

No. 28 | Tuesday, April 12, 2022 @ 5:30 PM PDT in JRHH 102

(Let Sarah know if you need to zoom <https://zoom.us/j/97501548143>)

Members Present:

1. Opening Comments

- a. Today is our final real/formal cabinet meeting, thank you everyone!!

2. Cabinet Photo

AC - SB 007 - if the approval doesn't go through we automatically go into editing. The same thing goes for cabinets.

MTV?

No abstentions the bill passes.

3. Cabinet Minute Approval (review the minutes before the meeting)

- a. [Minutes from 4/5/22](#)

4. Timeline of April

- a. April 12
 - i. Cabinet & Senate: FIN presents budget & Senate review 2022-23 all orgs budgets and vote to approve or not

JS -

- Context - we began without a DoA. We could not start until February - 2 weeks behind. This made budgets later and more rushed. The \$ is the collection of student fees for projected enrollment next year. The buffer is 3%, in previous years the buffer has been up to 8%.
 - We had to cut 133k from everyone's minimums - if we gave everyone the min
- Application process
 - Asked student orgs for planned spending
 - We wanted to see if orgs were keeping track of expenses, and know how much they were spending.
 - Orgs asking more than 1k had to meet with the finance committee and fill out forms till march 26.
 - I communicated that requests and extensions would be honored. If the org communicated with me or Noe, we were flexible.
- Allocations
 - Evaluated how well they spent their funds last year.
- Orgs decisions
 - Community agreements - orgs, not individuals, we recorded all proceedings to acknowledge that any org will have access to these recordings. Be thoughtful:)
 - Taking notes in a summary style - comments are summarized - pro con lists, and allows the minutes to reflect what was taken into consideration.
 - Last year we struggled with speculation - we only considered the info that clubs gave us. We tried to keep each other in check. This was not perfect but was an improvement from last year.
 - We had to begin with the orgs' minimum
 - Consequences

- late/incomplete budgets
- Cut low priority items - we looked at each budget case by case
- Next steps
 1. Looked at all orgs beginning with highest scores
 2. Next second approval
 3. Blanket cuts (-) ASB & CO
 4. Finally returned to individual organizations again
 - a. The final cut was from the cabinet budget

Decisions of Note

- Gagged - bordered language on wages - that we cannot fund. We funded them almost everything except for honorariums.
- CRS - most of the \$ went to a summer trip - we cannot spend outside the academic year
- Poetry club - new and did not have details to justify expenses
- SOE - did not spend \$ and requested even more \$ this year, we gave the same as last year
- CEESA - did not submit a budget. Did not request money - we encourage re applying in the fall.
- CO - requested lots of money
- BSU - we had difficulty communicating with BSU, they submitted the budget two weeks after the 26th. NR was eventually able to contact them. The honorarium language was too close to a wage. We funded the minimum - honorariums, and want them to reapply in the fall. Those were the rules we set at the beginning and we kept them to be fair to other organizations
- Climbing team - similarly turned paperwork in two weeks late
- Rugby teams - one team paid the rugby coach more than the other,
- garden club and SEED are working together
- ASB - everyone got funding but we relied upon what was used/needed this year.

NEXT

1. Approve it by senate (hopefully tonight)
2. Encouraging student orgs to appeal
3. Sending out the minutes and allocations
 - a. Recordings available upon request
4. Letter to orgs clarifying how the process went

SV - cyan did a timer thing in the minutes if you have any questions.

ET - to change, why do we not want to share the entire spreadsheet?

- **JS - is it students orgs business to see the other orgs, i see the strong argument for transparency to share. I recognize and see the privacy and transparency, I am talking to tamara about that now**
- **AC - in the name of transparency the \$ that ASB got should be transparent**
- **ET - bsu for example, There is no way to see if that is a lot or a little. Looking at the difference between BSU and Tiny House Club is a big example, that context at BSU is good to know. why aren't we getting the same amount of money as white orgs?**
 - **JS - I am planning on a more extensive explanation of their budget - we plan to send this presentation and the minutes and the recordings to orgs**
- SC - adding onto that gives a lot of important context. Obviously asb, speaking from a student perspective, if i were a club leader i would want to see what clubs are getting more or less funding. It is important for the entire school to see it. We should make the entire allocation thing public.

