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University of South Florida  
Student Government Fifty-Second Student Senate

FALL SESSION  
November 7<sup>th</sup> 2011

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**Meeting called to order by Senator Christy Brinkworth at 2:05 PM.**

**Present- Gao, Castaneda, Brinkworth, Sloane, Colon, Rodriguez, Aziz, Marc, Hughes, Printz**

**Unexcused- Thomas**

**10 Present, 1 Absent (unexcused)**

Brinkworth- First item on the agenda is roll call. Awesome. Up next we have additions, deletions, or changes to the agenda. Um, as um, Mr. Gao explained before the meeting we have two items here tentatively struck. The first one is the interim budget for Florida Engineering Society. They...their budget...their constitution was not approved by OSO so we have to postpone that. Um and then the second interim budget is ACBS and they were funded um annually by ASRC and they were unaware so this is just stricken permanently um and then...ok and then we want to add engineering expo subcommittee discussion to the agenda. Do I have any motions at this time? Um...Ms. Marc

*Senator Marc motions to accept the additions and deletions to the agenda*

Brinkworth- Alright, are there any objections? Seeing none they've been accepted. Um, next is approval of the minutes. I personally noticed a couple things that um were a little incorrect so I will take an approval, a motion to postpone the minutes so I can send some um corrections to Theresa. Um... Ms. Hughes?

*Senator Hughes motions to postpone the minutes*

Brinkworth- Any objections? Ok, seeing none, moving on to new business. So one of the many things that appropriations does is grants for engineering expo and homecoming. We already did homecoming and now we're working on engineering expo. It takes place in February. The...

Gao- Uh the 17<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup>

Brinkworth- The 17<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup>, um, but the grants, the grant requests themselves are due the 18<sup>th</sup> of this month, correct? Ok, so how this works is um Mr. Gao will get all of the requests and then um we are creating a subcommittee to go over them. It is a little more time efficient then spending large chunks of all,

everybody's time and then the subcommittee will report back on their recommendations to appropriations and we will vote on them. Um, I am chairing that subcommittee and then we would like three, um, people to serve on the committee, you don't have to have any experience or anything like that, it will all be explained. Um, if you served on the homecoming committee we ask that you don't serve on this one, if we need more absolutely, step up, but we want to give a chance to some other senators who haven't been, um, able to experience like a subcommittee, um, to be involved with this one. Does anyone have any questions about the subcommittee? Ms. Hughes?

Hughes- Um, do you think it would be in the best interest of people who probably are involved in a lot of the different engineering expo organizations who would be applying to be on this committee because they would probably have to abstain in their votes for a majority of the time?

Brinkworth- Um, Mr. Gao?

Gao- If you have to abstain for a majority of the discussions for all the engineering organizations I suggest that you shouldn't volunteer yourself to be on the committee because most of the time you'll be voting to abstain anyways

Brinkworth- Um, Mr. Rodriguez, I'm sorry, Mr. Castaneda

Castaneda- Alright, I just want to... just put out there what like, what my affiliations are so like you guys can make a decision. Like, the only affiliations I have are to SHEP as recruitment chair, like I wouldn't be involved in funding, or expo or any of that, and um that's pretty much it.

Brinkworth- Well the only reason you would ever have to abstain is it's personal reason if you think that you have a conflict of interest, no one can tell you to abstain from anything, so that's your decision. If you feel that your affiliations with these organizations will hinder your ability to make a decision then you shouldn't be a part of the committee, but if you don't think it's going to bias you in any way, then that's your decision. Does that make sense? Yeah, follow up?

Castaneda- Do you guys feel that there should be a senator from the College of Engineering on this committee or no? Is it advisable...unadvisable...not needed?

Gao- Um

Brinkworth- Mr. Gao

Gao- My personal thing is, there is really no need for that person from the College of Engineering to be on the committee because all of the applications, the committee has to make all of the decisions on the applications and not any external source so you can't be asking questions to an engineering college like "what is this, what is this?" It has to be, all the decisions have to be made, based on the application itself

Brinkworth- Ms. Marc?

Marc- Um, would this committee be meeting on Wednesdays?

Gao- This committee

Brinkworth- Mr Gao

Gao- This committee would meet based on the availability of everyone on the committee, so you guys will get together, figure out what time you guys can meet.

Marc- Ok

Brinkworth- Are there other questions about the process, no? Ok then, does anyone want to volunteer to be on this committee? Oh, boom! New senator, you're Alexandra Printz, right? Ok. And um, Ms. Shelly Marc. And Mr. Omar Rodriguez. Ok, and I'll get with you guys, I'll probably send you out an email to try and make a schedule that works for all of us. Um, Mr. Rodriguez?

Rodriguez- Might I suggest a doodle?

Brinkworth- That's exactly what I'm going to do. I didn't want to say doodle, and confuse, I didn't know if Ms. Printz was familiar with doodle so I didn't want to... oh, she hearts doodles so o, so I'm sending out a doodle, ok. Ok, are there any announcements? Um, Mr. Aziz?

Aziz- Um, we have tent day Wednesday at Juniper Poplar from 9-3 and also at 5 PM we'll be at "Occupy USF" at 5 PM and onwards, if... Yes?

Brinkworth- I was going to say, could you maybe explain what a tent day is since we have a new senator with us?

Aziz- Tent day is a way for um, Student Government as like an outreach to get student concerns and do surveys and give out Student Government information to students. And, so far we've hit different student demographics so now we're targeting the resident students to get them informed and like doing surveys about Bright Futures, and also International Festival is coming up, and also we have "Occupy USF" we want to have a presence and do surveys and inform them about Student Government at "Occupy USF."

Brinkworth- Cool, Any other announcements? Ok, are there any motions at this time? Ms. Hughes?

*Senator Hughes motions to adjourn*

Brinkworth- There's a motion, to adjourn are there any objections? Seeing none, we are adjourned at 2:12.

**Adjourned at 2:12 PM**

*Transcribed by Senate President Pro Tempore, Rachel Brown*