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University of South Florida  
Student Government Fifty-Second Student Senate

SUMMER SESSION  
July 14th 2011

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**Meeting called to order by Chairwoman Samantha Toro at 10:34AM.**

Toro- First order of business is roll call. I'm here. Carey?

Casey-Present.

Toro-Hussein?

Hussein-Present.

Toro-Thomas is excused.

Toro-Saunders?

Saunders- Present.

Toro-Wilson?

Wilson- Present.

Toro- Mark?

Mark- Present.

Toro-And Kimble?

Kimble- Present.

Toro-Okay, are there any additions or deletions to the order of the day? Is there a motion to accept the orders of the day? Okay, the minutes were not sent out is there a motion to postpone the minutes?

Wilson motions to postpone the minutes.

Toro- I'd also like to say thank you to Mr. Goff for the donuts. Are there any senators to speak during open forum?

Hughes- JEC would like to thank Brian Goff for donuts.

Alyssa- Sign up for plunge if you haven't.

Toro- The first order of business is Brittany black for...Who's presenting Ms. Black?

Goff- So, Ms. Black is nominated for deputy attorney general. She got her AA while still in high school and she's an English major so she can correct my mistakes.

Hughes- Can you describe the job description for deputy attorney general.

Goff- In the event that I'm not available to fill my duties they'll be responsible for doing that.

Toro- I have the description available for reference.

Toro- What do you mean by fulfill your duties?

Goff- It'd be the deputy attorney general.

Saunders- What duties would the deputy attorney general's duties?

Goff- Do you want to be more specific with your question?

Saunders- What internal duties?

Goff- Writing the opinions if need interpretation for statutes if anyone has any legal questions?

Wilson- How much legal experience and understanding do you think this position requires?

Goff- It wasn't required. It's a learning laboratory. It means we're going to bring them up to speed on the way.

Black- Hello my name is Brittany Black it is my senior year. I am minoring in psychology. I became interested in law. When I was a senior in high school I interned at a law firm. I came here and worked as a paralegal at a law firm. As a paralegal I do everything. I prepare every legal document. I set up meetings. I do everything in a law office; it's crazy and that's been my life for the past year. This coming semester I am going to take 12 credit hours and I'll be working as a paralegal less than 12 hours a week. I saw this job opening and thought wow I can really bring something to the table. I write and create legal documents. I am a notary and these people know everything they're getting themselves into and I feel like I have something to for this job.

Carey- What are your plans after this year is over? Do you plan to move onto something else, or stay here?

Black- I will probably go to law school in Tampa.

Saunders- Do you have experience reading and interpreting student government documents?

Black- I have read them and interpreting them on my own.

Hughes- What attracted you to this position?

Black- Well where I work I am the only person that works here. I know what I am doing. I could immediately jump into this work and I want to get involved on campus.

Wilson- On your application you had a question about conflict of interest and you talked about your mother, can you elaborate on that.

Black- In my job I know info on every single client that could be the end of me and my bosses business. I wanted to say that but it's an everyday instance.

Saunders- You said you've read statutes; are you aware how the judicial process of Student Government kind of works.

Black- In what instance?

Saunders- In a court case?

Black- A court case would be the opposing side of student government. I'm sorry that was very broad.

Toro- Questions?

*Motion for discussion by Senator Wilson.*

Toro- Okay any objections? We're now in discussion. And executive branch employees. As per usual we'll do this in a fashion of ~~a un~~ moderated caucus.

Wilson- I do think she has enough experience. However she is a senior, so she will only be here for a year. But I guess that's not really a good point.

Saunders- Even in her resume she didn't have a good knowledge of Student Government statutes. I just don't see her being able to take over for Brian Goff. I just don't see it.

Hughes- She seems a bit professional, but as importantly, she...I believe if it came back to it, she could pick up on it like this. She does have relative experience in law. I don't know what that was good or bad.

Saunders- From my understanding Brian Goff says she should be familiar with statutes. She said no basically. She's read them.

Toro- Any other discussion?

Wilson- Neutral. Not enough.

Toro- Neutral?

Wilson- Neutral as in I don't know enough.

Hughes- I didn't see details or specifics. I only know what she's told us. It doesn't really have anything about...

Toro- I see a bit of ambivalence. Would you like to bring her back in for more questions?

Saunders- Hold on. Can I object? Do we have actual questions because I don't want to bring her back if we don't have any questions.

