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University of South Florida  
Student Government Fifty-Second Student Senate

SUMMER SESSION  
July 11th 2011

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**Meeting called to order by Chairman Jeff Gao at 2PM.**

Gao- First thing on the agenda is roll call. I am present. Andrea is present. Greg is present. Christy Brinkworth is excused. Cesar is unexcused. Luis is present. Briana Jones is present. Adam Saunders is present. Toby Thomson is present. Omar Rodriguez is present. As well as guest Masha Galchenko. Yes. I'm so good now. Okay, second thing on the agenda is additions or deletions to the agenda. We have one thing to add to the agenda. Could somebody please motion?

*Motion to add to the agenda by Senator.*

Gao- Any objections? None seen. It has been added. Next thing on the agenda is approval of the minutes. You guys got sent out the minutes. I hope you guys have read them. Omar?

*Motion to approve the minutes by Senator Rodriguez.*

Gao- Any objections? None. Minutes approved. Next thing on the agenda is open forum.

**Open Forum**

Gao- Anybody would like to say anything about anything? Yes, Adam?

Saunders- Senate's going to be really interesting tomorrow. Come prepared. Just wanted to say that.

Gao- Okay. So, just to give you a heads up; we have Senate Plunge; Student Government Plunge. It's kind of like a team building kind of thing. You got that email so remember to RSVP so you guys can attend. Okay, next thing is new business. We have interim budget. Everybody should have got it. Christy made the recommendation not me. So you guys can critique it.

Saunders- Why did you stay away from it?

Gao- Because it's Asian. And I might get biased or something. So, I'm staying away from all Asian ones. Any questions on that? Toby?

Thomson- Can we discuss this?

Gao- If you want to discuss this one, we'll go line by line. I'll tell you guys why she made the recommendations.

Senator- Could we go back to the description?

Saunders- How do you show the number of members on the application?

Gao- No, this is not blocked out. We see it. Senate doesn't see it. All they see is purpose. Plus, we don't look at it. Anything else? We'll go line by line. They had 9 events. First thing was the Carnivale. They requested 50 for food.

*Cesar arrives at 2:04PM.*

Gao- \$50 for materials. They had 100 people attending so \$2 per head. \$30 for materials. That's usually the norm. That's what ASRK did. Materials we gave them \$50 for materials.

Senator- What do materials include?

Gao- This one was for activities. I think they are buying art supplies. Movie night, they are showing Korean movies. They are using CAB's popcorn machine. We gave them \$20 for food. Materials \$30 for rental of the movie and napkins and plates. A day in South Korea; they want to have a giant day for South Korea. They requested \$450. We recommended \$320. That's how much it costs to rent the ballroom. Buddy fund we didn't fund, because they are doing exchange student programs. They are not USF students.

Senator- Clarification; do we always do 100% for ballroom.

Gao- Instead of funding decorations, we funded the ballroom. Shirts, \$5 a head. The norm. Pen Pal Program. They wanted to write letter to pen pals in South Korea. We gave them \$100 for materials but not for the stamps. We explained for your students to experience writing to students in other countries. And that's it. Any questions? Yes, Adam?

Saunders- I kind of think we should fully fund shirts.

Gao- We did a maximum of 500. Say you had 120 people, we figured \$500 and it was our best estimate.

Saunders- Shirts is such a staple that all organizations request. Is that going to be enough to do...

Andrea- How many did they specify?

Gao- 70 shirts for 70 members. They're probably going to look around for cheap.

Rodriguez- How many members do they have?

Gao- About 40 to 50.

Thomson- I believe you said our point was to subsidize and not fully fund.

Gao- Any questions?

Motion to approve the budget by Senator Rodriguez.

Gao- Any objections? Budget approved.

Senator- On the shirt is there a reason that there is a date on there for 1905?

Gao- I'm guessing they made a mistake on that part. Okay, that's been approved. Next thing on the agenda. Interim budget. Please read. Good? Alright, let's go line by line. They requested 900. Some of the events we couldn't fund. It didn't benefit USF. So, we have 30 students attending. I funded them the full amount. So I made an exception They put so much requests into the other events, we could fund. \$25 materials. This movie night they have for it's about how the egg work. \$60 for food. A little above the norm. These two are together. They have a woman's day; a spa day. So, we can fund both events. They have two events. \$70 for food. Just the average norm. Saturday, I can fund because they were going to bring in high school students and at the same time they are going to give them lunch so we can't fund that. Alpha house meeting; I think this was meant to be 50. They are housing pregnant women in crisis.

Senator- Is that here or the Alpha house? It looks like it's off campus. It's next to downtown Tampa.

Andrea- That doesn't necessarily have to be there.

Gao- When they list the location, I have to base it off what they list.

Saunders- For that one too, why did they mention snacks?

Gao- Can someone motion zero fund because it's off campus?

Saunders- Can I object? I'd like to make a counter motion of at least \$10 so it's not zero.

Gao- More about the off campus part. I want to stay off of funding for off campus. They have to fill out the off campus request form.

Andrea- Yeah they don't specifically say what they are going to use the money for. It's a correspondence which is just communicating back and forth.

Gao- So does your motion still stand?

Saunders- I abstain.

Gao- Next thing high school outreach. They are going to bring materials for arts and crafts. I can't fund that. They are going to jr. high's to cook. I can't fund that. They are going to request a signature event in the spring. They are going to get UT students together and we can't fund that either. Because the UT

students don't fund ANS fees. Fliers, and banners they request in the next line. Public relations, again \$50 for the banner and that's it. Any questions?

Andrea- If we find out that the correspondence is on campus, can we resend that?

Gao- Senate can vote to send that to committee. Any other questions? Okay, any motions?

*Motion to approve the budget by Senator Andrea.*

Gao- Budget it \$432.80. Okay, who wants to present this tomorrow? I have a Korean one, who wants to present it.

Andrea- I'll do it.

Saunders- Do we have the Adhoc's committee as well?

Gao- Yes.

Rodriguez- When I present it, do I say what just happened just now?

Gao- This is what Senate will see. They are going to see a PowerPoint presentation. I'm going to have the account balance here. With events approved, cuts, from, purpose and recommendation of what they presented.

Andrea- Someone has to ask you how many members do you have and you say that's not important.

Gao- Stick to what's on the slide. Okay, any other questions? Next thing on the agenda is budget transfer. I just got this. Normally, I wouldn't add it that quickly. This is time sensitive because the travel needs to be paid and I won't be here next week. Any questions?

Saunders- Will this prevents them from doing anything else?

Gao- After this they will have \$2420 in food and materials and at this point it won't affect them in terms and events.

Andrea- Have they done this national conference before?

Gao- This is their third year now.

Andrea- They want to spend it on travel?

Gao- They are going to Dallas, so it is \$350.

Andrea- I'm always for letting people transfer in their budget.

Gao- Any other questions? Any motions?

*Motion to approve budget transfer by Senator Rodriguez.*

Gao- Any objections? Good job guys. Any announcements?

**Announcements**

Gao- Anything. Anything? Good. Motion for adjournment? Adam?

Motion to adjourn by Senator Saunders.

Gao- Any objections?

**Adjournment called by Chairman Jeff Gao at 2:19PM.**

*Transcribed by Senate Secretary Theresa Rivera.*