



March 16th, 2023 | [Zoom Link](#)

1. Review last week's [minutes](#): vote to approve
  - **Minutes unanimously approved**
2. We have a total of four meetings left together after this one
  - a. Our time together is coming to a close, but I loved every moment with y'all <3
3. FIN: Allocations Recommendation!!!
  - a. Josie and Noe are here to present the results of FIN's hard work during Allocations Weekend (our strongest soldiers indeed) and give their [recommendation](#)
    - **Allocations was held earlier this year than it was historically so that it doesn't happen too close to finals, hopefully this will set a precedent for an earlier allocations weekend**
    - **Total to allocate: \$558,854.80**
    - **This year, ASB and affinity group honoraria were set aside before allocations. The buffer cut and CAB cut were also included, bringing us to the above number.**
    - **Minimum requested total from orgs: \$805,797.06**
    - **FIN had to make a lot of difficult cuts, but they were necessary**
    - **Consequences: a missing part of the budget application resulted in FIN using the minimum as their starting point and then cutting from there. If an organization missed a required meeting, FIN cut their minimum by 15% and used this as the starting point.**
    - **Round 1: FIN went through all the budgets except for the orgs that scored highly on grading. still had \$243,805.99 to cut**
    - **Round 2: if the organization planned for expansion and had consistency in leadership/ event quality, FIN kept them at or above their minimum. If consistency was present but no plans for expansion, FIN dropped them to their award from last year. If an org had an inconsistent application or inconsistent spending habits, FIN cut**

further from last year's award. At the end, they still had over \$100,000 to cut

- **Round 3: any organization asking for less than \$1,000 did not take a percentage cut. FIN dropped orgs with over 90% of their minimum budget to 90%. Then, they split the clubs into categories and made percentage cuts based on these categories. Next, FIN made 2 separate 1% cuts to everyone's budget. They then rounded every number down to the nearest hundred. Finally, they cut the rest of the money from organizations asking for very large budgets and hit \$0.**
- **Splitting categories went well, and Josie wants to see this tactic employed in future allocations processes**
- **FIN committee discussions went well, there was overall good communication**
- **There were some miscommunications between FIN and student orgs surrounding the budget requirements**
- **Because the request was so high, FIN had to make a lot of difficult cuts which was very sad**
- **If Senate approves the recommendation, FIN will proceed to send out the minutes and spreadsheet**
- **FIN says one solution to the problem of having to cut this much money is to raise the student fee (FIN does not recommend this, but it would give orgs access to more funding)**
- **Josie specified that clubs can appeal next year for more funding**
- **Hopefully with our new election schedule, FIN can start meeting earlier in the year and appeals can be processed as soon as classes start**
- **Clubs that appeal early are prioritized**
- **Different rules apply to budgets under \$500, so there are some exceptions to the general guidelines that applied to most orgs (example: SPAC got above their minimum request)**
- **Honoraria requests were declined if words like "stipend" or "salary" were included in the budget, this was Constitutional**
- **M3 asks if FIN has any clubs they encourage to appeal: Noe said they tried to keep this out of the decision with the exception of clubs that had incomplete applications**
- **The biggest cuts went to club sports, symposia, and College Outdoors; Josie expects these orgs to appeal**
- **M3's comment: they are happy with the ASB cut because ASB has an advantage in the appeals process**
- **M3 left early to set up the candidate forum**

- **Josie encourages people to join FIN**
- **Rocky appreciates FIN and how hard they worked on this, allocations is a very difficult process and FIN slays**
- b. [Spreadsheet](#) from Noe
- c. We will then vote to approve
  - **Kate motions to vote, Carly seconds**
  - **Yes: 11**
  - **No: 0**
  - **Abstain: 2**
  - **The budget recommendation is approved!**
- 4. Elections: Candidate Forum March 16th (that's today folks) 6:15-7pm in Chapel
  - **Jk it is in the Council Chambers**
  - a. Be there or else (this is a threat)
    - i. For legal reasons that's a joke
- 5. Fowler Student Center Advisory Board (FSCAB)
  - a. [Apply](#) to serve: share this with people who you'd think would be interested
    - **The name has been changed from Templeton because Stephanie Fowler was the large donor who made the renovation project possible**
    - **The courtyard will be called Templeton Courtyard**
    - **The road outside Fowler will still be called Templeton Way**
    - **The advisory board is currently in the process of getting up and running, it is being run by Student Engagement and ASB together**
    - **Student Engagement is working on the bylaws**
- 6. A perfect segue to talk about the Community Outreach Projects
  - a. Work Time for the artwork collection survey: brainstorm doc [here](#)
    - **We moved on to discussing PioExpress because Vasty isn't here**
  - b. Discussing the PioExpress resource guide
    - **Carly has not been able to meet with the Senators she is collaborating with because she got sick**
    - **Carly will reach out to Senate to schedule a meeting for hopefully this weekend**
- 7. Upcoming Dates
  - a. Voting by student body March 20 to March 25
  - b. **Honorarium Deadline March 23 (I will do one more comprehensive sweep and double check that everyone has the proper documents turned in)**
- 8. Anything else to add, I yield the floor now...
  - **SFV says we will hold off on voting to make Senate meetings biweekly, since the VP can make an executive decision to hold meetings biweekly**
  - **Discussion of Senator reassignments:**

- **EIJC does not want another Senator because they want people to apply for EIJC positions (the original bill would give EIJC a second Senator)**
- **We discussed which committee to give the extra Senator to**
- **We tabled the discussion to transition to the candidate forum**