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University of South Florida
Student Government Fifty Second Student Senate

Fall Session Senate
September 20, 2011

Call to Order by Senate President Hassounch at 6:05

Pledge of allegiance led by Senator Gao

Roll Call:

Present: 33

Absent: 18

Additions/Deletions and/or Clarifications to the Orders of the Day:

Senator Gao- *Motion to approve the Orders of the Day, accepted.*

Additions/Deletions and/or Changes to the Minutes:

Senator Belmont- *Motion to approve the minutes.*

Senate President Hassounch- No.

Senator Belmont- *Motion to postpone the minutes, approved.*

Legislative Branch Report:

Senate President Hassounch- Please add an ASRC report as well.

Senator Gao- In Appropriations this week we are looking at Homecoming grants, with Christy the chair person going through those. That should be done by next week. So if your organization applied let them know. Also, ASRC's first meeting time is Friday. So if you are a member than remember that. It will be at 10:00 am in room 3700. There's no food this time and we will be discussing Proviso. That's it.

Senator Sandoval- Last week we had a tent day and we had 18 Senators there, with 40% being outside the committee that came. That's good. You actually have a certificate in front of you if you

came. A couple people have special certificates; Saunders was one and Elviona was the other. I don't see her tonight, so she will get it other day. We are giving out a survey regarding the food on campus for the next 2 weeks. That's it. Oh, I'm working with the Athletics department to have a tent day at Raymond James for the UTEP game on Saturday, so hopefully that will all work out. In a couple weeks we will also be having a tent day at the Rec Center.

Senator Aziz- Hey guys, we will be having our meeting tomorrow at 4:00 pm. We will be going over Veteran's in state tuition, as well as going over legislation, and reading current events of legislation. Something that's coming up, we will be doing like meet your senator days. We're dividing in groups for that in the committee. Repsective colleges should sign up for that stuff.

Senator Hemani- My committee is working on getting in touch with the different colleges around campus to get the word out for Signature Event grants. We are also trying to communicate with different student organizations to ask for a list of tentative events so we can go ahead and get at least 1 audit per organization and make recommendations to ASRC. Furthermore, last week I had a list of events for you guys. If you audited any of the events then pass them to that side of the room and I will come by and collect it. This week you will see that you also have another list of events. On the side there is a sign up column. If you're interested in auditing any events then please write it down there. I will compile all that and make sure I'll get some feedback from you guys. The forms should be coming from each end of the room to the center. Once you're done taking a look at it then please pass it down. Also, on Friday the 30th from 5-7 pm we are going to have another Senate social at Terrace Sports on Busch. I will have directions for you next week during Senate so you can get there. On Friday we can meet up here and then carpool because I know that would be easiest for everyone. We have bowling and laser tag scheduled, so please attend.

Pro Tempore Brown- I've been working on getting the clicker software all straightened out. You should have gotten the 1st roll call votes and reports, once passed I will put them on the website so you can see how you voted for everything. Faculty Senate is tomorrow. I was on the ADHOC a couple weeks ago and they were working on re-doing class evaluations, and that's it. Everyone should be settled in committees now. I had a couple people shuffling around, but you should be meeting with your committees weekly. If you have any questions let me know.

Executive Branch Report:

Vice President Johnson- I'll keep it brief. For those of you involved with the University wide committee we've been aggressively contacting committees to make sure they know who their representatives are. Please look forward to hearing about that. Diaz is with our Director of Government Affairs, Lindsay Lewis. They are with the Florida Student Association, advocating for financial aid issues at the federal level. Hopefully they will come back with some great feedback for that. Be aware that we have a program coming up this Friday, Bulls Night Out with the Rays. If there are any questions then please see myself, or Ivan Gil who has been responsible for the marketing. Get excited for a successful event this weekend.

Judicial Branch Report:

None

Open Forum:

Senator Gao- Hi, everybody. How is everyone doing? As you guys know this week is the Signature Event week for Journey to the East. It's a week long full of events all funded by SG. Tomorrow is a banquet at 7:30 in the Ballroom. There will be performances. We actually have an American Idol contestant singing for us, so that's pretty cool. There will be lots of free food, remember that. Thursday at 5:00 at the Crescent Hill grassy area is another event going on, go to that as well. Friday is a dance workshop at the Rec Center beginning at 5:00. Saturday is a field competition next to the track field, so you guys should all go out for that.

