

University of Central Florida Student Government Association



Activity & Service Fee (A&SF) Budget Committee Student Government Association Meeting Agenda

Pegasus Ballroom GHI
December 2, 2011
3:00 PM

- I. Call to Order- **3:00PM**
- II. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum-

A&SF Chair Miller P
A&SF Vice Chair King P
Student Body President McCann P
Student Body Vice President Brock P
Speaker Jones P
CRT Chair Moskovitz P
FAO Chair Gay (3:06PM)
ORC Chair Kahn P
Senator Arbos P
Senator Cevallos (3:02PM)
Senator Dodge (3:18PM)
BoSD Chair Tapoler P
Student-at-Large Shields (3:03PM)
Student-at-Large Whatley (3:06PM)
Committee Alternate Gruda P

- III. Approval of the Minutes – **M/A GRUDA**
- IV. Approval of the Agenda – **M/A McCANN**
- V. Announcements from the A&SF Chair –
 - a. Budget Request Packets Due Monday, December 5th, 2011
 - b. Winter Break 2011 Schedule
 - i. Bring laptop and Dress professionally/comfortable
 - c. Committee Expectations and Daily Procedure

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Last meeting before winter break sessions. We meet with almost all the agencies and departments. Most all are requesting increases. Budget packets are due Monday December 5th. Digital copies will be given out by Wednesday. Lunch and breakfast will be provided all day. Bring your laptops with you because you'll have the CD to look up everything.

Committee Expectations

- Be on time; time is money
- Be respectful; be leaders
- Don't be afraid to scrutinize
- Relevant questions, don't ask off topic questions
- Have an open mind; we are not Senate, big picture
- We are an A&SF family
- RSO are just a small fraction of the budget, be objective

VI. Announcements from Committee Members –

Kahn: As ORC Chair, I have been going over the records. The farther you go back, the less reliable it is. The 43rd and 44th are good. I am going everything to see what I have missed. Use these forms to see if they should get funded or how much they should get.

Jones: Issues with bill writing, we will be having a bill writing workshop next semester, if anyone has any suggestions please let me know.

VII. Announcements from Non-Committee Members – **NONE**

VIII. Old Business – **NONE**

IX. New Business – **NONE**

X. Member Discussion –

Miller: When we go to the RSO and with the Program Evaluation Forms, what kind of weight do they have? I want to talk about the policies now.

Brock: I do think they should be a requirement, the Program Evaluation Forms. Since we don't have some forms that go back, I would hate to penalize RSOs when it is our fault. As much as I agree, I don't want to penalize them.

Kahn: I have been in contact with Sandra Barry, who is in charge of all the archives and in charge of everything for SGA. I have grant access to go back to the 40th. I have some stuff here in the office from the 41st. There are a lot of holes. The 42nd is alright, the 43rd is better, and the 44th is perfect. The more you go back, the least reliable it becomes. It's not at the level it is operating at. If we don't use these forms as weight, what is the point of ORC and for me getting paid?

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Miller: Moskowitz and Gay; how far back do you have copies of allocations?

Moskovitz: 42nd maybe the 41st.

Gay: About the 40th.

Shields: I don't think as much as an archiving problem for ORC.

Gay: Something I thought about the past, in the professional word, anything you got in paper, you would send it through the copier machine, we would scan it to file it and we should start doing that.

Miller: More of a legislative question.

Moskovitz: Will it be necessary to bring all the binders down?

Miller: Bring down up until the 40th. We probably won't utilize them.

Gay: In Nightmare we have access for the reversion history.

Miller: Bring what you can.

Moskovitz: I haven't accessed the electronic log, so I am not sure how far back it goes.

Kahn: Are you talking about Nightmare? It goes back to 2005.

Gay: You can get it from ASF. I got a ton of data from the FAO account. I can email it out to everyone if they want it.

Brock: Would you like us to not vote during RSOs or anything that we are a part of?

Miller: I think everyone is responsible enough. If you are making a personal benefit, you are all elected leaders. There shouldn't be a reason to.

Gay: We should be announcing if you are a part of the RSO.

Kahn: Going over last year's budget, a lot of changes have happened in SGA. One of the problems is getting a packet from the GSA. Because there is no President, there is no leadership, my concern is how valid is the packet? Who is submitting the packet?

Gay: You have delegates, etc. It is open to the GSA; you have to have the money to have it function. Right now we are filling out the Agency/Department form. That is probably the best way to do it. Michael Preston is the advisor signing it. Realistically, you have to money to have SGA. That's what we're moving forward with.

