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University of South Florida
Student Government Fifty-Second Student Senate

SUMMER SESSION
June 13th 2011

Meeting called to order by Chairwoman Nakita Kiger at 12:14PM.

Kiger- I'm here. Mr. Gao is here. Mr. Kimble is here. Ms. Ruston is here and Mr. Saunders is here. With guest, Mr. Ryan Goff. The next thing on the agenda is additions deletions to the agenda. Any motions?

Motion to accept the agenda.

Kiger- Any objections? So it's on this week's agenda and you all got a chance to look over last week's minutes? Any motions this time?

Motion to accept the mintutes by senator Saunders.

Kiger- Any objections? Both sets, or just one?

Saunders- Both.

Kiger- Both sets. Next is open forum.

Open Forum:

Kiger- Anyone wishing to address the committee at this time?

Kimble- Thank you for the snacks.

Saunders- Brownies were delicious.

Goff- I just want to thank everyone for reviewing the ROP's and I want to thank you guys in advance for tomorrow night. So, I want to thank you in advance for that and I might be presenting people; we'll see.

Kiger- Anyone else wishing to address the committee? Then we are onto new business.

New Business:

Kiger- To go through the revision for chapter 403: The memo that was sent out by president Hassounah, which you all should have had a chance to look over in the email. He wanted us to discuss the merits of this and then I'm going to have Mr. Saunders draft a new version of that. So, if there are any motions for discussion...

Motion for unmoderated caucus by Senator Gao.

Kiger- Any objections?

Saunders- I object.

Goff- Well originally I wrote those in, but the previous rules chairwoman, Laura, for whether or not he wants to appoint those, they're on a term to term basis then they would have to have those so the rules committee removed those from the bill.

Kimble- The language says there the president senator may appoint. Isn't that an optional appointment?

Goff- They just wanted to be safer than sorry. So, they didn't want to limit themselves so and so forth. You guys just have sergeant at arms.

Saunders- One of the duties of the senate president should it be also that duty of the committee chairs to distribute the agenda 24 hours before. Should it be in statutes?

Gao- It should be individual SOP's of this committee. It doesn't need to be in this one per say.

Kiger- So is there anything with this that we would like to change or add to it as just kind of pointers for Mr. Saunders when he's reviewing or redrafting? Alright, then do we have any motions at this time?

Gao- What motion can we make?

Kiger- Motion to close for discussion.

Motion to close for discussion by Senator Gao.

Kiger- We are redrafting it because originally you were an author Mr. Goff. We will review it as legislation and repropose it to the senate. So, there's a motion in place. Any objections?

Saunders- Objection.

Kiger- Any questions/motions?

Motion to close the discussion by Senator Gao.

Kiger- Any objections? The next thing on the agenda is to review public health ROP's. Did you all have a chance to look through those, read through those?

Gao- For my understanding, it's pretty much the same type of structure; all of the basic terms are there? All of the president and vice president elections were taken out?

Goff- I put in the definition for Escado, I amended section 2 which gives the jurisdiction in that nature, and then I put when it expires so that way we have to, so this doesn't get confused with that, I replaced it with an Escado, so Jessica Morgan will make decisions about grievances and things of that nature, so it just goes to Escado to look at. Just instead of the ERC governing elections, it's Escado.

Saunders- One of the things I read over about the election code, in there to hold an election is this going to conflict with current election codes?

Goff- No, accordance with SG statutes, Escado will oversee it, it will fall to Escado, so we don't have an ERC; the ERC can't govern this election.

Kiger- Any other questions? Alright, so are we just going to consent to this so you can send it to JEC?

Goff- I believe you guys have to pass it.

Kiger- Any motions at this time.

Motion to have the straw poll by Senator Gao.

Kiger- There is a motion to vote by straw poll. Would you like to ascend your motion? Would you like to motion to recess?

Saunders- I would like to have a recess.

Recess.

Kiger- We are back in session at 12:29PM. And we are back to the election rules of procedure. Are there any questions or motions at this time?

Motion to vote by straw poll by Senator Gao.

Kiger- Motion to vote by straw poll. Are there any objections? Seeing none. All those in favor. All those opposed. All those abstaining, it should only be myself. Then this passes. It can now go to JEC. And the final thing on the agenda is the proposed changes to title four, which were sent out. It was postponed last week, so that everyone would have a chance to look it over. Are there any questions or motions at this time relating to the changes to title four?

Saunders- This isn't a motion. This is a question about a motion I suppose.

Kiger- So, it's a question?

Saunders- Yeah, I guess. Could we motion to postpone this again, because chairwoman Toro is proposing title two changes, were she is going to add things from title four into title two. So, maybe we shouldn't pass this until we see what she does with title two. Because stuff from here is going into there.

Kiger- Are you referring to things she's changed going into title two?

Saunders- Things she struck from title four are going into title two.

Kiger- So, you want to review them together? Is that what you're referring to?

Saunders- Yes.

Goff- Well, what I think, I have the same concerns as Mr. Saunders. She's striking 401 to make more changes to the ethics chapter; I think its 209, but I would just wait so that you're not removing one, while the other one is not as built up as she'd like it to be. So, otherwise then we'll have a kind of a lapse.

Kiger- To answer your earlier question, yes, you could technically postpone it again. Are there any motions or questions?

Motion to postpone until next meeting by Senator Saunders.

Kiger- There's a motion to postpone until next meeting. Are there any objections? Seeing none. The bill has been postponed. The next thing on the agenda is announcements.

Announcements:

Kiger- Anyone have an announcement they would like to make? No? Alright. Is there a motion to adjourn?

Motion to adjourn by Senator Kimble.

Kiger- Are there any objections? Seeing none.

Adjournment called by chairwoman Kiger at 12:33PM.

Transcribed by Theresa Rivera.