



FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

## Budget Hearings Minutes

Date: February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

- I. Call to order
  - a. Meeting called to order at 9:33am

### II. Roll Call

Name	Position	Attendance
Cristhofer Lugo	Student Body President	Present
Valentina Casanova	Student Body Vice President	Present
Gabriela Alvarez	Comptroller	Present
Mariana Machado	Executive Administrator	Present
Ava Barnd	Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus	Present
Alexander Sutton	Senate President	Present
Zachary Stangl	Senate President Pro-Tempore	Present
Fernando Melara	Senate Floor Leader	present

- a. Quorum was established
- III. New Business
  - a. FIU DC Budget hearing started at 934am
    - i. Present Eric Feldman
      - 1. They secure funds to support FIU and Pre-eminent programs

2. Total students service 732 in 2021-22. 120 interns (52 in federal government), 41 interns support by scholarship funds. Increase of fly-in 178 students participate
  3. Talent lab program: three academic co-hosts (Honors college, CARTA, Gordon Institute)
  4. Request budget: \$73, 323, increase, new location, new responsibilities. Programming for interns. Fourteen fly ins last year, 13 fly-in for the spring semester 2023
- ii. Questions from the Budget Committee
    1. If you were to receive 5, 10 15, decrease.?
      - a. More students more programs. Students will have to pay for fly ins. Or number of students might have to decrease
    2. How many students are present in DC office in summer?
      - a. 30-35 interns in DC
  - iii. Presentation ended at 9:46am

Recess until 9:55am

Call back to order 9:54am

- b. Medical Student Council Budget hearing started at 9:54 am
  - iv. Present: Zachary (President) and Julian (treasurer)
    1. Governing body for college medicine.
    2. Create community engagement, outreach, attend conferences/research, events
    3. Goal: increase funding for events, research, and new groups. Eighty percent would attend conference if they didn't receive funding.
  - v. Questions from the Budget Committee
    1. 5/10/15 decrease, how would you manage the decrease
      - a. Managing travel for out students. Research is integral for the medical students
  - vi. Presentation ended at 10:04am
- c. Student Bar Association Budget hearing started at 10:05am
  - vii. Present: Idania Ramos (president) & Jose Garcia (Treasurer)

1. Student lead organizations, governing body. Dedicate VP to each group (1L, 2L, 3L)
  2. 32 active organizations in Law school. Average 5 events per week. Enrollment is up 13% since 2015
  3. Goal to get student jobs, set up several network events. Mentor undergraduates.
  4. Highlights: Week of Welcome: introduce them to law school, served lunch/dinner. Record number of networking events. Social events. Average attendance thirty-four students. Increase school spirit.
  5. Budget reductions: 5% remove travel funding 10% ask organizations to reduce events, 15% remove food for finals event
  6. Budget priorities: on campus organizations, off campus student travel, barristers' ball (traditions, like their prom), food for finals, deans cup (competition against with medical school on sports)
- viii. Questions from the Budget Committee
1. No questions
- ix. Presentation ended at 10:16am

Recess until 10:35 am

Back to order at 10:34 am

- d. National First-Generation Celebration Budget hearing started at 10:35am
- x. Present: Tiffany Tallon
    1. Started off as a day, now multiple days in the month of November. November 8<sup>th</sup> is the national day. FIU has a large first-generation institute.
    2. Goals: increasing affinity and enhancing student development (who are the faculty and students who are first generation). Key strategic areas: national best practices & services, student leading outcomes and culturally engaged campus.
    3. FIU designated as First gen forward institution
    4. Asking for \$14,348
  - xi. Questions from the Budget Committee

1. how would you address 5/10/15 % decrease?
  - a. Video
  - b. Brunch food
  - c. First gen shirts
2. Are there any plans to collaborate with other organizations
  - a. SIPA, to start with. Faculty and with students. Maybe partner with Campus Life
- xii. Presentation ended at 10:47 am
- e. Financial Wellness & College Life Coaching Programs Budget hearing started at 10:48 am
  - xiii. Present: Kimberly Noy
    1. Paired two programs, more holistic. Improve student affinity and student success.
    2. Workshops and individual coaching sessions.
    3. Work with a vulnerable student population.
    4. Attendance of workshops went up 40%.
  - xiv. Questions from the Budget Committee
    1. No questions from committee members
  - xv. Presentation ended at 10: 59am

Recess until 11:15am

Meeting called back to order at 11:15am

- f. Nursing & Health Sciences Student Council Budget hearing started at 11:15am
  - xvi. Present Michelle Caldera, director of Strategic Initiative.
    1. Establishing a nursing student council. Plans in the works to be a formal bureau under SGA. Increase engagement and extracurricular activities
    2. Collaborative between different programs, undergraduate and graduate.
    3. Include MMC and BBC students.

