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University of South Florida
Student Government Fifty-Second Student Senate

FALL SESSION
September 1st 2011

Meeting called to order by Chairman Scott Sandoval at 4:03PM.

Sandoval- We will meet here Thursday, at 4 o' clock. I know some of you were a little flustered going to the chambers. So, I'm going to begin with roll call. If I mispronounce your name, just correct me. Mr. Aziz?

Aziz- Present.

Sandoval- Mr. Aldridge?

Aldridge- Present.

Sandoval- Ms. Bearden?

Bearden- Present.

Sandoval- Ms. Jordan? Mr. Henry?

Henry- Present, but my name is spelled wrong.

Sandoval- Ms. Torres? Is not here. Mr. Colon? Is not here. Ms. Jackson?

Jackson- Here. I mean present.

Sandoval- Ms. Toro.

Toro- Present.

Sandoval- And Ms. Merilien?

Merilien- Present.

Sandoval- And for our guests, we have Mr. Saunders over there. Yeah, that's fine. And, Ms. Morgan; our advisor.

Jackson- Morgan? Is that your name?

Sandoval- Jessica.

Jackson- Oh okay.

Sandoval- Alright, let me collect myself here. So, your received the agenda Tuesday night. So are there any motions to add or delete anything from the agenda or approve it? Mr. Aziz?

Motion to accept the agenda by Senator Aziz.

Sandoval- Okay, there's a motion on the floor. Are there any objections? Okay. The agenda is accepted. There were no previous minutes, so we'll go ahead and strike that. Okay. Alright, moving through Open Forum, does anybody have any announcements?

Open Forum

Sandoval- Ms. Morgan?

Morgan- For those of you I haven't met, I'm Jessica Morgan and I am the new advisor for SGATO and I will be the new advisor for this committee. So, I look forward to working with you.

Sandoval- Perfect. Are there any other announcements? No? Okay. We'll also have the announcements at the end if you remembered anything from the beginning to the end of it. So, let's just dive right into this. This is a really great committee. So, that's how I introduce that committee. Mr. Abdool did you have anything to say?

Motion for an unmoderated caucus by Senator Aziz.

Sandoval- Okay, is there a second? Okay, you don't need a second? Pause me. What we're going to do is we're going to do an ice breaker to get us started.

Unmoderated Caucus

Sandoval- Okay, so we're going to start back up at 4:10PM. We had an ice breaker there. So, introductions. Congratulations, you're joining one of the greatest committees at the University of South Florida. Thank you, I know. So, this is...if you went to the workshop I know...Sorry, I know you're all going to get this. Oh okay, you're getting this again. It's going to be a little different I promise. This committee meets from 4 to 5PM. I'm going to dive into this a little more. I wanted to keep it on the surface. UWC's make up a huge part of this committee. It won't take up a good portion of your day, so I promise. Expectations: each member of the committee will be required to make up one survey and administer at least 15 surveys. You'll get an iPad from me. It's okay. Just get your surveys done and try to stay off Facebook on it. Just have fun while you're doing it. So, do you have any questions about it?

Jackson- Do I have to say point of inquiry? Do we have to do this a day before? How is this going to work?

Sandoval- I come in really early every day and I wait for you to show up and get the iPad. If you want to be here at 8AM, I'll be here at 7:45 with the iPad in my hand. You won't start until 2 weeks from now, on Wednesday September 14th and I'll tell you all about that in a few minutes. I'm not going to be super...I don't know. We're going to work through it. Does anybody have any questions? So, here. Tent day. Tent day is every two to four weeks. How it works, we have a tent and we have different things going on under that tent. We give out different prizes and surveys and we gave out a petition over the summer. So, there's going to be a lot of things to do and you only have to sign up for one time slot. So, if you have a time conflict, that's okay. So, moving on. Oh okay. So, the UWC's: they are handled in the Executive Branch under Ms. Jones. If you imagine a bunch of groups of bodies advocating for different things. So, what does that mean? It means that there are 10 to 11 people in this committee. If there's...8 to 10 counsels, each of you will be in charge of each committee, because you don't have to attend it but people have been assigned and they send you their minutes. You basically give a regurgitation of what they've said. I'm going to take it to Senate and say what's happening in the committees. You understand? Are you lost? You have a pondering face.

Senators- No.

Bearden- I have a question?

Sandoval- Yes, Ms. Bearden?

Bearden- Is this related to the email we got a couple days ago or is this different?