Toro- Are there any other questions at this time?

Hughes- Can I motion for a recess.

Toro- For what? Would you like to recall your motion?

Hughes- Yes.

Wilson- I don't know if there are warm or fuzzy feelings here.

Brown- it feels like you guys are not swaying either way. Think about what you want with this candidate. Just because you guys didn't have a question immediately...She's an English major and there are a lot of grammatical errors. You can discuss it. Don't just vote because you feel like you're stuck in a corner.

Toro- Don't vote unless you are confident in your vote and if you guys have questions formulate them so they can help you. Is there a motion to bring you-her back in for questions? Is there a motion for a three minute recess?

*Motion for a three minute recess by Senator Hughes.*

Toro- We are now in recess.

### **Recess**

Toro- We're back in at 10:52AM. Is there a motion to bring the candidate back in for more questions?

*Motion to bring the candidate back in for more questions by Senator Wilson.*

Toro- Motion accepted. Hello. We just have a couple more questions we'd like to ask you.

Hughes- As a deputy attorney general, what do you feel your biggest duties are?

Black- To represent Student Government, number two to back Brian up on everything I can, and to inform the students and just to be able to work with that is exciting to me and to make things available to students.

Saunders- If a student came to you and asked you about an unclear statute and you couldn't ask Mr. Goff, where would you go?

Black- Please define an unclear statute.

Saunders- A double meaning statute.

Black- I would interpret it as best as I could.

Hussein- In your opinion do you think-----**\*\*ask Mr. Saunders for this question. He has it written down\*\***  
If they added an addendum.

Black- Yes, according to the stature they're allowed to.

Kimble- Are you still employed to the law firm?

Black- Yes, but I will only be working 12 hours.

Toro- Alright is there a motion to discuss?

*Motion to discuss by Senator Saunders.*

Toro- Alright, thank you Ms. Black.

Hussein- When Mr. Saunders asked her the opinion, she said she would just give them her opinion and that doesn't really help.

Wilson- That would be her job.

Saunders- For an unclear statute.

Brown- I don't think a statute should have an unclear meaning. That's why we have legislative intent. It's because there was a gray area and the general attorney wouldn't have to interpret the statute.

Hughes- The fact that she doesn't have an unclear statute...That was her time to prove to us what the job entails.

Wilson- I think there's enough to vote by roll call.

Carey- No.

Hughes- No.

Hussein- No.

Kimble- No.

Saunders- No.

Wilson- No.

Toro- The vote of ~~7 to zero~~ to 10-6-1, this candidate fails. So, these are all executive nominations. If they pass in committee, today, she goes to the senate floor this meeting and have a chance of confirmation there. Okay, up next we have Mr. William Warmke.

Goff- Mr. Warmke is a double major double minor student. He was sergeant at arms. He is also very active in campus and very active in his fraternity.

Carey- What are the direct responsibilities of this position?

Goff- Representing the student for parking appeals. Whether someone is appealing or filing a grievance. Something of that nature. They're basically going to be a public defender for the students.

Wilson- How do you think personal relationships would conflict between the two of you?

Goff- I think there will be a close relationship so there's going to be a lot of meeting with deans of the colleges and kind of advertise, because we also wrote it so basically they're like a second deputy. So, they'll help with the free legal aid. The only time they wouldn't be working together, would be the only instance that we wouldn't work together.

Toro- Thank you Mr. Goff. Mr. Warmke you will have time to speak, or I know you have a PowerPoint.

Warmke- Alrighty, I am a junior, 20 years old. I'm minoring in anthropology and English. Why solicitor general. I am a student advocate. I don't know why this position wasn't made sooner. I do have big goals for this position. I do have marketing experience. I would love to expand it too. I would love to set the bar this high. I believe that this is the ideal job for me. What experience do I have? Here's a few things I'd like to mention I am the 51st term senator. I was fortunate enough to be the sergeant at arms. I am also the vice president of the pre law society. I am also the former director of marketing. That would help make the position more successful. What are my strengths and weaknesses? I am not afraid to ask for help to go to president Hassounah. I am very passionate and hardworking. I have a variety of different experiences. I am overcommitted. I do a lot. I would never put myself in a situation that I wouldn't do it. I turned down vice president for my fraternity. I help people out and that kind of hurts me.

Toro- Are there any questions for the candidate?

Carey- How adaptive are you? How can you turn on a dime to take on this new problem?

