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University of South Florida
Student Government Fifty-Second Student Senate

Senate Committee on Appropriations
SPRING SESSION
January 19, 2012

Call to Order by Chairman Gao at 6:02pm.

First Roll Call:

Present: Gao, Brinkworth, Sloane, Colon, Saunders, L., Waller

Absent: Marc, Merilien, Hemani, Hughes,

Chairman Gao: And we have guests Masha Gelchenko and Jessica Morgan, so we do have quorum.

Additions/Deletions and/or Clarifications to the Orders of the Day:

Chairman Gao: We have to add a budget transfer, I just got this yesterday so we're going to look at it.

Senator Brinkworth: *Motion to add tentative item to agenda, accepted.*

Senator Brinkworth: *Motion to accept the agenda, accepted.*

Additions/Deletions and/or Changes to the Minutes:

- October 17, 2011
- November 21, 2011

Senator Colon: *Motion to approve the minutes, accepted.*

Open Forum:

Chairman Gao: Okay, next is open forum. A quick few things, I want to welcome everyone to Appropriations. It's going to be a fun committee; the first meeting is always the funnest we have to allocate Engineering Expo tonight so it's going to be an interesting meeting. Hopefully everyone moves in a quick process, nothing too crazy I looked through all these there's nothing too drastic in them so we'll probably move quickly. If you have any questions, raise your hand of course. This committee, if you don't know, we do budget transfers, off-campus requests, interim budget requests, and Expo grant and Homecoming grant. Engineering Expo, if you don't know, is they do a showcase of pretty much all of the Engineering side of USF every year in February, this is for her, her, and him, and that's probably it. So we're going to allocate \$40,000.00 that's how much we have in the budget, we don't have to allocate all of it. That's pretty much it any questions concerning what we do? What we're doing today actually? Well the process of what's going to happen today for Engineering Expo, before we get there, I'm going to pull it up on the projector and she's going to

present because she was the Chair of the subcommittee. And she's going to tell you what she recommends; you can ask questions either individually, motion to cut an item, motion to add an item or motion to fund what she recommends, those are the three things. If we have to move to discussion we will, if you have questions about the process feel free to ask. That's pretty much it, are there any questions about that? Any announcements, anything? None?

New Business:

1. Budget Transfer – Judicial Branch

Chairman Gao: First thing we have is budget transfer, I'm a very animated person by the way so you'll see me do a couple things, it's from the Judicial Branch they want to do a couple of things to their payroll, food and materials, and "Other" accounts. Let me pull it up so you guys can see everything. They need more money for food for training sessions and bull market.

Ms. Gelchenko: Are they asking for \$1,000.00 or \$2,400.00?

- a) Audit Sheets
- b) Signature Events
- c) Event Programming (game night)
- d) Title 8
- e) Communication Letters

2. Center for Leadership & Civic Engagement

Chairman Gao:

Christina Hughes 6:09

Chairman Gao: They want \$6000 to send 6 students to LEAD USF which is a conference, that's pretty much it.

What sort of precedent for these kind of transactions?

There's not that many occasions where departments transfer, this is the third one I've seen in three years.

Okay, now I need to find out if its

Brinkworth: *Motion to postpone until next meeting.*

Chairman Gao:

Senator Brinkworth: For each request we can only allocate up to \$1500. Keep that in mind, so the first one is American Institute of Chemical Engineers. Um, there's two full pages of cost break down and their total request... Their total request came to 1840.42, we went through their whole thing and nothing seemed out of line so we recommended the 1500 max.

Any motion?

Christina

Hardware to build the catapults, their totally 1143.

Sloane: Motion to fund amount

They are doing a demonstration to show how sweet heat and conditioning is, they have a canopy as you can see their budget is pretty straight forward they just need a generator to run the AC and a condenser, a banner. We recommended the 1500. I'd like to note you can get a canopy from Student Government, free as long as you.

