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University of South Florida
Student Government Fifty-Second Student Senate

FALL SESSION
October 24th 2011

Meeting called to order by Chairwoman Nakita Kiger at 6:58PM.

Kiger- First item on the agenda is roll call. I am here. Mr. Antar is present. Mr. Berkowitz is present. Ms. Brinkworth is present. Ms. Cao is present. Mr. Gao is present. Ms. Rustan is present. Mr. Saunders is present. Mr. Kimble is present. Mr. Shakir is present. Ms. Saunders is present and Ms. Steel and Ms. Bernstein both are excused because I did not have them on my list serve yet. Next item on the agenda is additions/deletions to the orders of the day.

Motion to approve the orders of the day by Senator Rustan.

Kiger- Are there any objections? Seeing none. The orders of the day have been accepted. Next item on the agenda is open forum.

Open Forum

Saunders- I'd like to welcome my sister to her first Senate meeting.

Kiger- Next is updates to election requirements and updates to the timeline. We discussed it the last committee meeting. Are there any questions?

Saunders- We were debating on keeping the 150 signatures for the presidential. It seemed that people were really against that so I don't know.

Kiger- Alright, anyone else? And the election timeline. Those were all the additions. Mr. Gao?

Motion to vote by Senator Gao.

Kiger- There's a motion to vote, are there any objections? Roll call or straw poll.

Gao- Straw poll.

Kiger- There's a motion to vote by straw poll. All those in favor? All those opposed? All those abstaining? 10 to 0 to 1, this passes.

Brown- Point of order. Did Lauren vote? Abstention is only used if there is a conflict of interest. Nobody in the committee should pressure you to do otherwise.

L. Saunders- Could you go over it?

Kiger- There is an objection. Do you rescind?

Gao- I rescind.

Kiger- The intent of the bill is to remove the signature requirement from the required documentation for candidacy. Basically we removed this and the signature requirement from the documentation because we saw that as a...it kept people from running because they had to get these signatures. SGATO has to go through all of these signatures. It was an extra workload on them that they don't need or appreciate. It's already been stricken from the midterm election requirements, so we're just following them up and striking them from the general election. That was stricken because it interfered with the proposed timeline. The ERC would follow this with the passing as well. Did you want me to go through that as well?

L. Saunders- No, I understand that.

Kiger- That conflicted with the election timeline. Mr. Saunders do you have a question?

Saunders- I think it's in there twice and I don't think the other one was stricken. I'm not 100% sure.

Kiger- I will double check that.

Gao- 701.2.2 candidates may only engage in verbal campaigning while collecting signatures for the petition. We should strike that.

Kiger- Are you motioning to strike that?

Gao- Yes.

Kiger- Any other questions, concerns or motions?

Motion to vote by Senator Gao.

Kiger- By straw poll. Alright, there's a motion to vote. All those in favor? All those opposed? All those abstaining? 8 to 2 to 1, the bill passes. Next item on the agenda is finish reviewing title 7. Mr. Kimble with 704. Just tell us about it.

Kimble- It is about how the Supreme Court acts. I was hoping to find something about what I can change. It is well written it is pretty clear and straight forward so unless there is anything we wish to add as policy, there isn't much to change. Would you like for me to go over what it entails?

Kiger- Tell me what is the most important clause, please.

Kimble- It is about appeals and campaigning for elections. It just outlines the time table that the time that people have to submit a grievance. It always seems like they have them at the last minute. It might be changed. They always without fail happen. Grievances are filed right when they announce the president. I don't know if you would like to review the time that people are responding. I am not the best public speaker.

Kiger- Mr. Gao did you have a questions?

Gao- They are confused whether the ERC is confused about appealing the decision.

Kimble-In 704.1.3. the statute of limitations is closed after the election.

Saunders- In my amendments which we are not reading today wrote, the cases should be filed with the supreme court within 24 hours.

Kiger- Mr. Gao did you have a question?

Thomas- Could you read it one more time.

Kimble- It should be 24 hours within the close of general elections.

Thomas- Is it when the polls close, the election is certified because those are two different times. Could they still accept things after the certification. They weren't sure.,

Kimble- Could we...I wasn't here last week.

Kiger- my suggestion would be to propose the bill and if that is something you would like to work on I would be more than happy. We can set up a time after the meeting. What is the most important clause in your opinion, Mr. Kimble?

Kimble- The most important clause I don't have a very good answer for that.

Kiger- Aright that is acceptable as well. Any other questions for Mr. Kimble? Any announcements at this time? Motions?

Motion to adjourn by Senator Brinkworth.

Kiger- There is a motion for adjournment. Are there any objections? Seeing none.

Adjournment called by Chairwoman Nakita Kiger at 7:12PM.

Transcribed by Senate Secretary, Theresa Rivera.