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University of South Florida
Student Government Fifty-Second Student Senate

FALL SESSION
October 3rd 2011

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jeff Gao at 2:00PM.

Gao- First thing on the agenda is roll call. I am present. Cesar is here. Christy is here. Ian is here. Luis is here. Omar is here. Alix is unexcused. Ruby is unexcused. Aziz is here. Shelly is unexcused. Christina Hughes is here. So, we do have quorum. Next thing on the agenda we have additions/deletions to the agenda. Does anyone have anything to add to the agenda?

Motion to approve the agenda by Senator Aziz.

Gao- Any objections? None? Accepted. Next thing on the agenda is approval of the minutes. The minutes were deleted; that was my fault.

Motion to postpone the minutes by Senator Brinkworth.

Gao- Any objections? Seeing none. Minutes are postponed. Next thing is open forum.

Open Forum

Gao- Does anyone have anything to say? Okay. Sweet. Next is physical therapists. They got penalized 25% because they submitted the budget ate. So, mid semester meeting. Didn't fund. End of semester meeting funded. \$2 per head. Spring service event. They're asking for food and materials. I said no to the materials and no to the food. End of the semester banquet I did \$3 per head. Graduation celebration: this one is iffy. They are inviting family and friends. So I zero funded this one. So, technically my recommendation is \$689. They are actually going to be funded \$516.89. Any questions? Any motions?

Colon- Can you scroll down?

Brinkworth- What differentiated the middle of the semester meeting and the end of the semester meeting?

Gao- It's a wrap up event, but it's not a banquet. That's why I didn't fund \$3 per head.

Aziz- So, there's no other physical therapy event besides spring service?

Gao- Nope. Any motions?

Motion to approve the budget by Senator Brinkworth.

Gao- Any objections? Seeing none. Who would like to represent this one in senate?

Rodriguez- I will.

Gao- Next we will move onto budget transfer. Did everybody get a copy on the email?

Senator Marc enters at 2:04PM.

Gao- Okay, so they want to transfer \$200 out of food to travel. The reason being that the number of members attending the informs annual meeting has been increased and we need more money to support them. Lodging was \$240. Transportation was \$200 and food was \$150.

Brinkworth- That doesn't seem to add up.

Gao- They have an original fund and we are putting more money into it.

Motion to approve the budget transfer by Senator Brinkworth.

Gao- Any objections? Okay, it's been approved. Next we have the big bill. The Enhanced Rec Center Service and Student Employment Act. You should have got this in an email last night from President Hassounah. We're trying to increase the rec center hours so more students can go.

Aziz- What was the Magnolia Fields project fund?

Gao- The original cost was \$600,000 and we gave them \$300,000.

Aziz- Is that needed?

Gao- No, the money is going to the same place everywhere. This is a pretty big bill. I will go through each for you guys. This is for Magnolia Fields. This is for the campus recreation. They're going to increase the hours from 10AM to 12AM. It's going to materials and equipment for the group fitness classes. This is for payroll and for student workers. This is going for \$7,000. We're increasing student employment on campus.

Hughes- The Marshall Student payroll was there.

Gao- This is more money to their payroll. I'm not sure how much, but it's like \$250,000. It's for student workers for the Marshall Student Information desk and setting up rooms.

Marc- So, they requested that they needed more money for workers and that's how we're accommodating them?

Hughes- Not saying that they don't need more workers here, it's the same facility so is it a lack of workers or are there more things to be done?

Gao –To my understanding it's more things to be done.

Hebda- Speaking from experiences and listening to planning services, its being more utilized for student organization meetings. In November they expect to be filled up after that month.

Marc- Just to back up what Ryan was just saying, now there are so many organizations and events going on, they want to expand the payroll.

Aziz- How many workers do they have now?

Gao- This is per one extra worker. They have two and they want to higher one more.

Aziz- What type of jobs?

Gao- I have no idea what the job description is. Any other questions? We'll keep going down to the next page. You guys cans see the total here. Any other questions? No questions? I will take a motion to vote by roll call.

Aziz- You can't make any questions to this right?

Gao- No. We can amend the numbers. I will postpone the bill.

Cesar- Can we go over how much we allocated from each department?

Gao- Me, Rachel brown and President Hassouneh met with the student affairs as well as the rec center and we look at all different costs and projections. They want to extend the hours from Mondays to Thursdays and extra students to work at night and clean up.

Cesar- The veterans students, how did you come up with this?

Gao- I know president Hassouneh And Pro Tempore Brown talked about ways of funding new employees. We don't want to fund an assistant director with ANS fees, the compromise was to fund student workers for that same amount as we would have an assistant director. But this is all amendments added together. Any other questions? Any motions?

Motion to vote by roll call by Senator Hughes.

Castaneda- Yes.

Hughes- Yes.

Marc- Yes.

Sloan- Yes.

Colon- Yes.

Rodriguez- Yes.

Abdool- Yes.

Brinkworth- Yes.

Gao- And I abstain. With 8 to 0 to 1, this passes. Okay, let's move onto the next one. Next thing on the agenda is old business: off campus requests by...we saw this last week but we had a question of why they needed \$70. I got an email this past week explaining. I'm going to pull up the email; give me a second. Okay. Here's the explanation they gave me. So, they're asking for food for their volunteers. Usually, I don't think they ever needed to put in an off-campus request. I guess they're taking the food off site. Usually they serve food in the Marshall Center. Any questions? Any comments or motions?

Motion to vote by Senator Marc to approve the budget.

Gao- Motion to vote by straw poll. All in favor of passing this? Any objections? This motion passes and that's it. Next thing's announcements. Any announcements?

Announcements

Omar- On October 6th at 5PM in the Ballroom is the Latino community, we're having free food. Come and support. It's going to start at 5PM and be a student show case in the ball room.

Gao- Any other announcements?

Marc- I wanted to thank Ayaz and his committee for funding the block party against domestic violence. And that's it.

Aziz- On October 10th we're hosting the mayor to do a town hall and answer student questions, Monday in the Oval Theatre.

Hughes- Forget it.

Gao- Any other announcements? Any motions?

Motion for adjournment by Senator Christy Brinkworth.

Gao- Any objections? Seeing none.

Adjournment called by Chairman Jeff Gao at 2:19PM.

Transcribed by Senate Secretary, Theresa Rivera.