$4250 which isn't a lot. Students from ATM come to the BBC campus for Chik-Fil-A and Starbucks and mingle with the MAST students. CL wants an afterschool program for the MAST student to keep them occupied, because they just hang out after school.

Natteri opens for Q&A

Someone asks a question.

Kerrie answers that they have no impact on enrollment. They don't have the same quantities of food and equipment for every event. They don't have Heat maps for who stays. They can't attend to night students because they try to go to work to class.

Prez asks what are the plans for engaging the Engineering center?

Kerrie says that SPC is the most common over there. Due to covid the merger is a WIP. Their new objective is to attend the BBC, MMC, and Engineering center, but they need the staff.

Brian asks a question

Kerrie answers

Natteri asks for clarification of a question

Kerrie answers

Someone asks a question concerning the DC Fly-Ins

Kerrie answers

Brian asks for CL goals

Kerrie says enhanced programming and reach

Natteri thanks her

Recess at 11:05am

Recess ends at 11:30am

D. Center for Leadership and Service

1. Patricia Lopez Guerrero and Joanna Garcia present themselves.
2. They want to talk about CLS and who they are. They have 8 Student Leadership Competencies. Everything they do has an in depth approach. They have come up with 500 competencies and came up with 8. Get students ready for the 21st century workforce.
3. They have 9 full time staff, 4GA's, 3 student Assistants, and the pantry employee. Without them, their doors will not be open. Funding is covered by A&S fees. They have MMC and BBC locations.
4. They have 4 programming feeslike leadership education, community engagement, civic learning & democratic engagement, & student food pantry.
5. CLS is about serving. They also have badges for students who engage in leadership competencies and will receive it for graduation.
6. They had 38 collabs for programs, 26 signature events, 71 workshops, 8,872 students that engaged, 135 advised leaders, 8,269 hours of service, and \$217,640 used for volunteer time in our community.
7. Fall Semester Highlights with 29 programs and 1390 students involved.
8. MLK Day of service

9. Joanna talks about the Food Pantry and its highlights. They raised \$112,421.04 in 2020-2021 and \$25,592.56 in 2021-2022 in pantry gifts and cash gifts respectively. They raised \$6,585 in pledges.
10. They show a 3 year comparison between pounds of food distributed.
11. FY22 Breakdown
12. Challenges Faced include staffing, lack of storage, space capacity, and no room to grow. They had to close for a few hours, one time.
13. Side by Side comparison of food pantries between schools. UF, UCF, FGCU, were the other schools compared.
14. CLS received \$260,000.53 and wants \$319,907.65.
15. The goals are presented.
16. Budget breakdown includes 41.3 % going to programs and events
17. Reduction for 5% would be with change-maker initiatives, 10% would be travel and 15%
18. Follow us @FIUCLS

Brian asks about the student food pantry what the \$5000 for operations would be for?
 Joanna answers that it would be for paper bags to transport food, and Patricia answers for the phones at the MMC office. Also promotions
 Someone asks, are students charged?

Patricia answers

Brian asks if they considered collaborating with SGA concerning the clean up?

Patricia says yes in terms of days of service like 9/11.

Natteri thanked them.

Lunch starts at 12:08pm

Lunch ends at 1:45pm

E. Multi Faith Council

1. Michelle Castro and Samuel Huxford present themselves.
2. The council is for a time of crisis and holds prayers.
3. Samuel introduces himself and confirms what Michelle said.
4. They have the same request as before, they need money for the Fall Faith Fair. Also money for the food pantry.
5. They also need money for marketing materials and are still a growing group.
6. They held an end of the year banquet.
7. They want to intersect with students and other programs of other faiths.
8. They see it as another way to reach students.

9. 9059 request

Brian asks if they have plans to operate at BBC.

Michelle states that BBC has a prayer room that other individuals use. They also have events at BBC.

Samuel says that they do stuff at MMC, but they do wonder how they can enter at BBC due to numbers.

Natteri thanks them.