Senator Hemani- On the forms going around you will see some of the items have been highlighted. All the forms I send around, any event that is highlighted will be a signature event. Please make it a priority to attend those. Thank you.

Senator Belmont- Tomorrow at 7:00 is SG flag football intermurals. Please come and support us, or if you want to play we still have open slots on the roster. In that case please let myself or Brian Goff know. Hope to see you all there.

Arrechea- On the 26th, next Monday, the university is holding an e-board experience. It's right before the Common forum from 6:00-8:00 pm in room 2708. Basically we're trying to bring e-board to the eyes of USF. You're all welcome to attend. There will be live music, poetry, and all that good stuff.

Sarah Rasheid- Hi everyone. I'm Sarah Rashied, the Student Life and Traditions Director. I have a couple of announcements. As exec mentioned, Bulls Night Out is Friday night. There are \$10 tickets for sale. Just go to sg.usf.edu/rays. I encourage all of you to be there. There will be transportation there as well, so if you're interested then sign up for that. In addition, we have the UTEP game this Saturday. I need volunteers to sign up for Bulls Blitz. I saw a couple Senators last Saturday out there and it's really helpful to have that support. If you're interested we will begin loading busses at 5:00 at the bus ramp right here. Finally, something we are working on with Programming Council is a pseudo Bulls Night Out. It's a USF day at Busch Gardens with discounted tickets for Howl-o-Scream, so get excited about that. Go bulls! Thanks guys.

General Business:

- *Speaker Christy Gerber- Director of Center for Student Involvement*
- *Confirmation of Judicial Appointee*
 1. *Mr. Taylor Lockwood for the position of Associate Justice*

Senate President Hassouneh- You will find the job description on his application and all the hiring associated paperwork.

Vice President Johnson- Pleased to present to you, Taylor Lockwood as our nominee for Justice of the judicial branch. Taylor has been an exemplary student leader here on campus. He is also pursuing a leadership minor. He has great experience with student organizations and has been working with judicial proceedings and risk management for other student organizations, as well as with the intrafraternity council. He has great experience traveling to leadership conferences and developing those skills and understanding which will help those judicial proceedings which he's been so adamant to pursue with at USF.

Senate President Hassouneh- Any questions for Mr. Johnson about the position or job description?

Senator Aldridge- How many people applied and how many were interviewed?

Vice President Johnson- I wasn't chair of the hiring committee so I couldn't directly answer that. I could tell you what the number of applications received were. I want to say around 60 or so.

Senator Saunders- What degree of legal experience would you say is appropriate for an Associate Justice?

Vice President Johnson- I'll refer to the job description right here.

Senate President Hassouneh- Mr. Johnson wasn't a part of the hiring process. He is presenting for President Diaz in his absence because he is traveling out of the state right now.

Vice President Johnson- I will say to be a member of the judicial branch you need to maintain 2.0 GPA, be taking 6 credit hours as an undergraduate, 4 credit hours as a graduate student, and be in good standing with student rights and responsibilities.

Senate President Hassouneh- Are you familiar with the recommendation of the committee or anything?

Vice President Johnson- No.

Taylor Lockwood- I just want to address that question, really quickly. The process after you are confirmed is that they have justice training, so if you have no experience then the court takes that into consideration and trains you. Like Mr. Johnson said, I'm Taylor Lockwood. The reason I want to be a part of SG is because I want to see change. I wanted to be involved, specifically for Justice, because I served as chairman for the judicial board of my fraternity. I got a lot of pleasure and experience from that. Seeing that because of our action our member's behavior reflected that. Even if they weren't called to the board they knew to act appropriately. That all got started when I joined my fraternity. Our 3 core values are friendship, justice, and learning. Growing up you are familiar with friendship and learning, but justice is a new concept when you come to college. It really caught my eye and I've held on to it. It's kind of my passion. While serving on the judicial board I rewrote the bylaws of my fraternity with the president and myself. So I have experience writing legal documents and things of that nature. Any questions?

Senator Belmont- I asked this same question during JEC during the confirmations. What was the hardest decision you've had to make in your life especially perhaps in college or on the judicial board?

