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University of South Florida
Student Government Fifty-Second Student Senate

SUMMER SESSION
June 2nd 2011

Meeting called to order by Chairmain Jeff Gao at 2PM

Gao- Is the recorder on? It is. Okay, first thing on the agenda is roll call. I am present.

Arrecha- Andrea.

Gao- Andrea is present, sorry. Christy Brinkworth is excused. Caesar is excused. Luis, present?

Colon- Present.

Gao- Brianas unexcused, Shelly is unexcused, Adam Saunders...

Saunders- Present.

Gao- Toby Thompson is unexcused, and Omar?

Omar- Here. Present.

Gao- Greg?

Berkowitz- Present.

Gao- First thing on the agenda, second thing on the agenda: Deletions to the agenda, any additions?

Motion to approve the agenda by Saunders.

Gao- Any objections? Agenda approved. Next thing on the agenda is approval of the minutes. Everybody go over the minutes, I hope?

Motion to approve the minutes by Saunders.

Gao-Any objections? Minutes approved.

Gao- Next thing on the agenda, open forum.

Open Forum:

Gao- Anybody want to say anything? Okay, just a quick note: This is our second meeting. Next meeting will be an educational meeting. This will be teaching you about, for those people who don't know about transfers, off campus requests and budget requests. Those things will all be like a little lecture series next meeting.

New Business:

Gao- New business, we have first thing on the agenda is a request for automotive engineers. They requested to transfer \$1286.75 from materials to their travel. Any questions?

Saunders- It says in a description the bus and generator. What generator?

Gao- I have more to tell you guys. Well, their generator, they only need gas for the bus and generator. Since gas prices are increasing, therefore they need to buy more gas for the bus and the generator. I also sent more questions for them to answer and their reply was will any of this have to be cancelled. Yes, unfortunately. You guys can read over it, but pretty much they need more money to go to more competitions in order to compete with their car.

Senator- The generator is part of their presentation.

Gao- Correct.

Saunders- If it's part of their presentation why would it be in travel. Why would they include that with like the gas budget?

Gao- They need a generator to operate the tools that's actually in the bus as well as it powers the bus and all the electricity in the bus when the bus isn't running, so it doesn't waste the engine in the bus. Any other questions?

Senator- Just to be sure, they have already been delegated but they just want to transfer?

Gao- Correct. They have that money in their materials account, they just want to have it transferred to travel. One thing about transfers, you cannot transfer out of travel, you can only transfer into travel. Any questions? Any motions? Yes?

Andrea- Are they going to need any money?

That's the only request they put in, as far as I know that's all the money they need for their travel. Any other questions?

Saunders- Can you scroll down?

Gao- It's only five questions I ask, in addition to the form that they fill out.

Rivera- Can you guys please state your names. I'm sorry. Thank you.

Gao- Any motions?

Greg- Motion to approve the transfer for automotive engineers.

Gao- Any objections? Unseen.

Transfer approved.

Gao- Next thing on the agenda is another transfer. The Institute of Transportation. They want to transfer \$1048.77 from food to travel. For this organization it's a special case, because they don't have all that money in their food account. They got extra money. Let me show you guys the actual email. They fundraised money from another source. It's actually their money that's in their ANS account and they want to transfer that's theirs to their travel account. So it's actually their money for travel. Because they have to. So any questions?

Saunders- Is this one related to the last one, or are they different?

Gao- They're different.

Andrea- There's no specific event that they'll use it for. It is their money but it is...

Gao- Here's the actual agenda for their travel. This is where they're going. This is the actual agenda they attached, they are going to a conference. Any other questions? Any motions?

Motion to approve the transfer by Saunders.

Gao- Any objections? Transfer approved. Next thing on the agenda is new student connections computer request. You guys should have all gotten a memo that I typed up. They are requesting one Apple iMac and one Dell work station desktop. They want to replace their old ones that they have had for four to five years. I was forwarded the information that they wanted to request two new desktops. These are the only ones that they've had since a while ago, so they wanted to replace those with the Apple iMac and the Dell Work Station with the monitor attached. They were asked why they needed the iMac because it is a very expensive computer. Any questions?

Andrea- Wouldn't they need the HYPE office or is it just they need something different? Like they can actually make their event fliers through their own computer.

Senator-This is a department, it is not one of the student organizations.

