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Senate Committee on Appropriations & Audits
Summer Session
May 28, 2013

Call to Order by Chairwoman Kattih at 4:22pm.

First Roll Call:

Present: Kattih, Hartmann, Imam, Morejon, Scharon, Many

Absent: Abraha (excused), Persuad-Sharma (excused)

Guests: Senate President Patel, Masha Galchenko (ASBO), Gary Manka (SGATO), Senate Secretary Stephen Strenges, Katherine Burkhard (SGATO), Senator Colton Canton, David Housman, Vice-President Scott Sandoval, JEC Chairman Abdool Aziz, Pro-tempore Adam Aldridge, Senator Masiel Pelegrino, Rules Chairman Ali Antar

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

Kattih: So the next item on the agenda is additions, deletions, or amendments to the agenda. We have none, are there any motions on the floor to approve the agenda?

Hartmann: *Motion to approve the agenda.*

Kattih: Are there any objections? Seeing none. Oh in the gallery we also have Mr. Patel, Mr. Manka, Ms. Masha Galchenko, and our secretary Stephen Strenges. We also have several guests, oh and we have Katherine.

Patel: Have them name themselves.

Kattih: Does everybody want to name themselves.

Burkhard: Katherine Burkhard.

Canton: My name is Colton Canton

Housman: David Housman.

Aziz: Abdool Aziz.

Aldridge: Adam Aldridge.

Pelegrino: Masiel Pelegrino.

Antar: Ali Antar.

Additions/Deletions and/or Changes to the Minutes:

Kattih: So next on the agenda is approval of the minutes. We have not had minutes so they were not sent out. Are there any motions to postpone?

Scharon: *Motion to postpone.*

Kattih: Are there any objections? Seeing none this has been postponed.

Open Forum:

Kattih: Next we have open forum are there any senators who want to say anything? Are there any members of the gallery who would like to say something?

Aldridge: I just want to say to the members that are here I know one of them had to leave but I want to thank you all for staying an hour and a half after the starting off this meeting so we could get the work done. It's very much appreciated and hopefully it's a sign of good things to come this senate.

Antar: I would also just like to apologize for being responsible for that hour and a half delay. I take responsibility so if you guys want to act on that...

Patel: It's pronounced VOC.

Kattih: Thank you, anything else? Seeing nothing, also let the record show that Mr. Sandoval is present as well.

General Business:

1. Committee Presentation

Kattih: Next on the agenda is new business. First, I have a slight presentation that I want to I guess give to you guys about what appropriations and audits does. I don't have a PowerPoint because you guys were all in senate and... you know you say what kind of my presentation... but just to go over that. There's two parts of this committee; first of all, I'm your chair these are going to be your committee members for now so get to know them. There's two parts of appropriations and audits – appropriations on one side which deals with money; and audits on the other side which deals with how to appropriate the money. So for appropriations we have three main things: we have interim budgets which is an example of what we're going to see today with the exec branch, we also have transfer budgets so transfer requests where you take money from one aspect of a budget and put it in another aspect of a budget. So if you have money in payroll and you have extra money and you want to go somewhere then you transfer money from payroll to travel and that's what we do. The third aspect of appropriations is going to be our off-campus requests so if a student organization wants to have an event that's not on campus then we have to approve or deny their request depending on whether or not it falls under what their mission of their organization. So that's the appropriations side. Interim budgets are basically budgets that student organizations put in when they haven't put in an annual budget with ASRC. So every year a student organization will request money from the committee that's called ASRC for the money that they need for the following year so they requested it for the 2013-2014 year. However, if they miss that deadline, if they're a new organization, if for some reason they did not get annually funded then they go to the interim process and that's where we come in and we give them that money they requested. So exec branch that's kind of what we're going to deal with today and on the other side we have audits. Basically you go to an event, you see how many people are there, you see what their mission is, what they expected to do, and what they actually got done and you write it up in some format. I'm trying to this year to where it's online to where it's kinda like a poll and so we can use it over the years in ASRC to

kinda like... put it to use instead of just having a bunch of papers that say this organization had 100 people and \$50 worth of food or whatever. I will need your guys' input on how to better improve the audits process just as new faces, new perspectives, so do look forward to that. I wanted to ask you guys if there's anything, any questions you have or is there anything you're really confused about, what we do? Yes? No? Do you guys want to go around and introduce yourselves?