Sandoval- you'll actually be sitting on that committee. Or you can be in charge of that committee. Also, these committees are open to the public. If your friends or family have problems with this committee or what we could be doing better, I could give them time to speak, because we want to improve the university. We actually did it all. Good job guys. These are the surveys that were ran. They were created within the first two weeks of the committee. This is a surveying map. We want to get the most unbiased demographic. If we have a survey regarding the medical school, we would go there. So, I want you all to be super organized. I'll super organize you. Moving on, here's the changes for the fall. More senators during tent day. If you know Omar Rodriguez, he made a survey with Matt Diaz to improve organization.

Cell phone rings.

Sandoval- So, within the next few months, we're going to give a follow up to see how many people joined the organization through orientation. See. I know what I'm sayin'. So, outside the committee, giving out surveys, we'll create a point system or prize system. The same thing hopefully will apply to the committee. Even though, everyone throughout the summer gave out so many surveys. Adam Saunders gave out like 60 surveys. He got a certificate. Any questions?

Aziz- Are they allowed to check out the laptops to do the surveys?

Sandoval- No, I don't think so. And on tent days we're going to be giving out paper surveys. We got the iPad 2. They're really nice though.

Senator- There's USB drive now.

Jackson- We will use the old iPad's right?

Sandoval- Right.

Aziz- We have six iPads total now?

Sandoval- Yes. We will have them. How it works is each of you will take a day, so you can get it from me at 8AM and give it to me at 11:40PM. There's no borders now. So, are there any other questions? No? Okay. So, that's the introductions. So, the way I handle this committee is, I have a 2 on 1 with you over the next two to three weeks and we meet for an hour and we'll create a survey. It could take up to 45 minutes if you've never dealt with it before. The older committee members, I'd still like you to come, so you can teach the newer people how to get through it. We can do a how to get through a survey. Okay, so any of you know what time is available, I'm going to send out the Doodle tonight, I have like the next two weeks open and just feel free to raise your hand. I just wanted to have the option for you right now.

Jackson- Either Monday or Thursday.

Sandoval- Monday is Labor Day. This is for meeting with you.

Jackson- 10AM to 11AM.

Sandoval- I will send it out tonight. So, let's dive into this even more. Next part is vice chairman election. How do I start this. William Warmke was my last vice chairman. What it includes, I have everything set up in Google calendars, so you can see when you survey. He also will have the calendar and they just text everyone. So, it's not really...they have to be on top of things like every day. He was the one in charge of the UWC's and we built a really great relationship and now we're best friends so... Is there any questions about what you want to do? I won't scold you. Even if you're 20 to 30 minutes late, I believe in coming in if you're late. So, are there any questions?

Saunders- No I'm good.

Sandoval- Are there any nominations? You can nominate yourself.

Aziz nominates Bearden.

Sandoval- Do you accept?

Bearden- Can we meet with you and go over things? Usually it's just the texting?

Sandoval- I'll need some help but for now or the next month or two?

Bearden- I'll accept it.

Sandoval- Don't be afraid, it's okay. This committee rules, I promise. No one? Not a soul? Hm... Okay, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. Okay, last chance. And it's closed. Chandler, you won. I knew you could do it.

Applause.

Sandoval- Good job. Okay, so on a last note. This is the site we use and we'll be messing with that over the next two weeks. There's Going Green, Greek life, Safe Team, Bulls at the Rays Game. So, over the next two weeks, I will tell you how this runs. Oh look who it is. Come on in. Kelly Wright. Let me change this right quick. Uh oh. How did I miss that? Right, it's not up there yet. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11. And we have 7, right. So, two weeks. Do that tonight. It's your homework. Are there any announcements? Mr. Abdool?

Aziz- Tent day is next Wednesday, September 14th make sure you guys sign up and I think Scott's going to be sending a Doodle.

Sandoval- I will. We will figure it out. I know you guys are all scared and you all look like deer right now. Just tired.

Morgan- Student Government is sponsoring the watch party. Gates open at 2pm and the first 200 students get a hot dog.

Aziz- What's the date?

Morgan- Saturday the 3rd.

Sandoval- Are there any announcements?

Announcements

Sandoval- Okay. Are there any motions at this time? Ms. Toro?

Motion to adjourn by Senator Toro.

Sandoval- There's a motion on the floor. Any objections? Seeing none.

Adjournment called by Chairman Scott Sandoval at 4:28PM.

Transcribed by Senate Secretary, Theresa Rivera.