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Call to Order by Chairman Sandoval at 4:06pm.
First Roll Call:
Present: Sandoval, Aziz, Aldridge, Bearden, Henry, Colon, Jackson, Wright, Bernstein
Absent: Merilien

Additions/Deletions and/or Clarifications to the Orders of the Day:
Sandoval: The second item is additions/deletions to the agenda. The agenda was sent out on Tuesday, can I have a motion? From anyone?

Aldridge motions to approve the agenda.

Sandoval: There’s a motion to approve any objections? Not seeing any the agenda has been approved.

Additions/Deletions and/or Changes to the Minutes:
Sandoval: The minutes are still on back… they’ll be uploaded, I don’t really how were gonna do it for next semester, were probably gonna have to approve this semesters minutes, which I don’t know how that will work, but can I get a motion? You can just suspend it.

Bearden motions to suspend the minutes.

Sandoval: There is a motion on the floor, any objections? Not seeing any, the minutes have been suspended until… until our next meeting when they’ll be sent as a clump.

Open Forum:
Sandoval: The fourth item is open forum, is there anything for open forum? Okay not seeing any…

General Business:
Sandoval: We’re going to go into new business. Hi… Mrs. Wright, Ms. Wright comes in at 4:08. You can have a piece of pizza if you’d like there’s pepperoni and cheese I think. Okay… so first item is the end of the year presentation which I give at the end. Okay, so umm… university affairs fall semester as you can tell… here are the expectations that you were given at the beginning of the semester, so you remember. Each member of the committee will be expected to make at least one survey within the term, you’ll be expected to serve at one tent day for at least one tent day and outside of those 30 minutes you’ll be expected to administer at least 15 surveys. You did them all so I’m really proud of you guys. This is actually… this is a very time consuming committee and the fact that you guys all came out to tent day and you guys all went above and beyond different days, sometimes you got more surveys than were necessary during the day but you stayed a lot longer than was necessary at the tent day but it really means a lot to me and it means a lot to student
government and if the student body knew I’m sure it would mean a lot to them too. So here are the 4 surveys we ran during the fall… as you can tell these are more than you’d expect, more than 200 for the food choices, more than 400 for bright futures, more than 50 on the library and more than 140 for the recreation center and just a little bit of information… the recreation center was given all on one day. She got more than 140 surveys in one day, pretty cool, pretty cool. So… memorandum’s written and there’s 4 up here. Now a little bit of information, there’s actually… there haven’t been a lot of memorandums that came out of this committee until this semester. Not during summer and not really previous but this semester we pumped out a bunch of memorandums and I think that was like a huge point of success this semester and I’m really proud of you guys that we were able to do that because it’s definitely not to be taken lightly because they take a while to make and I think we’ve got it down to a rhythm where we can pump them out in like 20 minutes. Hi Ms. Morgan how are you? Ms. Morgan and Ms. Thomas are our guests as well as Mr. Saunders, I unfortunately didn’t say that but you now know. Ok, so it means a lot to me that not only were we able to write the memorandum but we were able to have quorum every week, it means a lot to me. It really does because you know… it’s really sad when a chairman has to cancel a committee meeting or isn’t able to do something that they’ve been looking forward to the whole week and these memorandums… I look forward to them for weeks in advance, almost months in advance. So here are the 10 surveys created, the bright futures, the USF traditions, the dance marathon, the bulls blitz, the skypad, polytechnic, recreation, orientation… I think that’s all of the ones you made, right? Were there any that I left out? Did I leave yours out Juan?

Henry: No I was just curious about one.

Sandoval: good I’m just making sure I didn’t leave anyone’s out. Okay… I hope. Alright so final thoughts… we achieved everything we planned to, we had fun while achieving it, and improvements for the fall… I want to get (inaudible) working and Ms. Bearden do you have a comment?

Bearden: Yes, in the last slide I think that we did the Marshall Student Center.

Sandoval: Oh that was during summer.

Bearden: Oh that was?

Sandoval: Yeah these are just the ones for fall.

Bearden: Sorry.

Sandoval: It’s okay, sorry. But yeah these are just the ones from fall. I left out the ones because they were on the last slide. Are you guys upset about that? No wait we did that during the summer right?

Bearden: Yeah we were just thinking it might have been the fall but it wasn’t.

Aldridge: Because it was given out after the end.

Sandoval: Oh it was wasn’t it… Oh well that’s fine. Ok so improvements for the fall, I want to get the universities working, I want to bring organizations in so if you’re on this committee next semester I really want to use your connections to organizations and bring them in and let them voice their concerns and then as well I also want to go into organizations and start reaching out to the people. So as you can tell these are all your names, Adam Aldridge, Abdul Aziz, Shannon Bearden, Juan Henry, Kelly Torres well she’s not here,
Luis Colon, Leah Jackson, Samantha Torro, Winie Merillien, Kelly Wright and Melody Bernstein. So you’re all here and then our SGATO advisor Jessica Morgan and sometimes Alyssa Thomas and Adam Saunders I didn’t put you on here but you definitely helped out. So that’s pretty much my final thoughts and you know the thing that I love about this committee is that there is so much diversity and so I put… two, not 3, no 9 languages on here. I think… I’m hoping I doubled up… I think Spanish is twice on their… no that’s fine. So you know… that’s the thing I love about this committee the diversity and that were able to all come together and bring a little bit of different things to the committee and influence it and you know share knowledge. I implore you all to come back next semester but then I also implore you all to try out the other committees too, each ones different. But just remember I’ll be graduating soon so I need somebody to follow after me, so keep that in mind. I’ll be looking next semester… so that’s it. Do you have any questions? Anything? Nothing… Okay… so that’s that. I gave you a survey about what to improve, what to change, what to make better, and umm I hope you’re all honest, as harshly as possible to help improve as much as I can. And if you have any ideas about what we can do to make the university affairs committee better. You know, to be honest, we’ve gotten more thank you’s from Khalid than I think most of the other committees so that’s something to definitely be proud of… and you know… I don’t know… it’s a fun committee and it’s… it’s just… I love it. It’s my favorite, you guys are the best. Okay…

Unknown Female: No Scott you’re the best.

Sandoval: Thank you. So are there any announcements?

Jackson: I wish you guys all good luck on your finals, I do, I really do, it’s been a trying semester so I mean it.

Sandoval: Ok.

Colon: Oh I was gonna say the same thing. Good luck on finals and we all love you Scott.

Sandoval: Thanks I appreciate it; I hope you guys all have a good testing week and a good winter break. The holidays are my favorite, my birthday is in 9 days the holidays are my favorite, love December good month. Okay are there any more announcements? Okay, I’ll take a motion to adjourn and your able to all go out in the world and join other committees or graduate or do what you want and I hope to see some of you back here again. Is there a motion to adjourn?

Bernstein motions to adjourn.

Sandoval: There is a motion to adjourn, any objections? Not seeing any, were adjourned at 4:17pm.

Adjournment called by Chairman Sandoval at 4:17pm.

Transcribed by Senate Secretary Stephen Strenges.