Morejon: Senator Javier Morejon, call me Javy.

Kattih: What's your major?

Morejon: Electrical engineering.

Kattih: Are you a freshman, sophomore?

Morejon: Freshman.

Scharon: Senator Camila Scharon and I'm Chemical engineering. I had one question. What if theoretically we decided to be stingy and we don't give anybody money but then there's money left over that was collected from fees that could've been given out what happens?

Kattih: I think it goes to unallocated cash. But Mr. Shyam Patel will be able to answer your question.

Patel: Actually... for time, we'll talk about that after or maybe in a better setting where we're not pressed for...

Scharon: Okay.

Many: I'm alternate senator Brian Many. My major is Political Science and I'm a junior.

Imam: I'm an alternate senator for Humam Zatooni and my name is Muhammad Imam and my major is microbiology.

Hartmann: My name is Brandon Hartmann and I am a junior majoring in biomedical sciences.

2. Interim Budget Request

a. Executive Branch Structure

Kattih: Okay and with that we're going to move into interim budgets. We have exec branch structure which is right here. So in this structure they have requested \$20,290 for payroll and this is broken down further here for president-elect and vice-president and the rest of the structure which is here. So they're requesting funds for this structure for the summer... until they have the rest of the payroll and we do have Mr. Sandoval here to present.

Sandoval: I would like to call up my counterpart David Housman, my CFO appointment c'mon up. So what we've got going on here... we're asking for president-elect and vice-president-elect they are new. In the past they were not funded so we were at the mercy of the past student body president which luckily nothing happened but we don't want to have that same control over the next student body president and vice president. A lot of misuse can arise especially if we don't see eye to eye in which this can be completely taken advantage of. So we want to take that control completely out of our hands and put it in the senate's hands so

now it's once again funded because we don't want them to be at our mercy just like we didn't want to be at another person's mercy. Simple as that. Here you can go...

Housman: The next part is a payroll reserve which is traditionally requested interim, it was last year. That's just 10% of what the total payroll was. That way in case they needed to go over for extenuating circumstances that branch could afford to with that.

Sandoval: I have a question real quick for the chair. Is this reflecting the new structure that was just approved?

Housman: It is not.

Kattih: No.

Sandoval: It is not okay so that money will be swept back in, right? Mr. Patel, Ms. Kattih, correct?

Kattih: Yes. The money from the change in the structure will be swept back?

Sandoval: Or no? Will it reflect this payroll reserve or no that's what I asked earlier I didn't understand?

Aldridge: Actually I can answer that question it's going to be slightly less. If you pull up the second spreadsheet. What payroll reserve is is 10% so 10% of the structure that was just reviewed last is \$15,752 so you can make that change instead of the \$16,111.

Sandoval: Cool. So do you have any questions?

Imam: 39 hours per week represents around 8 hours per business day assuming 5 business days per week, right?

Sandoval: Yes okay.

Imam: So as president-elect what time period did you serve as president-elect?

Sandoval: So we have to... let's see it's after were sworn in, correct? Gary.

Housman: No I can speak on this one. It's required by statutes that they begin by either the last day in March or the first day in April and then they continue all the way until the new term begins which is usually around the first week of March. So what's required is that they get that transition period by statutes and what this is doing there's been confusion or debate over when or not it could begin because it's up to discretion and they could say oh well we don't have sufficient funds to give them a proper transition. So this is kinda taking it out of student's hands and say you were given money for the purpose of a transition so you have no excuse for not having that statutorily required transition.

Imam: So from my understanding your answer to the question is the time period you work from, the president-elect and the vice-president-elect work from, is April 1st to May 1st?

Housman: Later. This year it was May 5th or 6th.

Imam: April 1st to May 6th.

Housman: Around then it changes each year.

Imam: April 1st to May 6th?

Housman: For this year.

Imam: For this year it was April 1st to May 6th?

Sandoval: Yes. I was going to say we were completely at the mercy of the past student body president as to when we could actually start working and because I knew how the funding process was set up I was able to make sure we were not violating statutes as well as having that transition that was... we're supposed to get.

Kattih: Scott for our new senators can you kind of explain by what you mean by at the mercy of past? Like how does the process work, how does the first couple weeks of funding work?