4. Requesting \$40,000: \$22,000 programing, \$15,000 profession networking/conference travel, \$1,000 in student leadership development. Two programs at BBC
  5. Priorities: increase events student engaged and driven, student professional development and increasing engagement and resources in our college
- xvii. Questions from the Budget Committee
1. No questions from the committee
- xviii. Presentation ended at 11:23am

Short break at 11:23am

Meeting called back to order 11:33am

- g. Student Media Budget hearing started at 11:33am
- xix. Present: Francesca Rosario, Robert Jaross (advisor), Elise Gregg (Editor-in Chief), maxwell Dickinson (General Manager)
    1. Four platforms
    2. Mains sources of revenue, print then website.
    3. Employ 100-140students
  - xx. Questions from the Budget Committee
    1. How many listeners tune in to the radio per day/week?
      - a. There is no way to know if how many. We will have to pay Abrontron and that cost more than our budget
    2. Does the Roar generate revenue?
      - a. Some revenue, but significant
    3. How much revenue is generated from non-SGA funds?
      - a. 20-30k a year. This offset printing cost
      - b. 75-80 SGA, 15-20 advertising. Advertising is different from years before
    4. How number of ads pre and post covid
      - a. Decrease during covid. Has increase due to advertising package.
      - b. Do you have a number of foot traffic on website?

- i. 35=k views each month. Some months are 60-70k traffic\ . These are unique visitors
- c. 5/10/15 decrease
  - i. Looking at marketing efforts
- xxi. Presentation ended at 1149am

Quick recess until 1155

1155

- h. Multifaith Council Budget hearing started at 11:55am
  - xxii. Present: Samuel Huxford (treasurer)
    1. Always requested \$5k: for faith fairs and different programming. this year is \$14,541.
    2. About 12 organizations, and not all can request thru SGA, but Multifaith. Asking to increase funding request to \$30,000, so that these organizations can request funds from Multifaith, if possible.
    3. Clarification from Silvana, we must honor what is on the request form for the amount.
  - xxiii. Questions from the Budget Committee
    1. No questions from committee
  - xxiv. Presentation ended at 1202
  - 2. Scheduled lunch break
    - a. starts at 12:02pm
  - 3. Scheduled lunch break
    - a. ends at 1:45pm
- IV. Call to order
  - a. Meeting called to order at 1:45pm
- V. Roll Call

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- b. Activity & Service Business Office Budget hearing started at 1:48pm
  - i. Present: Silvana Rogelis
    1. Coordinate A & S fee disbursements, mini purchasing office
    2. 3 fulltime staff and 2 student positions
    3. BSU, RSOC, Homecoming, GPSC, Multifith, RHA, SPC, HESA are some of the groups they help
    4. Request for OPS students, food for budget hearing & deliberations, office supplies and operations, office phones, professional development, and shared services, total request: \$41,601. Dues to OPS
    5. Budget priorities is student/ops. 5/10/15% cut will me a reduction of hours of student staff
  - ii. Questions from the Budget Committee
    1. No questions from the committee
  - iii. Presentation ended at 1:55pm.

Recess until 2:10pm

Meeting called back to order at 2:09pm

- c. Panther Motorsports Budget hearing started at 2:11pm

- iv. Present: Rafael Vargas, Carlos, Noah, maria Castillo
  - 1. Formula SAE- Panther Motors sports are the official team in SAE
  - 2. 30 active members (engineering major is majority, computer science, business and marketing)
  - 3. Requesting \$60,782, FSAE competition, workshops, marketing, consumables and emergency. \$36,025 for FSAE and \$1,088.37 Consumables
  - 4. Cuts will mean less workshops, take less members
  - 5. Last year, first female driver in FIU and overall, in the competition
  - 6. Sponsorships for vehicles
- v. Questions from the Budget Committee
  - 1. No questions from the budget committee
- vi. Presentation ended at 2:22pm

VI. Meeting Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 2:22pm