F. Overview

1. Samuel Rafew Greets Himself
2. They have one of the 4 most student centric operations on campus.
3. Repeats that they are one of the 4 most student centric operations on campus.
4. A lot of operations are for students, by students, they try to keep that.
5. The footprint that the team manages is big. They do building operations. They want to be intentional in efficiency. They think they are making history when asking for budget cuts and asking for less. They said we have a lot to be proud about progressing through COVID. The student center never closed because they have a special student population and kept the university clean. They continued to provide services through their campuses. They launched esports, virtual programming, and etc.
6. They have a slide deck that talks about the different units.
7. 370 student staff
8. They want to make sure that the panther experience is never interrupted.
9. Everything is managed by their team.
10. They are asking for \$9,565,779
11. The game room is now going to be a lounge. It used to bring revenue but now it doesn't.
12. They are proposing an 8% cut. Which is again making history, because they never ask for less.
13. WRC MMC has too much utilization.
14. WRC BBC is taking a 9% cut.
15. Student Centers are the home away from home.
16. When students need to come to a place where they are comfortable and make new friends, study, go to the computer room, they have the student centers.

17. Brief video
18. Debero Hyler speaks
19. Everyday is Wolfe Day, baby is the motto at BBC. But Wednesdays are Wolfe Wednesdays. They believe in the power of memories.
20. They restored the panther at both MMC and BBC locations. They removed glitter. They are in the process of replacing the oldest elevator.
21. He makes lighting look good. Student experience is their priority.
22. Scott Jones makes an appearance.
23. He talks more in depth about Wolfe Wednesdays. They want a Roary bench.
24. They want to renovate the ballrooms.
25. Auxiliary resources will help fund the rest of the project. 45% of revenue from a year came from Ballroom activities. It's their goal to invest in this resources to give back to Aux Ops
26. They want to continue the installation of LED lighting.
27. They want to place exterior WaterProofing
28. They want to renovate The 2nd And 3rd Floor Bathrooms. Waste Water Was Leaking Into Office Space. Corrosion Happened. Not Our Best Look And Not What We Want Our Students To Experience.
29. The Tiles In The First Floor Of The Wuc Is Discontinued. So when tile breaks they put tile that doesn't match.
30. They want to replace the AC behind the student media offices.
31. They request \$1,762,002

Scott opens for Q&A

What are they anticipating to do at the Wolfe Center?

Scott says things that include raising the roof to create more space, carpet, furniture, the audio visual, curtains, acoustics, they have church services on Sunday so acoustics is important for that.

Will COVID funding be used to bring modern standards?

We see how we can use HPAX systems.

Will the Wolfe Center and Rec Center be decreased to compensate?

They plan to go back to pre-pandemic hours. But right now they are on decreased hours.

32. Samuel Returns for the Graham Center. President calls it the grand central station.

33. Students are trained to have a level of continuity. We are more than just a building. He is a 2 time alumni.
34. Game room is now a lounge. It used to be a secret. Now it will be a corner that everyone can be proud of.
35. They have a covid vaccination site.
36. They want affinity. They want more blue and gold lights.
37. They want to replace the Stonewall.
38. They want contactless dispensers and faucets
39. They want a walkway light renovations
40. They want more bottle fillers due to high demand.
41. They have done a lot of space renovations.
42. They replaced the ceramic tile with Terrazzo flooring. They have the same problem with breaking tiles.
43. They want to replace the interior and lounge furniture. They never replaced but upholstered the existing furniture.
44. They want A/V upgrades in faculty club, GC 243
45. They want to replace outside furniture
46. Replace aged furniture in the GC computer lab
47. They want a Ballroom expansion and renovation. It was built in 1991 when the population was half of what it is today.
48. They want to remove foliage and insta;; floor pavers for increased seating.
49. They want \$3,087,872. This is now what they want but what they need.

Explain the difference between GC and the room rental they have?

Samuel answers.

What is the plan for the ballroom considering the expansion is further away?

Samuel answers.

No further questions.

Recess at 2:52pm

Recess ends at 3:15pm

G. Wolfe University Center

H. Wellness and Recreation Centers

1. Samuel Come to present himself
2. The financials are the difficult part. They are building panthers for life.
3. They want support programs and clubs. He mentions how much real estate WRC has.

