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July 8, 2013

Call to Order by Chairwoman Kattih at 12:11pm.

First Roll Call:

Present: Abraha, Kattih, Sharon, Munroe

Absent: Morejon (excused), Persaud-Sharma, Lopez (excused)

Guests: Vickie McNeal (ASBO), Masha Galchenko (ASBO), Katherine Burkhard (SGATO), Pro Tempore Adam Aldridge, Senate Secretary Stephen Strenge

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

Chairwoman Kattih: Next item on the agenda is additions/deletions or changes to the agenda. Are there any motions?

Senator Abraha: *Motion to approve the agenda.*

Chairwoman Kattih: Ms. Abraha with a motion to approve the agenda, are there any objections? Seeing none the agenda has been approved.

Additions/Deletions and/or Changes to the Minutes:

➤ July 1, 2013

Chairwoman Kattih: Next item on the agenda is approval of the minutes. I sent out minutes from last week's meeting. Are there any motions?

Senator Abraha: Question, if there was a mistake on a word that you said...

Chairwoman Kattih: We can change it right now. Which word?

Senator Abraha: It says suggestions/suggestions... but it was... I believe I said recommendation.

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there any objections to changing Senator Abraha from... one suggestion/suggestion to one recommendation? Seeing none. Are there any motions to approve the minutes that were sent out?

Senator Abraha: *Motion to approve the minutes.*

Chairwoman Kattih: Ms. Abraha with a motion to approve the minutes. Are there any objections to approving the minutes? Seeing none the minutes have been approved. For the record, we have Ms. Vickie McNeal from ASBO and Masha Galchenko from ASBO and we have Katherine Burkhard from SGATO. Let the record also show that Mr. Adam Aldridge, Pro Tempore Adam Aldridge walked in at 12:13 as did our Secretary Stephen Strenge.

Open Forum:

General Business:

Chairwoman Kattih: The next item on the agenda is open forum. Anyone have any announcements? Let the record also show that Mr. Vishwani Persaud-Sharma walked into the room at 12:14. Are there any open forum announcements? Seeing none we will move on to new business.

1. Karst Research Group

Chairwoman Kattih: We have four interim budgets today. The first item today is the interim budget for Karst research group... which I sent out. As you see in front of you here they requested \$4,941.72, they were – I recommended they get \$1,484. They had a total of 6 projects. The first two projects are really just materials and this was a special case because it's not really an event but these materials are necessary for this organization to conduct a lot of their events. However, based on what ASRC did in last year, last year's ASRC did... they didn't really approve any materials for events so I went ahead and suggested they become zero funded. But if you guys have any suggestions, if I was miscalculating...?

Pro Tempore Aldridge: Can you just go into further detail and explain by what you mean by that?

Chairwoman Kattih: So the first... event that they have here is materials that they have here is material. They want to buy material to restore the geological park at USF. So what they're asking for is money for this material. They want to buy gravel, path borders, signs, they want to get that material commissioned as well and they thought it would be good to further their organizations goals and to make USF a better campus. They also want materials for when they go to do these events like harnesses, all the safety equipment that they have limited amounts of. But what I was... it was suggested to me that this material, if it were to be bought, should be bought and then placed under the... oversight of ASBO or I guess SG and then they could check it out because we can't really give the materials to the organization.

Pro Tempore Aldridge: I also, I think I sort of was confused about what you first talked about but also I can see this is a... two projects that, while they're important, they're possibly things that maybe the geology can do itself, not necessarily on the A&S fee. To bring that up, I was confused on how you paralleled that to ASRC and yes but ASRC did look at it multiple times. It was a request that we felt the department could take care of it. It wasn't necessarily an A&S fee issue so that's why we zero funded it.

Chairwoman Kattih: The second event that they have is equipment; it's also the same thing. They do have equipment that they can use when cave diving and certain other activities like that that are dangerous but at this point they have to share materials, equipment like harnesses and helmets and stuff like that. What they're requesting is to get more materials so that they don't have to share as much. But again, because this material can't really go directly to the organization I didn't think it was in the best interest of us as a committee to fund these two. But it's up to you guys.

Senator Abraha: Who did they initially get the materials from?

