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University of South Florida  
Student Government Fifty-Second Student Senate

SUMMER SESSION  
June 14th 2011

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**Call to Order by Chairman Scott Sandoval at 3:01PM.**

Sandoval- So, here's our agenda; you all should have received it. So, we're going to go ahead and go down the list. The second item on the agenda is roll call. So, we'll begin with that. Okay, so, if I mispronounce your name, as always, just correct me, but I should know everyone now. So, starting from the beginning: Kelly Wright?

Wright- Present.

Sandoval- Right, just say present. Thank you. William Warmke?

Warmke- Present.

Sandoval- Thank you. Peter Nguyen is excused, because he has family. Dana Jordan? Andrew Uhlir?

Uhlir- Present.

Sandoval- Chandler Bearden?

Bearden- Present.

Sandoval- Samantha Toro?

Toro- Present.

Sandoval- Toby Thomson?

Thomson- Present.

Sandoval- Metrifa Williams?

Williams- Present.

Sandoval- Abdool Aziz? Zia Mytha? James Luis? And Keith Worobey?

Worobey- Present.

Sandoval- Perfect. I would like to first recognize Christy Brinkworth as being our guest for today. Okay, so that's the agenda. Go ahead and move onto the next thing. Are there any additions/deletions to the agenda? Okay, so are there any motions?

*Motion to accept the agenda by Senator Toro.*

Sandoval- Okay, motion to accept the agenda. Okay, is there any objections? Perfect. Okay, moving onto the next thing. Approval of the minutes. Is there a motion to approve the minutes?

*Motion to postpone the approval of the minutes by Senator Warmke.*

Sandoval- Perfect. Okay, so there's a motion on the floor. Is there any objections? No, that's good. Moving onto open forum.

#### **Open Forum:**

Are there any announcements? No, not a single announcement?

Warmke- Happy belated birthday to Kelly Wright.

All- (Sings birthday song)

Wright- Thanks you guys.

Sandoval- That was great everyone. So, let's bring it together. Is there any other announcements while we have open forum? Nothing. Okay. So, moving onto new business.

#### **New Business:**

Sandoval- So, as always I made you all handouts to make this go quicker. Try to share with your neighbor, some of them have seven, some of them have three. Okay, so in front of you, you should have two documents. You should have the university wide committee form and you should have a form that says the campus wide smoking ban. And if you're lucky, you have the resolution. Okay, so we are going to go through this. Starting off with university wide committees. Now, I said last week that there was going to be a subcommittee, under William Warmke and this application went live yesterday. Now, you have the ability to sit on these committees if you'd like. So, there's no conflict. It's completely up to you. So, just fill it out and bring it back to William over here. Either later on tonight, or next Tuesday. As you may not know, Monday is tent day; which I'll talk about in like 20 seconds. So, does anybody have a question about what this is? Does everybody understand what UWC's are?

Williams- Could you go over what each committee is? Like what each committee is for?

Sandoval- Of course I can. I just need a minute. Ms. Toro, did you have a question?

Toro- Yes, are these all the ones with open spots?

Sandoval- Yes, these are all the ones with open spots. There are two more with closed spots, which I'll go over, because I'm going to put up a Doodle later tonight, or tomorrow and you guys can choose which committees you want to I guess audit; kind of like pull your information from for your surveys. So, I'm going to go through this real quick, because it is important. Just give me one second.

Bearden- I have a question. So, do these committees meet on special days?

Sandoval- Yes. We don't have a listing of when these committees meet, so you'd have to contact the chair, but for this form when you choose it tonight or tomorrow night you won't have to know. You can just get the information from them; they'll email it to you. Okay, so for this form you'd have to know, but for this signing up tonight you won't need to know. You understand?

Bearden- Yes, thanks.

Sandoval- So, going through this real fast: The Council on Technology for Instruction and Research: the charge is responsible for advising the USF faculty pertaining to the functions and policy requirements regarding the technology and instruction and research. Does anyone have any questions on individually what they mean, or do you just want me to go through all of them?

Williams- Could you just send these to us?

Sandoval- I can. I can send this to you. Would you rather me go through them now?

Williams- No, if you could send them to us.