Hughes: Even if we don't fund the canopy, wouldn't it be close to the full amount of funding?

Hughes: *Motion to fully fund,*

Okay they have two events going on. It does take place on campus and it is affiliated. So their budget is fully detailed and asking for a lot of parts for the cars. They separated them out to the two separate budgets for the activities. Their total 1633.39 and the committee didn't recommend anything be

Colon:

Gao: Some of the items you'll see you might not know what it is, look at the description section.

Hughes: What is this battery load tester?

Brinkworth: Because we don't know what... My understanding level and what I need to understand

Colon: It just checks how much of the battery is in. I don't think that, that's

It's hard for you to determine, because you don't know what it is they're building. What if they're demonstrating... You don't, it's hard to determine without knowing what it is their building.

Is there a description, not specifically for that

Brinkworth: It's basically an electric card they're racing,

Hughes: So they're not participating in the Engineering Expo?

Gao: They do races on Saturday and Friday throughout the day

Sloane: Motion to find \$1500 for Mechanical Engineers

Next is Association of Computing and Machinery.

Brinkworth: Their budget, they just asked for items that go into building the budget. My committee recommended 1500.

Any questions or motions?

Hughes: Motion to fully fund \$1500

Gao Next we have Biomedical Engineering Society

They're doing... Wait a minute, I have to remember. They're doing a Jeopardy game, along with games, prizes, and. They are promoting So they gave a Elementary-type/kid-friendly activities for the kids to get involved with. Their request comes to 1500, but the committee made a couple of changes. We struck the T-Shirts and we also struck, they wanted shirts for their volunteers at \$8/shirt and reduced it to \$7/shirt. So with our recommendation it came down to

Wilnie 6:24

Motion to remove buttons from their Expo grant to a new total of \$1259.30.

Any motions or questions?

Senator Saunders:

Chairman Gao:

We also our office when they do place a purchase order request, we tell them to check Hype first before asking for money or putting in requests.

Sloane: Motion to fund Biomed

Colon walked out 6:27 because we are presenting his organization.

Brinkworth: College Council, okay they're doing an event called Lego Mindstorms and essentially they're going to take legos. Kids will be building moving vehicles, they just want two of the Lego Mindstorms kits whatever that means. They're request is only \$599.18, so the committee recommended to fully fund for that amount.

Senator Waller:

Chairman Gao:

Senator Sloane: Motion to fund amount \$599.18

Brinkworth: On the written form it says \$599.98

Gao: They e-mailed me a copy, they wrote it in themselves.

Saunders: Do they not get the money for the tax, so they have to pay the tax themselves?

Gao:

Hughes: Motion to fully fund 599.98, accepted.

Brinkworth: Human Water pUmp/Sand Filter to show sustainability of .

Colon 6:31

So then we recommend cutting those last two items, bringing the total to 1060.00.

Sloane: Motion to fund 1060 (Engineers w/o Bords)

Florida Water Environmental Association, They are doing water conservation model to show water in every day life. Their request is \$700. Lumber nails and paint to make the display. Any questions or motions?

Hughes:

Gao: I'm assuming

This comes out to 600, not 700.

Gao: The issue with this one is they submitted an electronic copy and before the deadline they submitted a new one on Monday. I'm assuming they didn't realize they put in two different amounts. The \$100 in nails is not here. It's up to the committees

Hughes:

Gao: I gave them a deadline to submit a paper copy.

Hughes: Motion to fund \$700

Gao: Institute EEE

Their project is called immersion, they're essentially demonstrating several tech-y things/items like gallery style. And then they gave me a list of things they wanted for optimal presentation, they were very detailed. We did strike walkie-talkies, plus they can rent them from SG. We also had a question about- there's a storage place on the last place. I recommend not funding it, but everything else seemed pretty in line with what they were asking.

Gao: They're total would be 1310. Any questions? So we would not, we would cut the walkie talkies and the storage unit.

