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University of South Florida
Student Government Fifty-Second Student Senate

FALL SESSION
September 26th 2011

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jeff Gao at 2:20PM.

Gao-First thing on the agenda is roll call. I am present. Caesar is unexcused. Abdool Aziz is here. Christy Brinkworth is here. Ian Sloane is here. Luis Colon is unexcused. Omar Rodriguez is unexcused. Ruby Thomas is unexcused. Shelly Marc is unexcused. Christina Hughes is here.

Gao- Second thing on the agenda is additions/deletions to the agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda by Senator Brinkworth.

Gao- Any objections? Seeing none. Agenda is approved. Next item on the agenda is approval of the minutes.

Motion to approve all three sets of minutes by Senator Brinkworth.

Open Forum

Gao- Anyone wants to talk? No one. New business.

New Business

Gao- They requested \$3,339. Christy and I worked together to come up with \$1,431. Any questions? Any motions? Aziz?

Aziz- They just requested one thing total?

Gao- Right.

Motion to approve the budget by Senator Brinkworth.

Gao- Who would like to sponsor this in Senate? Anybody?

Brinkworth- I would love nothing more, Jeff.

Gao- Christy. Next thing on the agenda is Aquarist Club at USF. They requested and we allocated.

Aziz- Most of their events are fall and spring socials?

Gao- They have fall recruiting, banquet, movie night and spring same thing and they had one trip to the aquarium. Any motions?

Motion to approve the budget by Senator Brinkworth.

Gao- Any objections? None. Approved. Who would like to sponsor this? Christina. Next thing on the agenda we have budget transfer. We have Baptist Collegiate Ministries. They want to transfer \$1,960 out of food and materials and into their travel. Their beach conference is this weekend. They're going to fort Meyers for a weekend of fun. They wanted \$2,000 for lodging and \$400 for food.

Aziz- Is this something they knew ahead of time or was it last minute?

Gao- It looks like we didn't allocate them enough in ASRC. Any other questions. Any other motions?

Motion to accept the budget by Senator Brinkworth.

Gao- Any objections? None. Transfer approved. Next thing on the agenda, we have off campus request from Friends of the Garden or Botanical gardens. My bad. Any questions? No questions at all? C'mon guys. They want \$70 of ANS money regarding the beach cleanup.

Aziz- Was it for gas or materials?

Gao- I think it's for gas. Any questions? Aziz?

Aziz- Is it just that they just clean up the beach?

Gao- We do fund volunteering in the state of Florida.

Ryan- Shouldn't they specify it before we approve it?

Gao- They don't have to specify, but in this case, they need to transfer it into travel. So, at this point they're using it for food or materials for beach cleanup. So, we can do two things; we can postpone, fail or pass this. We can email the person in charge.

Motion to postpone the approval of the budget by Senator Brinkworth.

Gao- Okay. Postponed. Next thing we have is Homecoming grants. Yay.

Shelly Marc enters at 2:25PM.

Gao- Frist homecoming grant is African student's association. You should have gotten one of these with all allocations and requests. The member will present it and not go into great detail.

Brinkworth- This is African Student Association. They asked for some stuff and we wrote nothing. I'm trying to find the hard copy sorry. Okay. Like here's their application. And here's what it looks like. Boom. Nothing. Next page. Nothing. Except for the part where they want money. We zero funded.

Gao- Any motions?

Aziz- Did you try to email them?

Brinkworth- We did not email them.

Gao- Any questions? Any motions?

Motion to approve the budget by Senator Hughes.

Gao- Any objections? None. Approved. Next is American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

Brinkworth- Can we read them in the order that I have them. Here's one. American Society of Chemical Engineers.

Gao- That's the next one.

Hughes- That's me. American Society of Chemical engineers. They requested 1500. We funded 1300. This was a difficult one. They were requesting items for maintenance for vehicles. They requested batteries, breaks and break lines.

Aziz- Were those like batteries and breaks for something they were showcasing?

Hughes- They wanted to use their cars for the parade. They needed batteries, wheels, breaks and break lines. So, we cut it from \$1,500 to \$1,300.

Gao- Any questions?

Sandoval- So, the first five were cut?

Hughes- \$800 came from banner down. The other \$700 was the batteries, wheels, breaks and break lines. We cut that down to \$500.

Gao- Any questions?

Marc- So basically like since they're not having an actual float you guys gave them money to fix their mechanical things.