Lockwood-The hardest specifically was a judicial board decision I was involved in. We caught one of my brothers abusing drugs and it happened to be one of my best friends. With that we were given

options. I was in control on whether to make it lenient or strict and we chose to kick him out. We took a non-tolerance stance and that was a very difficult decision to make. We had to stick to what our rules are.

Senator Saunders- In your position on interfraternity council what experience would you say would be beneficial to you as Associate Justice.

Lockwood- Specifically, I have been working with a lot of lawyers. I brought several lawyers in to speak to the interfraternity council. We talked a lot about writing legal documents and kind of how their thought process worked, specifically other members of the board. We showed them risk management stuff and kind of how to be proactive and not reactive to certain situations.

Senator Saunders- Follow up. Do you still hold any positions on the interfraternity council?

Lockwood- Currently, no. I have freed up a lot of my time. Currently I am only treasure of the judicial board of Sigma Chi.

Senator Saunders- Follow up. Why don't you hold any of those positions anymore on the interfraternity council?

Lockwood- I've served twice and at this point and the IFC president is actually one of my close friends. The IFC took up a lot of my time and they had enough guys coming in that could step up and do the position that had the right qualifications. I didn't believe that my time was necessary for the IFC anymore. I needed to move up and let my time be for SG.

Senator Aldridge- I want to talk about your opinion between Rocky Bull vs ERC. You stated that you thought... alright you used the fact that the ERC statutes were incorrect for your reasoning, but then you went back and said because he was stuck in an elevator. If you had to use one: if the ERC statute was wrong or Rocky was in the elevator trapped so they couldn't do it, which legal opinion of the two would you choose?

Lockwood- In this situation you have to do the statute first. It was written and it's the rules that you have to follow. This was actually brought up in JEC as well. They asked me if the statute was written correctly. I believe it was but it was a typo in what we were given when we were applying. If it was different then we would have to approach it a different way, as if the rule wasn't broken.

Senator Aldridge- Follow up. I know this is sort of an iffy question to ask, but if the typo wasn't there and your own argument was that he was stuck in the elevator and couldn't make it on time, would that change the opinion of your case?

Lockwood- I would. Let's say he waited last minute and it was 4:59 when he entered the elevator and it was due at 5:00. He chose to wait until the last minute. Applications are out for longer than a day. It could take more than a minute to walk up the stairs, so he can't use that as an excuse.

Senator Shakir- When you spoke you said about bringing a change to Student Government. What in SG do you feel needs to be changed and how would you bring about the change?

Lockwood- Specifically with judicial board, it is very unorganized. I didn't know about my JEC meeting until an hour before and I didn't know how this was going to go. A lot of the meetings they get caught up in little things and they can get sidetracked. We can focus on facts in a court appeal.

We don't need to go off on a tangent. We can stick to facts, rules, and statutes, not what if this happened or what if that did.

Senator Aziz- What is your knowledge of Student Government statutes so far?

Lockwood- I was actually required to read them all before I applied. Sorry, not required but requested. I keep a copy with me, a binder with them. I've been to all the court meetings in the last 2 months, so I bring them with me all the time there. They get brought up and I'm pretty familiar with them.

Senator Gula- Correct me if I'm wrong, but you made the same error in JEC. You said at 4:59 he entered in the elevator and it only gave him one minute. It says in line 14 that he was stuck in an hour before that deadline. Could you correct what your position would be if it was an hour before?

Lockwood- In JEC I was informed that it was a minute, so if it was an hour then I would have to give it to him. He came an hour ahead of time. He obviously made an effort to get there before the deadline. There were extenuating circumstances. Rules aren't black and white. There is a grey area for extenuating circumstances like this.

Senate President Hassouneh- Just to make sure you understand the question... He is telling you that the scenario is as it was that the student entered the elevator in excess of an hour before the 4:59 deadline then got stuck there. In the statutes and ERC line up it was 1 minute and you stand by that opinion.

Lockwood- Right.

Senator Saunders- One of the big duties of the justice or judicial branch is to decide on parking appeals and things like that. So how familiar are you with parking and transportation regulations and rules?

Lockwood- Pretty familiar. I received a booklet from PATS. I received that last week and I'm going over it. It's got fine amounts, how to appeal the fines, and what the fines are for. I've sat through 2 appeal sessions with the court now. I've seen oral appeals, written appeals, the thought process, and how they work, etc.

