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University of South Florida
Student Government Fifty-Second Student Senate

FALL SESSION
September 15th 2011

Meeting called to order at 4:04PM by Chairman Scott Sandoval.

Sandoval- Okay. Welcome to the committee on University affairs. Today is September 15th. It's our second meeting. Our SGATO member will be in her in a few minutes. If I mispronounce your name please correct me. We're just going to get through this as fast as possible. Mr. Aziz?

Aziz- Present.

Sandoval- Mr. Aldridge?

Aldridge- Present.

Sandoval- Ms. Bearden?

Bearden- Present.

Sandoval- Ms. Jordan is absent. Mr. Henry?

Henry- Present.

Sandoval- Ms. Torres?

Torres- Present.

Sandoval- Ms. Wright is excused until 4:30. Mr. Colon?

Colon- Present.

Sandoval- Ms. Jackson?

Jackson- Present.

Sandoval- Ms. Toro?

Toro- Present.

Sandoval- Ms. Merilien is absent. We have currently no guests. Are there any additions/deletions to accept the agenda?

Motion to accept the agenda by Senator Toro.

Sandoval- Any objections? Seeing none. The agenda is approved. Next is the approval of the minutes. They will be sent out with the next minutes.

Motion to postpone the minutes by Senator Aldridge.

Sandoval- Are there any objections? Seeing none. The minutes are postponed until next week. They will come as a collection together.

Jessica Morgan enters at 4:06PM.

Sandoval- So, back to what I was saying. Which was, oh new business. Is there any new business. Anything? Open forum. Sorry.

Open Forum

Toro- So, the SG flag football team. We had our first practice last night and it was okay. We'll probably have practice on Sunday afternoon. Aziz do you have an announcement?

Aziz- Oh yeah. You know how everyone has a comment box? This is our way of getting direct student feedback. We'll be passing these around at events and stuff.

Toro- Can I get some of those please. I think it would be a good idea to put them around campus on bulletin boards.

Senator Merilien enters at 4:08PM.

Sandoval- For those, we're thinking about making full page ones. So, that they won't be so small and we'll be able to put them up on the boards and whatnot. So, moving onto new business.

New Business

Sandoval- The results of the tent day. I like it since it's kind of odd that we don't have committee before the tent days. So, that we can talk about the tent day and reflect on it. If you want you can say something on unmoderated caucus. So, we have over 300 responses which is pretty good. That's a 200% increase. At once we had all 4 iPads out over the Marshall Center. 60% of my committee went and 60% of Mr. Aziz's committee went. So, 40% went outside of our committees. Some of the people that did a really good job that get certificates are Mr. Suander. We gave out all of the green bags. Every day I went to the senate informational meetings. We had like ten people there. Friday is going to be the biggest one so I'm really excited.

Motion for an unmoderated caucus by Senator Aziz.

Sandoval- There's a motion on the floor to discuss what we like about tent day.

Second to motion for unmoderated caucus by Senator Jackson.

Sandoval- Are there any objections? Seeing none. We are in unmoderated caucus for the next one to two minutes.

Unmoderated caucus.

Sandoval- So, we're back at 4:14PM. Something that I was going to have around to make this easier. It means that...Does anybody have a question about the survey yet? There's only one person that has not met with me and we're meeting tomorrow. So, when the first person on Monday gives out that survey, they're going to know what to do right? So, I'm going to have Chandler text you on Sunday or Monday morning so you can get the iPad. If you are just a morning bird and you call me at 7am, I will throw something on and bring you the iPad. If you're an evening person and you want to start at 5 or 6PM, that's fine. I'd like it around the Marshall Center and the...No, you're all off of where I'm at. Where do you get the food at? Dining services. Everything where they want food, I want that survey given out. So, Argos, Juniper Poplar, Champion's Choice. I want to know about that food. That being said...Try and survey around the evening places; the places that are open 24 hours. So, just text me. If you need my number, my number is 813-368-5547. And Chandler is going to try and get your numbers afterward. This week might be a little hectic. So, I have a signup sheet. Just put your name and two people can be on one day. I'll send it tonight and you just sign up like you signed up for the tent day.

Wilne- Is there a signup sheet?

Bearden- Yes.

Sandoval- I know Theresa knows like half of you so just say your last name. So, that being said just try and pick a day like Mr. Aziz did. We're going to try and make this as undifficult as possible. When you approach someone just say you're on senate for student government. You should also wear your nametag.