Hughes- We considered them to be more of supplies. This specific one, but was it a supply to decorate or something for maintenance for the year.

Gao- Any other questions? Any motions?

Sloane- Motion to approve.

Gao- Any objections? Approved. American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

Slough- They requested \$1,200 for float rental. It's a standard thing. So, the standard amount. The other was lab coats and to dress up their float. They asked for \$1,449. We allocated that amount as well.

Gao- Any questions?

Aziz- What was their float design?

Sloane- Their idea for the float? It's like a science lab theme.

Gao- Any other questions? Any motions?

Motion to approve the budget by Senator Hughes.

Gao- Any objections? None? Approved. Next is Association for Computing Machinery. Hold on one second. Aziz, do you want to step out of the room. Ayaz. Ayaz. Oh my God. Go ahead.

Sloane- Okay, they were sponsoring the event, are you smarter than a USF student. They requested about \$3,000. And that was t-shirts and pizza. They wanted \$900 for pizza. We didn't fund the t-shirts and we allocated a fund of \$1,050.

Gao- Any questions?

Aziz- What're the materials that they requested?

Sloane-Audio and video costs and dry ice and drinks.

Hughes- For this budget, since they did request more funds, what we funded mostly was for the things that they requested for Homecoming. Most of the money besides that came from pizza and t-shirts which we just cut. It wasn't 1550. We cut all the t-shirts.

Brinkworth- We cut the t-shirts. For pizza, we cut the amount in half. It was \$ 1,150.

Gao- Any questions? Any motions?

Marc- Why do they need pizza? To give out?

Brinkworth- At their event, it's open to USF students and they're feeding the USF students with pizza.

Motion to approve the budget by Senator Brinkworth.

Gao- Any objections? None. Approved.

Gao- Next is Biomedical Engineering Society.

Brinkworth- They are doing a float. They requested material for wigs to go with their costume, banner, float supplies, to go with their theme. Balloons and helium. We cut based on standards in proviso for banners. We chipped it down to \$200. So a total of \$400. The total was \$1,105.

Gao- Any questions? Any motions?

Motion to approve by Senator Brinkworth.

Gao- Any objections? None. Approved. Our next one is Black Student Union.

Hughes- They are requesting the Old School Party. They'll have dance competitions for songs from back in the days and 80/90's outfits. They requested \$1,014 and we fully funded them. The supplies were floats, necklaces and food. All of them fell under proviso.

Gao- Any questions?

Aziz- So, they are dressing up on the float?

Brinkworth- They're having an 80/90's theme dance and they use it on their float.

Gao- Any questions? Any motions?

Motion to approve the budget by Senator Brinkworth.

Gao- Any questions? None. Approved. Next we have Caribbean Cultural Exchange.

Slough- It's pretty standard, they asked for their homecoming float. And the \$100 for beads that they'll throw out. We funded them \$1,204.90.

Gao- Did you guys fund the t-shirts?

Sloane- They're using it as costumes vs. giving them out to students.

Hemani- I'm just wondering if members of student organizations will have access.

Gao- I'm guessing the way they always do it is whoever volunteers gets a t-shirt.

Hebda- That seems kind of expensive. I'm wondering if they might be using it as a costume for this event and then they have a t-shirt afterwards. I'm guessing the shirts are highly customized.

Hughes- They did specify they were using a t-shirt as a costume. If they were for costumes, they were. It didn't specify, but if they are specifying that they will be used for costume, there's no reason why they shouldn't.

Marc- So, I just want to piggy back, is it a t-shirt or a costume? A t-shirt is not \$11.25.

Galchenko- Proviso limits the amount of t-shirts.

Hemani- Proviso limits it to \$7 per shirt.

Gao- At this point we have a few options. We can change the recommendation or we can keep it. We can fund costumes or you guys can...

Hemani- Is there an option to amend the funding to \$7 a t-shirt?

Gao- Yes you can. There's a motion to fund for \$7 per t-shirt.

Marc- What if it's a costume that costs \$11.

Gao- Do you resend the motion?

Hemani- No, because it's specifically for t-shirts.

Gao- You can't make that motion.

Marc- Can we make a motion to postpone and get more information?

Gao- So, no motion is being made. No we cannot postpone it. This has to be determined because we need numbers tomorrow.

Motion to fully fund them or pass by Senator Hughes.

Gao- Any objections? None. Budget is passed. Alright just a quick break for a second there. Relax. Raise your hand one at a time. You guys are officially not on the committee. You can talk but no motions. Our next one is Club Creole.