Chairwoman Kattih: I think she said it was donated but I can definitely ask that. Moving along, they have the spring best of Karst event. They projected 100 people to attend so I funded them \$200 for food and \$250 for materials. This includes \$100 for materials like any other organization: decorations, etc. It also includes a \$150 speaker fee which we are entitled to fund. In standards it's up to \$150 so I decided that was the best route to go. They also have a Fall Best of Karst event which I also funded the same amount because it was an event

that occurred in a different semester. Then they finally have a webinar and they just requested \$200 in food with 100 people attending for a total of \$200. Finally, beginning of term recruitment event they requested \$300 for food and I allocated them that much. So for a grand total of \$1,484. Let the record state that Mr. Gustavo Lopez showed up at 12:10. Are there any questions about this budget?

Mrs. Galchenko: Can you scroll down?

Chairwoman Kattih: Here?

Mrs. Galchenko: Yeah. I did want to point out that as far as the materials for the geological park that they want to do on campus... friends of the garden club has been funded in the last two years with the supplies to help with their piece of the botanical gardens. So it's not unheard of that these kinds of things are funded.

Chairwoman Kattih: So I think that would be something for committee to discuss. Do you guys think we should fund them at all or how much do you think we should fund them? Do you have any percentages or numbers of how much the Botanical Gardens was funded?

Mrs. Galchenko: Not off the top of my head.

Senator Abraha: Their restoration park... that can be under the department. If anything if we were going to fund from those two events I would fund them for the safety equipment that they already have but they need more of.

Chairwoman Kattih: Can we give student organizations materials like... can we give student organizations...?

Pro Tempore Aldridge: Yeah.

Senator Sharon: I agree. I feel like gravel and such shouldn't be on the A&S fee maybe there's someone else they can ask. But I think equipment seems vital for a research group that's going into caves and such.

Chairwoman Kattih: So do you have a motion for a specific amount? I was also sent a supplementary document if you guys want more information then we can definitely look into that – it's really extensive but it's there.

Pro Tempore Aldridge: I just wanted to ask the last two events it just says the USF Tampa campus... did the person you met with did they clarify where, in more detail, where it's going to be at?

Chairwoman Kattih: I think she proposed the Marshall Center but I don't recall off the top of my head.

Pro Tempore Aldridge: Okay thank you.

Chairwoman Kattih: So for each of these safety systems they cost \$236 and that's why they requested \$1,620 for safety materials. So it was \$236 for the systems plus the rack plus the harness which was about \$70... so these calculations are there. I mean we could fund them one extra harness, I mean extra system, so it would be \$70 plus \$99 plus \$236; if that's what you guys see best fit.

Senator Sharon: Does one system work for one person? I know nothing of cave diving.

Chairwoman Kattih: The way she explained it ideally one system should be for one person. Right now they're using one system for six people but they trade off. One person is going down to a cave and they switch so it takes a while so adding in even one system reduces the risks. It's whatever you guys think is best.

Pro Tempore Aldridge: How much did they receive for the 12-13 fiscal year?

Chairwoman Kattih: I did not write that down... they were funded... 2012-2013 year they were funded \$1,400. They did send in an annual request but failed to meet with a representative and therefore were not allocated funds for the annual 2013-2014 budget process which is why they're applying for interim funding so back to the budget in question. Are there any motions?

Senator Abraha: I propose you said one of each right?

Chairwoman Kattih: Mhm.

Senator Abraha: And you said they have one system right now? Well assuming that they do...

Chairwoman Kattih: I think they had one or two yes.

Senator Abraha: If you add it up it comes to \$105 so if we gave them one more system it would come to \$641. I think we can allocate them that much.

Chairwoman Kattih: So you're motioning to fund this second project for \$105?

Senator Abraha: No \$641.

Senator Sharon: Why \$641?

Senator Abraha: The two systems instead of one because they said six people use...

Chairwoman Kattih: In total. The harness the...

Senator Sharon: The total should be \$405.

Senator Abraha: If you do one of each.

Chairwoman Kattih: Yeah.

Senator Abraha: I was proposing two systems since you said...

Chairwoman Kattih: You would have to do all of it the entire thing is the system.

Senator Abraha: Oh.

Chairwoman Kattih: I would personally suggest personally to fund them one but it's up to you guys again. Are there any objections to funding the vital safety equipment \$405? Are there any motions for this bill as an entirety?

Senator Sharon: *Motion to vote.*

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there any objections to vote? Seeing none we're going to go into voting procedure—

Pro Tempore Aldridge: I have a point of inquiry before we go into voting procedure. This request are they going to receive a 25% cut for missing...?

Chairwoman Kattih: Yes.

Pro Tempore Aldridge: Okay just checking. I guess you may want to let them know and reflect what that total amount would be sorry... thank you.

