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University of South Florida
Student Government Fifty-Second Student Senate

SUMMER SESSION
July 6th 2011

Meeting called to order by Chairman Abdool Aziz at 12:04PM.

Aziz-First item on the agenda is roll call. I am here. Rachel Shields is no longer with us. Sarah Bijan?

Bijan-Present.

Aziz-Bianca?

Arguilla-Present.

Aziz- Ali?

Antar-Present.

Aziz-Ashley? Check. Omar is excused. Sara is excused. Tyler Carpenter? Not present. Lee Farrell is excused. Next item is additions/deletions to the agenda. Any motions?

Motion to accept the agenda by Senator Antar.

Aziz- Are there any objections? Agenda is accepted. Next item on the agenda is approval of the minutes. There were no minutes last week. Do I have any motions?

Motion to postpone the minutes until next meeting by Senator Antar.

Aziz-Next item on the agenda is open forum.

Open Forum

Aziz- Anyone would like to say anything?

Manka- Thank you for the birthday cake last night.

Aziz-Next item on the agenda is our meeting with Gary Manka.

Manka- So there is no wear and tear on Theresa, I'd like to go to unmonderated caucus.

Motion to go to unmoderated caucus by Senator Antar.

Unmoderated caucus.

Unmoderated caucus ended at 12:31PM.

Aziz-Continuing onto new business. President Diaz hasn't been in his office much. I haven't been able to talk to him about most of this stuff. I haven't talked about the water fountain stuff. Also, Omar wanted financial aid advising. And also for the computer lab, you know how they have they have to be the student registered in summer; The Senate President is trying to remove that. Also, for the rec. center too. Since you're already paying in your fees. That will be fixed for that. Next is Green Initiative updates. He wanted the student government to change the culture and make it more sustainable within. He gave me to start off: little small ways to be sustainable and first thing he said was things like foam cups, lights and things like that. Also for student organizations for their club to submit a sustainability plan. And we'll use that as a kind of like a gauge when they're looking for the proposal for senate and the appropriations committee. Their requests will be more lenient to accept those requests, so we're going to try and do that. And also, he said that for every single tent day and event we have to have a check list of the whole entire green things that the students do. Like recycling and stuff like that. And also, for having charges and for electric chargers, since their building is wired, they'll put chargers possibly in the Marshall center.

Antar- How many people have electric cars?

Aziz- There is a few. We're also talking about having a bike day; like bikes on campus. And also having like a green car show. Like have an actual thing to show all the green stuff and maybe work with outside organizations so we can do...like with dealerships trade in your non-green car and get a USF discount. Not everyone can afford an electric car. And also, you can adopt a tree and have a tree named after you so you have a legacy. So, you can have a Sara tree or a Bianca tree. We'll also be having an arbor day. And also for the meet your mayor thing in town hall, the date is September 12th at 7PM. That's the only day that the president and mayor are available. We're going to be needing people to volunteer on the event. We will have a live show on the Facebook and twitter. With marketing. And what else? Also, we'll be meeting with this guy Mark Walsh to have a city hall meeting on campus and to bring politicians on campus. And also I was thinking for the subcommittees to write a letter to each elected official and you do your first draft and Gary will look over it and we'll get a stamp for the university. For the local we have Bianca. State we have Ali and Federal we have Sara. So, for the federal thing, it is budget cuts. So, I'm thinking about writing a letter. The students would not like their Pell grants cut and for state government we could write a letter about reducing the cuts in bright futures and things like that and reducing cuts in funding and construction grants and student grants and also locally, we could want more local support and the local community and also that for locally... More...let's see. I'm thinking right

now. Locally on jobs and transportation issues; one issue that was on the table was to build a cross walk around business areas...I think two people have like died. When the next person dies, they put a memorial, well on that one more than one person has died and nothing has been done. So, we could write a letter to get that locally and get support for that. So, I would say for next week to gather ideas and make drafts and work with Mr. Manka to build off of that on different levels. So, that should be fun. And next thing is Tent Day. It is Monday July 11th and we're doing it by the Chemistry building. You know where the grass is where the sidewalks go different directions. We'll be across from there in the grassy area from 9 to 5. The same thing is half an hour with two iPads. Some people can go to engineering, some to life sciences, some physics. Basically go different places. And also I want to meet your senator day where those forms that you have comments and suggestions you can hand those out before a class starts and pick them up at the end, you get more feedback people have questions because when I first started, no one knew clubs and funding, so people do have questions and they don't know who to ask. Next item on the agenda is announcements.

Announcements

Aziz- Next thing the only announcements is tent day Monday from 9 to 5. Scott will be sending out the Doodle. Anyone have a motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn by Senator Antar.

Adjournment called by Chairman Abdool Aziz 12:43PM.

Transcribed by Theresa Rivera.