Hughes- They are planning to do a homecoming float. They want beads at \$90. Candy at \$125. For the generator, it's for the float. Decorations we funded and the float rental. Their total came to \$1,550. We funded them fully.

Aziz- Is the generator included?

Brinkworth- They needed the generator but they weren't sure. We counted it in their allocation.

Gao- Any other questions?

Hemani- I think the generator is general use. Is there an option that once they buy it is can be ANS...

Gao- They're renting it.

Motion to approve the budget by Senator Hughes.

Gao- Any objections? Seeing none. Approved. Cuban American Association. Any questions? Aziz?

Aziz- \$1 per dozen for beads?

Gao- It looks like \$1 per dozen and they're getting 29 units. Close. 348 to be exact.

Galchenko- It should be \$29.

Hughes- It's just the person who wrote it out had very bad handwriting.

Hemani- I think they're asking for 350 dozen beads.

Gao- Motions?

Motion to accept the budget by Senator Marc.

Gao- Any objections? None. Approved.

Luis Colon enters at 2:50PM.

Gao- Next on the agenda is Florida Water Environmental Association.

Sloane- They are requesting money for plain t-shirts. It's an event taking place at the Marshall Center. They will feed people. We decided to fully fund them.

Aziz- Like t-shirt painting?

Galchenko- They're planning on feeding people with one sandwich platter?

Gao- Any questions or answers to that question?

Aziz- What's the location?

Gao- To answer that question, there has been times in the Amphitheatre where they allowed paint. So, it's not a problem. Any questions?

Motion to approve the budget by Senator Brinkworth.

Gao- Next we have Phi Beta Lambda.

Hughes- They requested \$1,090 dollars. It's for their homecoming parade float. They requested a float and materials which they listed as beads. Business cards are for the organization and we fully funded them for \$1,090.

Gao- Any questions? Any motions?

Motion to approve budget by Senator Hughes.

Gao- Any objections? Seeing none. Approved. We have I triple E.

Hughes- The event will educate them about the technologies on campus. They requested sandwiches, t-shirts \$2,100 and we zero funded the t-shirts. We funded them 300 for sandwiches. We supplied 100 dollars to drinks. Oracle adds, they requested \$900. We funded 200 and for speakers, they had 5 speakers which had alumni and college deans. We cut that based on if you were a USF faculty member, we funded them \$400 for two speakers. We funded them for \$1,000.

Gao- Any questions?

Marc- So they aren't USF faculty?

Brinkworth- They said faculty and alumni and dignitaries. We thought a teacher shouldn't be charging to speak at an event.

Aziz- Can we find out who the speakers are?

Gao- No.

Hebda- For USF to pay the speakers, they have to fill out paperwork, so through that information we can find out who they are and we can find out if they work for USF or not.

Gao- Any questions? Any motions?

Motion to approve the budget by Senator Sloane.

Gao- Any objections? None. Approved. Next we have JAM.

Brinkworth- They want a float, beads, candy, whistles, stuff to hand out. The total is 1319.29 and we fully funded.

Gao- Any questions? Any motions?

Motion to approve the budget by Senator Hughes.

Gao- Any objections? None. Approved. Next we have Latin American Student Association.

Colon- its open for all USF students. Beads were \$1 a dozen and its \$1,500.

Gao- Any questions? Any motions?

Motion to approve the budget by Senator Brinkworth.

Gao- Any objections? None. Approved. Next we have Logik Labs.

Brinkworth- They're doing a giant scavenger hunt and it's on campus. They took it to prominent places on campus to pump up knowledge on history. They asked for a total of 3,930. They were using a lot of technology during their scavenger hunt involving things I don't understand. I asked because Mr. Hemani spoke to me prior and you add an event and get a stamp with technology. Some sort of tag when you check in and we just didn't feel that that was necessary. We didn't fund the t-shirts. They asked for 1500 in t-shirts. 100 for the FRID reader and tags and 80 for the mag swipe. 150 for a GPS unit. 1000 for pizza and 300 for an oracle add. We cut t-shirts and I think we decided...I think we gave 500 total to fund the writer/reader and tags. We cut the pizza in half too. This is the one you guys were working at the table so I'm not sure.

Gao- How about this, we postpone this until you figure this out. Mexican American Student Association.

Sloane- They asked for 1200 for their float and \$350 for their beads.

Gao- Any questions? Any motions?

