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University of South Florida
Student Government Fifty-Second Student Senate

FALL SESSION
October 31st 2011

Meeting called to order by Chairwoman Nakita Kiger at 6:59PM.

Kiger- First item on the agenda is roll call. Ms. Saunders is here. Mr. Saunders is here. Ms. Rustan is here. Ms. Bernstein is here. Ms. Steele is here. Mr. Berkowitz is here. Mr. Kimble is here. Mr. Antar is here. Ms. Brinkworth is here. Next item on the agenda is additions/deletions to orders of the day.

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

Kiger- There is a motion to accept the orders of the day. Are there any objections? Seeing none. Orders of the day are accepted. Next item on the agenda is additions/deletions/clarifications to the minutes. All three of the minutes were sent out.

Motion to accept the minutes by Senator Saunders.

Kiger- All three? Alright. Any objections? Seeing none. Minutes accepted. Next item on the agenda is open forum.

Open Forum

Kiger- Are there any senators wishing to address the committee?

Saunders- Two new senators, welcome to rules.

Kiger- Next item on the agenda is old business. Chapter 705. Mr. Antar?

Antar- I'll just project. Alright, okay. So, chapter 705 goes over special elections and the process for carrying those out. It moves onto recalls and then it goes onto the referendums. And then it talks about the process for amendments and the elections that don't pertain to normally electing senators and then you have expedited elections in the case of a time sensitive matter and last resort.

Kiger- Alright, what is the most important clause in that chapter?

Antar- The most important is the referendums because that allows students to most accurately have their opinions heard.

Kiger- Thank you. Alright, now we are done with title 7. Onto new business. The student counsel of the college of medicine's sops. This is actually I have this on my computer with the newest change and I didn't send it out to all of you because I was waiting for the college medicine student counsel to change their deadline because I let them know that it was the first Friday of November and they needed to change their deadline otherwise, it wouldn't have worked out. So, they changed it to the third Friday of November. All of the other changes are still the same. Any questions, concerns? Motions? This is basically the guiding document that has all of the rules concerning how they will allocate. I rewrote it and this is the new version that I spent hours rewriting for them.

Saunders- There are their SOP's, correct? Now it has changed to the third Friday?

Kiger- The deadline for the counsels is the third week in December. Student orgs are in January.

Rustan- Third Friday in December.

Kiger- That was their old set up.

Saunders- Statute. Chapter 807.

Kiger- That's the student counsel of the College of Medicine. That's how they had it set up for them specifically that's not a requirement but it is in statutes. Alyssa do you have an insight to this?

Thomas- I will if you give me 30 seconds. Chapter 807?

Kiger- They wanted to get all of their budgets turned in for purposes of the first Friday of November. It has been that way for a long time. Our typical deadline is in December. But that does conflict. And that's for student orgs. 807.7. College of student orgs will submit their requests no later than the first Friday of November.

Thomas- Okay, then statutorily their budgets are due Friday unless someone thinks there is an error between the bill and this.

Kiger- Because it has taken so long to approve the SOP's they haven't had time to advertise it and I had forgotten they put it in statutes. Is Mr. Hassounah in his office? Would someone like to motion for a five minute recess while we figure this out?

Motion for a five minute recess by Senator Saunders.

Kiger- We have a motion for a five minute recess. Are there any objections? Seeing none.

Five minute recess.

Kiger- Alright, we're back in session at 7:18PM having solved the problem now. So, what was removed was the change from first to third Friday of November as it conflicted with statutes. Any questions, concerns, motions?

Saunders- How is the process going to work for both organizations?

Hassouneh- Since I figured something like this would happen, I already instructed PAC chair, Hemani to be in charge of off-campus events. We need more of an eye and ear on those events. He is starting to share committee members. We are still auditing them. We hope that Com will start doing their own audit process.

Kiger- Any other questions, concerns, motions at this time?

Saunders- I guess if the outside member gets elected in the interim election, would they take over the duties of the chair or would they not be able to take over that duty.

Kiger- If you go under membership...The chair is rotating, I believe. So, the outside member shall be any one of the college of medicine students in the legislative branch of the USF student government. Does that answer your question? So if that position is not filled at the time they give that to the chair.

Saunders- When it is filled...

Kiger- I double they're going to switch them out half way through.

Hassouneh- Currently we have two Com senators, so it's not an issue.

Kiger- Any concerns, motions?

Motion to vote by Senator Saunders.

Kiger- Motion to vote by straw poll? Any objections to voting. All those in favor? All those opposed? All those abstaining? 9 to 0 to 1, they pass. Alright, Next item on the agenda is begin reviewing title 8. Chapter 800, Ms. Steele. Are you prepared to do that today?

Steele- I have no idea what I am supposed to do.

Kiger- Seeing that our time is elapsed and the new senators need some further explanation, I move that someone motions to postpone them.

Rustan- Postpones title 8.

Kiger- Any objections? Announcements?

Announcements

Rustan- Next Tuesday is composite pictures on the 8th so be there. I have gotten about 7 hate emails. I am not. Any way. That was it.

Kiger- Anyone else? Any motions?

Motion to vote by Senator Brinkworth.

Kiger- There's a motion to adjourn. Are there any objections? Seeing none.

Adjournment called by Chairwoman Kiger at 7:24PM.

Transcribed by Senate Secretary, Theresa Rivera.