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University of South Florida
Student Government Fifty-Second Student Senate

Committee on University Affairs
SPRING SESSION
October 20, 2011

Call to Order by Chairman Sandoval at 4:03pm

First Roll Call:

Present: Aziz, Aldridge, Bearden, Henry, Torro, Colon, Jackson, Sandoval

Absent: Merilien, Wright, Varez

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

Sandoval: You all received the agenda yesterday, do you have any motions?

Jackson motions for minute approval.

Sandoval: The agenda?

Jackson motions to approve agenda.

Sandoval: There is a motion on the floor, any objections? None seen, the agenda is approved.

Additions/Deletions and/or Changes to the Minutes:

Sandoval: I sent the minutes as well they are from the 6th because we didn't have committee last week due to everything that was happening such as tent day and polling so do I have any motions for the minutes?

Aziz motions to approve the minutes.

Sandoval: There is a motion on the floor, any objections? Not seeing any, the minutes from the 6th have been approved.

Open Forum:

Sandoval: Open forum, anyone with any announcements? Ms. Jackson?

Jackson I already made an announcement previously but (inaudible) if anybody would like to be a male showcase with (inaudible) reward \$500 if you win you should go to the Mr. Presidential informational on November 1st. It's (inaudible) I promise you that is all, not singing... you'll be doing dancing, an opening piece where you walk on stage (inaudible) there will probably be a talent portion and maybe swimwear. Alright...

Sandoval: Are there any other announcements? Ok, very good.

General Business:

Sandoval: Moving on to new business... the result of the tent day, ok, the tent day was at the recreations center last Monday. We got 146 surveys so good job guys, really proud of you. We gave out all of the flyers for our next... which is the polling for senate and for the tuition increase and we also gave out all, most of the flyers for student government and meet your mayor, correct? We gave those out? Yes so we gave out all the meet your mayor, all of the election ones, and most of the student government ones so congratulations, good job guys. We had, I want to say we had 19 people signed up and we had 18 people show up, yes... so I know that only one person didn't come and thankfully they weren't from this committee so I'm really proud of all you guys. You did a really great job, street team as there; we had 5 people from street team. Mr. Brian is from there, street team, and he's joining us so give him a round of applause he did a great job, he was at the tent day on Monday and the tent day today so good job Mr. Brian. Ok so that's pretty much from tent day you guys did a great job and then Mr. Bodden would you like to talk about the polling? You can talk about anything from about how people showed up, the results...

Bodden: We had 2347 vote over 2 days which is awesome (inaudible) from last year.

Unknown: (inaudible)

Bodden: The idea is that some midterm elections usually aren't... highly populated with votes so were trying to increase... it's hard to go from 1,000 to 10,000... were taking (inaudible). I really want to thank this committee because a lot of people came out, Mr. Sandoval, Mr. Colon, Ms. Bearden and dedicated their time for essentially free, maybe a t-shirt if we still had one left and we really appreciate that. It would have been hard for just Andrew and I to handle the polling station for 12 hours a day each day so we really appreciate that. You guys did also win a little friendly competition of committees.

Scott: Yes!

Bodden: Whenever I can convince Rachel to make you guys some baked goods we'll have baked goods for the committee.

Scott: Perfect! I am so proud of you guys that makes me feel even more about this because people have been talking about this pizza (inaudible) as I promised if you guys did everything last week, which you guys did and I'm so proud of you, (inaudible) I treat you guys very (inaudible). Pass this around it just kinda looks a little like; I don't know... it looks okay. So... good job guys I'm proud of you, for next week we are... here is to sign up for the next 2 weeks. Ok this will be, what I did... send it this way, what I did is just put your name like usual and if you were amazed I didn't call on you in the past 2 weeks for a survey it's because I realized that midterms were over the past 2 weeks so the survey will pick up tomorrow and it will be the bright futures for a week and week have that for you on Thursday and then we will go ahead and do the few choices memorandum and then the recreations center memorandum, okay? So that being said... Mr. Aldridge?

Aldridge: Did we get anything, the committee.... The workgroups on the tuition increase on what the survey is going to be about? I know we met but...

Sandoval: Oh, do you want to see the survey?

Aldridge: Yes.

