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University of South Florida
Student Government Fifty-Second Student Senate

SUMMER SESSION
May 26th, 2011

Call to Order by Chairwoman Samantha Toro at 10:31AM

Toro-First on the agenda is roll call. I'm here, Carey, Gula, Shakir, Thomas, Saunders, Hughes and Wilson. Are there any additions or deletions to the agenda?

No response

Toro- Is there a motion to accept the agenda?

Saunders motioned to accept the agenda.

Hughes- Happy Thursday.

Toro- Happy Thursday. This committee is a bit more loose; this is a learning environment, so if you have any questions just ask. Vice chair elections, usually people have them on the first day. What I want to do is make sure people are acclimated to JEC. So I'm probably going to do that on the first few weeks. Okay stuff I've been doing; I've been working for a couple of weeks, so I have been working on the grievance form. Now it's on the website, so now everyone can go on documents and just file a grievance. Later this summer we're going to have training. Its either going to be Winston or Judy; they are going to be doing training on how to make grievances formally. Something else is going to be happening in the summer. There's going to be a committee where we go through all of the statues. It's going to probably take all summer, so if it sounds interesting to you please let me know. A little project that we are going to be working on is doing a complete overhaul of ROP's. Does anyone have any questions? Next up is education packet overview. This covers everything about JEC. Right now they are hiring director level positions and they go straight to the floor. If it is part of the executive cabinet and they are not a director then they come here to JEC. If they pass, they immediately take office. If a coordinator from SLT fails, they cannot come before senate again before that semester, so they have to wait a full semester. If all the justices go to JEC and fail, they just fail. Everything is in explicit detail. I'm starting from where ever a nominee is presented; they must have all three things. Tuesday night we got a pretty thick packet. The confirmation structure: the person gives an open speech and you guys grill them as hard as you can. Question and answer period, then we have an open vote. Anything you want clarified; if something seems a little bit off don't feel foolish, because someone is probably thinking the same thing.

I'm just going to go over this quickly. Viewpoint neutrality is whenever we are voting we keep this in mind: we have to remain viewpoint neutral at all times. Funding cannot be based on the views of the student organization. So if two events come before us that are kind of similar, we cannot look at it like that each needs to be scrutinized on its own. Viewpoint neutrality means that all budgets are looked at individually. This is a good cheat sheet. I am going to go over this individually.

Saunders- Viewpoint neutrality applies to what?

Toro- It is to ensure free speech and guarantee the first amendment when we allocate that money. Next up is proviso cheat sheet. Proviso is chapter 8. It includes all ANS money. Important facts: student government funds nonacademic entities. The physical year runs from July through June. So for those who are new to senate, it is a temporary committee and it is held in October. You cannot charge students at a ANS funded event. Any money cannot be used to pay for: then there is a list of things, but I cannot read them all. We fund college democrats, college republicans and they can hold events. Most of the grievances are saying organizations discriminate. Most of them are proviso related. Even though we do not allocate money, proviso should be known of; those are the ethics statutes. Chapter 2 has been revised. If you want to take a look at your own leisure you should. Let's go back to this lovely diagram. This has been in my head for a while. Governing everything is a US constitution, and then we have student body constitution, SG statutes. Senate: we have our rules and procedure which I'm over hauling. Below senate ROPs is committee SOPS. So each committee has their own and we are going to see JECs shortly. Any questions?

No response

Toro-So that's the education packet, up next is SOP's. Each committee has to do these and they have to be approved before the committee and SenEx. We need to have our rules in place before we begin anything, so the beginning, this is pretty much standard, all of them have this beginning part and all of them have the same template. Okay, so 24 hours of a special session. If you have any questions and you want me to slow down just raise your hand. Anything stricken is something I have struck and anything underlined is amended. If you have a class conflict just let me know and I'll excuse you as I see fit.

Rachel Brown- I struck that because if you have a class conflict you should not be on this committee.

Toro- I understand what you're saying but it has happened in the past. Agenda's for special meetings should not be on the floor and if you wanted to add something you could have made a motion. However if you have a special meeting, in this committee it is a confirmation that should be done immediately. If that is going on I will call special session, with a 24 hours notice, with a special purpose, those agendas cannot be amended on the floor. And this pretty much means those if you're given any kind of assignment, just give a short report about it and just update us on what is going on. Okay this is the vice chair that I have mentioned earlier. This blue part here, I wrote myself. I'm very excited, because there was no confirmation procedure in SOPS. And that pretty much just outlines what I outlined in your packet regarding confirmation procedure.

Saunders- On the part where the nominations will be given freedom of speech, is that just for JEC?

Toro- Yes, that is just for JEC.

Saunders- We cannot make them leave the room, right?

Toro- I have not run into any issues regarding that problem.

Wilson- I think he is referring to the fact that is an open meeting, so if we ask someone to leave and they won't, what can we do?

Hughes-What is this for?

Toro- This is the committee SOPs for JEC.

Hughes- This has to go through JEC?

Toro- Yes, it must go through SOP and be confirmed by SenEx. Are there any announcements?

Hughes- Will there be a senate retreat?

Toro- Can you answer that? (Directed towards Justin and Rachel)

Justin- There will be a plunge.

Hughes- Do we need a motion to suspend the SOP?

Toro- No, we are lawless as of now.

Saunders: Motion to adjourn.

Toro- Any objections?

No response

Adjournment called by Chairwoman Samantha Toro at 10:56AM.