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University of South Florida
Student Government Fifty-Second Student Senate

SUMMER SESSION
June 6th 2011

Meeting called to order by Chairwoman Nakita Kiger at 12:05PM.

Kiger-First thing on the agenda is roll call. I'm here. Ms. Belmont is here. Jessica Cao is here. Mr. Gao is here. Mr. Kimble, Ms. Rustan and Mr. Saunders. And please, just be aware, Ms. Rivera does not know everyone's name yet, so if you could please state your name before you speak, so she has it when she is recording the minutes, that would be really helpful. Next thing is additions/deletions to the agenda. Do I have any motions?

Gao- Motion to add reports to the agenda.

Kiger-Any objections?

No objections.

Kiger-It is added to the agenda. And now we're in open forum. Any senator wishing to address the committee?

Open Forum:

Toro-I'm probably going to have to leave before I can present the title four changes, so would it be okay if I just said my peace very quickly? What you will see before you is changes to title four, which will have to do with the legislative branch. What I did was, I struck anything that had to do with the senate classes. Like, way back in the 50th term, senate used to be a class and it was for a credit and there was all of these statutes associated with that, so I just struck all of those and I also struck chapter 401, which is the senator code of ethics, because what I'm working on right now is updating 209, which is the general SG ethics chapter. So a lot of that stuff was redundant or already in ROP's which is what I'm rewriting. So I am just trying to strike as much redundant language as possible.

Kiger- Alright, thank you, Ms. Toro. Anyone else wishing to speak?

Ayaz- Today's tent day, if you guys haven't seen the senators down stairs giving out surveys and getting students to sign different petitions, encourage your friends to go down there and encourage them to get involved.

Kiger- Anyone else wishing to address the committee? Alright then we move into new business, first thing on the agenda is team building activity. Any motions for that?

Motion to unmoderated caucus by senator Gao.

Kiger- Any objections?

Unmoderated caucus.

Kiger- Alright our next thing on the agenda is changes to title eight and the intent of this bill is to establish a maximum review period for all budget transfer requests. I did send this one out, so I hope you all had a chance to look it over. If not, these are the amendments in chapter 801. We added a new clause, 801.2.1.1. Which states if no action is taken by the committee in 10 business days of the request, the chairs will automatically approve the request. And the second one is chapter 804.2 proviso, .18 and .11. Services and materials that could be provided by bulls radio will not be funded by service or monies. Any motions? Questions?

Senator- Who's the author of the bill?

Kiger- I was. Any other questions? Motions?

Gao- Motion to discuss.

Kiger- Okay. Any objections? Then we are in discussion. How would you like to...?

Gao- For the tent day thing, it was mainly because when they put in budget transfers, after the last senate meeting has adjourned, they wouldn't meet, so these transfers would just lay there, sit there. Sometimes they would need them to go in really quick, so that's why that's in there, so just in case appropriations ends and at the end of the semester, the transfers will come in and if the chair feels that they should go through, then they would just let them sit the 10 days.

Kiger- Anyone else wishing to speak?

Saunders- What if like appropriations doesn't meet for a week or something and something runs, expires just because of that? Like that really seems like it's a blanket type of thing.

Gao- The chair always has the option of calling a special session. In case that week they don't meet, they can always call a special session. They will figure it out, I guess. It's always an option.

Saunders- God forbid, what if something like a hurricane and you can't call a special session? It happens.

Bellmont- I don't think that a student organization is really going to be concerned if a hurricane or natural disaster happens to hit USF. But...

Kiger- Anyone else wishing to speak? Any motions?

Bellmont- Motion to vote on the bill. Wait...

Kiger- How would you like to vote?

Belmont- Straw poll.