Sandoval- Sorry. Okay, I will send this to you all tonight. So, those are the UWC's. I will send you all that Doodle tonight and you might want to focus on. So, the UWC's will be getting ready. Within the next couple of weeks, we'll be accepting applications and Mr. Warmke as well as Mr. Diaz will be choosing which people will sit on these committees and what that means is by July we will have the committees up and running and you should start receiving information. We will move onto our next item: how to write a resolution. One of the most difficult parts of this committee. You have these two forms in front of you. Does everyone have one in front of them? So, this resolution: What this is. I'm going to read through this real quick and explain to you what it means. To express the student body through the student government, pretty general, it kinda goes down and trickles into an ultimate focus on the resolution, which is right here in bold. Okay, so starting off, all of them should say to express the interest of the student body. Some of them might say to express the interest of maybe the committees or the faculty. So, moving further, it says be it resolved by the senate of the University of South Florida Student Government assembled whereas the senate committee of university affairs has created a poll of the student body on the issue of controlling tobacco use on the University of South Florida campus. South Florida Tampa campus. So, what this is, was the only resolution we passed and that was because it was the only real successful polling that was done over the past year. So, this was written from this and I'm going to explain how it was, but the poll was controlling the issue of tobacco on the University of South

Florida. So, we're doing the programming one, it would read something along the line of controlling the student body on the issue of programming here on the University of South Florida. So, that's what the one on next Tuesday will look like when we write it. Which I will get into that in a second. So, moving further: whereas the committee has gotten together and analyzed the results of said survey and has determined the overall will of the student body. So, what I'm going to be doing is over the next week or so, I have all of the results compiled in a spreadsheet. I'm going to calculate them and I'm going to put them in a nice diagram for you, so you can easily see it and then we, as a group, are going to create a resolution which you can see from the third stanza or paragraph. So, we together as a whole are going to make this resolution; I am not going to make this resolution by myself, because that's not fair. So, we're going to work together and we're going to make that next Tuesday. So, moving further, does anyone have any questions yet? These are all general information that's pretty much going to go on all the resolutions. So, now focusing in a little bit more: whereas the survey reflects strong support among both smokers and non-smokers for the concept of designated smoking areas on the USF Tampa campus.

*Mr. Khalid enters in as a guest.*

Sandoval- Welcome. Act 312. So, if you take a look at this page right there, first question is: do you smoke? No or yes? So, the fourth line is: indicated strong support among both smokers and non-smokers, so that is where that line is from. Do you understand? It is the best, because we are looking at each survey individually and saying that the non-smokers are supporting it, no, but the information is compiled as one, so we have to go by our best judgment and say that some of them were in strong support of it. If you flip to the second page, question number seven: what do you think the campus policy on smoking should be. And the highest one that you should see, with 117 counts, with the majority of the vote is designated smoking areas. So, that's pretty much where that line is. Does anyone have any questions? Do you understand? It's pretty straight forward. So, moving onto the next line, whereas the survey further indicated the importance to the student body that the university enforces any tobacco policy that it may implement. So, where we got that, last semester, is from pretty much all of the information, how important to you is it that USF enforces smoking policies and most said important. And is second hand smoking on campus which is number three is very important. So moving down: whereas a copy of this shall be sent to the president's campus to tobacco task force, which is something that Judy Genshaft put together, in which this resolution was sent to with the survey. So, all of it was sent to as a bundle to her. So, the last line there, before we get to our ultimate resolution is that this is where it is being sent off to. And then finally, in bold: therefore, be it resolved that the student government supports the designation of smoking areas at the University of South Florida. The ultimate resolution of this paper. So, does anyone have a question? Do you think we could all write one on Tuesday? Okay. Well, we're actually probably not going to write a resolution on Tuesday. More of what we are going to do on Tuesday, is we're going to make kind of like a report on it and so in the future, if there's any problems, or anyone asks a question, we can look back on our survey and reflect on it. Does anyone have any questions? Mr. Hassouneh, do you have anything to add?

Hassouneh- I just want to point out, sometimes it will end up being a resolution. Sometimes it will be like a memorandum report that will accompany the results and then sometimes we'll end up visiting that memorandum, let's say in a few months, when that issue becomes a controversy or actions will be

taken by the university on it. Sometimes you'll find through, I don't know which survey you're working on right now, but you're out there with students and some other issue will come up when you're working and the whole point of this committee is to know what your students are concerned with, what issues they have, what's working, what's not and then coming back here and showing it to the rest of student government, so that they know it and your chair knows and from there we can take whatever action needs to be taken to either fix it, or scrap an idea, or what it is that the students really want. And you guys are doing a great job by the way. I like what you guys are doing. I don't visit all of the committees.

