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University of South Florida
Student Government Fifty-Second Student Senate

FALL SESSION
October 27th 2011

Meeting called to order by Chairman Scott Sandoval at 4:02PM.

Sandoval- We are the first item on the agenda is roll call. So when I say your name please say present. If I mispronounce your name please correct me. Aziz?

Aziz- Present.

Sandoval- Aldridge? Unexcused. Bearden?

Bearden- Present.

Sandoval- Henry?

Henry- Present.

Sandoval- Colon and Jackson are both sick today, so they are excused. Merilien is unexcused. Ms. Wright is unexcused. And Ms. Rivera?

Rivera- Present.

Sandoval- Okay. So, that being said, are there any additions/deletions to the agenda?

Motion to strike the memorandum by Senator Aziz.

Sandoval- Are there any objections? I struck the memorandum for Bright Futures because we only had 50 responses so far. Should be quick. The minutes were not sent out. Do I have any motions at this time?

Motion to postpone the minutes by Senator Aziz.

Sandoval- The minutes shall be sent out with the next minutes as well.

Bodden- As promised, I have brought baked goods to your committee.

Sandoval- We can ahead and start eating those. Do you just want to use tissues? And by the way we have for our guests, Mr. Wilson and Ms. Torres now. I have something to say, today unfortunately our quorum went down by one because Ms. Torres's has moved onto better things and its okay. I'm so proud of you. Those are awesome. So...

Aldridge enters at 4:05.

Morgan- What position?

Sandoval- Assistant director of University and Community Affairs; Basically our counterpart. I hope to think that you gain the skills through this committee to improve yourself and you can go out to do great things. Sweet. Mr. Aldridge, how are you doing? Did you get a cupcake? So, is there anything else for open forum? Not seeing anything. Mr. Aldridge, we are doing the food choice memorandum. Thank you, Mr. Bodden. You guys did a really great job with the polling by the way. Is everybody settled? So, right into new business, we are doing the food choice memorandum.

Merilien enters at 4:07PM.

Sandoval- Okay. Does everyone have one of these in front of them? No. Okay. So, we're going to go straight through this. You all have it in front of you. Ow. I just did that. Here's the report of the polling in front of you. The way I did it for this memorandum, it begins with a paragraph such as:

The Committee on University Affairs conducted a survey on the topic of the Food Choices at the University of South Florida. The survey was conducted between September 19th and September 28th. The survey comprised of six multiple choice questions and an open response section. The survey received 212 responses throughout the campus.

Sandoval- Then I broke it down this time to have it from the first question to the final question. I'm going to try to do this to make it a lot easier. The first question: the results showed that 37 percent ate on campus per week. 25 percent responses showed that they ate four to 5 times per week. Then the final sentence is the lowest response is that they do not eat on campus at all. Any questions?

Aldridge- Can you restate where this took place? Is it all across campus?

Sandoval- It is all across campus. They had the subway in cooper, the dining halls and the Marshall Center.

Aldridge- I didn't know...I thought we had a past survey that said an overwhelming majority ate on campus.

Sandoval- It would say that these three eat on campus. That would be 81 percent. It should line up closely with the Marshall Center survey. Is everyone happy with that first section. For the second question, it showed that the cost and the meal plan prevented them from eating on campus. This one is more of a choice or a selection.

Wilson- What was the point of asking if they had a meal plan because the cost difference is negligible.

Aziz- I think it was including the dining halls and the food courts. Some of them would have meal plans. Cause all of the dining facilities.

Sandoval- The next sentence is nothing prevents the students from eating on campus. Any questions on this one? The third question reads half showed that they eat at the Marshall Center as opposed to the dining halls or the standalone facilities. And then the last part of it, the lowest response is that the surveyed don't eat at the choices on campus. It should be the lowest surveyed do not eat at any of the choices on campus. So strike out...just place that in between at and the. Sorry about that. For question four: one third of the surveyed showed that they do not eat at the dining halls on campus. Which dining hall do you like the most? The response shows juniper popular and champion's choice had the highest responses. Plus if you see anything that stands out to you let me know. So, nothing sticks out. Okay. Onwards, for the fifth question, 32 percent showed that Chik-Fil-A was the fast-food company most liked at the Marshall Center. Subway and Moe's southwestern grill followed closely behind and finally at the end is miso and Sabarro were the least liked in the Marshall Center, both having an 8 percent selection. Any questions? No. Sixth question, the results showed that they would like a chipotle on campus. Any questions for that one? And then the last and final question which was the fill in the blank. There was some obvious ones here. That was the one that was kind of repeated. Is there anything you would like to add to this or change. Are you all happy?

Torres- When you...just one little word thing. You said encompassing after the Marshall Center and I like that better than including. Half of the survey showed that they eat at the Marshall Center. It said encompassing the food court.

Aldridge- Some had the food choice.

Sandoval- Sorry about that. My bad. So you can pass that around. So, I guess we'll just motion to pass this? It's just a memorandum.

Aziz motions to pass the food choices survey memorandum.

Sandoval- Any objections? Seeing none. The food choices survey that will be sent to Khalid Hassouneh within an hour will be approved. This is the most memorandums that have ever come out of this committee. Next week we'll do bright futures and we did this in 17 minutes so maybe this formats help. This goes to senate which means people will be like yeah, that's university affairs right there. Mr. Wilson would you like to speak during announcements? Yeah that's fine. We're in announcements now.

Wilson- Basically the reason I came here was to come up with a survey to come to pedestrian surveys that walk to the apartment complexes. There have been three people killed in the last year. I want to build a pedestrian bridge across it. That would be for the actual pedestrians we can count crossing. Maybe set up a tent and ask their level of security there. Would they feel safer. And then once we gather that data and and I talked to my professor about it and there is a center for transportation. They can get the number of how many people use that intersection. I can tell you there must be a couple

hundred or thousand. So, the overall purpose is to get the university in a corner and it has been proposed and it keeps getting pushed back because of the budgetary means and logistics for property and Abdool's committee we can figure out what the drawbacks will be on their side.

Aziz- I have a question for Mr. Wilson. Have you communicated to the president and vice president?

Wilson- They said they were on board with it but it would be more like the exec branch. It would be like UA and UGA. The senate president said he had spoken to the previous administrators. It was set to happen 3 years ago and they tabled it and there were logistics with property. There is a lot of space on the USF side. They are planning on renting that complex for student housing until they can build a new dorm. They are demolishing everything around there. Even still there needs to be a safer means of transportation. If they build it down the street, it still needs to happen.

Sandoval- Are there any other questions? Thank you for coming. We have an announcement. You know Abdool and I have been talking about international fest. November the 15th from 11 to 2PM. Does anyone not know what international fest is. It is like EPCOT. It is from Mexico to Japan and enjoy the diverse things. That's how it is associated with. It brings 5 continents with infinite amount of countries and they have food, games and events to inform you on their culture. We need people to be at set up a, checking table, booth assignment and flag carrying. So I will pass these this way. It will be over by the MLK plaza over three weeks from now. There's also free t-shirts and free food. That's my favorite part. I implore you all to do that. We have tent day the 9th.

Wright enters at 4:24PM.

Sandoval- We have perfect attendance today and two people had the flu. I'm so proud of you guys. Oh tent day is the ninth at juniper popular. We will be giving out a survey about bright futures and we will get DJ Chill. Any announcements? Any motions?

Motion to adjourn by Senate Bearden.

Sandoval- Any objections? Seeing none.

Adjournment called by Chairman Scott Sandoval 4:28PM.

Transcribed by Senate Secretary, Theresa Rivera.