Sandoval: Sure okay so we were elected and we don't actually go into office until May 6th so at that point we're just president-elect and vice-president-elect. After that point that's put in statutes because in statutes it says we are now the president-elect and vice-president-elect and it goes all the way until we're actually in the office. So there's that time, that little buffer time, that's supposed to be for that transition. And so we were at the mercy because like David here said say we just completely blow all of our money. We just had a great year and we just spend all of our money and we look to the new student body president and vice president says oops were out of money and so now they need to come to senate and ask for money or they don't get paid.

Kattih: Let the record show that Mr. Brandon Hartmann left at 4:34.

Imam: So from April 1st to May 6th was the student government paying the former president Brian Goff and Vice President Papadeas? So essentially this interim budget will be paying for both presidents, for two presidents and two vice presidents?

Sandoval: Yes.

Kattih: For a president and a president elect.

Imam: So we're paying for the transition and the previous president, at the same pay rate?

Sandoval: Yep.

Patel: 5 weeks.

Sandoval: Yes at 5 weeks. This is at 5 weeks because what they did with us is they just made up our hours. They said Will you're going to work 15 hours and Scott congratulations you're going to 20 hours. They just pulled it out of a hat and said this is what we have left and so you're just going to get that amount. And so we were completely at their control.

Imam: Okay I understand, I understand.

Patel: Wouldn't it be on your best interest to budget accordingly to where you have I guess financial resources available for the president-elect for the future of SG overall? Wouldn't that be a part of your job description? Instead of just requesting more money to add on wouldn't it be your purview to say hey we're going to make sure there's enough money left for the next president-elect and vice-president-elect. If you couldn't hold up to that that's where we would step in and say too bad that's part of your job.

Housman: I think the purpose of the budgeting process is to justify why you need the money and to have the funds available. That's kinda the role we follow with anything. So for instance we don't say... we wouldn't do that with senate where you guys should've done this but we're going to leave it up to your discretion but if it doesn't happen it's kinda your fault. We want to make sure this happens because the transition period is integral for the well-being of student government. There's a vast amount that goes from the old administration to the new administration.

Sandoval: If I could, see I don't want to speak poorly but say Will and I didn't win I'm sure that they would have been paid far differently than what we got paid and that could just be an assumption, but I think that some people didn't see eye to eye, that they were able to manipulate our pay rate and it was not fair at all. I'll be the one to say it but I think that yes if you don't approve this I think Will and I are mature enough to know that even if we don't like the people that are coming after us we're going to be respectful enough to not come back and influence the decisions that are going to affect them, to affect their money, to affect everything we've had to struggle with because we're that mature.

Imam: Don't get me wrong I completely understand. What the understanding is the previous administration they were allocated this much money and they spent all the money before the interim period, before the transition period, the majority of the money and did not give it to the transition period.

Housman: That was their justification.

Imam: They did not invest in the transition period leaving the president-elect and vice-president-elect to work and not be re-compensated. But the question is... my question is for the upcoming April and May for the next year will you guys agree to cut back on your hours so the new president-elect and new vice-president-elect can work on their hours? And so the entire student government saves money because this is after all is student money.

Kattih: There's a clarification from Ms. Masha.

Galchenko: As far as the budgeting process goes for the executive branch the way the budget is allocated to them they have mandatory positions that have to be funded: the president, the vice president, and Gary can add on to whoever else it is. Yeah there's some positions in statutes that are outlined that have to be in there in the executive branch. Those are budgeted specifically per position. The rest of it is allocated as a lump sum based on the last year's structure. The CFO of the student government in that point particular point in time makes what that lump sum is and submits it in. Now as far as I understand actually Chris has submitted the 10% reserve in there too. Then the new administration comes into play and they say okay well we have this much money allocated to the executive branch. This is how were going to appropriate the money within the branch to have a pretty good cabinet to work for this entire year. So besides this statutorily required positions they add on the deputies and whatever else needs to be in there and then they say okay well we don't have enough money to have the cabinet that we want to have and this is where they come to the interim budget to request for more funding. That has been for the years past. In the past it has been only the required position have been allocated and the cabinet positions have been allocated in interim. Now it has been moved in the last two years where the bigger chunk of the money is allocated during the annual process. They're coming to you with this president-elect and vice-president-elect positions and then adding on the payroll reserve based on the fact that apparently the new structure that they want to put in actually doesn't even fit in under the amount that they had been allocated.