Bearden- Wear the student government staff shirt.

Sandoval- So, does anyone have any questions?

Bearden- Can you guys write your phone numbers on there too?

Aziz- I have a question for Jessica. Are we allowed to give them shirts? Not the staff, the regular green ones.

Morgan- I know the light green ones are for staff. I believe marketing has a plan for that, so that would be Ivan's decision.

Sandoval- I'm going to see if there are university affairs shirts. So, does anyone have any questions about the next two week?

Torres- So, when we're signing up for this, we're signing up for the entire day? So, you expect us to survey the whole day?

Sandoval- You need 20 surveys. It should take about 40 minutes. When I was in the committee, we had to get 45. So, I cut it in half and it should take you about 40 or 45 minutes. Did I say 10 minutes. So, 20 at least. If you miss tent day, you should do a little extra. So, I implore you to do that. Do what you feel comfortable with. But you'll have it the whole day. Any more questions? Okay, perfect. New surveys; my favorite parts. I have certificates. Mr. Aziz for making the survey. Ms. Jackson. Unfortunately yours came out in yellow. And Mr. Aziz, we unfortunately won't be giving yours out, because they don't have a need for it.

Jackson- They came to a decision.

Sandoval- Yes, they didn't want our input. So, don't fret it's okay. I'm proud of all of you. So, here is food choices survey. It's in front of you and I printed out three. Do you want to have this on the minutes? Yeah, that's fine. We're getting choices. So, everyone has a copy in front of them. ARMARKS contract will be running out. These are choices that we came up with for the vendors on the back. So, it's not per say if it's viable or not but what the student body will want. Once the contract comes up, we're going to give these results to the university. I know Ms. Jackson has some ideas.

Jackson- I know that you said it may mock the vendors.

Sandoval- We'll figure it out. So, moving on, if someone says does my opinion matter? Of course it matters. So, you guys are really changing lives. First question: how many times per week do you eat on campus? Yes, okay. So, is everyone happy with that?

Toro- What's the difference with between 4 to 7.

Sandoval- Good call. Should we strike every weekday?

Toro- I would strike 4 to 7.

Sandoval- It's okay, I don't want to kill you.

Colon- Some people eat more than once a day on campus. It's hard to say...

Sandoval- Yes that is every meal.

Aldridge- How about we say how many days per week do we eat on campus?

Jackson- Or to say how many meals.

Toro- Does it matter for our purposes if its meals or days? I think days is easier for the questions but I don't know what suits our purposes better.

Sandoval- I would say Chandler do you remember if you changed this question?

Bearden- I don't remember.

Motion for unmoderated caucus by Senator Aziz.

Sandoval- Are there any objections? Seeing none. We are in an unmoderated caucus.

Unmoderated caucus.

Sandoval- We're out of unmoderated caucus at 4:35. We're on question 3. For the first 2 we cut out every weekday and put 4 to 5. Which dining service do you eat at the most? Okay, I'm going to be going this way.

Colon- You spelled facilities wrong.

Senator Wright enters at 4:35PM.

Bearden- Does it have a hyphen or a space?

Toro- Is Champion's Way a dining hall? Do we want to include it with the other dining halls?

Sandoval- Yes? Okay. Alright. I got it.

Aziz- What about on Top of the Palms. Isn't it still ARMARK controlled?

Sandoval- I know a lot of students go there.

Toro- Instead of Marshall Center food court, wouldn't you want to put Marshall Center? I don't know.

Aldridge- You need to take the S out of theses.

Colon- That's what I was going to say.

Aziz- What does Camille's fall under?

Sandoval- That can be etc.

Toro- Camille's and the place at BSN?

Sandoval- They're on the flyer for ARMARK so...

Toro- I think it incorporates everything pretty much and I don't think on Top of the Palms is the top choice for anyone's frequency.

Sandoval- I can combine them. We added Beef O' Brady's and it was the 2nd to least attended restaurant.

Torres- I know Jamba Juice is where I go the most.

Sandoval- We're on the same page. This is gone and this is gone and then I suppose we should put those in there? That's like really hard to spell.

Toro- You can put food court, Jamba juice, Einstein's, beef's. For standalone facilities, maybe you can add...I would maybe take away subway and I would add it what it was called...

All- It's just Boars head.