Hughes:

Sloane: I think it's actually 1311.

Gao: Yes, thank you so that would be the recommended amount.

Sloane: Motion to fund 1311, accepted

Gao: IEEE Computer Society

Brinkworth: Um, my first one is called PandaBoard exhibition from whaty I understand PandaBoard is a kind of software. They want to buy one for \$190. Then they're doing a scavenger hunt all the way.

Gao: Flashdrives, 4-port Hubs

Brinkworth: They're showing the way data can be stored and easily retrieved in various ways.

Hughes: Well, I do have a question about this. Didn't we just pass a proviso about this?

Colon: Can you go up to see why they need 36 USBs?

Gao: Can you explain please?

They're going to set up

Any other questions?

Brinkworth: Then you're building your own laptop batteries, then they want the batteries... This is just really embarrassing for me. I phoned a friend, this is Raspberry Pi it's a baby computer and there's two models they want two of each. And then the last project is Sifteo Cube demonstrate, they want the game stuff... I don't know.

Gao: Any questions? The total request 1436.16.

Hughes: These aren't video games is it?

Brinkworth: They were actually adapting the video game to do something different.

Hughes: So they're playing the video games? I'm sorry I'm just trying to make sure we're not funding PS3s.

Gao:

Hughes:

So they're buying two packs and extra cubes, just in case.

What was the whole Raspberry thing?

Gao:

Brinkworth: They are mini computers... Um, you know. Um, also can be used to

Hughes: What is the full amount 1461.63

Hughes: Motion to fully fund

Gao: Next we have Institute of Industrial Engineers.

These guys are doing a lego thing as well, they're basically buying the legos and helping the kids build up. Banners and posters, we funded- and souvenirs. They mentioned in their description in giving away. They didn't really give me another answer, so it's up to you guys...

Gao: But you can take it as things they're giving out to everyone

Colon: Uh, can we get a motion to cut out the brochures and flyers?

Gao: We already did.

Hughes: They will keep one of the

Gao: But they're building their own souvenirs, not necessarily this one.

Hughes: I'm just taking it as they said, if they're going to use the LEGO

Gao: Um, to my knowledge it's the same event and same organization. That was the concept of what they did last year, they could take it with them or leave it.

Hughes: Cut souvenirs for lack of description

Saunders: Cut in halve, might completely ruin their event.

Brinkworth: I'm just confused, when Colon had asked about cutting banners and posters?

Hughes: Balloons and decorations

Gao: Decorations were limited, I'm not sure if they changed it this year. That was what I got out of it

Saunders: Motion to fund 1250

Gao: Next INFORMS

Brinkworth: Wireless.. Following suit they have a device they are showcasing. Their budget we took out the first item because we're sure you can do that through hype. Buttons is also HYPE.

Gao: Any questions? Recommended amount is 1150

Hughes: I have a question, I few organizations

Brinkworth: Cut it down to the proviso cap.

Sloane Fund 1150, accepted

Gao: Karst Research Group

They are doing several exhibits having to do with transportations, traffic signals, survey and data collections, Honda motorcycle...

The total request is 1558.68. Committee recommended 1500. Any questions? Any motions?

Sloane Motion to fund 1500

Institute of Transportation Engineers

The one I just talked to you about is right here. We recommended.. We would still be shy of the cap so we just went for 1500. Gao recommended we cut items,

Any questions?

Colon: Can you scroll down?

Gao: That's pretty much it. Any motions or questions?

Sloane: Motion to fund 1500

Logic Labs 2967.50

They're just making it build yourself SEdway we just recommended

Sloane: Fund 1500

Mathematics Association of America 1170

They're just doing simple math using clay and folding paper, so literally their budget is 1175 so we

Sloane so moved

Next we move to National Society of Black Engineers. They requested

They're doing two small projects one is fishing for treasures while using magnets and stuff like that, and also play-doh experience making play-doh using household items. They just had

400 evenm

Colon: Motion to fund them \$400

Gao: Next we have Skills USA

They're making a hardrive clock, their materials go straight into making the device.