Housman: So were actually spending less this structure after it's been revised the rules committee. It's actually \$3,000 and change less so the money has actually... already underspent if we follow exact numbers over there we should actually spend less than what was allocated. The whole purpose of doing the president-elect and vice-president-elect is to set the precedent that this should be budgeted for and shouldn't be up to the discretion of certain people whether or not that transition is guaranteed. That's the whole purpose behind it.

Patel: My problem is that regardless of whether its line itemed or not it's flexible spending. So I could go and spend that \$4,000 on excess payroll for myself. Like if I were Will I could just clock over and take all that money regardless because nothing says that that goes to president-elect and vice-president-elect. I understand the thing you're trying to do which is protect them and that's a statutory thing not a fiscal appropriation. To me that's something you outline in statutes saying hey these positions are funded starting this week, right?

Housman: But the way current statutes are written it's up to the discretion as to whether or not they have sufficient payroll. That's kind of a process that's limited to a few people to make that decision so that's the reason we kind of wanted it written at least somewhere so in the event Will and Scott do not decide to do it and they just blow through the payroll then you could at least hold them accountable and Senate could somehow censure them or something or I don't know.

Patel: Well I mean regardless of this being there you could censure them for not doing their job and planning ahead, I mean that's the goal... if you're confirmed for the position that's the role of Scott and Will overall. So I just don't understand, to me its \$4,000 that's just getting lump sum added to this allocation that may or not go to these two positions but they're getting marked that they're going to these positions.

Housman: That's the competence of the leader when they're elected student body president or vice president you kinda have that faith they will operate fiscally responsible and follow statutes and follow proper procedure.

Sandoval: And to be fair the statutes don't say how many hours we were going to get paid for – they just kinda pulled it out of a hat. Is that pretty much how it kinda went Gary? Sorry to put you on the spot over there.

Manka: I don't know if a hat was used but yes.

Sandoval: But more or less they controlled how many hours we got paid for. And I agree yes it is flexible spending at the end of the day and it should be on Will and I to be the ones who determine if these two gentlemen or maybe a female for president or vice-president gets paid. And so I just, we want to give up control. We don't want these people to go through what we had to go through. I mean it's a horrible feeling having people determine how much you're going to get paid when you were elected by the student body to represent them. I'm sure it's a small thing to some people but it made a world of difference when we got hit with that cut of hours.

Imam: Yeah it's not a small thing at all. I completely understand but the... so from April 1st to May 6th what did the president-elect and vice-president-elect accomplish?

Sandoval: Well we got our structure put together which you will see tonight. We... let's see here. Between that time period you can start interviews for the four positions and you can, which of course we were not able to do, but that's another story. And then there are other things that you can do in which, for the most part we got our structure together, we got our vision together, we kinda made sure we were on the same page going in

the right direction. But that time is there for transitioning with all the correct different departments. So for example I sit on the board of directors for the alumni association so I met with all of them. We met with all the different entities such as the president, provost, x, y, z. And then all the interviews so with the staff that you're going to be hiring so the 4 that you'll see tonight.

Patel: Alright what I'm looking at is that you guys have \$15,000 extra in payroll reserves that could hypothetically, you could take the \$4,000 off the top. Let's say we don't give you that \$4,000 you still have \$15,000 that are unallocated to anything and if we statutorily just say you have to pay them then everything is still good and it'll work.

Housman: Just because the money is allocated doesn't really mean that it has to be spent. At the end of the day if it's not used it gets swept back anyway into the A&S fund.

Patel: That could be said about anything though. I could just give campus rec \$10,000,000 and then it's going to get swept back. So that rationale doesn't serve the fiscal responsibility we're supposed to maintain.

Imam: I have a quick question. So structure, interviews... the structure was established that was presented at the Rules committee that was at 2:00 today and the interviews were done. So in this... this is why you would like to be re-compensated, right?

Kattih: I have an insertion; also you have to keep in mind that there was a transition period that has to be accounted for on both sides – the process. So both president's and the new president's have to be transitioned out and in so keep that in mind.

Imam: Okay so you're basically... you were senate pro-tempore before and as senate pro-tempore you resigned on April 1st, am I correct? Or were you being paid simultaneously as senate pro-tempore and president-elect?