Senator Saunders- Under what circumstances can the judicial branch act?

Lockwood- The judicial branch right now is limited to parking appeals, elections (if there is a trial brought up with that. I believe 2 years ago there was an unfair decision of the election board), and impeachments.

Senator Belmont- I asked this and I want the rest of them to hear it. As a greek member and if you were confirmed... as an SG judicial member. Expanding jurisdiction into the greek community and hearing those types of cases and how you would feel about it. Would you like to hear those or not?

Lockwood- I would. I would have to say they need to be for all student organizations and not just singling out greeks. Any student organization that wants to appeal is a student right and responsibility. I think we have no problem hearing those.

Senator Hussein- Would you consider yourself a strict or loose constructionist?

Lockwood- I would say strict, just because I hold myself to a higher standard and I kind of automatically hold others to a higher standard. We are college students, but that is not an excuse to go haywire.

Senate President Hassouneh- Any questions?

Senator Gao- 5

Senate President Hassouneh- Please step out.

Lockwood- Thank you for your time.

Senate President Hassouneh- All in con of the nominee

Con: Senator Saunders and Senator Hussein

Senate President Hassouneh- All those in pro.

Pro: Senator Belmont, Senator Berkowitz, Senator Torres

Senate President Hassouneh- We will begin with pro's. Belmont you have 1 minute.

Senator Belmont- First of all I think it's great that he had the courage to call us out on our own disorganization and especially applying for this job. Also, I think he tries to do the right things and follow the law really strictly and I think we really need it in the court. Also, you don't need to be a rocket scientist with SG statutes and parking to be a member of the judicial branch. No member coming in has ever been whter it be a senator or exec. He was better in JEC, maybe he's just nervous. He's a great candidate.

Senator Saunders- The first question that I asked him about the interfraternity council was interesting the way he answered because he was actually removed and he painted a picture that he stepped down when he came up here. He also spoke proactive. He has a great vision for innovation but I am hearing conflicting view points. He had a lot of superfluous statements in my opinion. On the forms he had one opinion and what he was saying wasn't matching up. That's not judicial worthy, they are giving legal opinions.

Senator Berkowitz- I have actually worked with him personally on the interfraternity council. He had a pretty big part of turning us around. His removal was nothing about work ethic what so ever. I don't know a lot about the statutes but I know that he is willing to work for it.

Senator Hussein- As Saunders stated he was inconsistent with his views. In the Rocky the Bull opion he said that he was strict and that doesn't follow what he is saying. He needs to be following rules for more than a week and I turn it in to contradicting himself.

Senator Torres- I've know him since he came to USF in the fall of 2010. Just over the year he keeps moving on up the ladder. I think that he would do a great job with this postion. I think that he may have been nervous and that's why he didn't respond as well as he would have.

Senator Patel- He was a strong candidate but I saw the same conflict in opinion. I also saw he has a lot of inside of the greek system and I'm sure it will be a little bit biased. Your bias gets strengthened

when you around something for an extended period of time. He went greek and now he's coming to SG? There's other areas he could have went through.

Senator Shakir- *Point of inquiry*. Are we allowed to call him back in? I think this is highly controversial and I want to know more before I vote.

Senate President Hassouneh- After the discussion you may motion to do that. Or you could motion to end discussion.

Senator Belmont- *Move to end discussion and re-open questioning*.

Senator Saunders- **Objection!** I think there is more to be said and I don't think we should move out of pro and con.

Senate President Hassouneh- After he is brought in for questioning again, then we would move back into discussion.

Senator Saunders- *Resend*.

Senate President Hassouneh- We're ending discussion for now. We will bring the candidate back in and ask further questions. With that said, we are not going to bring the guy back in, stare at him, and then send him back out. We need to have quality questions. With that being said, are there any other objections to ending discussion? Please bring the candidate back in.

Senator Shakir- There was a question that arised during discussion. Why were you removed from the interfraternity council?

Lockwood- It was a mutual decision. I didn't have the grades at the time and my summer grades hadn't arrived yet. I didn't have the 2.75 and we didn't want to wait. I felt like I needed to move on to something else.