Sandoval- You hear that? That's good. So, on the last page, I will be the author and now since this was Ms. Toro's, you will be the sponsor. It's yours. So, I want you to be excited and we will be bringing this this Tuesday. So, get ready. Does anyone have any questions? No. Don't be scared. I'll show you what to say. We'll work together to write the resolution or the memorandum. We'll figure it out. It will be great I promise. Okay, so moving onto the next item: concerns and questions with ongoing surveys. Does anyone have any concerns yet?

Toro- I just have a question. Do you know how many responses we have compiled so far?

Sandoval- Well, on paper, we have 69 and on the site as of yesterday we had 139. So, that's 199, right?

Senator- And I just got 18.

Sandoval- So, that's 217 plus. So, good job guys. I'm so proud of each of you. So, who's tomorrow? Alright. That's great. I actually have some good news for you, Keith. We'll actually be doing your survey starting on Monday. So, come Monday, Monday's tent day. Who's excited? Me too and with that said it will be between Cooper and the library this time. So, we'll be getting a different kind of atmosphere. We've never done it over there; it's a little different.

Senator- Is it the same time as last time?

Sandoval- Yes, it will be from 9 to 3. So, as long as there are no concerns with the current survey.

Warmke- The time: are we able to push it back, because I feel from 9 to 11, it is almost dead on campus.

Sandoval- So, you wanted to move it from 11 to 3.

Warmke- 11 to 4.

Sandoval- Does anyone want to talk about tent day?

Senator- I won't be there.

Sandoval- That's fine. Does anyone want to make it a motion to put it on the agenda? Does anyone have a concern with the new survey? So, we can stay on track. Okay, so does anyone have any problems with the system? Mr. Uhler and Ms. Toro. So, what I've devised in my head. So here's everybody from Monday through Friday of this week. Monday, there will be no one, because it's tent day. Tuesday,

there will be Peter Nguyen. And then for all of the people who haven't signed up they will be Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Monday and Tuesday. Then for those who have signed up, which are Chandler and Worobey, right, that's right, you guys will be moved to the following Wednesday, so it's going to be a cycle. I can put it on the calendar.

Senator- So, it's not next week, it's the week after.

Senator- Could you put it on the calendar?

Sandoval- Yes, does anyone need access to the calendar?

Senator- Could you update the calendar?

Sandoval- Yes, I can update the calendar.

Senator- Is there going to be a Doodle for the next tent day?

Sandoval- Yes, there will be. We're going to put it up tonight after senate. So, actually what's great about this one, is that everybody saw that you guys got certificates and more people outside of this committee and outside of Aziz's committee actual wants to join. So, you're going to have to fight for a slot now. I know it's going to be something else. If you want I can print out a copy of the calendar and hand it out next Tuesday. And with that being said, I have bad news. We will have to move the committee time, I'm sorry, to whatever works for everybody, so I don't lose...

*Mr. Aziz enters at 3:21PM.*

Sandoval- So, that being said, I was thinking we could move it to 4:30, because my class gets out at 4:15, because I'm in Summer B. So, does that not work for anyone? Like 4:30ish?

Senator- It's still on Tuesday?

Sandoval- Yes.

Senator- I have class from 3:30 to 5:30 so...

Sandoval- You have class in eight minutes?

Senator- Yeah.

Sandoval- Oh. Okay, I'll try and finish up; I don't want to hold you. I'll put up a Doodle, I guess. I don't want to lose any of you. Don't worry. We're going to hold this committee I promise. We're going to write a memorandum. It's going to basically be all of this...No, that's not true. Maybe not this and something like these two lines and a summary of the survey. It's real easy. Does anyone have a question? Do you want maybe 15 minutes? Okay, good, because you're not getting it. Do you like the surveys?

Aziz- Does everyone know where the tent day is? Next to Subway.

Sandoval- I think that's pretty much all I had to say. If you have any problems, email me. There will be Doodles up tonight. I'm proud of you all. That's all I had to say. Are there any announcements?

Toro- No, just a motion to adjourn.

Sandoval- No objections.

**Adjournment called by Chairman Scott Sandoval at 3:24PM.**