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University of South Florida
Student Government Fifty-Second Student Senate

SUMMER SESSION
June 21st 2011

Call to Order by Chairman Scott Sandoval at 3:03PM.

Sandoval- So I've got like lots of stuff in front of me. So, let's see here. We're going to do the roll call first before I get super disorganized. Okay, starting from the top. Kelly Wright?

Wright- Present.

Sandoval- Oh, that's right. As always say present if you are here. Mr. Warmke?

Warmke- Present.

Sandoval- Perfect. Mr. Nguyen?

Nguyen- Present.

Sandoval- Perfect. Ms. Jordan? Mr. Uhler?

Uhler- Present.

Sandoval- Perfect. Ms. Bearden is excused. Ms. Toro?

Toro- Present.

Sandoval- Perfect. Mr. Thomson?

Thomson- Present.

Sandoval- Perfect. Ms. Williams is excused. Mr. Aziz? Ms. Mytha? Mr. Worobey?

Worobey- Present.

Sandoval- Perfect. And Mr. Luis?

Luis- Present.

Sandoval- Perfect. And we have Ms. Brown as our guest. Perfect. Okay. We'll move onto the additions and deletions to the agenda. Are there any motions?

Motion to add all tentative items to the agenda by Senator Uhlir.

Sandoval- Okay, there's a motion on the floor by Mr. Uhlir to add all tentative items to the agenda and that is to add a new survey which is the Rays survey which we'll be going over the next two weeks, which I'll explain, as well as the new committee time to our final goodbye if there's anybody leaving us. Okay, so, that is added. Okay, so, moving onto approval of the minutes. You were given the minutes from the week before last and not the ones from last week because I wanted you to have them thoroughly read. Are there any motions to approve the minutes from last week? And then you'll get them in a bundle in the next meeting. Are there any motions?

Motion to approve the minutes by Senator Warmke.

Sandoval- Are there any objections? Okay, that's perfect. Now open forum.

Open Forum:

Sandoval- Does anyone have open forum? No? Okay well, I'm really proud of you guys and I'm, looking forward to this meeting and that's all I have to say. So, moving onto the next thing, which is new business.

New Business:

Sandoval- Tent day reflection is the first item of business. Starting off. So, before I get too in-depth, I would like to give out two certificates to two of my best committee members. To my duo: Mr. Worobey and Mr. Luis. You guys did a good job. It was a good survey. So, that being said: what happened at tent day? We had 21 people sign up and work. Out of all of the people that signed up it was 87 percent. It was 87 percent of that number that came and of course 11 people out of this committee came and that is more than half. So, what does that mean? It means that this committee is awesome. We had Corey Wilson, Adam Saunders, Nakita Kiger and Christy Brinkworth. It means by the end of the summer, Aziz and I want almost all of senate every time. We have over 50 percent of senate that came out. Tent day has never had this many people. We had 170 responses for our survey alone. We had 81 for Poll Daddy and 89 for paper. So, we did pretty good. This survey almost has as many responses as surveys in the past. So, that's amazing. Between Aziz and I we had over 300 surveys. We're going to move from left to right.

Warmke-I really liked the location and positive attitudes.

Uhlir-Same, everyone was very positive and the location was good.

Sandoval- The next day we are deciding on the engineering building. We want to be constantly moving.

Luis- I liked the enthusiasm of the people in front of the library.

Toro- I liked getting a chance to talk to people about what Student Government is doing so we have a positive face.

The only downside was sitting down there shouting.

I liked interacting with the students and giving out free stuff.

Sandoval- We had so many people there.

Mr. Hassouneh walks in at 3:10.

Sandoval- I meant the center of the USF basketball team and he didn't want to take a survey but that's okay. Does anyone have any questions or concerns anything they didn't like or would like to change about tent day?

Toro- Something I do is just to make sure Student Government is doing this and that. Emphasize that its Student Government doing it that way we are getting their name out there.

Brown- I hear from a lot of people it was really hot out. In the future, you could go ahead and check out a cooler and bring water.