Warmke- I have been in positions where you have to be reactive.

Wilson- Can you give me a rundown of what your entire schedule will be?

Warmke- I am vice president of pre-law fraternity firm, I serve as a director of the recruitment board and hopefully this position. I am taking 15 credit hours; all electives.

Kimble- You described this as the ideal job for you. What do you expect to be doing?

Warmke- Parking appeals, someone to talk to and they always have someone to go to if they have any issues.

Saunders- How familiar are you with the grievance process.

Warmke- In title 7 of the election code it talks about figure heads and we file grievance with the evidence; all my opinions will come directly from the statutes.

Hughes- Do you feel that you'll be able to quickly adjust from legislative?

Warmke- Of course I'll be able to.

Saunders- Could you clarify the process that you have to go through for parking service appeals?

Warmke- Yes. They file it online.

Hughes- Do you consider this position proactive or reactive?

Warmke- I think it's both. I will be covering a lot of different types of scenarios.

Wilson- In regards to parking appeals, there's a lot of people that want to appeal, how will you deal with it?

Warmke- To get legal opinion as to what to do as a student as long as statutes... So, yeah.

Saunders- If a student emailed you with a grievance against a Student Government member, how would you go about that process?

Warmke- They would submit accusations for this process.

Motion to move for discussion by Senator Carey.

Toro- This closing speech is optional.

Kimble- I don't think this position should not exist. But we're not voting on this. He's very passionate and even though this shouldn't be a job he is the ideal person for this job.

Toro- Sometimes that happens but we're not voting on the job but we're voting on the person.

Hughes- As far as Mr. Warmke, I know he's committed I don't know how he does it. He can basically manage his time.

*Motion to vote by roll call by Senator Wilson.*

Toro- Are there any objections to voting? Seeing none.

Carey- Yes.

Hughes- Yes.

Hussein- Yes.

Kimble- Yes.



Saunders- Yes.

Wilson- Yes.

Toro- And I abstain. With a vote of 6 to 0 to 1. This candidate passes. Yes please. Is there a motion for a two minute recess?

*Motion for a two minute recess by Senator Hughes.*

**Recess.**

Toro- First we have Mr. GillGil.

GillGil- First of all we are not brothers. Just a little bit about the position. It will be to manage the three graphic designers, which Mr. GillGil has in all 3 areas. He is editor for Bulls Night Out and he has his own blog which fits perfectly for web. He applied for my position, so without hesitation, we appointed him as the associate director of marketing.

Saunders- What technical skills, what programs?

GillGil- Photoshop and Adobe. They will not be hands on in editing of stuff like that for ABX; it would be his job and still having that technical background is good.

Toro- Any other questions? Alright, Mr. GillGil you have two minutes for a speech.

GillGil- Okay, well thank you guys for seeing me today. I am really honored to be offered this position. Ever since high school I have been working on being in that leader roll. I work on Photoshop and design for years. I kind of bounced around to Florida Tech. and Hillsborough College and going into my second year here I feel like I'm part of a university. I want to give back to the students that are here and show them you can be involved in student government and the university not knowing anyone and trying to connect with other people. I want to get people involved in the university. I've talked with Ivan about some of the projects going on and I'm really looking forward to it. I think we've got a really great groundwork and on Monday I was really impressed. It seems like Diaz really wants to be connected with the students and I'm looking forward to it.

Toro- Thank you Mr. GillGil. Questions for the committee?

Saunders- What kind of projects have you worked on with Photoshop?

GillGil- Stuff that I've kind of played around with that help you with the posters you see.

Wilson- Given that this is an assistant director position and your schedules may not match up with Mr. GillGil, how would you be the director on certain projects?

GillGil- For some reason I always seem to be the project leader. I think that I have the skills necessary for this position and I guess I made this impression. I think if I had to do the director of this position I could ask Ivan.

Saunders- since marketing represents Student Government across the campus, how familiar are you with Student Government?

| **GillGil**- I am pretty familiar with it. I am willing to learn and see what you guys do day in and day out and get an appreciation for what you guys do?

Wilson-What do you think is your marketing department and what should be the limit to their availability to what student government has?

| **GillGil**- I think the main mission is trying to connect government with the student body. At times it feels like a kind of disconnect. It feels like it's not really a 2 way street. I feel like it is marketing's job.