Chairwoman Kattih: I always forget to add that in. Okay so this will be... so we're voting for funding the karst research \$1,434.98. So going back to voting procedure... for the record yes is to approve the budget, no is not to approve.

Final Count: 5-0-1, budget bill passes

YES – Abraha, Persaud, Scharon, Munroe, Lopez

NO – N/A

Chairwoman Kattih: I abstain as chair so with a vote of 5-0-1 this bill passes, at this committee at least.

2. Students for Justice in Palestine

Chairwoman Kattih: Onto the next one so the next one is the Students for Justice in Palestine bill. They requested \$20,781.30 and they were allocated \$4,807.10. They had a total of 15 projects and how I do this is I do a maximum of 5 events per semester just to keep things consistent across the board and make sure everybody has enough opportunity to get the same funding. I do a beginning of the semester event, end of semester event, a social, and then two events in-between. Going through the list, I funded them their week of welcome event for 250 people: \$500 for food, \$160 for materials. Then I funded the stories of the Untold Towers they said 300 people would attend I funded them \$600 for food and \$200 for materials. Just to clarify, these materials include a tech fee of \$58. I rounded it up to \$60 I think because they wanted AV tech fees for the amphitheater and oval theatre. I think this one also includes a speaker fee. Then I funded them the Dying to Live 125 people for the amount they requested, \$225 for food and \$50 for materials – which is about average for events. Then I funded them the Connecting the Dots of Crayola's 48 for \$500 for food and \$250 for materials and this was all in the first semester. I did not fund them the Blue People Avatar and District 9 Movie Showdown because they had already... because they said this event was in their bottom three and so I funded them four in the first semester and six in the spring. Most of their important events based on our meeting were in the second semester. So continuing onward, I funded them the Lost Culture of Bilad-al-Sham for \$400 for food and \$100 for materials which also includes AV tech fees. Divestment Day \$400 for food which was the amount they requested and \$200 for materials which included speaker fees. I did not fund the Be the Charge event. I funded the Africans in Palestine event for \$300 in food and \$25 in materials because a lot of materials they need for this event was reusable for other events. Finally... I funded the Speaking Through Walls \$300 for food, \$25 for materials, again for the same reason. I did not fund the Palestinian Patterns nor the Soccer Solidarity. Then I funded the Unwritten Words \$100 for food and \$200 for materials. Does anyone have any questions? This was a really extensive budget. If you guys think certain events should not be funded or certain other events should be funded then now's the time.

Senator Persaud-Sharma: What made you decide to fund some events versus not funding some other events?

Chairwoman Kattih: Because of our meeting they gave me their top three events and their bottom three events so I tried to go according to that. When it wasn't in either then I had to use discretion and read the description and based on the description I saw if it was... which events were more relevant to the club's purpose.

Senator Abraha: For the \$200 for the honorarium you said for speakers we can fund up to \$150?

Chairwoman Kattih: \$150 yes. Which one?

Senator Abraha: It was in the second semester I believe... that one.

Chairwoman Kattih: I did \$150 for a speaker and then \$50 for general materials.

Senator Abraha: Which would be for...?

Senator Sharon: Honorarium?

Senator Abraha: They didn't say anything else that's why I was asking.

Chairwoman Kattih: Okay you're right. So would anyone be opposed... so you want to change it to \$150 just for speakers?

Senator Abraha: Did they say if they needed anything else? I was just wondering.

Chairwoman Kattih: I don't think so I think that was my mistake. Anything else, any events that you guys want to ask more about?

Mrs. Galchenko: Do you know the rules of Events and Meeting services as far as how many rooms for free they get per semester because I see they're trying to get the ballroom and oval theatre in the same semester and usually they would have to pay for one or the other.

Chairwoman Kattih: Is it both?

Mrs. Galchenko: I think they're allowed to use two out of three ballrooms. I don't know about oval theatre, is that on top of it or not? That's what I'm asking.

Chairwoman Kattih: I think the oval theatre is separate. You can do an event in the ballroom and an event in the oval theatre...

Mrs. Galchenko: Once a semester?

Chairwoman Kattih: Yeah I'll check into that though. If anything... we could ask them to change their location because that wouldn't be something we should fund I think. Are there any other questions, concerns? Do you guys want to go through them again, just scroll through? Masha is there a specific amount of speaker events that are capped?

Mrs. Galchenko: No.

Chairwoman Kattih: Okay. So if there are no more questions or proposed changes are there any motions?