- **JS - that discussion is happening! If you are planning to be a senator, we would love to have you in finance next year. If you are passionate about allocations/funding, the more equitable our funding can be**
- SFV - on ET and SC point, will you leave the minutes there? That is super helpful to make sure that the budgets and minutes are in one place and to look for the context
 - **JS - i plan to keep the links there to not separate # and context**
- ET - i want to push back on the idea that we are judging people and ranking them based on how well they fill out a form. Why is one org looked at first than another one? Based to your standards, BSU was examined last
 - **JS - climbing team and BSU were treated last because we had to hunt them down. Climbing team we did not have any communication from and they turned in their budgets two weeks late. To be fair to clubs that had communicated with us, I was really willing to be flexible with them. Receiving no communication with BSU, they were last.**
 - ET - why do you think they took so long to reply?
 - **SFV - i was the member that was supposed to meet with BSU representatives the wed. before spring break. They did not respond to me and NR advised me to reach out again. A week after spring break was when they reached out to me and that was past the hard deadline**
 - ET - but why did they apply last? Equality and equity are very different, I question why we would put them down. It is our responsibility to lift up black voices when they are not heard
 - **JS - we agreed and brought that up. We could have cut their budget even more. I agree and want to reiterate, if i had any communication with anyone from BSU i would have looked at it. Because there was no communication with me or BSU until two weeks after the deadline it was difficult to justify out of fairness to other clubs. I understand judging orgs based on ability to fill out a form has flaws, but what are the alternatives? We need to make a lot of cuts even from the bare minimums.**
 - EY - there is a lack of evidence for associating the fact that BSU was last and the reasons why that was. Aside from ranking, the way that these meetings are organized with each leader, where can we learn what that process is like?
 - **JS - the application process - this year we were not able to but usually we would have a meeting with student orgs with a powerpoint and have reps from student engagement. There was frustration of why aren't people submitting things, and they had not gotten the information that I thought they did. I think we improved this year, but we could improve more.**
 - OW - the point trying to be made, it can be interpreted as BSU's lack of responsiveness shows that they need support and there is a need that is not being filled. Bsu does not have the resources to turn in the budget on time and to meet these deadlines. You took the time to review the budget and that is extending resources to them. SLM and I talked about how BSU was not going to have funding for next fall, SLM emailed IME and that circulated around to get a budget in. that is unlike any student org who gets a budget

- **JS - i am going to reach out to BSU leadership to make sure they get the funding that they need in the fall**
- **NR - I had to meet them on a friday afternoon which did not fit into my schedule well. The meeting went well. We were able to help them write the spreadsheet, they said they would submit it in two days and I got it the wednesday after. Being at the bottom of the sheet was not detrimental to anyone's budget.**
- JE - did they give an explanation for being late?
 - **They did in the chat SFV said that the past week had been pretty rough for BSU leaders.**
- FDP - the rugby teams were wondering the difference between their funding
 - **JS - We made basically the same cuts for mens and womens rugby. If I get in trouble we all get in trouble. The men's rugby requested 2k more for coaching than the womens, so we subtracted 2k from the mens budget and then gave the 7.5% cut.**

SLM - all clubs got many emails from a student engagement perspective. Clubs have the responsibility to take initiative. Because we were virtual the first few weeks of the school year, clubs got emails. They have a duty to reach out when they need us. Student engagement is open. JS and NR put in a lot of work and are full time students

ET - you all did a lot of work and i unfortunately could not go, i just want to question our own biases towards the system. I understand that you went through a lot of work as a student leader, it is frustrating that they did not use the tools you gave. You are not black if they are having a hard time in BSU, they are being told to fill out forms on top of the emotional burdens of being a black student in a predominantly white institution. Black students are marginalized in the community, not just LC, that should put them higher on the list. Why do we not have a strong BSU? If we cut the funding this year based on leaders, that sets them up for failure in the future and harms the infrastructure. The principles are important and how do we balance those.

- **JS - allocations can be changed to become more accessible. I have been trying to change the process since I was elected. The only reason that they submitted it late was from a rough week, they have known about this process since february. We cannot give money to people that do not request funding.**
- ET - why not?
- **JS - i do not know, it isn't in the bylaws or the structure**

FDP - there is no credible reason to accuse of racism because the application was not filled out. I was the head of a failed club and did not have time for it.