Kattih: That's not allowed according to senate rules.

Sandoval: I was asked to step down and resign and then for two weeks I didn't have a place but this is a whole different conversation.

Kattih: Sorry guys this is not relevant to our information right now so can we stick to the budget?

Sandoval: Well I was going to say that I was not paid for two weeks because that they didn't actually have a time for me to start getting paid or for me to actually start anything so I was just kind of sitting in la-la land because this wasn't...

Imam: I got it so as... you established a structure and the interviews, there were four positions already nominated so far, right? Executive branch has nominated... how many interviews were done for chief of staff?

Aldridge: Point of order, I'd like to raise a point of order that's not related to the discussion at hand.

Patel: Right, let's kill the interim request first. You'll see how many people they interviewed and stuff when we do their confirmations at 6 o'clock tonight.

Imam: Okay because they're asking to be re-compensated for interviews so I wanted to know how many hours of interviewing they did.

Patel: It's going to be... what we're funding on is the merits of the concept of are we going to fund their transition period based on the \$4,000 extra or are we going to assume it's already incorporated in payroll reserve. Which is already in our statutes saying they have 10% of their payroll in total is added on top just in case. It's "just in case".

Imam: Alright thank you.

Galchenko: So what is the reserve for?

Housman: It's 10% in addition to the payroll, Chris...

Galchenko: What are you going to use it for?

Housman: Huh?

Galchenko: What are you going to use it for?

Housman: Any extenuating circumstance that demands people go over their hours.

Imam: Such as?

Housman: I mean we could have...

Aldridge: Okay payroll reserve is for any time that you run over your hours and is approved by the appropriate person. For senate it's been usually the pro-tempore, for the executive branch it will be the CFO more than likely. It happens... it doesn't happen all the time but it happens for sure. I know I did multiple times had to go over during all the work that I did and I know Mr. Sandoval gave me a hard time about it but it proved the reserve... that's exactly why it's there. So that's for senate that's for judicial branch I believe they have a payroll reserve...

Patel: This is only exec.

Galchenko: This is payroll reserve is just for the executive branch. You guys have your own, judicial has their own because you have a more standard structure.

Aldridge: Correct.

Galchenko: Where executive has applied for the lump sum which was based on the positions and payroll reserve was added on to it already. So the amount that they got was including the payroll reserve.

Aldridge: Their request, yes the request did include, I just looked, the request was \$179,000. It included the payroll reserve. ASRC chose to fund it a total of \$161,843.

Galchenko: Without the payroll reserve? So what are you...

Aldridge: So it may be the decision of ASRC to not fund the payroll reserve. It might have been the decision... it was not the decision; I think it was the decision of ASRC to put it off for the interim budget.

Patel: That's exactly what it was for. We had to cut it so we could fund other things with the actual allocation. And we knew they were going to come to us.

Galchenko: So you cut \$17,000? Because he said \$179,000 versus \$160,000.

Housman: After reviewing the approved ASRC allocation it wasn't included.

Patel: With that, what you do now is you can move to discuss what we've all talked about because unless you have more questions for them, this is just to explain what happens in the essence of time.

Kattih: You guys have the option to keep asking more questions if you have more relevant questions to our presenters.

Aldridge: I have a question and a point at the same time. My point is, which I just checked for fact, we funded \$161,842 for executive branch for payroll. Now the structure though was just approved by the rules committee that will go before the senate and the structure that is here... if you go to the other spreadsheet, says \$157,519 leaving a total of around \$4,000. I am asking the senate president err the student body vice president if he will consider, if he thinks it's okay, to take away those two positions we just requested since you'll have \$4,000 left over to fund for those two positions for the 5 weeks.

Sandoval Yes that's fine.

Aldridge: Okay, if everyone could just... let me repeat it again. We funded them in ASRC \$161,000. They only are going to get \$157,000 through their structure which has already been approved by rules, it has to pass senate but yes let's go with the assumption it's approved. We funded them \$4,000 more than their structure so it gives them the capability to use the president-elect and vice-president-elect extra payroll on those two positions. Thus if you choose to, which I am probably advocating for, you can take away the president-elect and vice-president-elect off this request. The payroll reserve, let me just clarify, is not affected by any of that. You can take that totally separate, take the payroll reserve 10% of the structure because the structure never included president-elect or vice-president-elect. So you could, my suggestion would be to take off president-elect and vice-president-elect because as is seen through the rules committee and now in front of you they received slightly over \$4,000 more than what they were actually going to get through their structure. If that clarifies as much as I can possibly...