Senator Persaud-Sharma: *Motion to vote.*

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there any objections to voting? Seeing none we'll go to a vote. They do not have a 25% deduction because they're a new organization. We're now in voting procedure, yes is to approve the SJP budget, no is to not approve.

Final Count: 5-0-1, bill passes

YES – Abraha, Persaud, Scharon, Munroe, Lopez

NO – N/A

Chairwoman Kattih: I abstain as chair so with a vote of 5-0-1 this budget bill passes committee.

3. Students in Solidarity for Syria

Chairwoman Kattih: So this organization requested \$12,137 and I recommended that they get \$3,127. They had a total of 10 events so I think I funded every single one of the events... no I didn't just kidding. I funded most of the events so let's go through them. Week of welcome Story of Syria I funded that according to how many students were showing up with \$100 for materials. Politics Behind War event they said 300 people would show up so I funded them \$600 for food and \$50 for materials because they can reuse a lot of the materials from their previous event. Syrian Culture Day, I funded them \$225 for food they requested and \$25 for materials. Again, because they can reuse a lot of the materials they have. I did not fund their volunteer appreciation luncheon for a reason I don't remember... we'll get back to that. I think they had too many events in that one semester. Revolution Day I funded, again \$400 for food, \$25 for materials. Fasting for Syria \$400 for food and \$50 for materials... then the social for \$200 for food and \$25 for materials. History in Syria \$200 for food and \$25 for materials. Documentary viewing \$400 for food and \$250 for materials. I think I didn't fund these because I was doing four events instead of five. Actually I'm going to go ahead and suggest they get \$100 for food and \$25 in materials for the Volunteer Luncheon as well as \$300 for food and \$50 for materials for the Diversity in Syria. Are there any questions, changes?

Senator Munroe: For the second event are they having a speaker?

Chairwoman Kattih: I think... yes. Speaker fees?

Senator Munroe: Yeah.

Chairwoman Kattih: So change this to \$200?

Senator Munroe: *Yes.*

Chairwoman Kattih: Anything else? Does anyone have any questions? Concerns? Motions?

Senator Scharon: *Motion to vote.*

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there any objections? Seeing none... this organization is also a new organization so they also won't get the 25% deduction so the total is \$3,789.50. With no objections we'll go into voting procedure. Yes is to approve the budget, no is to not approve.

Final Count: 5-0-1, bill passes

YES – Abraha, Persaud, Scharon, Munroe, Lopez

NO – N/A

Chairwoman Kattih: I abstain as chair so with a vote of 5-0-1 this budget recommendation passes.

4. Arab Cultural Association

Chairwoman Kattih: Finally we have the Arab Cultural Association interim budget request. This organization requested \$2,385 and they were recommended \$2,199.50. Ms. Abraha was the one who met with this organization so do you want to explain how you allocated this money?

Senator Abraha: Sure for the first one they requested \$400 for food and \$50 for materials. I allocated the amount they asked for because the number of students attending and plus seeing the fact this was a WoW event and I believe it was located... either way this was going to be a popular event so I funded them the money. For the picnic I gave them \$200 for food and \$50 for materials because 150 I thought was a bigger projected number of people. I figured 100 would be a fair amount that would come so I did \$250... but you guys can fund them more or less. The ACA Fall Cultural Showcase I funded them \$500 for food and \$25 for materials. For the Thanksgiving Dinner I gave them \$100 for food and I decreased materials to \$25 because I felt they can use a lot of the materials that was listed – it was repetitive from the other three we saw. The Khaliji Jalseh social the food was allocated \$50 but I didn't give them anything for materials because I saw it was again a lot of the same ones from previous ones and plus this was one of the bottom events the president had said. You guys can again do however you see fit.

Senator Scharon: Point of inquiry, is this all still in the first semester or is this the second semester?

Chairwoman Kattih: This was February so this was second semester and this was November. This is the first event from the second semester. Just a point of information, what I do is every semester I kinda start them off with a little bit more in materials and I slowly decrease but that's up to you guys... it's just something personal. Anyway continue please.

Senator Abraha: Yeah I made that projection just based on what I heard of the event it was only 25 people and that's just what I thought. The second one was ACA Spring Cultural Showcase I gave them the full amount for food and \$25 for materials. The Freedom... I mean since they have tech fees you can increase it if you like but I thought that was sufficient. The last thing is their End of the Year Banquet and I gave them \$300 for food which is what they asked for because it's the End of Year and multiplied it by three for standards purposes and I gave them the full amount for materials.

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there any questions?

Senator Scharon: How much are the AV fees because I see them popping up a lot but we don't give them as much money for materials for their silverware and tablecloth? Do you know how much they need?

