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University of South Florida  
Student Government Fifty-Second Student Senate

SUMMER SESSION  
September 7th 2011

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**Meeting called to order by Chairman Abdool Aziz at 4:00PM.**

Aziz- First order on the agenda is roll call. We have me, I'm here. Andrea is excused for today. Ashley Check is no longer a senator; she resigned. Bianca is here. Elviona is excused. Lee Farrell?

Farrell-Present.

Aziz- Sarah Chaudry is no longer with us; she's in a better place. Just kidding, she's alive. Simone is MIA. Tray is MIA. So, one, two...wait...we have one, two, and three, so do we have quorum, Ms. Judy?

Judy- I don't think you do.

Aziz- We have four. We have one, two. How many people am I counting today?

Farrell- We have seven overall in the committee.

Aziz- So, we have quorum, or else we can grab Jeff. The committee rules don't really say that.

Farrell- Do you want me to grab Jeff, so we have quorum?

Aziz- Yes, we did that last time.

Farrell- I bring a Jeff.

Jeff- Seriously, there's not enough people for quorum. You need me here?

Aziz- Do we need it?

Jeff- For quorum. So, you need three people.

Farrell- And he counts toward quorum.

Aziz- Just making sure. Okay, now we can move on with our lives. First thing on the agenda is...additions/deletions to the agenda. Does anyone have any objections?

*Motion to approve the agenda by Senator Farrell.*

Aziz- the next item is approval of the minutes are they factually accurate.

*Motion to approve the minutes by Senator Farrell.*

Aziz- Next item on the agenda is open forum. Next item on the agenda is new business. The first item is ice breakers. We need a motion for unmoderated caucus.

Farrell- So moved.

Aziz- Getting onto regular business. Next item on the agenda is vice chair election. You can self-nominate. Lee?

Farrell- I'd like to nominate Senator Lee Farrell.

Aziz- We have a nomination for Lee Farrell. Any objections? Our new vice chair is Lee Farrell. Next item on the agenda is current events. It's going to go through the local newspapers in the politics section. This just happened at 3PM in the Oval Theatre with President Genshaft. Literally just happened. She was talking about the local partnerships and the growth of USF and we're the next up and coming thing. That's something directly since USF does work with the local Government. I think it was live streamed. So, some of the websites that we go over for politics is TBO. And this is something to pay attention to; the president's proposal he will be presenting tomorrow. Pay attention to how it's going to benefit or hurt students. It's 300 billion of cuts; the cuts are coming from student Pell grants or student related stuff. We have to know that and prepare it. That's one thing to pay attention to. Latest headlines. Tonight is the GOP candidate debate. The first ones that are running for president on NBC. Eventually they will become the GOP candidate against the president. There will be one in Tampa at the FL State Fairgrounds by CNN. It's issues related to students and higher education and stuff like that. It's good to get a jump on that now. There's also panhandling but it doesn't affect students right now. The other website is tampabay.com. We can do local through thebaybuzz. Just browse through it. Nothing really relevant to us today. It's good to browse through and see what the top news is in politics. Okay, that's it for that. Next item on the agenda is tent day frequently asked questions. I know both of you have been to tent day.

Arguilla- We had that flier last time.

Aziz- So, you have it when people ask you questions?

Arguilla- Yeah, that would be helpful.

Aziz- Would it be helpful to have music. Instead of just handing out free stuff. We could have the spinning wheel. So, they give something to get a prize. And also Ivan should be done doing the Google voice thing set up so you can leave a voicemail. So, whatever suggestions they have they can just put it in. That's another way for them to get feedback and also for tent days there's always a lot of student organizations and they will be at Bulls Market. Last time that was really successful because they had a

lot to say. On the tent day we will have the iPad's and we will have papers for written concerns and also free stuff and also we're just talking to students. Sometimes you run into students and they want to get involved in clubs and SG and last time we tried that in the Chemistry building, we had students that just wanted someone to talk to; it's good to be that Segway person for them. And also for tent days, we'll have the Mega tent day. We're also doing, like Lee suggested, for quota turnout. I was also thinking for the committee itself to do Bulls Nite Out. Some of the events will be night. We need two people at the table for event. If it's a 7 o' clock, we'll be there at 6:30 to get people there. And so, I'll be getting a list from Ayaz, because he'll be doing auditing, for his people to get us help there too. And also for senate elections, we'll have that one focused for handing out applications. We're doing that with Hillsborough County. Just to have our people out there in smaller and effective ways in different areas. This is open to the entire senate; meet your senator sign up. You just walk around and you have student concerns and bring it back to senate and the committee so your own students know who you are and stuff and get to know you. And also the government is a subcommittee. Last time you were in local and you were in federal. Do you want to stay in that or do you want to both work in local, because that's going to be easier. Since the mayor thing got postponed and cancelled, a lot of students are doing the digital thing with Facebook, it will be good to get in contact with them; when it is 2012 to do a digital town hall. And do something like that, because we are a large university it's kind of like we're there. So, I think that's it for that.

Bianca- Do we have enough members...we have seven people?

Aziz- Right now, we're doing with what they have.

Farrell- What if say all the engineers wanted to get together with senators,, can they rent out the tent?

Aziz- Yes, I have a 1, 2, 3, how to do it. It's really simple and you pick out your day, let's say all the engineering senators are free on a Wednesday. Wherever you're going make sure you have permission. It's usually done through EMS with Kevin Porchick. You have to get permission and if you're outside you have to go through physical plant. Don't destroy the grass or put stakes in the ground or kill any trees. If you need electronics. That takes two weeks and for the day of, you go to the business office and you would reserve one tent and a table if needed. And you would have to contact Ivan through...Ivan in marketing gives you the tablecloth and marketing materials. You take it, put it up and get everyone organized. Take everything down and take it to the business office before 5PM. One thing I was going to do was have you plan tent day. So, you know how the whole process is. The next tent day is September 14<sup>th</sup>; its bulls market from 9am to 3pm. We'll send out the whole schedule; just sign up for the 30 minute slot and that's it for...Any announcements, any motions?

Farrell motions to adjourn.

Aziz- Any objections?

**Adjournment called by Chairman Abdool Aziz at 4:22PM.**

*Transcribed by Senate Secretary, Theresa Rivera.*