Senator Shakir- Can you state for all of us here your bias of greeks or maybe strict decisions?

Lockwood- To make strict decisions? Well I would definitely hold greeks to stricter circumstances because they hold certain values of their own.

Senator Kimble- What's your current GPA?

Senate President Hassouneh- You don't have to answer that and I recommend you don't. Turn the side chatter and giggling off.

Senator- What is your current workload?

Lockwood- I am taking 3 leadership classes and they are in class so I'm not writing papers or taking test. I'm also the treasurer of Sigma Chi and my duties are to basically manage money and sign checks.

Senator Gula- We had a problem with a conflicting answer you gave. When asked you said you were a strict constructionist but with your commentary you sound as if you were a loose constructionist. What is your position with the elevator because really that would be a big help?

Lockwood- I would consider myself a strict constructionist. It's hard to say how long would you have to sit in an elevator... 1 hour, a day, a week? If he made a conscious effort to go ahead of the deadline and then he got locked in the elevator that isn't his fault. Now if he would have left at 4:55 then I would say no. He could have got caught in traffic and he probably couldn't even walk up the stairs in that time. I would have to make a stricter decision if that were the case.

Senator Patel- Anyone that gets this job will do pretty well, but what do you expect to get out of it? At the end of the day how would you improve?

Lockwood- This question was brought in JEC and I don't tend to think what I can gain but rather what I can put into it. I would like to think that I am levelheaded and make good judgements.

Senator Berkowitz- What class are you?

Lockwood- I'm a sophomore.

Senator Shakir- Just to be clear. How do you think you can handle this position? You had difficulties with grades and handling a position in the past. Without prying too much can you talk about your decision to resign?

Lockwood- What I was doing with the position was philanthropy. I dreamed big and my goal was to send a nursing student to Nicaragua. I honestly just put too much into it. I was constantly working with Judy Genshaft and was putting in almost 50 hours a week on that one project. It wiped me out.

Senate President Hassouneh- Before I take any motions I'm going to speak. There are some questions that are protected by law. As far as you're concerned when candidates come before you they meet academic satisfaction and are eligible to be in Student Government. The second thing is that these opinions of everybody shouldn't be taken into heart. Hypothetically you shouldn't consider it. Third, I would caution you into taking into account of your vote the performance of his academics or situation on the IFC council. Not to say that it's not relevant. You don't have to be a rocket scientist to be anything in SG and if you did we wouldn't be here.

Senator Aldridge- *Motion discuss in pro-con, accepted.*

Con: Pro Tempore Brown, Senator Aldridge

Pro: Senator Belmont, Senator Berkowitz, Senator Shakir

Pro Tempore Brown- In the last year we have taken sub par justices. How are they going to learn if they don't even know what a strict constructionist is? Rocky should or shouldn't be able to apply? He needs to make up his mind on the issue. His involvement of the greek community is irrelevant but he specifically stated he would hold greeks to a higher standard and that's a bias. Any bias in the Justice is bad.

Senator Belmont- I don't think any speaker should be punished and it seems like you're trying to push someone out. He's been here for a year, which is a great aspect because he will be able to serve all 3 years and go out to get new court members in the future. So focus on justice. He removed a brother for drug abuse and most fraternity and sorority members would just push it aside.

Senate President Hassouneh- Reminder that 1 tap is 30 seconds remaining, 2 taps is 15, and gavel is done.

Senator Saunders- Him removing his fraternity brother is what should have happened. In regards to resigning... he was overwhelmed, that's not a good thing. Ms. Brown even said it. He said he was a strict constructionist and being stricter against greeks is creating a bias as well.

Senator Berkowitz- I don't think he meant who was going to hold greeks to a higher standard. I think what he meant is that he wished they would hold themselves to a higher standard. He is a sophomore, as a freshman he turned us around. I can't wait to see what he could do. At least he left early in the summer rather than letting us go halfway through the year on a huge project and then leaving. He literally was working all night on it and now he's a big enough person to say it was too much.

Senator Aldridge- He seems like a good guy but there are too many issues that we have to see. What are some reasons that he shouldn't be here? Academically...we don't want to talk about it but as members of SG we want high academic standards. He doesn't remember what he said on his application and then after being corrected stated, oh yeah that's what I meant. Also he is very involved in greek and I don't think that being in SG and greek is the wisest choice with bias.