Senator Abraha: The thing is they don't get it for each event. It's you get this much, they get it as a lump sum. They put it however but she said it was like fifty something?

Chairwoman Kattih: I looked it up its \$58. What I did for the other organization I funded a maximum of 2 events for AV tech fees just because... we're not responsible for funding everything for every organization

for all their events. It's up to you guys you can add in AV tech fees in for example one of these events if you see fit.

Senator Abraha: I did include it in the first two... I gave them the full amount and three of their events I gave them the full amount for materials.

Chairwoman Kattih: Whatever you decide it's between \$50 and \$70 for these rooms.

Senator Abraha: I gave them I think \$150 in materials.

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there any changes you guys want to make? Are there any questions for our... oh I do have a question. Usually when we meet with presidents or organizations we ask them if these events have occurred in the past and how many people attended these events in the past. I guess... we would use the audits for this but since we didn't really have audits for this organization then... you would ask. So did you ask...?

Senator Abraha: Yeah I did ask. He told me most of them were new events. I think the picnic they've done once before and he said a lot of people showed up. When I asked him about members he said about 65 on blackboard.

Chairwoman Kattih: So just to put that into perspective you take that into account. Some events, some people over project how many people will attend so that's something to keep in mind. But if there are no more questions...

Pro Tempore Aldridge: How much did they receive last year? Sorry...

Senator Scharon: Mr. Aldridge why do you keep asking that?

Pro Tempore Aldridge: I mean frankly it's the best basis to go off of because you're going to see... well I guess in this committee you're going to see anywhere from 50-75 requests come through and all events you're going to like. It just always works out that way. So if you fund all the events that's fine but you want to keep in mind as to how much an organization has received in the past year because you don't want to... in general being able to have a higher budget results in multiple years of being a successful organization. So if say one organization has been successful for five or six years they've over time gained the \$500-\$600 per year that we possibly may give, depending on their events and stuff. So over the course of time they're getting \$2,000-\$3,000 more but if the organization had one year... you don't want to radically increase them by \$2,000 or \$3,000, I'm not saying you guys are I'm just asking... so that you keep that standard that we've had with the other organizations in the past. That's the best way I can explain it.

Chairwoman Kattih: Just a point, to answer your question I do remember, this is not quotable, they did receive funding for about over \$2,000. So... I will look that up for you but it was around this range. We can look that up.

Senator Abraha: My question was so would you take any consideration with what they've done in the past but since they'll most likely have new officers they could be completely changing their events. If we're going to take the past into consideration wouldn't you take that into consideration as well because it can radically improve as an organization?

Pro Tempore Aldridge: That is a... extremely good point and it has been a familiar argument that ASRC's have dealt with in the past – both the question and the follow-up. What we try to do... it obviously changes from ASRC to ASRC in terms of funding but I think the idea is that you'll have one set of arguments that will say exactly the point you just raised that there's new officers. Give them the benefit of the doubt to fix if they've had a bad year. There's that part of it and there's the complete opposite of it that regardless of... it's not necessarily this pessimistic view that some people within ASRC's in the past have had but if the organizations have had a bad year, if they don't spend a quarter of their budget, if they're not being fiscally responsible in the stuff they're actually spending the funds on then... regardless of looking at the officers they'll choose to fund it a lot less.

Chairwoman Kattih: I think...

Pro Tempore Aldridge: It fluctuates between the organizations and it fluctuates between ASRC's. The idea is we try across the board to be as uniform as we can. I'll admit it's not necessarily completely (inaudible) but we try the best we can to have that same perspective with clashing personalities within an ASRC or committee for 200 organizations. We try to be along the same path with all of them as we can.

Chairwoman Kattih: Looking at past allocations gives you an average whether or not it deviates from above or below is debatable.

Pro Tempore Aldridge: Yeah the idea is that we've not really tried to be... and we've done it so it's not that it's never been done before but the idea is we try not to fluctuate from one year to the next by a lot. So if they're really great they may notice that they've spent all their funds and had good events so they may sort of by default of their events may increase it. If they feel like they've had a bad year and not spent as much and they haven't been fiscally responsible in the funds then they may decrease a little. The idea is to try not to be radically one way or the other but... over time.

Senator Scharon: So you have the numbers of how much they were given last year but do you also count on how many events they had? What if they had more events this year from last year rather.