Hughes: Motion to fully fund 1500

Gao: Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers

They have two different projects, the first is SkyScrapers so kids will be building skyscrapes got cut down to 412.76. They have a robotic manipulator, I think they're just building robots so everything is 1347. Which reflects cutting the t-shirts

Sloane fund 1330.47, accepted

Gao: Society of Physics Students, they're doing a physics show basically a bunch of science experiments. Quantum locking. All their requested items go directly into the descriptions at the end they're asking for drinks and food for the volunteers so we recommended 1500.

Hughes motion to fully fund

Gao Society of Women Engineers

They're making their own make up. Their total came to 1498.65

Motion to fund them the full amount

Gao Student Environmental Association

They are promoting this already existing Environmentalists so they're asking money for a table to present this program. We cut a lot because of HYPE

Morgan: They might be over their allotment in hype already

Gao: They might be, but we don't know. What was the committee recommendation?

Brinkworth: If we cut all the HYPE items it'd be \$242. Forgive me, they have multiple events stapled together. Their second event is promoting another program so they want the same exact items just to present another program.

Gao: Give me a second to calculate the total for you guys. The total is 484.00, with all the HYPE materials cut out. Any questions? Any motions?

Sloane Motion to fund 484.

Gao University Film and Video Association

Gao: They're trying to bring a speaker and shipping the exhibit down here. Based on the e-mail I received, it's a Holographic Exhibit from NYC to Tampa. Any questions? Any motions?

Sloane Motion to fund 1k

Gao: Next we move to USF robotics interest group

Their first- their basically just building. The same with their second and third projects. Their total was 1499.80 so right under \$1500. The first one is 922 and so on and so on.

Materials for the first project, the second project and the third project. Any questions? Any motions?

Full funded Hughes

They get to- attendees can race how quick t

The total is 1507.10,

Hughes Motion to fully fund 1500

Brinkworth: Um, sorry they're all running together...

Gao

Brinkworth: Immersive Robot Experience, plus extra glasses... Microsoft Kinect and a PC control.

Hughes: Microsoft Kinect

Brinkworth: They're using its motion sensing ability

Sloane: It's not a video game

Here's the thing

Gao: Any other questions? I have my reservations with this by the way.

Brinkworth: I know, it's just the camera.

Colon:

Gao: Motion to fund the recommended amount

XLabs 1498.98, recommendation is fully fund.

We went through their budget, nothing sticks out that's not accounted for their projects.

Gao: Any questions?

Hughes: Motion to fully fund, accepted

Hughes: Motion to 3 minute recess

36553.82

Motion to allocate 36553.82

We had at one point planned for more bull markets, we have four dates we want to do.. We finalized 4*75 you can add that to the extra 1000 So basically 1000 for the computer and the other amount for the food, for the Bull Market

The computer is

Bull Market we want to start

We just wanted an actual monitor and computer.... We really do need the computer, if you really need the line by line

Gao: What is the other account they're referring to?

What's the other account?

We also wanted to get our robes cleaned, so we wanted 15/robe for 10 robes so that's an extra 150 for two semesters it would have been 300.

Judicial Branch has an excess in payroll, so that's what they're asking for the transfer.

Gao: The transfer is put 1000 in food, 1100 in computer and 300 to clean robes

Brinkworth: *Motion*

7:21 adjourns

Announcements

Chairwoman Akel:

Senator Biemer – *Motion to vote by roll call, accepted.*

Final Count: 31 – 3 – 1, legislation passes.

IF VOTED BY ROLL CALL LIST NAMES

YES- ...

NO- ...

Senator Biemer – *Motion to adjourn, accepted.*

Adjournment called by Senate President Belmont at 11:03pm.

Transcribed by Senate Secretary, Amanda Puello