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University of South Florida
Student Government Fifty-Second Student Senate

SUMMER SESSION
June 29th 2011

Meeting called to order by Chairman Abdool Aziz at 12:02PM

Aziz-First item on the agenda is roll call. I am here. Rachel Shields is excused. Bianca Arguilla? Not here. Ali is here. Ashley is...

Farrel- You're one off. You skipped Sara.

Aziz- Sara Bijan is here. Ali is here. Bianca? Not here. Ali is here. Ashley? Not here. Omar is excused. Sarah Chaudry is here. Tyler is not here and Lee is here. Yep. That's it. Next item on the agenda is additions or deletions to the agenda. Any objections?

Motion to approve the agenda by Senator Farrell.

Aziz- Agenda is approved. Next is approval of the minutes.

Farrel- I would like to say they are awesome minutes and I would like them approved.

Aziz- Any objections? Next item on the agenda is open forum.

Open Forum

Aziz-We have Adam Saunders here as a guest. Next thing on the agenda is new business. I will be meeting with Christian Wells; he really decides where the money goes. Also, I've compiled a list here that other schools have of student services. Next item on the agenda is elected officials educate training. We are having Gary Manka coming in and teaching us etiquette with elected officials. Next thing is Florida student association training. What happened is the board of governors had their meeting on campus last week and this is what they basically summarized for the university fee increases, so what we're looking at for the first line based tuition is going up from 95.67 to 103 and also the fees for ANS are going up and also there's an addition of the green fee, transportation fee is staying the same, athletic fee is going up. What do you guys think about the increases?

Farrel- There's an increase there for student financial aid; that's for the financial aid office. Do we know what that's going for; hiring and or trading?

Aziz- No, we don't. Do you think that they should be a little smaller increment?

Chaudry- I don't understand why the undergrad is 15% I personally believe out of state students should pay more. When they're charging undergrad students that are Florida residents...

Aziz- So, you think the out of state tuition should remain what it was before?

Chaudry- Yes, I do actually.

Aziz- Do you guys think the transportation fee should increase or stay the same.

All- Stay the same.

Aziz- I have 22 million dollars from science engineering and math, so the university now is focusing very heavily on that; the stem projects. So, you guys have any questions about that?

Chaudry- Has this money already been given to the departments?

Aziz- The 22 million has been approved on their plan. I have the PowerPoint the president, Judy Genshaft presented. So, this is basically the presented about expanding access and the economic impact USF has and the partnerships. This is what the board of governors presented. This is their goal for all universities. To have stem and to increase the graduation rates and the knowledge rates and all of these different other councils, so for Florida student association, we'd be lobbying for some of these initiatives or against them and system wide things. So, this is a taste of what they do. This is one they had at USF. So, what do you guys think? Alright, no more questions. So, moving on to the update on subcommittees. I have who you guys are going to be working with. For the state one it will be with Marco Rubio and Bill Wilson. And for local it's a little bit more tricky, it's more like there's county and city, we are working with the mayor already and Sean Johnson which is district 60, where we're located and also senator Arthinier Joiner. They have offices in Tampa and also for federal, we have Kathy Castor which is also the House representative for this area. And locally we have Lisa Montilleon and we have Mark Sharpe. So, these are the group of people we'll be contacting after we have presentations with Mr. Manka. Next is the update from the senator we met at Rally in Tally. He wanted to connect the bus route from Hillsborough to Pasco county. And also we have Orlando having their sun rail project. So, if that passes do you think we can get the wheels going for Tampa's project? Alright, next item on the agenda is announcements.

Announcements

Aziz-Anybody have any announcements. Next, no announcements. Next item on the agenda is adjournment.

Motion to adjourn by Senator Farrel.

Adjournment called by Chairman Abdool Aziz at 12:15PM.

Transcribed by Theresa Rivera.