Sandoval- Alright, we're all happy with that.

Bearden- I think it's Einstein's Bagels.

Sandoval- Oh its plural. Sorry for all of the misspelling. Which dining hall do you like the most?

Aldridge- Since we established it was champion's way...I thought it was champion's choice.

Aziz- We were just there and its called Champion's choice.

Sandoval- It is champions choice. Okay.

Aziz- Marshall Center is spelled wrong.

Sandoval- Thank you. Which fast-food company in the Marshall Center food court do you like the most?

Aldridge- I'd like to have Beefs back in as one of the choices.

Toro- I don't know if Beefs would qualify under fast-food and I think that the fast-food in the food court is easier to change our vendors than Beefs would be.

Aziz- Einstein's is not stand alone. It's like Jamba Juice.

Sandoval- Here Kelly you can come to the table if you want.

Jackson- Shouldn't this be focused on food rather than like something that really counts toward what to eat at the Marshall center.

Toro- I think you should put jamb juice in there because it can be changed out really easily.

Sandoval- I understand what you're saying. Also the thing about this is these surveys can be recycled even if Jamba juice is new now, but I understand they don't sell that much food.

Jackson- Jamba juice would not really signify a change.

Sandoval- Okay, I see. I suggest to do unmoderated caucus.

Motion for unmoderated caucus by Senator Aldridge.

Sandoval- Are there any objections? Seeing none. We are now in unmoderated caucus.

Unmoderated caucus

Sandoval- We're back into the survey. We're on question six. We struck Einstein's and added to miso. That's where we stand. What food company would you like to see on campus? Okay, I'm going from left to right and back.

Wright- Should we add Five Guys? A lot of people said Five Guys when I was taking the survey.

Jackson- Can we change Sonny's BBQ to a general barbeque place.

Sandoval- Generic barbeque cuisine.

Laughter

Torres- It could just be me, but instead of what, would which sound better?

Toro- Are we strictly looking at fast-food restaurants or sit down?

Morgan- Chili's has the Chili's Express.

Wilne- I figured since Five Guys and Chipotle were the top that it should be on there.

Aziz- I think we should put Chili's Express and since we already have Beef O' Brady's the menu items are kind of similar.

Sandoval- It's kind of like appetizers not like sit down with your filet mignon and start eating. We're going back around.

Aldridge- We have the massive amount of space or people to eat anyway and secondly, can we make the question to where there are two different places and we are getting to 10.

Sandoval- Is everyone getting okay with that. Ms. Toro? With that being said always remember to put check all that apply like so. I didn't teach any of you that.

Toro- My general suggestion would to be remove Taco Bell because we have Chipotle.

Sandoval- From last week, people said Taco Bell for whatever reason.

Aziz- I have a question for Jessica. ARMARK is a big company. Do they have a list of all the stuff that they have so we can pick.

Morgan- It depends if the franchise would like to open another location so they can generate a list that they have on other campuses. I'd be happy to email dining services.

Sandoval- I can change this question before it goes out. If that's the case, we have seven minutes. Does anyone have any questions? Okay, so last questions is additional comments and concerns. Are we happy? Perfect. This will be given out on Monday for the next two weeks. I'm going to try to get more senators out in the next couple of weeks. So, yes. That's done. That will be more than likely the longest

time we will spend on a survey. That being said for next week I'm going to have somebody writing the resolution or will be writing a summary of it that will be approved by Mr. Hassouneh but the food one will be seen by senate. If you're interested in writing a resolution for me for senate come find me and that's where we'll be. Unfortunately next meeting is going to be a little while. Announcements?

Announcements

Toro- Who is available on Tuesdays from 11 to 2?

Wright- I might be.

Toro- I'm also the chair of Ifest and we started putting the word out there on Tuesday November 15th and we need six leaders. So, something to think about.

Sandoval- I have one last thing to say and I don't tell you guys how much I appreciate you being there. If you were at plunge I told you about the little girl. I know it's a process but I really appreciate it more than anything.. you all make up this committee and you all make a difference in this committee in this university and it may not be seen by senate and you have to realize that you are making a difference and you're doing the job you wanted to do. Are there any motions?

Motion to adjourn by Senator Aldridge.

Sandoval- Are there any objections? Seeing none.

Adjournment called by Chairman Scott Sandoval at 4:57PM.

Transcribed by Senate Secretary, Theresa Rivera.