Motion to approve the budget by Senator Sloane.

Gao- Any objections? None. Approved. Next we have microbiology club.

Brinkworth- We ended up zero funding this club. They said they were participating in a bunch of usf events. They wanted paint, glitter and brushes for paint the town. We felt like we didn't need to fund an event already happening at USF. They just wanted to join an existing event.

Gao- Any questions? Any motions?

Motion to approve the budget by Senator Hughes.

Gao- Any objections? None. Approved. Next we have National Society of Black Engineers.

Brinkworth- This is a mixer they're setting up with students and alumni for what's it like with their business places. They asked for money for food and catering supplies, decorations, cloths and gift bags. We decided not to fund the gift bags and that left their total of 558.75 and we fully funded that.

Gao- Any questions? Any motions?

Motion to approve the budget by Senator Hughes.

Gao- Any objections? None. Approved. Next we have Preoptometry.

Colon-They asked for poster for 100, candy for 1.80, 12:50 for candy. It came up to 1580 minus the 100.

Gao- Any questions? Any motions?

Motion to approve the budget by Senator Sloane.

Gao- Any objections? None. Approved.

Hughes- Okay. This organization requested 6161.50. I believe Ms. Brinkworth mentioned that they knew they would not receive 6000. We did fund them 1550. We did not fund the money for give aways or printing and copying. Are there any more questions?

Gao- Any motions?

Aziz- Can you go back to the last line.

Motion to approve the budget by Senator Hughes.

Gao- Any objections? None. Approved. Next on the list is Skills USF.

Colon- Skills USA wanted to make a metal box with light inside of it to shine out. Their total was 3253. Here's examples of what we're talking about.

Gao- Any questions? Any motions?

Motion to approve the budget by Senator Sloane.

Gao- Objections? None. Approved.

Hughes- Student Theatre Production. They requested money for their float in the night parade. They did not list details on advertisement. We did fully fund them for the UHAUL trailer or their wood. The African Student Association did not provide a detailed description of what they're requesting funds for.

Brinkworth- We decided that it was pretty cut and dry there.

Marc- But like we could assume that for the other organization too and they put a list of what they needed.

Hughes- The other organization did not list in detail that they had a description. Where or anything. They listed nothing except for their items.

Marc- That's not saying anything either. That's for the homecoming parade.

Gao- Do we want to go into discussion on this one.

Motion to discuss by Senator Hughes.

Moderated caucus.

Aziz- Zero funding that one.

Sloane- It's more than just the one line. They had no location or date. They may not have had a description, but we specified when and where for this one.

Gao- Anyone else?

Galchenko-Can we go back to the first one, because if they're doing a float there's really not that great of a difference. I realize your frustration, but if it's visible from the breakdown...

Gao- It's not visible. There's nothing about a car.

Hughes- These were not gone over in alphabetical order. We postponed it to the end of all of them in the event of going through all of them. We did wait till the complete end. So, based off of consistency, they both listed the items that they needed. But the theatre listed what they wanted to do, so we knew something.

Marc- Like I can just say that on this one they have lumber. The only difference is the UHAUL.

Gao- Okay, anyone else would like to speak?

Motion to approve the budget by Senator Hughes.

Gao- At this point we can go to the African student association or zero fund this one. I will take a motion for either at this point.

Motion to fully fund by Senator Hughes.

Marc- Objection. I think they should zero fund.

Gao- Do you resend?

Hughes- I will resend.

Motion to zero fund by Senator Aziz.

Gao- Any objections?

Sloan- Objections. This one is very different. The only one they don't know is their school spirit.

Gao- Do you resend Aziz?

Aziz- No.

Gao- We're going into voting procedure at this point.

Marc- I have a question...

Gao- Yes is to zero fund it...I'll take a roll call vote.

Marc- No is to...

Gao- No is to not fund. Yes is to zero fund.

Marc- Yes.

Hughes- No.

Sloan- No.

Colon- No.

Aziz- Yes.

Brinkworth- No.

Gao- So, the no's have it by one. They are not going to be zero funded.

Hughes motions to fully fund.

Gao- None fully funded. Okay guys, next we have the Beef Studs.

Hughes- They are doing a homecoming float. They will be throwing beads and candy to the students. It will promote USF spirit. They will build a float and advertise through promotion and social media.

Gao- Any questions?

Hughes- They had two forms to fill out and they had the tailgate. For the float it came to \$777.73 in which they asked

Motion for recess by Senator Brinkworth.