4. Small video
5. Elias Bardwell represents BBC
6. They are creating efficiency with their marketing.
7. They show the improvements for the pool.
8. They have a sand volleyball and tennis courts.
9. They have an outdoor recreation support building
10. They have a newly almost complete basketball court
11. Program expansion
12. Someone else shows up for BBC
13. They want to increase utilization, which was not present during the time of the pandemic. They want to increase faculty and staff presence.
14. They want instructors to have new classes and programs. Who sunk my battleship games.
15. 80,000 emails for marketing currently, but they want more marketing. They want to increase lighting.
16. Auxiliary Revenue to replace equipment that's old
17. They want to continue to maintain equipment and bring more in
18. They want to replace grass with turf on the soccer field.
19. They want \$1,000,001
20. Sam explains that it was reduced.

Protemp asks how they plan to attract if student engagement is already low?

Sam answers that fall 2019 was a busy semester and BBC heads dropped a little bit.

Fall 2021 was 3 times greater than fall 2019. They have a customer management system. They know they can do better once the pandemic stuff goes away. The campus is beautiful and gorgeous and there is so much they are trying to capitalize right now, like kayaking and water sports.

Brian asks a question

Samuel says that they will have to get back to them. The team has only been involved since June, July of last year.

Someone asks about negative impact at WRC

Samuel says that their team is the best of the best. They are going to put their best foot forward. They have no assurance, but will do their very best. They can't look at the future.

21. Samuel starts for the MMC WRC presentation
22. At 2 or 3 o'clock the students are pouring in.
23. Kanet will come after him
24. The uplights project failed

25. The pool needed renovations. Housing students love it.
26. Exterior basketball courts. They received a lot of notifications of students wanting to use the basketball court and leaving until 2am.
27. The jogging trail needs attention
28. The north portion of the building has brand new equipment. They need more money.
29. North is old but blue and gold room will be renovated
30. North carpet replacement and lighting upgrade
31. Janet comes back
32. There is a WRC across MMC but they are one. They want to increase utilization
33. They look to enhance the cycling room. You can see who is the fastest in the class.
34. They need renovation for the WRC admin office suite. The carpet is recycled. They need space due to growth in staff. Sometimes there's no office space.
35. Screens have been damaged from disinfectant spray.
36. A third of the fitness room is what they want to add.
37. They want turf added in the field near the elementary school. They also want to add a bathroom.
38. They want to change the old basketball court into a soccer stadium. Which was higher in demand.
39. They want to install fitness equipment at the West Patio.
40. They want a replacement floor in the building due to wear and tear.
41. Rock climbing wall south of the building.
42. She thanks the council for hearing them out.
43. Samuel returns and states that they want to provide panthers with a top quality experience.
44. They ask for \$3,715,905. He says that they left out some things in the initial request. These are not their wants, it's their needs.

No questions

Samuel states that he has a whole team ready to answer questions and thanks for the presentation.

Recess at 4:12pm

Recess ends at 4:20pm

I. FIU Online

1. ESports

a) Evangelia Prevolis asks for screen share.

- b) Michelle answers and Samuel offers admin help for it.
- c) Evangelia continues and talks about E-Sports
- d) They want to collaborate with events. It's a new concept.
- e) They want programming in a space that comes this coming Fall.
- f) The mission is the focus of the four domains.
- g) Summer boot camp includes 30 participants and 3 day summer boot camp
- h) There will be an arena grand opening, which can hold over 200 participants and a budget of \$37,344. It will go into marketing, a dj, swag, catering, security, outdoor screens, and cleanup.
- i) Jose Toscano has closing remarks

Brian asks about a holiday party being in person or virtual?

Evangelia apologizes for not having it presented.

He also asks if the grand opening for the esports event is in person or virtual?

She says it's in person. It's for the community to get a taste of what they could expect from that space.

Rubido says that he has a question and asks if students will be charged?

Evangelia says no, students will not be charged.

J. Closing Remarks

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

L. Rubido talks about everyone checking their emails.

V. Meeting Adjournment

A. Meeting Adjourned at 4:33 p.m. by Natteri