Senate President Hassounah- I know that I'm interjecting, but I'm not speaking in pro or con. In fact you don't know my position on the candidate and I think you would be surprised. The reason that I said not to consider the GPA is because he felt like he had to answer that question. While Gary and ASCATO all know your GPA, many of you wouldn't be happy if your record would be released. Academics are not to be discussed anymore. From a moral and ethical standpoint, we shouldn't know. Pretend you're a jury and I'm saying that you can't use this evidence. The involvement and commitment factors are open. Lastly, SG is open to all students, regardless their affiliation. We have our last pro.

Senator Shakir- We sit here and talk about procedures, rules, and law but what we need to talk about is the intensity of the project he was working on. If anything he should hold greeks to a higher standard because he went through the process and knows how a man should hold themselves. Take that into account.

Senate President Hassounah- Thank you. Any motions at this time?

Senator Gao- *Motion to re-establish quorum.*

Senate President Hassounah- We are still in discussion.

Senator Gao- *Motion to end discussion.*

Senator Saunders- **Objection!** I would like to move into second speeches.

Senator Gao- Re-send.

Pro Tempore Brown- I heard the same sentence... "I would hold greeks to a higher standard." Which to me means, I would hold greeks to a higher standard. So he's either lying or being biased, neither of which are good. Let's stay away from the whole greek thing. He bit off more than he could chew.

Senator Belmont- I personally think he's just a freshman that was overly involved. I'm glad he learned his lesson. Being associate justice is not that much of a time commitment in comparison to being a Senator or on Exec. It's a learning experience. Morals and values are a good thing to have

and that's what I meant earlier. If it was your brother, dad, child, whatever, would you be able to say "oh, you're abusing drugs, just stay in jail?" It's kind of the same thing.

Senator Saunders- Yes, I think he has the basic qualifications. No one is going to come up here and say that they have bad morals and values. He has the basic leader qualities but those aren't the things that distinguish people, things that are not evident in this candidate. You have to know what you are talking about. Once you write something it's a legal binding opinion. I've held every Justice to this standard.

Senator Berkowitz- I feel like I say this a lot, but he is a great leader. He's just a freshman and he's already done great things for the community. What he did to his friend was difficult. Think about it as someone who is part of your family. It's hard to say to your closest friend your out, go to jail. He is obviously unbiased for his organization and I want someone unbiased for this organization too.

Senator Aldridge- Let's go back over what I said. I want to apologize by saying greek people shouldn't be in SG. That is wrong, everyone should have a chance to be in SG. I think he's a great guy, just not qualified with his amount of knowledge. I think there are other candidates out there that would be better and I would suggest you not vote for this one.

Senator Shakir- Leadership is not something simple. It's about knowing the mission of your organization. Everyone has morals and values and when we ask them these questions that man out there, Taylor, aligned with his. He is not incompetent. Don't act like he has to be a rocket scientist go getter.

Senate President Hassouneh- With that we have an exhausted discussion. I would move to do a moderated caucus with a 30 second speaking time if people would still like to continue.

Senator Belmont- *Move to re-establish quorum, accepted.*

Middle Roll Call:

Present: 37

Senator Gao- *Motion to vote.*

Senate President Hassouneh- Just so you know a motion to vote is a closed hand, I don't just read minds.

Senator Saunders- **Objection!** I would like to move to a moderated caucus.

Senator Gao- Not resending.

Senate President Hassouneh- We are voting on whether or not to vote. Since it's procedural I'm doing it as a straw pull vote.

Final Vote Count: 34-2-1

Pro Tempore Brown- 1. Yes 2. No 3. Abstain

Senate President Hassouneh- You may only abstain if it can be documented. Anyone having technical errors with their clickers?

Senator Farrell- Is this voting for confirmation of the candidate or voting to vote?

Senate President Hassouneh- We are voting for the candidate.

Senator Aldridge- Someone that is supposed to be voting... their name didn't go through. I think it was Henry, but he left.

Final Vote Count: 19-17-1

Senate President Hassouneh- 19-17-1, I abstain. The candidate does fail. Vice president Johnson will you inform the nominee.