Gao- Back in order at 3:23PM. We are at Beef Studs right now, so let's keep going.

Hughes- So, again for their first event, which was the Homecoming Parade Float \$777.73. And that included the trailer for the UHAUL. The next event is the Homecoming Tailgate at the Raymond James Parking Lot. They will provide catered food from Chik-Fil-A. This is all that they requested. With a total of \$531.20. And their total in all was \$1,013. And we fully funded them \$1,313.

Gao- Any questions? Any motions?

Brinkworth motions.

Gao- Any objections? None. Approved. Next is Anthropology Club.

Sloan- The Anthropology club will be in the parade. They requested \$590 and we voted to fully fund them.

Gao- Any questions? Any motions.

Motion to approve the budget by Senator Sloane.

Gao- Any objections? None. Approved. Next we have College of Nursing Student Council.

Colon- They will be in the parade throwing out syringe pins. They went into very great detail, about 9 pages of materials.

Gao- Any questions? Any motions?

Motion to approve the budget by Senator Brinkworth.

Gao- Any objections? None. It's been approved. Next is Vietnamese Student Association.

Hughes- Homecoming parade is what their event is. They want their members to join them in their float. They want to showcase the organization to the USF student body. They requested 1200 for the float and 350 for the beads. We fully funded them.

Gao- Any questions? Any motions?

Motion to approve the budget by Senator Brinkworth.

Gao- Any objections? None. Approved. Now we're back to Logik Labs.

Hughes- When we were going through this the total came up to \$700 and we funded them \$500. The magnet swipe is 80 and the GPS we didn't fund them and for pizza, soda and water, we funded \$500.

Gao- So, you guys funded them \$1,280?

Brinkworth- I went back through and I assumed because I'm sorry I don't remember, based on consistency, we cut t-shirts and they asked for \$1,200 and I'm cutting that in half. It brings it to 600 and the oracle add was \$800. It's cool and innovative, but it's expensive and unnecessary. The total was \$1,000.

Gao- So, we're looking at \$600 for food and drinks and.

Aziz- When they get this, they decide on what they want, right? Reading through this is the FRID more than the food. I don't think we can have the thing without the FRID scanner.

Hughes- We debated on the security of its disposable. I didn't know if we could use it for students to have a tracking device. All the intentions were good but as far as security concerns, that was a big debate for us.

Gao- The standing recommendations is \$1,000.

Brinkworth- I'm open to talking about this and fixing it.

Galchenko- The equipment is USF property and they have to turn it back in.

Aziz- FRIDs don't work unless the thing is there.

Gao- You can't keep it as a souvenir. If you have a recommendation for another allocation, I will take it at this time.

Marc- They only have one writer and one reader. The actual give away is the tag.

Galchenko- How much does one of those cost?

Marc- \$500.

Gao- It is under the new clause.

Galchenko- The equipment is property.

Hughes- Point of information: to read the tag, there's a chip for the reader to know where the tag is. It's all together.

Gao-So, it's a package. You don't get one, you don't get all. Right now, the allocation stands at 1000. Is there a motion to change or approve the allocation?

Motion to approve the budget by Senator Marc.

Gao- Any objections? None? It's been approved. Now, we have to go back to two of them. I believe we voted on both ASA and Microbiology Club. Is there a vote of reconsideration?

Motion to approve the budget by Senator Marc.

Gao- Okay. Let's go back to ASA. The original allocation was zero, because we felt that they put no detail into their application. Okay. Their grand total is 450. They crossed it out. Shelly you wanted to reconsider this one? What would you like to say?

Marc- Now that I think of it, I just didn't want the other one to be funded as well.

Motion to zero fund by Senator Brinkworth.

Shelly- Yes.

Hughes- Yes.

Sloan- Yes.

Luis- Yes.

Gao- Yes is for zero. No is to reconsider.

Aziz- Yes.

Brinkworth- Yes.

Gao- And I abstain. 6 to 0 to 1. We can go back to Microbiology or leave it as it is. We are done with homecoming grants. The grand total was \$28,881.83. Christy?

Brinkworth- What happens to the extra two grand?

Gao- It is left and rolled over into the next physical year. Any announcements?

Announcements

Gao- Is there a motion for adjournment.

Motion to adjourn by Senator Hughes.

Adjournment called by Chairman Jeff Gao at 3:37PM.

Transcribed by Senate Secretary Theresa Rivera.