Sandoval- And I'll probably bring sunscreen. Congratulations to Mr. Worobey and Mr. Luis. Okay, the memorandum about programming survey. What this is is these are the results and I'm going to explain to you what they are and what they mean. You can take one. Now, this sheet in front of you is a result of the paper survey and the poll daddy survey. This is the paper survey that was given out on the I think it was the 6th was our last tent day. So, it was 2 weeks ago from yesterday. So, this is the paper survey and what it is if you guys want to pass it around. To make sure the counts and numbers add up. I have the surveys on file. So, what does that mean? It means the paper survey and poll daddy surveys don't have the same being. We had to do...So, say there are for 191 poll daddy surveys. What we did was took each answer and divided it by 191 and we had to turn them into percents. I think that's what we did. We added them together under the overall percent. Okay, if Ayaz was here, he could explain it. So, we had to change it all into the same universal number. So, there were a total of 191 from poll daddy and 71 from June 6th. So, the survey was run to June 21st and we got a total of 262 responses. So, for number 1 for example, 41 chose school spirit/traditions. Next time Ayaz will explain it to you. So, we're going to go through this. Okay, so starting from the beginning, we're going to start off with the memorandum and I've kind of broken it up to last week where we took a look at the smoking resolution. Here's the resolution. So, we can begin. We're going to write this together, so we're going to get to communicate and put input in this. So, I'm going to say your names, so starting off with the beginning. Basically the first two lines we can put in the memorandum. Let's start off with the introduction. Oh, there's Mr. Hemani.

Mr. Hemani enters at 3:17.

Hemani- So, basically what we did was for each questions for example question 3 had five3 parts and we found the proportionality for each student in each category for the Poll Daddy and paper survey and

what we did was we took the ratio of the student in poll daddy to the total and we multiplied that by the poll daddy survey and we took the proportionality and then we added the two to get the final data.

Toro- The Poll Daddy: does it give you raw numbers or percentages?

Hemani- It gives both.

Sandoval- So, as you can see, we're just going to dive right into this. The time frames between it was ran, the amount of people participated. That can be the first paragraph. Does anybody want to begin? Is this too structured? No, this is fine. Just go. Does anybody have any beginning points?

Toro- So each one of those lines is going to be converted into a resolution?

Mr. Aziz walks in at 3:20.

Hassounah- Think of it as a summary instead of a direct translation.

Sandoval- Do you think it would be more beneficial to talk in a timeline.

Hassounah- Was the event a tent day did you piggy back onto another event? Because the basic thing is we need to know okay, well the committee did some kind of research, an issue has come up because we don't have time for a survey. Are you familiar with position paper? Think of it as a summer of someone's beliefs and it's based on those questions you asked. Like a book report. Just tell us what happened in the survey.

Sandoval- So, starting from question 1. What type of event would you like to see more of on campus? I believe it was kind of odd that everyone chose school spirit/tradition and it was just under half. So, maybe that's where we could kind of report on first. So, we could write something along the lines of the student chose school spirit and tradition. So, that could be for the first statement. I'll begin and we'll just do this. Student body chose...or would like to see more school spirit/tradition on campus which was derived from question 1 on the survey. Okay. So, now what? Does anyone have any ideas? Anything to add to the first statement? Would you like to move onto question 2?

Luis- I think there should be some mention of 28.7 chose performing arts.

Sandoval- So, something like more than a fourth of the students believes performing arts should take place on campus. More than a quarter of the student body chose...or would like to see visual and performing arts more on campus. Okay.

Toro- I think we should write the student body surveyed.

Sandoval- Oh. Okay, thank you. Okay. Anything else?

Uhlir- More into the meaning about it.

Sandoval- We could write the report and when something needs to be changed we can draw from it. Does that make sense?

Uhlir- Yeah.

Sandoval- More than a quarter of the student body would like to see more visual performing arts on campus.

Toro- The next line can say Note-A-Bull and Facebook were the most prevalent ways student surveyed said they heard about events on campus. If we're going to move onto question three; the two were late afternoon and night.

Hemani- Right.

Toro- Ooh. It doesn't specify if it's a weekend night...sorry.