➤ *Senate Resolution on First Reading*

1.SB [R] 52-003 In Memory of Mr. Nicholas Vitale

Senate President Hassouneh- I'm going to read the resolution tonight. The writer of this resolution is not here tonight, Ms. Kiger.

Senator Belmont- *Move to pass by acclimation, accepted.*

➤ *Statutory Legislation on First Reading*

1.SB [S] 52-012 SG Ethics Refinement Act

Senate President Hassouneh- Saunders, you will be presenting this bill as vice chair of Rules. Thank you for your cooperation.

Senator Saunders- I'm presenting this in place of Kiger because she is not here today. The intent of this bill is to promote ethical behavior across all of Student Government by adding prohibition of false, defamatory statements and participation in official procedures where the individual cannot act in an impartial manner. In addition, this bill leaves the consequences of Employee Handbook violations up to the discretion of the Employee Handbook. 207.3 was removed because it defaulted all violations of employees to immediate termination. That was in conflict with policies in the handbook. It didn't matter to receiving automatic termination. Then the clause 207.2 was added in saying that it defaults the handbook instead of automatic termination so they couldn't go against that. This was the ethics preamble updated by chairwomen Toro, just to clarify a few things. Some stuff was moved over from title 4 and then some of the ethics were removed and re-added in here. Most of the stuff in this part is the preambulatory and it's not a huge change. I think in 209.4 a lot is taken out and then added in keeping things consistent.

Senate President Hassouneh- Read the actual amendments.

Senator Saunders- 209.5.2 states; participate in any private business or professional activity in which they have any direct or indirect financial interest which would place that person in conflict between that interest and the public interest of the student body. 209.5.3, that's not a new statute. I don't know why it's highlighted. That actually came up but it was never fixed. 209.5.4, was added. It says, make an untrue claim, expressly stated or implied to be factual, with the intent to harm the reputation of an individual or entity. I think that might be it.

Senate President Hassouneh- Any questions?

Senator Belmont- *Move to postpone to next meeting, accepted.*

➤ *Statutory Legislation on Second Reading*

1.SB [S] 52-008 Automatic Succession Clarification Act

Senator Saunders- Super simple. Controversally it came up in Rules on whether the vice president automatically takes over. So this was a small addition to make sure it's explicitly clear. It's on the second reading so nothing has changed since last week.

Senator Kimble- Has this ever caused an issue in the past or was this just tidying up the bill?

Senator Saunders- It has not caused an issue in the past, to my knowledge. It's just housekeeping. We just wanted to make this really clear in case the vice president didn't automatically step up, there would be problems.

Senator Kimble- *Motion to vote, accepted.*

Pro Tempore Brown- Henry, what's your vote?

Senator Henry- Yes.

Final vote count: 35-0-1, bill passes.

2.SB [S] 52-010 Updates to Title X

Pro Tempore Brown- Don't vote.

Senate President Hassouneh- For the one person that did, have fun explaining to your constituents how you came to that conclusion.

Senator Saunders- This is another housekeeping thing to add the position of assistant director and to change the title of the position of ASCATO to actually direct her. So it said advisor, so it was housekeeping. Also, adding the position of assistant director, that wasn't previously there.

Senate President Hassouneh- Are there any questions for Mr. Saunders?

Senator Gao- *Motion to vote, accepted.*

Senate President Hassouneh- Henry, how do you vote?

Senator Henry- Yes

Senate President Hassouneh- Is yours not working? What's your vote Senator Chaudry?

Senator Chaudry- Yes.

Final vote count: 35-0-1, bill passes.

Senate President Hassouneh- Did somebody not click in other than Chaudry and Henry? Did anyone have to leave between the last 3 votes?

Senator Belmont- Jacri left.

Senate President Hassouneh- Rodriguez did you vote?

Senator Rodriguez- I don't think my vote went through for the first one that we did on second reading.

Senate President Hassouneh- That would make it even more troublesome. We're going to redo the final roll call because I don't want someone to get pointed and then we have to deal with that next week. Make sure you are pressing the number 1 and that your name is disappearing. Okay, now it adds up. So please for future reference make sure that you are clicking in, otherwise we are wasting time and we have to do it again.

Final Roll Call:

Present: 36

Absent: 15

Senator Gao- *Motion to adjourn, accepted.*

Adjournment called by Senate President Hassouneh at 8:00 pm