Scharon: I have a question. So you're saying the structure, given to us or given to somebody, only asks for \$157,000 even though they received \$161,000? My question is if you... how do we know that the \$4,000 will go specifically to the president-elect and vice-president-elect.

Aldridge: Okay this is just... it's sort of one of those things where it's technically up to the student body president and vice-president because like it was stated before, which is correct, we as student government are statutorily mandated to fund the 6 positions. The student body president, vice-president, chief financial officer, chief of staff, attorney general and solicitor general, the rest of them is up to the discretion of the senate president err the student body president and vice president. So they have the \$4,000 there, it would be hypothetically you could say that if they have the \$4,000 there and the president-elect and vice-president-elect are coming through they would be funded for those positions.

Patel: If you guys have no more questions I would like to move this to discussion. If we can motion for that.

Imam: I would like to make one last point before we move on to discussion. I wanted to illustrate, on the board I get it it's going to be cut, the money, and a portion of it is going to be reallocated inside the other part. I get what you guys are saying completely but I want to illustrate a point. On the board there it's \$20,000, right? The highest organization, the organization with the highest that was allocated the most money inside the university is \$10,000. So...

Galchenko: No.

Patel: That's not actually accurate.

(Inaudible chatter)

Kattih: That's not a question for presenters, so does anyone else have any more questions for the presenters?

Sandoval: Could I make one last point to add? Now I know you guys might not care but could we take the \$4,000 out of the reserves and leave the president and the vice president and at the end of the day it's flexible spending but it sets that precedent that we want? Because we want to leave it there even if it's on paper.

Aldridge: Hypothetically the payroll reserve is 10%. I'm not... okay you just said it was flexible spending so you're going to be able to have that opportunity regardless. As a matter of fact I would have no problem if you say look here's how the structure worked tonight. Here's how the structure... were going to use the last \$4,000 to approve it and so that's why Zein can say the request was \$20,000 we brought it down to \$15,000 for these reasons A, B, and C. Not that I don't... I understand where you're coming from but it just makes sense to get rid of it and not worry about the 5% payroll of the payroll reserve versus the 10%.

Galchenko: If you do want to set the precedent I would advise you to include that in the request for next year's ASRC, definitely.

Sandoval: It will be there.

Kattih: With that are there any motions to enter into discussion?

Scharon: *Motion for discussion.*

Kattih: Are there any... what kind of discussion? Moderated?

Scharon: Moderated.

Kattih: Are there any objections to going into a moderated discussion... caucus? Seeing none, if you guys could step out thank you.

Sandoval: Thank you so much for having us.

Kattih: So how this works is you guys... well you guys got to question them and now you go into discussion so all the points you want to discuss with each other, for example your points, now you can bring them up. And after discussion then you can vote on the budget whether or not to pass it or to change it or whatever. Does that make sense? Okay. Who has anything to say?

Imam: Yeah after the engineering expo, the student organization, the highest...

Patel: Hold on, can we finish this please?

Imam: I want to make a comparison. The student organization...

Galchenko: You cannot make a comparison because student government is slightly different than what student organizations are doing. Student government is serving the entire body of students and is doing way more than what any student organization can do. And no the highest organization allocation is \$56,000.

Imam: And the next one is \$11,500.

Patel: Sure.

Galchenko: Very well maybe.

Imam: Student organization. First is engineering expo which is...

Patel: No it's an org.

Imam: Okay so I wanted to specify one person is getting err two people are getting a total of \$20,000 right now.

Patel: No.

Galchenko: No.

Imam: They're making just as much as student organizations.

Patel: Sure.

Imam: Like I... for the future I would like more of the money to be reallocated towards student organizations because they're doing a lot of the work on campus.

Kattih: Point of order that's not relevant to our budget today. You can bring that up in discussion in another setting but this is the budget were looking at and were kinda pressed for time.

Scharon: Okay well I was taking notes of what everyone was saying and I know the structure asked for \$157,000 and they were given \$161,000 so there is that 4,000 floating around. But what really bothers me is it would just be floating around I don't... I think there should be something written somewhere for what's it's for and not just we'll add it for so we feel like were backed up. Even so in the future if the next person has an extra \$4,000 and still doesn't decide to give it to them, I feel like (inaudible).