ET - none of us are in BSU all of us are white, who is going to stand up?

- **NR - i dont think it is appropriate for you as a white person to say this to us and I would like to hear BSU's concern. Accusing the finance committee of being inequitable is unfair and I think we did all that we could. We will work on this next year and I think we judged BSU fairly.**

SC - we should really be releasing the allocations spreadsheet. Obviously this is a much bigger conversation it is important for students to see what funding was given to clubs

- **JS - I understand and do not want to subject me or NR to structural issues that we do not have control over. There are systems in place we are not responsible for we are trying to improve**

OW - it is not doing BSU favors by giving them money for not utilizing the systems in place. BSU has to go through the forms to have events on campus, and have to document funding through student engagement. Giving them money when they don't apply causes its own issues.

MH - we are talking about how orgs deal with the system and are processed, is the amount of money they are getting in the budget in dispute?

- **JS - the amount that BSU received was the minimum that they requested that they can operate on full scale with. Their language regarding honorariums was not in accordance with what we felt comfortable funding. This is comparable (-) honorarium**
- **LH - this \$ is just for now, they can re appeal and get money through the rollover account.**
- **JS - we have a lot of money and want to give it out in the fall.**

SFV - speaking on the amount BSU got, i can understand why the decision comes off as harsh. In defense we took into account BSU's previous spending, they have really responsible prior spending and a very detailed spreadsheet and had 74cents left in the account

EY - would we vote to make the spreadsheet available to the student body? I see consequences from that.

- **JS - it is up to us and Tamara. We appreciate your opinions.**
- **OW - the recommendation ultimately reflects on the finance committee.**

MH - if you decide to release the full spreadsheet, you are just seeing numbers and not what the money is used for. Do you take the funding numbers and incorporate that into this?

- **JS - I have linked my presentation and the minutes to the doc you have access to. I do not want to link every org's budget to this - i am uncomfortable with other orgs information being published without their permission**
- **NR - orgs submitted the info to the finance committee not the student body**

SLM - Madeleine can spend the Cabinet budget however she wants, the budget itself does not determine what the club will do. Numbers are good for transparency and urges conversations between clubs.

MS - I understand why you cut a lot of funding for saab, I know that Saab can appeal for more funding. With something seen above about the allocations for fosa, the budgets were due before spending for fosa

- **JS - I respect that but we asked orgs to document planned spending. Specifically for saab, we would have liked to see a record of spending, saab submitted a blank spreadsheet and we went through NR treasury account.**

SC - I have questions about CEESA because they are getting no funding. It looks like the budgets were examples, what is CEESA, and

- **OW - this was bigger before covid, it is a group of students that works on their english literacy, writing and speaking skills with the skyline staff. The other issue is that the pandemic stopped a lot of our interactions. This used to collaborate with EIJC (i believe).**
- **JS - they turned in something but did not ask for any money.**

SC - Would you help them through appeals?

- **JS - Yes, I'm going to be working on a guide to wording surrounding honorariums and each appeal is handled case-by-case.**

MM - I had a lot of similar struggles about BSU. I did NAY on the numbers but am comfortable with the final number we settled on. The original number would have given BSU about 2k with the percent cut. This number is still better than the other number

- **FDP - some clubs get appeals sooner than others, i know that we had a staff issue but is there a coherent plan for who gets to appeal first -**
 - **NR - the issue is that when they applied there was a week left for the finance committee.**
 - **JS - the plan for the fall, i plan to stick all year. Appeals are 1st come 1st serve. We are able to take in more context of orgs, if you need to you can appeal multiple times. We will introduce orgs. At the beginning of the year I will work to make things more accessible.**
- AC - is the first come first serve, per semester or per year? Is the appeal that we use by year split to use part of it 1st semester.
 - **JS - we have a % cap of about 40%**
- **Rocky - one of the main reasons that we made this vote to determine membership in the future is to fix this problem - finance and other committees can operate quickly when school starts, we didn't used to vote for senators. You all are making the process faster.**
- **ET - I was not trying to call you out, I just wanted to be cognizant of structures in place, and it is not the people's fault. Along those lines, this was not a baseless fuck you, but when this was shared to me i was really frustrated. My first thought was what to do? I reached out to two POC and they told me about the burnout they experienced. It is difficult to balance saviorism and what is needed. I look forward to the appeals process and supporting communities that need more support.**