Sandoval- night and late afternoon were the two largest. Since weekend day and night were both on the survey it would make sense that it would be the same. Those are the two times people would prefer to attend events.

Toro- The most preferable times for events are weekday, weekdays in the late afternoon or at night.

Sandoval- Is everybody happy with that statement? Is there anything anyone would like to change? The student body surveyed would like to see more school spirit/traditions on campus. Furthermore than a quarter of the student body surveyed would like to see more visual and performing arts on campus. Note-A-Bull and Facebook were the most prevalent ways students surveyed said they shared about the events on campus. According to the survey, the most preferable times for events are weekdays in the late afternoon and/or at night.

Uhlir- I was saying this is a good idea. So, we can learn.

Sandoval- I'm learning too, I've never written a memorandum. So, question 4: what keeps you from attending events.

Senator- Can we just put class/study and work?

Sandoval- The biggest...

Senator- As the primary being the hindrance to attending events maybe?

Senators- That works.

Sandoval- The survey respondents stated that class/studying and work as being the primary hindrance attending events.

Brown- Less than ten percent of those surveyed stated they were uninformed of events.

Toro- I think instead of being repetitive and according to the survey, we should have a blanket survey that says instead of according to the survey. We can proofread it afterwards so from now on we don't have to keep repeating.

Hemani- I believe the first sentence should state that we are talking about events on campus and almost performing arts events.

Sandoval- Thank you.

Senator- Fourth paragraph: Hindrances needs to be plural. Okay, is there anything else before we go to the second? See, now, it's kind of baffling to me for question two it says that they're under ten percent uninformed.

Warmke- They're relatively close.

Nguyen- I think we should mention the times they don't want to come.

Sandoval- Something about the most non-preferred time is the weekend night? Right. Okay. Wait, how can it be the most preferred and the most least preferred.

Hemani- The most less preferred is weekend night.

Sandoval- So, the weekend night it the most preferred and less preferred?

Hassouneh- So, it's the most non-preferred is the most weekend night.

Toro- Theresa has to take minutes so...

Sandoval- So, late afternoon and weekend night are the least preferred.

Toro- You can say least preferred.

Sandoval- So, the least preferred...

Luis- The weekend together would be more non-preferred than lunchtime. So, if you're going to say weekend night, say weekend at lunch is least preferred.

Toro- I think we should be looking at the not preferable column.

Sandoval- Okay, that's fine. Mr. Warmke you give me the wording.

Warmke- The least preferred time for events was on the weekend.

Nguyen- It needs to say the least preferred time was on the weekend.

Sandoval- The least preferred time is on the weekend. Moving onto the backside now. Question 5 says the football game was the highest, then movies on the lawn then bulls night out.

Toro- I think since everything was pretty close, in my opinion, Mr. and Miss USF and ABX were the least attended. Those were SLT events.

Sandoval- Mr. and Miss USF had the least amount of attendance over all.

Toro- Can you say Mr. and Miss USF and ABX?

Sandoval- The least amount of attendance...

Toro- Among the programs listed in the survey.

Sandoval- Okay.

Senator- USF is all caps.

Sandoval- No. Mr. and Miss USF had the least amount of attendance. I'm not the best at this. So, everybody happy about that?

Toro- Do you think that...What we should be focusing on more. If these two things were mentioned as SLT.

Aziz- Maybe a possible result would to give these to SLT.

Uhlir-Those are also one day events. While, the others are constant events.

Sandoval- So, is anybody opposed to putting that this is under SLT in this segment. Does anyone want to, not want to? I guess we'll put it. Do you have the wording Ms. Toro?

Toro- These two programs fall under Student Government's department of Student Life and Traditions.

Sandoval- So, the last one is: Next to the little dots is the percentage. So, each line is 100%. So, no one get confused. So, the first one for CAB events 39% have attended zero times. So, how do you guys want to draw this one up?

Toro- Athletic ones were 4 plus and the rest were ANS funded. The plurality attended zero. Also Greek life four plus events. So, that says something.

