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University of South Florida
Student Government Fifty-Second Student Senate

SUMMER SESSION
August 29th 2011

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jeff Gao at 2PM.

Gao- First thing on the agenda is roll call. I am present. Cesar?

Castaneda- Present.

Gao-Christy?

Brinkworth- Present.

Gao- Ian?

Sloane- Present.

Gao- Luis?

Luis- Present.

Gao- Omar is not here. And Alix?

Torres- Present.

Gao- Our guest is from Exec. and Masha. Okay, second thing on the agenda is additions/deletions to the agenda. Any motions?

Motion to accept the agenda by Senator Brinkworth.

Gao- Any objections? None. Any motions?

Motion to postpone acceptance of the minutes by Senator Brinkworth.

Gao- Any objections? Sweet. The next thing is at the end of this meeting. I'll tell you where this is and we'll do that at the end of the meeting.

New business

Gao- Women in Surgery Interest Group. As you guys can see the details they requested \$5,050 and my recommendation is \$1,020. I funded \$2000 for t-shirts. That's all they really wanted. They had some descriptions for charity. I said I'd only fund shirts for students. They are doing 5 lunches. \$120 for lunch. This is the career symposium. It's for registration. It's 250 per registration and no lodging or travel expense because its local. Any questions, motions?

Masha- So, they're not new?

Gao- They are new. Any motions? Christy?

Brinkworth-I just have a question. Under lunch, why is there \$1000?

Gao- It's for food.

Motion to approve the budget by Senator Castaneda.

Gao- Anybody want to represent this in Senate next week? Luis. Alright next one on the agenda is MIS Society. That one belongs to Ms. Christy Brinkworth and she will present the budget to you guys.

Christy- I recommended \$1,850.50. I funded the welcome event food based on \$2 a head and some materials for some t-shirts. Business intelligence I funded them \$2 per head. I did the standard for all of these. Elections, Mr. Gao. ..

Gao- This is student body elections, they have elections and we can't really fund that.

Brinkworth- And the semester event just for food, materials. Let's see...welcome event, same deal as before, so I did consistent funding and a whole bunch of speakers again with the food and another end of the year event. Any questions?

Gao- Any motions?

Motion to approve the budget by Senator Colon.

Gao- Any objections? None. The budget has been approved. MIS will get a total of \$1,015.50. Luis. Anyone can represent them. Don't be hesitant. Next thing on the agenda is the Economic Scholar Society. I met with them; they requested \$2,026 total. They asked for the first and second meeting. That's their recruitment event, social, same thing. Fifth fall meeting, I funded that. Not the sixth and the first spring meeting, second and third. I only funded three meetings per semester. That's it. Their grand total is 1,272. The majority is food but they can spend it either way. Any questions or motions?

Motion to approve the budget by Senator Brinkworth.

Gao- Any objections? The budget has passed. They have a 25% deducted from that because they missed the deadline for annual. The actual number that they will be receiving is \$954. Cause of the 25%

deductions. Who would like to represent them in Senate? Anybody else? Ian. Alright, cool. It's not that difficult. You'll get the groove of it when they talk. Next thing on the agenda is Dialog Society. They requested \$784.70. My recommendation is \$520. For the industry of engineers, it's one of their socials they want to do. I gave them funding in case they wanted to do it. \$400 for food and \$70 for items. And that's the only thing they asked for. Any questions? Any motions?

Motion to approve the budget by Senator Torres.

Gao- Any objections? Passed. Its' \$572 and 25% deductions. Their actual number is \$429.30. Who would like to represent them? Alix. Next one is Muslim Student Doctor Association.

Brinkworth- Their total request was \$3,301.90. I recommended \$1,320. Their introduction I funded the \$2 a head for food and materials for posters and such. Their going to be part of something. They have different speakers like the other medical group we just saw. So, \$2 a head for food. Their speaker will teach them procedure for suturing. I don't know what they are but I believe them. They have a panel they're trying to start up. We're trying to do this fiesta for multiple student organizations and I gave them...did you do that? Oh I fully funded because it's less than \$2 a head. Volunteering event \$2 a head for food. It's for the students not the people they're volunteering with. Another speakers \$2 a head for materials. Another speaker: \$2 a head. Service project, they're going to a school to talk about eating healthy. Another speaker: \$2 a head. And this is the end of the year ice cream social. Are there any questions?

Gao- Any questions, motions?

Motion to approve the budget by Senator Colon.

Gao- The total \$1,717.70. Next thing on the agenda is Society of Professional Journalists. I met with them. They had a few of constitutional issues, but that's all been resolved. They wanted t-shirts I gave them \$5 for 50 t-shirts. Yes, 50 t-shirts. Because the number in the organization. Kick off pizza party, because they will pass before this budget has been approved. So, this one's possibly the closest one they've had. We have had someone to come from St. Pete times to talk about journal writing. \$50 in food \$50 in materials. They'll talk about that. \$50 for food. \$50 for journalism.

Torres- What is the \$15 for?

Gao- Materials to create a proper resume. That's all they wrote and that was really discussed. It was probably for utensils or resume' paper.

Torres- I had another questions and for the t-shirts, it's for the members? It's a marketing tool.

Gao- Its' for recruitment. It's another pamphlet kind of things. Journalism, end of the year party, they just want food. As it says, we just want food. Any questions, any motions?

Motion to approve the budget by Senator Brinkworth.

Gao- Any objections? That will be funded 922.20. Who would like to represent them? Cesar. Alright next thing on the agenda is Aletheia Campus Organization. What does that mean?

Brinkworth- Oaky, so they only asked for \$636. They wanted food for every church meeting. And we can't do that.

Gao- They only requested for fall semester.

Brinkworth- I arbitrarily picked three and fully funded what they asked for and the rest are zero funds.

Gao- Its' unfortunate, but they have to spend their money wisely now. We can't give them more if they don't request it.

Castaneda- Is there a limit, why do we always fund three?

Gao- If it's a social event, we can't fund body meetings. We can't fund that. So, mostly we fund recruitment and a social. Sometimes they do a bigger event and it helps the organization grow. Any questions? Any motions?

Motion to approve the budget by Senator Brinkworth.

Gao- Any objections? None. They're going to be funded \$127.20. Christy. That should be a fund one. Okay, next one is Student Interest in Neurology. They requested \$1,800. And I recommended the majority of their request was a travel fund, so that's a whole chunk of their budget that's gone. How do we break this down? They had it broken down to have one every month, which is 12 and that's not how I roll so...

Gao- You have \$300.

Brinkworth- I have 3 in fall and 3 in the spring, just \$2 a head.

Gao- They're asking for brochures and posters. You can get that from 1800. If you want to get spoons and utensils. Any questions, any motions?

Motion to approve the budget by Senator Torres.

Gao- Any objections? None. The budget has passed. The total is 1908. The next thing on the agenda is...Who would like to sponsor this one? Luis. Sweet. Alright, that's it for budgets and may the record show that Omar walking in at 2:20. Right now the current balance in interim account is \$125,389. Any announcements? Remember to stay because we have an office tour.

Adjournment called by Chairman Jeff Gao at 2:24PM.

Transcribed by Senate Secretary, Theresa Rivera.