Moskovitz: No officers?

Kahn: There are no officers.

McCann: The RSO and GSA, which are two separate different entities.

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Brock: Since you have knowledge of these meetings, who is planning on signing President, etc?

Gay: Maybe Bonnie (President of SGA Association RSO, although she is not the chair.) J.J. Turutt is actually the chairman of that committee.

McCann: GSA (RSO) and the graduate assembly was created in the CA they are currently a part of the joint committee to find out what the next steps are. That's the difference of the two. "Should we even allow them to fund them?" This is not the best way to go. Things that are already established. More is this a route. Is this a route we're willing to take? It could present further complications.

Kahn: Since there is no leadership, we don't know the needs of the GSA. The joint committee is there to try to find out the needs, the financial needs. The duty isn't for ASF to find that out. We are here to whether be it worthy to fund it or not. In my opinion, the money will be reverted.

Brock: GSA doesn't have any budget matters.

Gay: I think we're going down an incorrect path; the assembly will be allocated funds. The GSA budget is through travel or College of Medicine travel. To not allow them to present, would be foolish. We should really take this recommendation and really fund this.

Jones: I move to not hear the GSA and nor accept the assembly packet.

Gay: I object to the consideration of the question.

Miller: I will not hear it, and therefore move to go to Miscellaneous Business
XI. Miscellaneous Business/Additional Motions –

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Jones: I move to not hear the GSA and nor accept the assembly packet.

Gay: I object.

Jones: Given the discussion we have, Chair Kahn beat me to it. There is no president or elected officials of this group, the RSO and GSA are two different things. They're a brand new entity. It needs more time. There is nothing. There is no funding history. There are no rules in statutes about this and it needs more time. Nothing talked with me or Pro Tempore in our branch. This is going to directly affect our accounts.

Miller: It says Section 3, Article 6. "Graduate Students shall receive funds from the Activity & Service Fees."

Brock: Those two lines don't make sense.

Whatley: First Line- From my view, it wasn't written correctly. Graduate students shall receive funds from the Activity & Service Fee, which they already do.

Miller: My take, the issue is whether to accept or not to accept from the assembly, this line says there should be funds somewhere for this group. Whether you decide to choose it or not, I don't know if this is an issue. There has to be funds. There are funds under SOS. Legislative branch has funds for Graduate funds. I don't think it's unconstitutional I wouldn't have accepted the motion, so that is why I am allowing it.

Dodge: They will receive funds, but doesn't say when they have to receive funds.

Whatley: Precedent issue, until we were in steering committee, College of Medicine, once they got started, first year no funds, second year \$30,000.

Brock: What truly is going on? SOS has a lot of Graduate programming for them. They fund recognized RSOs. This is an issue.

Whatley: In the funding process, I find it interesting. They didn't receive funds to the 3rd year. This is more along the lines of how the Graduate Student Assembly should work. Whether they have leaders or not. We should be allocation hundreds of thousands of dollars that doesn't have elected officials, working out the funding; things need to be worked out before we allocate funds.

Gay: How do you work out the kinks, with monopoly money? Come on. They need money; they aren't going to work without money. You need to step up to the plate. 803.6, in statutes, you

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have to hear all budgets. I don't think this is in your statutes that you can do this. How on earth can you do this not to fund this committee, from precedent that has going from SGA? I think this is out of order. Of course, this is going to be challenged. The Dean, Assistant Dean of Graduate Students, going against a lot of power here trying to block this. Not even allow them to hear their budget proposal.

McCann: I hear your concerns; I don't think they are compelling enough to let them hear it. It is not unconstitutional. There is too much uncertainty. We have mentioned a lot of things that is compelling to not hear it.

Brock: I do value your opinion. I want the President or Speaker to sign this packet. Not the President of the GSA (RSO), that is the false, and against Golden Rule. What happened, that whole presentation? I have spoken to several universities. FSU didn't receive money for two years. If we want to talk about the most knowledgably here. We were all elected from the student body. We were financial trained. We were the ones going day in and day out. I think it is a slap in the face. For you to go ahead and that we don't understand. This is where as SGA we need to take a stand.

Jones: May I attain? We all made our debate. There is no way to go about this. I move to vote.

Miller: There has been a motion to vote, any objects?

Gay: I object.

Gay: This is pretty important. Do you want to let them know, before to vote on it? I think this might be a little big appropriate.

Gruda: Are we aloud to say we can't present something? Is that true?

Miller: For instance, if an RSO if the signatures aren't correct, there invalid. I understand Michael Preston is the advisor, but who is Student Director?

