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University of South Florida
Student Government Fifty-Second Student Senate

SUMMER SESSION
June 13th 2011

Call to Order by Chairman Ayaz Hemani at 11:08AM.

Hemani-The first thing on the agenda is roll call. I am here. Naseem is here. Aziz is here. Sarah is not here. Shawna is here. Gao is here. Christina is no long in committee. Sham is here. Is there anyone I missed? Okay. The next thing on the agenda is additions or deletions to the agenda. Are there any motions?

Motion to accept the agenda by Senator Naseem.

Hemani- Are there any objections? The agenda has been accepted. I sent out the minutes for the past two meetings in the email that I sent out for this meeting. Have you all gotten a chance to look at it? Are there any motions at this time?

Motion to approve the minutes and accept them by Senator.

Hemani- Are there any objections? Minutes have been approved. The next thing on the agenda is open forum.

Open Forum:

Hemani- Would anyone like to speak at this time?

Aziz- There is a tent day June 20th, next Monday, from 9-3 at Cooper Hall if anyone wants to attend.

Hemani- Alright. Seeing no other speakers at this time, we will move onto new business.

New Business:

Hemani- Are there any audits or audit forms that need to be turned in? Did anyone go to any events to audit them? Alright, for those of you who did not have audit forms, or do not have copies of them, here's some if you want afterwards you can ask me for more. I will print them out for you. Okay, the next thing on the agenda is signature events and the first thing I wanted to talk about was event categorization. There have been some student organizations that feel that their events that they want to

host and have sponsored by student government in the signature event grant are not represented within these categories. Some of them are professional and leadership development and there's others as well. So, what is being done right now is these categories that are on this application are in statutes and they are being taken out at this time. Because they are more committee matters than senate matters. And also what my recommendation is, is for these events to be recommended and not required. And also, what do you guys feel about just taking them out or grouping them differently? What are your opinions on this?

Naseem- I think how you were saying they should be recommended and not required is good. It could be like an outline for them, but they don't have to abide by it.

Sham- Is it still up to us as a committee to decide whether the event...normally we would be able to reject it based on these qualifications. Are we still able to reject it if it is not a very useful or a very open event? These things might be a little more uniting to USF, but I don't know about other events. Could we still reject an event because of the type of event it is?

Hemani- Technically, yes. But it is up to our digression. So, depending on the actual people who are making the decision, the actual committee that is involved, they could reject it technically on not being in one of these categories. So, if it's changed, there's a better chance that an event that isn't categorized in these would be funded.

Naseem- Do they use as a requirement if we just add more or make it a category so anything can fall under it?

Hemani- Yes, but there might come up...student organizations are always changing and there are several types of events that they can put on that we would not be able to think of at this time and in order for this form to be changed and used again for the next semester for the grant application; there's like a whole semester turnover time. A whole semester to turn over or a whole physical year to turn over. So...Anyone else?

Jessica- I was going to say even if you take it out of statutes the committee could decide what the perimeters are before the applications go out. And if that's like your compromise of...then, you can expand this every year, but it's out of statutes, so it's more flexible and then you guys on the committee could decide what those standards are.

Hemani- Okay. Sounds perfect actually. Does everyone agree?

Gao- The original thought for the categories was because it made it easier for the committee to spread out the events into different categories. If you say you add more categories that will never end. Either get rid of it or put an others category. If you put a others category in there, it solves everything.

Hemani- Anyone else? Okay. Moving onto the event patent cancellation policy. I drafted this up and am passing it around. If anyone would like to see it, feel free. I am also bringing it up on here. I'll give you a minute to actually look at it and analyze it thoroughly and then we'll discuss it.

Aziz- Is this form going to be online on the website?

Hemani- Yes, I am trying to get a space for the PAC committee and their documents on the SG website so anyone can access them.

Jessica- Is there a timeline in which they have to submit this in X number of days of the event, or...?

Hemani- Should we set one?

Jessica- I didn't know if there was one.

Hemani- No, there currently is not. What would be a good timeline, because do you think they should be submitted before or after their event?

Naseem- They should submit it before their event.

Gao- You might not want to put a timeline on it, but definitely before the event, because you never know; the event might be cancelled last second. So, they might end up forgetting to submit it and submit it afterwards. So, you might have to think of that one, but you might want to put a deadline on so many days after on how late they can turn it in. Nothing before, because, I mean something catastrophic could happen, like they lost all their funding and they don't have that money for anything.

Hemani- How does five business days after the event sound?

Naseem- Sounds reasonable.

Hemani- Or five university business days?

Jessica- So would they be ineligible for funding, even if they submit this form within the timeline to cancel their event?

Hemani- Yes, but then they would also have a chance to appeal to the committee. Do you also think that we should also have an appeal form where they want to appeal to the committee, or would that just be a process where they just come to committee and present their case?

Aziz- I think you should have an appeal form. Maybe sometimes the representatives can't make any of the meetings for our committees.

Hemani- What should we put on the appeal form though?

Aziz- Their rationale for wanting to keep funding; their reasoning; whatever you can think of.,.

Hemani- Are there any other suggestions?

Naseem- Are we going to do anything if they cancel, or do we just take away their funding? Even if the event doesn't happen are there any other precautions?

Hemani- I would say no. They wouldn't have the chance to appeal. How does that sound?

Naseem- That sounds good.

Hemani- Okay. Are there any other comments, concerns or suggestions? Okay. The next order of business is the student organization communication letters. I will be sending this out later in the week. Have any of you gotten a chance to draft up a letter? No? Alright, so I'll send this out later in the week and most likely later in the afternoon, I'll send out a list of events and I will as usual, highlight the ones that look like events out of those, you can choose to audit the most interesting ones. What I think would be best is for us to actually...Actual I'll wait for announcements. Alright, the next order of business is announcements.

Announcements:

Hemani- Are there any announcements? Alright, so like I was saying, we should actually go down to the organization showcases for the student organizations where they actually show student organization's description, concepts to the freshman and we should actually pass out the signature event applications to the organizations, so that they know we are here and they are actually eligible for funding. Also, I looked up the statutes and the funds from fall do roll over into the spring. And...

Aziz- What time during the orientation is the expo for student organizations?

Hemani- I will have to find that out, but I believe it's in the late afternoon.

Gao- 6:30 to 7:30.

Aziz- Monday and Thursday? Right?

Hemani- That's correct. Any other announcements? Are there any motions at this time?

Motion to adjourn by Senator Naseem.

Hemani- Seeing no objections.

Adjournment called by chairman Ayaz Hemani at 11:23AM.

Transcribed by Theresa Rivera.