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University of South Florida
Student Government Fifty-Second Student Senate

FALL SESSION
September 22nd 2011

Meeting called to order by Chairman Scott Sandoval at 4:05PM.

Sandoval- The first order is attendance. So, when I say your name please correct me if I mispronounce it.
Aziz?

Aziz- Present.

Sandoval- Aldridge?

Aldridge- Present.

Sandoval- Bearden?

Bearden- Present.

Sandoval- Jordan? Henry?

Henry- Present.

Sandoval-Torres?

Torres- Present.

Sandoval- Colon is excused. Jackson?

Jackson- Present.

Sandoval-Toro?

Toro- Present.

Sandoval- Merilien? Where are you...? Wright is excused. Ms. Rivera is present. We have several guests today. We have Mr. Gil and Mr. Anastasio. Moving on additions/deletions to the agenda. Yes, that's fine. How long do you think your speech will be?

Anastasio- Two minutes.

Aziz- I have a question. Are we going to add Joe in?

Motion to add diversity speech by Senator Aziz.

Sandoval- Speech and poll. Are there any objections? Are there any motions?

Motion to accept the agenda by Senator Toro.

Sandoval- Are there any objections? Seeing none. Minutes are approved. You will get all oncoming meeting except for the first one.

Motion to approve the minutes by Senator Aziz.

Sandoval- Are there any objections? Not seeing any. Minutes have been approved.

Open Forum

Sandoval- Real quick. First things first. We're doing a canned food drive. That being said, we will be collecting all canned food that are not pork items. They don't want any liquids until October the 14th. We're going to be posting them all throughout student government. It's for being distributed on the Kenya Somali border. You should definitely compete. You should definitely participate. I'm going to deck them out in student government stuff.

Jackson- We are having an awareness event about domestic violent. It is a student government special event. So, just pass them around. It's with speakers and games.

Aziz- October 10th, we're having our town hall with the mayor at 7pm in the oval theatre. You can ask him questions. Make sure you can attend and bring as many of your members of your organization.

Aldridge- What time?

Aziz- 7PM.

Sandoval- We're also having tent day on the 10th at the rec and partnering with them. We are still waiting to be approved by the Raymond James stadium for a tent day. I know how people get during tailgates. If you get crazy, I implore you to stop by. So, the last thing. We have a certificate here for the person that made the certificates, because they're awesome certificates. You're the best and they look good. Are there any other speeches for open forum? Okay, so first thing for new business is Mr. Joe Anastasio who is giving a presentation.

Motion for a moderated caucus by Senator Aldridge.

Sandoval- Are there any objections?

Toro- In a moderated caucus you have to type.

Sandoval- Sorry, I got that mixed up.

Motion for an unmoderated caucus by Senator Aldridge.

Sandoval- We're back at 4:17PM.

Anastasio- Some people will put in for the other questions that they have had an amazing time at USF. I've never been treated wrongly and I have seen how Asians are treated.

Torres- Can you put an option like unknown, because people don't know a lot of student veterans.

Sandoval- I implore all of you to take the survey real quick. Just so that we have an idea of where this is going. Like Mr. Anastasio said, we will be partnering with them to give out the survey on paper. I have devised a way on Google documents. We will be giving it to faculty administration and staff.

Anastasio- No one has ever done this.

Sandoval- If you want to do this, it is a great way to change it. You are here to represent your constituents.

Jackson- if you don't know for example, do you just write N/A.

Anastasio- Just leave it blank.

Sandoval- This will give us a good idea of how this looks before we give it out.

Anastasio- If you are part of organizations, I want to spread this out.

Toro- Just pointing something out on question 3, I was about to say 3, and it said please explain why, but that's not really relevant. You might get a lot of information that is not relevant.

Anastasio- And some people ask why and any type of information I get about our students is beneficial.

Aldridge- I was just going to suggest that...I mean...I don't know if the Caribbean's or Europeans are too specific. I think there's non-traditional students. So, I mean you have Asians and veterans and religion and race.

Anastasio- I will say that some people say that I'm not black I'm not Caribbean. It might seem silly for us, but then you may face that you're not being representative.

Jackson- When you say that USF is not a working environment is not welcoming, I'm not going to say I go to many USF sponsored events. It's USF as specific organizations.

Anastasio- Is there a reason?

Jackson- I really don't know.

Sandoval- Are there any more questions for the speaker? Not seeing any. I'm going to try and get a speaker from each organization because we should be hearing them. So, what does that mean? If you're part of any organizations, they're more than welcome to come at 4pmk. We'll ask them so forth and so on. Let's start going out there and let's start changing the university. Thank you, Mr. Joe. Thank you, Mr. Gil. Mr. Anastasio, do you have anything to say?

Anastasio- Please feel free to print them and give them to your classmates and to do that and if you're part of organizations, do that. The more help I can get, the better.

Sandoval- I'm sure we'll have a tent day and we'll be handing them out for you.

Anastasio- Thank you.

Applause.

Sandoval- Onwards. We're going to look over the food survey real quick. Okay. What's goin' on here. Okay, so here's where we started. It has been run every day today and we're almost up to 100. Wilinie has gotten a ton of responses. It's really good. I'm really proud of you guys. Nothing's changed, its all still the same. Are there any questions? Has anyone often shared the calendar? Just see me after and I'll reshape it with you. Each of you should know when you'll be surveying. Any questions? Perfect. So, last piece of information is the memorandum regarding the MSC survey. This is written by Mr. Aldridge. I want you to work with me and write a memorandum and it takes about 45 minutes and you'll forever be saved in the documents of student government. I'll make it a goal next semester. So, Mr. Aldridge...I'm going to let you... Mr. Saunders, welcome. Does everyone know what this document is? Don't be embarrassed. It's okay to ask. So, that being said, I'm going to let Mr. Aldridge say why he did what he did. I'll go ahead and do that introduction, because I'm the one that made it. The committee of University Affairs conducted a survey on the topic of the Marshall Student Center. The Marshall Center survey was run between July 11th and July 20th. There were 387... Very precise. Straight to the point. Mr. Khalid will sign this. Mr. Aldridge. You have the floor for the next 20 minutes or 30 minutes.