JE - we funded BSU 3,800, they requested at least 5,300, that is their operational cost. The number we are giving them is much lower than the operational cost making it hard for them to function next year. Most of their budget is for events that benefit the entire school. We all pay the student fee and expect it to go towards things that benefit the student body. I know turning it in late is annoying but this org is incredibly important to the school and benefits the entire school. I wish that was taken into account a little more. They are only getting 53% of what they asked for, ASU got 89% of their minimum. That seems like an equity issue that we should discuss more. Their financial tracker said that they were only left with 74 cents in the budget. Because they spent 5,400 i wish they got more money i see this as an equity issue.

- **NR - they would have gotten the minimum other than the honorarium issue - that is an issue that cannot be funded, we will encourage them to appeal - they could get the honorarium and they will get the minimum**
- **JS - I agree with you, they maybe can spend all the money we gave them before they can appeal. I want to reach out to BSU so they are able to appeal early. If you already spend money before asking for more, we will ask for orgs. Bsu was responsible and I imagine they will spend all their money. They can appeal early in the year and I agree with the equity issues regarding the distribution of money.**

MH - when can orgs begin appeals?

- **OW - as soon as we have a finance committee/ active senate = probably the 1st week of october. I would like to have a vote in about five minutes.**

MM - with the appeals process, i am confident finance will have returners next semester and we have had cabinet members act as finance committee. I feel that finance and cabinet will be able to handle/process these appeals

- **JS -**

College Outdoors

AM - can you talk more about college outdoors

- **NR - I would like to focus on this approval process. If you have complaints/compliments I would like to go through that.**
- **JS - CO is something that the school advertises a lot - the activities are very expensive. We felt comfortable funding that amount. We have no control over what orgs do with the money we gave them. We advise them how to spend the money, we hope the majority of that \$ goes to scholarships to make it accessible**
- AM - CO is a really white space, and for CO to take money from budgets. I want you all to consider that experience that GLU has to finance members to take a trip with CO
 - **JS - thank you for the additional context.**
- AM - it seems that mostly affinity groups will have to apply for funding in the fall - other orgs that are not identity based (not to diminish other clubs/sports) just want to bring it up.
 - **JS - we have a limited amount of \$ we can spend now. We cannot fund anything that uses the word compensation - clubs more like affinity groups do deserve monetary rewards, but if the wording is not legally supportable we cannot fund it.**
- AM - what is honorarium funding?
 - **JS - because we are all volunteers we cannot get an hourly wage with student fee money, i think we deserve hourly pay but the legal wording behind it has to be under honorarium so it is not referred to as a wage or compensation of any kind. It is confusing and murky. We will work on it this year. Gagged was an example where we just needed a wording change.**

Straw poll for budgets - many want more time

- **AC - we need (more than) half the group to approve**

Catholic Relief Services

SC - why can we not fund events over the summer

- **JS - their budget requested \$400 for a conference in July - it was canceled this summer. Student fee money cannot be spent outside the academic year**
- **AC - earlier this year they resent a budget that we had rejected. They should have known that we cannot fund that.**

- b. April 19 - last meeting! Celebration with food and all current Cabinet/Senate and new Cabinet members.
 - i. **What food do we want?!**
- c. Tues April 26 - State of the School, 4-6pm
 - i. Pips Doughnuts
 - ii. Maybe another one (if we have extra money from other committees)?
- d. May 5 & 6th - May Board of Trustees Meeting

5. EIJC Grants
 - a. Need around \$1,600?
6. **Finance Committee: 2022-23 Budget Allocation Proposal Review**
 - a. [Linked here](#)
 - b. Please review and bring questions/comments!
 - c. THANK YOU to Josie & Noe and all of FIN for all the hard work!
7. **2021-22 Successes/Accomplishments**
 - a. Please add anything you and/or your committee has worked on this year!
8. **Training the new 2022-23 ASB Cabinet**
 - a. Start organizing your Google Drive
 - b. Figuring out what relevant info a new person in the role would need
 - c. How can we streamline the transition process?
 - d. Help next year's ASB be prepared to take over on May 6th, 2021
9. **Closing**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 19 at 5:30 pm in JRHH 102

- **We will do some pictures with stoles and handout cords for the seniors**