Sandoval- So, would you like to put something about the athletic games over the rest of the events. I think we're more brilliant than we thought we were. Does anyone have any wording for...

Wright- Of the past events, athletic games...

Sandoval- Should we put that it is in the past year. Within the past year athletic games...

Wright- Received the least attendance...

Luis- Most repeated attendance.

Sandoval- Very good. Thank you.

Toro- I want to point out the student]s attended zero ANS funded events and roughly equal the athletic games.

Luis- Approximately the same proportion of respondents attended four or more athletic games as the proportion of respondents that attended ANS funded events. Yeah attended zero ANS funded events.

Toro- Attended zero ANS funded events. After ANS funded events I think you should specify which events. Specify the ones that are in the survey.

Sandoval- Greek life's not funded. I think it's more of...

Nguyen- So, I just read this line twice. I think that as the connection between the statements should be taken out. Similar to the proportion of the respondents of/before the respondents.

Toro- So, the sentence you're trying to create: The proportion of respondents is similar to the proportion respondents that attended zero ANS funded events. Take out approximately and same and after the first respondents, put who.

Sandoval- Perfect.

Hemani- The proportion of respondents. Correct me if I'm wrong, but aren't most of our game partly ANS funded or some of the organizations that contribute are ANS funded.

Toro- ANS is separate from athletics. ANS we can only operate within our service. We do fund campus rec and their teams. The club teams. But as far our division 1 thing; that's completely separate.

Hemani- Are the bull runner transportations funded by ANS?

Uhlir- The ones to the games?

Toro- Those are done by SLT.

Hemani- Can we say zero events funded by ANS fees/

Toro- Homecoming is ANS funded so I don't want to say no ANS events.

Uhlir- I think they're trying to point out ANS funds all of these indirectly.

Wright- Oh, parentheses.

Sandoval- Then, we can write a introduction real quick and we'll be done with this.

Toro- AM I the sponsor of this bill, or does it not have sponsor because its legislation.

Sandoval- It's legislation but I'll talk to Mr. Khalid.

Toro- If you want me to help, I can clean it up.

Sandoval- I'm really proud of you for not just coming but working through this with me.

Uhlir- I don't know how easy this would but I think we should look at correlation to the questions, because maybe they prefer a certain type of event. If we can draw correlation of events or not.

Toro- I think what Mr. Uhlir is asking is should there be people that chose professional leadership development. I don't know if poll daddy does that.

Sandoval- It does, but we'd have to dig through every single response. Did everyone like this process? I think everyone said a word. Okay, did you guys like this better and we can vote on this next time?

Uhlir- Next time we meet, a little more organized.

Wright- Or just like you said, give this to us before that and we can read it and bring notes.

Sandoval- I'm sorry you two we won't be giving out the library survey over the next two weeks. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Diaz want to select a date in September. One against the Blue Jays game which is \$10 and one for the Yankees which is \$15. It has been cleared by exec and our senate president. Have you seen it yet? You have seen it. I'll be giving out the surveys tomorrow. You can give out both of them but the Rays one needs to be given it. Maybe like 7 an 7. Does anyone have any questions or concerns about the library survey? Anything to change about the Rays survey? So, that being said. I'm sorry but it's time for our new committee time. The time that's been chose is about 4:45 to 5:45. I believe Toby Thomson is the only one with a conflict. Tuesdays 4:30 or 4:445. My class is getting out at 4:15.

Worobey- Next week?

Sandoval- Here's the iPad schedule. I need somebody for I believe the 1st Thursday, the 1st Friday, the second Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. So, if you guys haven't done this do it tonight, so I need somebody for tomorrow and the day after tomorrow. I have a list. I'll send out an email tonight. UWC's will be sent out by Mr. Warmke. If you need an application, it's also online. So that's it for the final goodbye time. Any questions, announcements?

Aziz- Did you mention next tent day?

Sandoval- It will be after July 4th. Any announcements?

Motion to adjourn by Senator Toro.

Sandoval- Any objections?

Adjournment called by Chairman Scott Sandoval at 3:58PM.

Transcribed by Theresa Rivera.