Aldridge- Of the student survey. There were only two people who have never been to the Marshall Center and out of 387 there were only a few that were not happy. More than 75% of the responses were aware of the free printing. A quarter knew about the serenity room. Responses showed half of the students studied in the lounge area and the study rooms. Somewhere between 100 and 200 each. That was a question that you could check all that apply and 150 and 200 for the study rooms and conference rooms.

Sandoval- You can kind of keep up. If you want to. I implore you to.

Aldridge- Further responses show that student don't study in the Marshall Center. And then barely any students responded to studying in the commuter room. Question 4 said that the information desks are helpful by $\frac{3}{4}$ of the responses. Barely any people except 9 said that they were not helpful to them. The Marshall Center food said over 80% were very satisfied with the food. Only 59 people said there were

not satisfied. Question 6 said what kind of food would you like added to the food court. 238 responded with that. Next was more variety. Under half said they wanted longer hours of service and some wanted healthier options. Question 7 said subway was the one that went to the most. Over 60% clicked subway, Chik-Fil-A came in second, except for beefs had 36 responses and miso was used by 20 people.

Sandoval- With Miso, I think when we added the Japanese restaurant, it helped.

Aldridge- Question 8, out of all the possible vendors, the poll found that five guys was the most popular choice to add to the MSC. Panda Express got around 16%. Panera, Jason's Deli and Pita Pit didn't. Around 70 people responded with longer hours in the MSC, more study areas and to make the MSC more colorful. That is it.

Sandoval- Are there any questions? Ms. Toro is going to have some questions. You got any questions?

Toro- Could you scroll up to the top please. Okay, on a couple of them, you give a percentage and you gave a number. It may be hard, because one clause you'll have percentages.

Aldridge- Several questions were check all that apply. It says 20% chose that and when you look at how many people responded.

Kelly Wright Enters at 4:35PM.

Aldridge- On question 2, the number of responses is like 1000.

Sandoval- We can add that in.

Torres- For the paragraph, beginning with more than 75%, can we change the word from show to show.

Sandoval- Of course. What's going on there?

Aldridge- Those are all attached.

Sandoval- Are there any objections with that?

Torres- For question number 7, since Chik-Fil-A followed so close to subway, we should add something about Chik-Fil-A as well.

Sandoval- Is that alright? How do you spell that? There's an apostrophe or something?

Morgan- There's a hyphen.

Sandoval- Where would I be without you guys? Is this two L's or one L?

Aldridge- Since you did that go ahead and take out that.

Toro- I'll go last.

Saunders- What was the average number of people that wanted longer hours?

Aldridge- About 45%

Saunders- Okay.

Morgan- I know that this memo is going to Senate President Khalid, but what's the intent?

Sandoval- This one will probably not go to senate.

Aziz- For Jessica, they say that the dining service advisory board is someone we could give it to.

Sandoval- We can give it to the Marshall Center board.

Toro- This is a question for Ms. Jessica. I'm not familiar how memorandum work. Can anyone write one? If so, can this committee just write one? I don't see why we can't just write it and send it out?

Sandoval- I think the question is if anybody in senate can write one and give it to Khalid?

Toro- No.

Morgan- I would say you could send it to Khalid and attach your memo.

Toro- I can see why that...I don't even know. I just don't understand why it can't just go directly from here to someone. I remember the programming survey like as the one that I created and I was like maybe I want to send it to a such and such department or can we just do it from here.

Sandoval- I was just going to send it to Khalid out of courtesy.

Morgan- I think it's why we have those channels to send it through. So, that we can be knowledgeable. So, then they can speak to that. They are probably going to go to Khalid or Matt.

Sandoval- So, if you want to bring that back, we can send it. So, I can CC you on wherever this can go, so you know it's going somewhere. I have them.

Saunders- In terms of writing a memorandum, any senator can write one?

Aldridge- As a suggestion I would like to say that you need to work with Chairman Sandoval and he got the first one or two down and that's how we did it.

Sandoval- Don't get too hung up on the idea of the memorandum. You're more than welcome to write one. So, is there any other points or questions or concerns or troubles. Anything? Perfect. Okay, so we'll go ahead and vote on this and from there, we can decide and it will go to the MSC programming board. I will CC all of you, or have you. Perfect. So, are there any motions at this time?

Motion to vote on memorandum by Senator Toro.

Seconded by Senator Aziz.

Sandoval- All in favor of approving the memorandum. Any objections? Not seeing any. The second memorandum for this committee has been approved. The last time it took about 50 minutes. I'll just make it before so are there any questions about anything? Are there any announcements?

Toro- I have two announcements: SG flag football is every Tuesday at 7pm. We did really well, but we lost and we will only get better. Ifest: right now we're going to start looking for sight leaders. If you have class all day then this does not apply to you. There are going to be six site leaders total. It would be between 3 and 5 hours for shifts. So, if that's something you'd be interested in, there's a sign-up sheet going around.

Sandoval- Are there any motions?

Motion to adjourn by Senator Toro.

Sandoval- Are there any objections? Seeing none.

Adjournment called by Chairman Scott Sandoval at 4:45PM.

Transcribed by Senate Secretary, Theresa Rivera.