Carey- do you have any ideas to get to the students?

| **GillGil**- Social media. I think that it's a very new world and people haven't figured out how to connect. Students are very much in that Facebook, twitter kind of environment and they want to give back to sg and the university. And really trying to use social media to push that message.

Hughes- have you ever been in more so a position where you've had to market to large groups?

| **GillGil**- I worked for an interest group on a cheaper textbook campaign. I had to plan events and had I stuck with that for more of a year, the group kind of fizzled out. Marketing it to 40,000 students and 5000 teachers and staff. It gave me experience.

Toro- Is there a motion to discuss?

*Motion to discuss by Senator Wilson.*

| Toro- Are there any objections? Thank you Mr. **GillGil**.

| **GillGil**- thank you guys.

Toro- Okay any discussion?

Wilson- I think he's more than qualified.

Saunders0 I want to agree with Mr. Wilson but I want to know what his experience was with these programs. He listed word press. I was going to ask him if he has any experience in that.

| Wilson- Just to answer, I have actually discussed with Mr. **GillGil** about the web design portion and there's not a lot of people with experience in that type of coding.

Toro- Is there a motion to vote?

*Motion to vote by roll call by Senator Kimble.*

Toro- Are there any objections to voting? Seeing none.

Carey- Yes.

Hughes- Yes.

Hussein- Yes.

Kimble- Yes.

Saunders- Yes.

Wilson- Yes.

Toro- And I abstain. With a vote of 6 to 0 to 1. This candidate passes. Ms. Brown will you tell them outside. Here is Jessica Lee she is running for assistant director of SLT.

Rasheid- This is Ms. Jessica Lee. She is a junior. She is very experience.

Carey- What are some of the specific responsibilities that would fall to this candidate?

Rasheid- The overall development in this committee. If we are planning, everyone will have a specific roll and it won't be one individuals responsibility. She will be responsible for coordinate. The overall management would be my roll.

Saunders- What was your relationship in marketing?

Rasheid- I did a lot of the checking of their time sheets and things like that and being an overall helper with whether or not they're going the right way. Here's something you need to work on stuff like that.

Toro- Ms. Lee you have two minutes, do you want to stay there, come here.

Lee- I can stand here. Okay, my name is Jessica lee. I am a mass communication major. I am a junior. I have a 4.0 GPA. Some of my history in Student Government is working for graphic design. I just became a USF Ambassador. Some of my leadership skills that relate to this job; I worked a lot with organizing activities. I coordinated a lot of task management. I have worked at every Student Government events. I have ordered a lot of marketing projects. I helped plan week of welcome. I helped with ABX to plan the rain location. I helped plan the kickoff for this coming august and I'm planning the barbeque right now. I have researched prices and I'm working on scheduling the food vendor right now.

Carey- should a certain vendor or seller not come through how well are you working under stress to get a new vendor.

Lee- I would already have a last minute list, speaking with Escado. We'll already have contracts with them. Like I said I have experience with helping on ABX. I have a lot of experience with that.

Hughes- If you were ever in a time constraint but you had to choose between how would you...

Lee- My process? Like I said I am an ambassador. I think that I would just see where we already spent the money and what would I do to make the event smaller. I would see where our commitment had been so far.

Saunders- What experience from marketing, ambassadors and street team would you bring?

Lee- As a graphic designer I have pretty much touched every single event. I wouldn't miss a beat there and having already worked on some week of welcome events, as far as from ambassadors; probably just the school's visions.

Toro- Any other questions? Is there a motion to discuss?

*Motion to discuss by Senator Wilson.*

Toro- Any objections? Thank you Ms. Lee.

Saunders- It's nothing against this candidate in particular. I feel like we're shuffling people around.

Toro- I just want to keep everyone in mind that we are keeping everyone for this position no one outside of it.

Wilson- Considering that this is a platform, that she has been heavily scrutinized. I feel like she is well vested for this position.

Motion to vote by roll call by Senator Saunders.

Toro- Are there any objections to voting? Seeing none.

Carey- Yes.

Hughes- Yes.

Hussein- Yes.

Kimble- Yes.

Saunders- Yes.

Wilson- Yes.

Toro- And I abstain. With a vote of 6 to 0 to 1. This candidate passes. Okay. 11:32AM. I didn't want to keep you guys too long.

Wilson- I was trying to get her to slow down.

Motion to adjourn by Senator Hughes.

**Adjournment called by Chairwoman Samantha Toro at 11:33AM.**

*Transcribed by Senate Secretary Theresa Rivera.*