Kattih: Mr. Patel do you want to clarify that? Kinda how that works... the extra \$4,000.

Patel: Well right now they already have the extra \$4,000 even with the facts Adam brought up so they have the extra \$4,000 right. So what I would recommend you don't fund them on this line item here, we take it statutorily through senate and then we also propose that they present it in their ASRC budget later in the year. So when this comes before the next group of us whoever is here it will already say president-elect and vice-president-elect on an official annual request not just in interim.

Kattih: And that will take care of your problem of not having allocated the money that way it will line item by line item suggest where the money will go.

Aldridge: I mean did that answer your question...

Scharon: Yeah it did.

Aldridge: Okay I'm good. The \$15,000 is going to go towards the entire executive branch which I think we've just... it's going to come out to about 26 people. So just a point of information it's not going to 1 or 2 people; the payroll reserve is going to 26 people. Any of the 26 people that go over they have that opportunity to use the payroll reserve provided that the person, which will probably in the executive branches case the chief financial officer, decides to approve. It's not between 2 people it's between 26 and over the course of a whole year. So if you think about it if... you have to realize probably someone is probably going to go over. Let's say marketing and programming during Mr. and Ms. USF it's a humongous event in terms of logistics... let's say they work 20 hours, let's say the director works 25 hours that's 5 hours more than what's going to be proposed for them to work by Scott and Will, by their administration so they have to go through payroll reserve. That's just one example and it's going to happen probably happen 15 times during the course of the year by all sorts of members. That's why it would be used up.

Kattih: Are there any more points of discussion? Do you guys have any questions about this? Does anyone have anything else to add? Are there any motions to go into voting?

Patel: To amend.

Kattih: To amend first.

Imam: *Motion to amend.*

Kattih: What do you...

Patel: It's on you guys whether you chose to want to remove the president-elect and vice-president-elect in this request...

Kattih: So we have two options in front of us. We can do as some people have suggested and we can remove this \$4,000 and they can use the extra \$4,000 that they already have and then next year they can go through and it can be line itemized. In that case we would remove these two numbers, we would not fund them for this allocation. Or your other option is to just leave it as it is and give them an extra \$4,000 and call it a day. So which...

Hartmann: *Motion to remove the two.*

Kattih: Are there any objections? Seeing none those two have been removed. So as of right now the budget is going to be payroll reserve for \$15,751.90.

Aldridge: Can you round it up to 752?

Kattih: With that are there any motions to vote on this? You have options you can vote on the budget and if this passes, if this looks okay to the majority, than it passes. You can also, if there's no objections, we can just accept it.

Morejon: I have a point of clarification... I'm kinda confused is it the \$16,000 and then were giving them the \$3,000-\$4,000 leeway or...?

Kattih: What happened is in ASRC every year we were talking about annual budgets every year so in their annual budget for the 2013-2014 year they requested enough money for the structure that they expected. That structure was \$4,000 more than the structure that was just approved an hour ago.

Morejon: Right.

Kattih: So that \$4,000 they already have in their allocations...

Morejon: Right but my question was with the payroll reserve would it be 10% of the \$16,000 or...

Kattih: This new number which they will have. Does this clarify? Are there any motions to vote?

Morejon: *Motion to vote.*

Kattih: A motion to vote... how do you want to vote? You can say roll call is usually how we vote where we go person by person and they say yes or no.

Morejon: Sure, roll call.

Kattih: So are there any objections to voting by roll call? Seeing none we're going to go down the list.

Final Count: 4-0-1, allocation passes

YES – Sharon, Morejon, Imam, Many

NO – N/A

Kattih: And I abstain as chair so by a vote of 4-0-1 this budget allocation passes. With that we will go into the next item on the agenda which is announcements.

Announcements:

Kattih: Are there any announcements? I do have an announcement. I wanted to thank all of you guys for your patience. I know this committee did not start or end on time but I really appreciate it. Good start to the season... does anyone else have anything? Okay with that, are there any motions to adjourn this meeting?

Imam: *Motion to adjourn.*

Kattih: Are there any objections? Seeing none this meeting has been adjourned at 5:05pm.

Adjournment called by Chairwoman Kattih at 5:05pm.

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