Sandoval: I'm sorry I forgot I didn't even show you guys. Gimme one second... and so the first, as you see that's two weeks, the first week will be for the tuition survey and then the second set will be for... I'm not

quite sure yet. It will probably be, SLT wants us to make a survey regarding the spring... what's in the spring? Basketball... at the St. Pete Times forum. They want to know if they want buses for that like bulls blitz basically. So I think that's what we will probably be doing. If you'll just stay with me for 30 seconds. Here's the survey for the bright futures... wow this is like huge... okay what this basically is is that this is a summary of what you have on the first page with what kinda bright futures is, the lottery paying into it and then how much will need to be cut to meet the budgetary demands. And then it goes straight into have you ever been a recipient, would you put in place with all the ones UF had suggested and a box for them to make suggestions and then what other changes would you put in place to keep bright futures sustainable so its 3 questions. And this one hasn't been (inaudible) yet so...

Khalid: One thing I recommend you add is an option for no change...

Sandoval: Oh yeah.

Khalid: Because you're kinda forcing them to pick a change

Sandoval: No change. Sorry I was going to add that this morning.

Bearden: Receive is spelled wrong.

Sandoval: Yes okay. And scholarships as well... good thing this hasn't been given out yet. I will make sure I go through it and check the long paragraph for any grammar before... it will begin tomorrow with Mr. Henry and it will be given out next week.

Jackson: Is there a question asking what would you not change like what is something that... I don't know how you say it but something you feel is most important to keep about bright futures?

Sandoval: Mr. Bodden do you have...

Bodden: She's trying to say what would be a non-negotiable thing like you cannot get rid of this, a part of the bright futures. Like a question about that... maybe you feel that the GPA should always stay at 2.75 like that should not be changed...

Sandoval: What now? So there should be ones that shouldn't be changed?

Bodden: Like maybe you feel really strongly that the SAT scores should not increase.

Scott: Oh ok.

Bodden: Does that make sense? Like you talk about changes that would take place to make it better but is there something that you feel shouldn't be changed like should all students have a 2.75 be allowed to keep it.

Scott: Yeah we can do that, thank you. Ill change this over...

Jackson: (inaudible) I guess that's not up to...

Scott: Mr. Bodden?

Bodden: For another part of that would be... everything can change but everyone should be able to receive how much tuition actually is instead of that partial thing that's given out now.

Scott: So both of those questions or did you want to strike the one about do not change?

Bodden: You can make it just like one question too

Scott: About what they should receive? Oh and by the way you are entitled to as much pizza as you want, I am not here to say... I am very hungry right now so eat as much as you guys want, please.

Jackson: These are limited to one or...

Scott: These are... this one I put as one but we can make this all multiple ones. That's fine... Are there any other questions?

Jackson: Maybe 3 so it's focused...

Scott: 3 choices?

Jackson: Yeah.

Scott Ok. I'll put it on there. So that being said it will go out over the next week and then the following week will probably be the SLT one or... I don't know something else. So that's pretty much what's happening it was a very short meeting... I think I've said everything I've needed to say about tent day and so forth and so on. Oh, next Thursday we'll probably setup the EWCs since they seem to be kinda getting into working order, I know that mine is already met and I know some of the other ones have begun to meet so we can start getting that in place to kinda do something else to juggle. So I have the utmost faith in all of you that we'll pull through and do this as a committee. So... are there any announcements? Mr. Hassouneh?

Khalid: I don't get to come to the committees all that often but I want to say great job. I do get your guys' memos when we do poll surveys and I'm really proud that we have a committee that does stuff and gets food stuff done. This is one of the committees that in the past didn't really have as much concrete goals that it strived for and met and I credit a lot of that to the chair but also to you guys so great job. That's pretty much it I just wanted to say keep up the great work and if you need anything let me know.

Scott: Yes, okay Mr. Colon.

Cologne: Don't forget there's spots open on the float for homecoming if anyone wants to sign up, there's a sign-in sheet in the back.

Scott: Yes I think we already have 4 people from this committee signed up, right? 3, and myself but I'll probably... and Kelly so 5. Very good, and also there is trick-or-treat at Greek village on...what day is that... Wednesday. So we are deciding if were gonna have a tent day... not a tent day there but if we're going to have a both there to represent student government in any kind of capacity so we'll see. I know they have departments setup and so were wondering if we should... if we would have enough people that want to do it so I know its Wednesday and it's at night from... like it starts at 8 and it goes into the evening so I know its kinda evening so we'll talk about it. I'll let you guys know and I'll send out a doodle if were gonna do it or not but that's it for the next couple weeks. I'll see you next Thursday, are there any motions?

Colon motions to adjourn.

Scott: Are there any objections? None seen we are adjourned at 3:17PM.

Adjournment called by Chairman Scott Sandoval at 3:17pm.

Transcribed by Senate Secretary Stephen Strenges.