Gao- To explain, new student connections is a student affairs department. They have their own little side thing with students working there, they have to plan events and so on and so on. Another thing with student affairs they do have their own marketing department. So, it's up to you guys with what you guys want to do. You can modify anything you want at this point. You guys can give them allocated money to two desktops or give them the iMac and one Dell, you can give them one computer, or you can give them no computers. It's up to you guys.

Adam- The fact that they're asking for an Apple computer now, even though they have two Dells previously. I don't know if the fact that they need it for actual design programs is really a good explanation. Given that, can I make a motion?

Gao- Sure.

Saunders- Okay, I'd like to motion to strike the Apple iMac computer and give them a Dell 780 work station and another 21 inch monitor.

Gao- Any objections? None.

Senator- So you want to do one Dell?

Saunders- No, two Dells.

Gao- Right now, they're getting two new computers to originally replace two old computers. Everybody clear?

Okay, that is done. Next thing on the agenda will be executive branch budgets. Now, this thing I want everybody to look it over. It is very important in terms of how the executive branch will function next year. This budget will go into effect July 1st through June 30th of next year. So, take the accounts, the total and all the positions; 25 positions, the pay raise and everything like that. Any questions? That's a lot of answers.

Saunders- What was the previous allocation?

Gao- Two-hundred plus annual it was over \$260,000. The thing is they have right now, the executive branch over \$60,000 in excess and payroll alone. So, they don't really need that much in payroll. That's what we discussed, sat down discussed how much they really need. And ASARK which is the activities and recommended activity fee and budget committee recommended that they get \$147,000 in their payroll. Which is a good number. This is what we worked out on how much they should be paid and how much payroll should be. Any questions?

Saunders- Have any individual positions gotten pay raises or pay cuts.

Gao- Nope, all of the individual positions have stayed the same.

Senator- There has been a pay scale change.

Gao- The pay scale change was I think the president and vice president actually went down from last year. Other ones are pretty much the same. Chief of staff, other director and stuff like that I think they went up by 50 cents or 40 cents. Something like that. Just because of the pay scale change.

Andrea- For the positions that have multiple employees, the number that they are going to be allocated, that's for each or...

Gao- For each? That's for each. That's a total, times two of everything.

I remember when we were approving the budget, there were 26 employees there were going to be. There are only 25 positions there. Did something get like taken away?

Gao- No, there should have been 25. So, we took the secretary and they were going to get a deputy chief of staff other than secretary. Any other questions?

Senator- So, we need, in ASARK, we allocated \$145,800 and what they need is \$143, 100.

Gao- Correct.

Senator- So what are you guys deciding on here? To go along with the plan of 143 and reducing their allocation by 2,000.

Gao- No we'll still have that excess in payroll, so it's for overtime. They'll still have their money in their payroll. They'll just be using this as a way of paying their employees.

Senator- Oh so, you're deciding on the hours, the weeks, the rate and how many employees?

Gao- Correct. We are not deciding on what we're allocating. We can't do that. That's ASARK's job. Not this committee. Any questions?

Adam- In your opinion, because I know you've worked with this quite a lot, there's nothing egregiously wrong with this? Like, it's good?

Gao- This budget is actually really conservative. We make sure we come back a lot, so it's one of the least budgets you will ever see. Any other questions? Any motions?

Andrea- So, it's from July 1st through the last week of Spring? Oh, it's the whole entire physical year?

Gao- Yes, correct. Any other questions? Any motions?

Saunders- Motion to pass the budget, as is.

Gao- Any objections? Okay the budget's passed. Congratulations to exec. Okay, announcements, again, remember, in our next committee meeting, I'll probably be sending out agendas Friday, just so you guys remember. We will probably, I'll tell you guys a lot of information including forms that you guys might see, transfer forms or off campus forms that you guys will probably see and the inner budget forms, which will be most important. That will take into effect July 1st that will be the first day that organizations can apply for inner. So, we'll probably start getting into that then. I'll also be showing you Proviso which is review of statutes. That's pretty much the governing rules of how student organizations apply for funding. So, we'll go through that and see if you guys have any questions and I'll answer them. Just be ready for that. Anything else? Any announcements.

Andrea- Well, this is a question, for inner budget, July 1st is the beginning, but do they still have to wait the full 14 weeks from the day they were first put in the office before they can apply for a budget.

Gao- You have to wait 14 weeks before you can become a student organization. Not necessarily, the second they become a student organization by OSO, they can apply for the budget. So, that's not up to us, it's up to OSO. Any other questions? Okay, I need a motion for adjournment.

Motion to adjourn by Saunders.

Adjournment called by Chairmen Jeff Gao at 2:15PM.