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University of South Florida
Student Government Fifty-Second Student Senate

FALL SESSION
September 19th 2011

Meeting called to order by Senator Adam Saunders at 6:42PM.

Saunders- First item on the agenda is roll call. Chairwoman Kiger is here. Senator Antar is excused. Senator Berkowitz is excused. Senator Brinkworth is here. Senator Cao is excused. Senator Gao is here. Oops. Senator Ruston is excused. Senator Saunders is here. Senator Toro is excused. Senator Kimble is here. And senate secretary is here. Alright.

Kiger- Save.

Saunders- So, additions/clarifications to the orders of the day.

Motion to strike How to Write Legislation Workshop from the agenda by Chairwoman Kiger.

Saunders- Any objections? Seeing none. It is accepted. Alright: additions/clarifications to the minutes. We have two; one from the summer 7/25 and one from the fall.

Motion to accept the minutes by Senator Kimble.

Saunders- Any objections? Seeing none. Minutes have been accepted.

Open Forum

Saunders- Is anyone wishing to speak? Nobody? Alright. We have old business.

Old Business

Saunders- Senate bill 51-009. Alright, this was uh...

Kiger motions for a one minute recess so I can go retrieve Ms. Toro's amendments from the printer.

Saunders- Any objections? Seeing none. We are in a one minute recess.

One Minute Recess

Saunders- Alright we're back in session at 647. The edit to the grievance submission process. The intent is to own the senate president ensuring that it is submitted to the ethics committee. Nothing has been changed.

Toro- Okay. I like it how it is right now. The general consensus was it should be turned into the senate president and the SGATO director and they need to sign it before it goes to JEC. Something I would like to add: the first one is at the end of that clause where your cursor is to add "or his non-student designee." That something I talked to Gary about and it's a very time sensitive thing and if he's out of town he wants to have someone to designate it for him.

Saunders- Or his...

Brown- Why non-student? Are we afraid to let the graduate assistants sign off on something?

Toro- I took that form title 7 and I wrote it into the SOP's right now. I had a reason to do that.

Brown- Okay, my suggestions would be that it should either be...Okay he doesn't have a designee, so it's not the right word anyway. You could make it "to the student senate president and a non-student member of SGATO." Or just make it Gary or Jessica.

Toro- Yeah, I'd be open to that. You can say "director or assistant director." Would that be okay?

Brown- Is she an assistant or associate?

Toro- Assistant.

Saunders- Wouldn't that mean a graduate advisor could have done it anyways?

Toro- It was vague before.

Kiger- Previously Gary used to be referred to as the advisor. It was recently advised to say director. So, no that would no longer be a fitting clause.

Saunders- So is there an actual friendly amendment.

Kiger- "assistant director." Capitalized.

Saunders- Alright, the amendment or assistant director. Toro, you had a second one?

Toro- Yes.

Saunders-Do you want to have a discussion on the amendment?

Motion to add "or assistant director," by Senator Toro.

Saunders- Any objections? Seeing none. Senator Toro did you have a second amendment?

Toro- On the grievance form the submitter must include the date submitted in the grievance. So, I don't know where would be a logical place to put that.

Kimble- Couldn't you just put in under grievances filed anonymously?

Toro- By making it a sub clause of the .2 .1, it means it falls under the umbrella of that clause and I don't think its relevant to that clause.

Saunders- In order for it to be valid. It's like another thing...It would have to be valid.

Toro- Yeah, let's do it there for now.

Movement to add that amendment to take the policies of grievances filed anonymously and move it to 2.1.2 by Senator Kimble.

Saunders- Are you sure you want to bump that down?

Toro- Yes. Let me just write it out. How does this sound guys? The grievance form must include the grievances date. I don't want to say that grievance from because it might sound like a template.

Brown- It should just say grievances must include the date of the events referenced in the grievance.

Brinkworth- This all seems so redundant to me. That doesn't make any sense to me.