Chairwoman Kattih: The thing is that's what we hope audits will achieve, however, in the FAST system I think, when student organizations input their requests, their purchasing orders, it asks them what the event is they're getting the money for so you technically – and correct me if I'm wrong – but you could technically use that information to deduce how many events they kinda have. Also you can look at their budget requests from last year and see how many they requested. I will actually touch up on that during announcements and closing because that brings us into audits.

Mrs. Galchenko: I just wanted to bring up the point that when you guys are meeting with these organizations and going over what their budgets are that's their cue to defend their budgets as much as possible. If they're asking for much more money than what you're giving them anyways so when you're meeting with them that's your place to get the sense of is the organization completely changed, did the leadership completely change; are they going from old to completely new events? That's why you have that meeting with the organizations and that's where you decide if you're going to plead your case on their behalf to the committee or you're not going to do that. Because I've seen in ASRC's that organizations got bigger increases because they've done a good job in their presentation and I've seen organizations not get anything just because they didn't meet with the representative.

Chairwoman Kattih: Thank you. Are there any questions?

Senator Abraha: *Motion to vote.*

Chairwoman Kattih: Just a point of information, this organization will be getting a 25% deduction so the total will be \$1,649.63. Are there any objections to Ms. Abraha's motion to vote? Seeing none we're in voting procedure. Yes is to approve the Arab Cultural Association budget, no is not to approve.

Final Count: 5-0-1 budget bill passes

YES – Abraha, Persaud, Scharon, Munroe, Lopez

NO – N/A

Chairwoman Kattih: I abstain as chairwoman so with a vote of 5-0-1 this budget allocation passes. That is it for interim budgets. Oh I do have one thing. Each of these bills will go up before senate tomorrow so we have the two from last week and the four from this week so each one needs a sponsor to present the bill to senate. You tell them a little about the organization and how much they're allocated. I will do the first one tomorrow which will be Future Physical Therapists and you guys can kinda get a feel for how to do it. It's really easy it's just two minutes, not even. I need sponsors for these bills. Who wants to sponsor (inaudible)? Ms. Abraha thank you for volunteering. Who wants to sponsor Karst? Ms. Scharon thank you for volunteering.

Senator Lopez: Can I do that one?

Chairwoman Kattih: Do you mind giving him...

Senator Scharon: I don't mind.

Chairwoman Kattih: Mr. Lopez will sponsor karst. Who wants to sponsor SJP? Ms. Scharon. Who wants to sponsor SSS? Ms. Munroe. And who wants to sponsor ACA?

Senator Persaud-Sharma: I won't be here tomorrow sorry... I have class.

Chairwoman Kattih: Just to let you guys know you get positive points for sponsoring a bill.

Senator Persaud-Sharma: I'll be here next week, the following week.

Chairwoman Kattih: Ms. Abraha, again, thank you. I will print out... there's PowerPoints it's just one slide on a PowerPoint so I'll print that out to you guys and give it to you tomorrow before the meeting and you guys will be perfectly fine. So with that we'll move onto announcements. Are there any announcements?

Announcements:

Pro Tempore Aldridge: Just a question, are all four of them... all four of them are... their constitutions have been approved?

Chairwoman Kattih: Yes and changed and sent to Edna. I think ACA has not sent it to Abdool but it has been changed and I'll make sure it's sent to Abdool. We're working on that... we have to make sure that all student organization's constitutions are up-to-date before allocating them the money so Mr. Abdool Aziz and I have been working diligently on that. With that, I do have a question about audits. Just something for you guys to consider and keep in mind that we'll be talking about later... I want to get your opinions on do you

think it would be better, in general, for student organizations to be judged on their events or would it be better for them to be audited on their spending? What I'm trying to say is we audit events and sometimes it's not consistent. Sometimes you go to a social for X student organization but you go to the end of the year banquet for Y organization and the Y organization's banquet has a lot more people and is a lot more active because a lot of people go to the banquet, while the social maybe 25 people showed up because it was in the middle of the school year on a Thursday. So I'm thinking of maybe auditing student organizations as a whole in terms of what they expected to achieve at the beginning of the semester with their budgets versus what they actually achieved based on their purchasing order records. So just something to keep in mind, if you guys have any opinions email me... just think about it because we will hopefully be rolling out audits very soon, just as long as they're effective. With that if no one else has any announcements, are there any motions?

Senator Scharon: *Motion to adjourn.*

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there any objections to adjourning this meeting? Seeing none this meeting has been adjourned at 1:00pm.

Adjournment called by Chairwoman Kattih at 1:00pm.

Transcribed by Senate Secretary Stephen Strenges.