Kiger- We have a motion to vote by straw poll. Any objections? I see none. All those in favor, please raise your hand. All those opposed. Then this bill passes. The next thing on the agenda is the title 4 changes that Ms. Toro spoke about earlier, that she submitted to the senate president, who then forwarded it to me and I did not send this one out, because I just received it which is why Mr. Gao had to motion to add it to the agenda. So, if you would like to briefly look over this, I will scroll down. Please let me know if you need me to scroll up or down as we look over it. The purpose of this legislation shall be two-fold. It is meant to update and reflect title four in this decision of the senate class, as she mentioned and in addition the deletion of chapter 401 intended to avoid repetition of clauses and sentiments already present in chapter 209 in rules and procedure. All of this was stricken. Please take a minute to read it. This part is just mainly about the course, and the committees you had to enroll in for oasis but that's outdated and needed to be removed. And then the senator code of ethics which there is also a code of ethics in title two, chapter 209 and it is also stated in the rules and procedure. So, everything is stricken. Take a minute to look at that and then she added a couple things in. And instead of doing attendance for the class it is a senate points system is what she added. So, that's more up to date.

Gao- Is 403.3 all stricken out, or is it more acquitted?

Kiger- That's what I was just looking at. Unless we wanted to move this back.

Senator- I think the first part was for all officers, because all officers should be elected. It should say all officers of the senate should be elected or appointed as to find the senate ROP's.

Bellmont- She doesn't have track changes on.

Kiger- Thank you. Okay, is everyone good with that? And that's it. Does anyone need to see anything again? Want me to scroll up?

Saunders- Can you scroll up, actually?

Kiger- To what part?

Saunders- To the ethics and statutes part. Okay.

Kiger- Any questions? Motions?

Saunders- In the actual ethics part, I was just looking at chapter 209; they don't have all the same things. Unless there's going to be an amendment to like add stuff that's missing from there, then you're taking stuff that's already been stripped out.

Kiger- It's also in ROP's.

Saunders- All of it?

Hassouneh- Do you have any specific examples?

Saunders- I was just reading it and comparing it to. I could give you specific examples if you give me a minute.

Hassouneh- I'm sorry I didn't get this. It wasn't a concern when me and Sam discussed it. And after review, everything in there is either in ROP's or in the code of ethics. It might not be word for word, but it's general in statement. So, if you want to say that you can throw slander at senators, well that's an ROP statement. You can't speak upon somebody else. There's one about taking a bribe. Well, the constitution says they can't be a member of another branch and stand regard to bribes. There's a whole sentence about that. It might not be word for word, exactly what's in that chapter, but regardless, most of that stuff conflicts with something in the code of ethics. The code of ethics has been updated more recently, so you're not losing it.

Kiger- Any other questions?

Bellmont- Point of clarity directed towards the chair. Would you like to postpone this bill to the next meeting, so perhaps we could get a better response for it because we couldn't before the meeting. How time sensitive is it?

Kiger- Mr. Hassouneh, is this time sensitive?

Hassouneh- No.

Kiger- Would you like to postpone till next meeting?

Bellmont- Yes.

Kiger- And I'll send it out. Any objections? Postponed to the next meeting. Alright, the next thing on the agenda is vice chair elections. Anyone wishing to nominate themselves or someone else for vice chair?

Bellmont- I'd like to nominate Mr. Adam Saunders.

Saunders- Cool, I accept.

Kiger- Anyone else? Alright. Well if there's no competition, would we like to pass him through acclamation.

Bellmont- I would like to move to pass through acclamation Mr. Adam Saunders as vice chair.

Kiger- Any objections? Alright, then congratulations Mr. Adam Saunders. You are the new rules vice chair.

Applause.

Kiger- Alright, next thing on your agendas is announcements.

Announcements:

Kiger- I just have one quick announcement. As most of you know from the previous senate meetings, Mr. Hassouneh is going to be creating committees for several different things and we still need people to sign up to be a part of those. If you are interested, please contact him and he will let you know. I'm chairing one of them, Mr. Gao is chairing one of them. It will be fun. Anyone else wishing to make an announcement? Any question?. No. Then the final thing is, would anyone like to motion to adjourn?

Motion to adjourn by senator Jeff Gao.

Kiger- Any objections?

Adjournment called by chairwoman Nakita Kiger at 12:39PM.

Transcribed by Theresa Rivera.