Brown- The purpose of the grievance is to say Theresa didn't type the minutes on July 21st, Theresa didn't type the minutes.

Toro- I agonized over the wording for ten minutes. I just hope that its clear.

Saunders- This is something that I think is good but we shouldn't go there.

Toro- Can you scroll down a bit so we can see what goes...

Brown- I think that's an appropriate place for it. So I think that's the only place that it could fit. You're clarifying the above statue.

Saunders- Does the president have to approve these things?

Brown- They would be validating everything else that's on the grievance form.

Saunders- Then I guess we have a motion to add this to the bill. Do we have any objections? Seeing none.

Toro- Motions to vote by straw poll.

Saunders- We have a motion to vote on straw poll. All those in favor. All those opposed. All abstaining myself. Myself. So, 6 to 0 to 1. With that the bill passes. Alright, the next item on the agenda is Draft senate bill 52.001. Alright the signature event category of cancellation. Different types of events also

includes approval. I don't believe any of this has been changed since last week.

Toro- Before I start on this regarding the previous bill...the legislative intent section should be fixed before it goes on the floor. So, if you could just make a note on that. That one has to be fixed. But okay. Everything is the same as last week. This is the first bill I wrote. So, this I had very many meetings with Mr. Hemani. This has been in the works for 3 or 4 months. I further amended it. I showed it to pro tempore Brown and Senate President Hassouneh. I think that the way it is right now is as good as it's going to get.

Saunders- Motion to discuss?

Kiger motions to vote on the bill by straw poll.

Saunders-Any objections? Seeing none. All those in favor. All those opposed. All those abstaining. 6 TO 0 TO 1. This bill passed. We have rules of procedure.

Toro-This is an entirely new document. I went through this last week. That clause that I had last week, can we go to that section please? That'd be chapter 10. 10.1.7. I would like to change that to this here.

Saunders- Strike the entire clause?

Toro- Yes.

Saunders- Alright the amendment is During the first SenEx selections of the term, the newly elected senate president shall abstain from voting on SenEx candidates. He or she may only vote in the event of a tie. Alright. So, we have an amendment.

Toro- How does everyone feel about removing on SenEx candidates and just leaving it abstain from voting?

Saunders- There's no business. This is a lot more concise than it was last week too.

Kiger- Ms. Toro, when you're referring to SenEx in ROP's, do you refer to it as SenEx instead of Senate Executive committee. If not, I'd like to change it to the Senate Executive committee members.

Toro- I think you should...add two things. I think saying on SenEx candidates is redundant. The only thing you would be voting on is Sex Ex candidates.

Brown- I think it should be "except in the event of a tie."

Saunders- From voting, except in the case of a tie.

Brown- And delete the following

Motion for amendment by Senator Toro.

Saunders- Any objections? Seeing none the amendment has been added to the bill. Do we have any motions?

Kimble- Question, was the point about SenEx ever answered after being referred...

Toro- Could you please control F, so we can see where SenEx first occurred?

Toro- There. That's where it occurred.

Kiger- Any further objections or questions? Id like to vote on the motion by roll call?

Saunders- Any objections? Seeing none.

Kiger- Yes.

Berkowitz- Yes

Brinkworth- Yes.

Gao- Yes.

I abstain.

Kimble- Yes.

Toro- Yes.

Saunders- Alright, so 6 to 0 to 1. This bill passes. We are now in announcements.

Announcements

Brinkworth- Did you just save that? I just was suddenly panicked.

Saunders- Alright do we have any announcements?

Gao- As you guys know we're doing a Signature event this week. Saturday's event is from 2 to 5, so you should all come out. If you have any questions just ask me.

Kiger- Everyone stick around for the How to Write Legislation Workshop.

Saunders- Are there any motions?

Motion to adjourn by Chairwoman Kiger.

Saunders- Are there any objections? Seeing none.

Adjournment called by Senator Saunders at 7:10PM.

Transcribed by Senate Secretary, Theresa Rivera.