Kahn: You said earlier, winter break isn't the end, if elections are held in the spring, if they are, can we go back to the budget to reevaluate things. I am just saying. I have been in contact with Dean Armacost, The Medical School LCME. She is the one in charge of accreditation, there is nothing that says it is a deciding factor, and this just helps.

Jones: We can always come back to it, if we get in statutes, the administrative codes; we need concrete numbers, everything perfect. That will be the only time I would want to work with it. No issues in the future, everything set in stone.

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Brock: That is what I was going to ask, if they formed and Spring elections. If the money was left in Senate. Would they be able to receive money from Senate and have all graduate, at that the time?

Miller: They wouldn't go through Senate as a bill, just a transfer funds.

Jones: I would accept that once the budget is passed. When it is finally passed through Senate.

Gay: Uncertainty. We are literally blocking. The presentation, just to listen. It doesn't bind this committee to do anything, just to listen. You are covering your eyes and ears. Making decisions without the most. FSU they got lawyers in the room, and got to that point because of actions like this. Fighting tooth and nail and this is what it feels like. Problems and issues, the graduate issues are. There is going to be a sizable request, up to \$500,000. The money isn't going to be there. It's not about the money, it's not about profit. They need to be funded by A&SF. Consider it from the other point of view, that even able to come in and present. This is extremely hurtful from the overall process; this is a slap in the face. When you consider spring elections, such an effort to back this. Hopefully spring, Fall, than never. I think that we need to act on good faith here. Give the good faith to come in. Open your eyes open your ears to hear them. Come on, the time and day to listen.

Dodge: I want to say a couple things. Graduate Student Assembly fees, don't exist. Second thing is, I am not in favor of the way we are doing this, I don't agree with them not presenting, but who is going to present? There is no President, no VP. Who are we letting present? These people are going to present, who are they? Who are they representing?

Brock: Start of annual budget process that read with 30% back in early stages. I see a problem all in Section 3 in itself.

Jones: Acting good faith hasn't done anything. Rush through this whole CA. Promise wouldn't go through for ASF, they went to do it. We don't have to be here, we don't have to listen to this. That is a slap in my face.

Gruda: Chair Gay mention, A&SF will be given through the A&SF, shall be administered by the elected from the members of the GSA. There are no elected members. There is no possible way to fund it.

Moskovitz: I am going to agree with VP Brock and Speaker. If you look at the Final vote count, 21-6. 27 senators. It was pushed through very quickly. It we choose to wait until not over

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winter break, later time to vote on this. This isn't correct, the CA was pushed through. Cause more problems in the future.

Arbos: Vote to hear it, we can pass or fail it. We already heard a lot from others. I said we give them time and day like Chair Gay say.

Whatley: Can we even accept it?

Miller: Who is exactly signing this? To my knowledge, who is the President?

Gay: This means, we can have different people and present different ideas. The budget committee can vote. Therefore, it makes sense that any graduate students can present for the assembly when elections will have. When we have Spring Elections and we will exist. That bill had nothing to do with GSA.

Miller: Who can sign this document?

Moskovitz: Who is presenting this?

Miller: If I can refine the question, who is signing this?

Gay: I would imagine the Chair of the budget committee. These are tools that are able to assist them. These things are not in statutes. Things made up to make them. These make the most sense to use the Agency & Department Forms. This isn't a problem I would think it is the Chair of the budget committee. Brought the most budget together.

Dodge: Who gave the authority to operate and delegate this budget? I don't know who got together and created the committee and decide their budget.

Miller: Before this debate. Say new things, not repeat.

Gruda: I think we should move to vote.

Shields: I think this got this personal. No one is against it. I don't think its correct was not allowed to choose to hear it. There's no funding history, there's no leadership, and we don't do this for other RSOs. I think this needs to get away from personal, more logical.

Gay: The right to present. Anyone can get together and draft and present. I think you can have anyone get together. However, the Graduate students are extremely united. They work together well. Go with what they're seeing, this is not gambling. We have used much analysis.

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Brock: I am confused; the assembly itself is a Student Government body. What I don't understand. If they were to happen, is this committee following statutes? Are they following sunshine laws? Now it is a student body entity of SGA. It is a team effort, once it is passed; it's in Student Government hands. Do you agree with us?

Gay: No.

McCann: Move to Vote.

Miller: With the vote count of 10-3-0. We will not be accepting their packet.

XII. Final Roll Call -

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XIII. Adjournment – **4:10PM**

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