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**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

[Gavel]

Patel: I call this meeting of Senate to order on July 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:12 pm. The first item on the Agenda is the Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone stand please, Senator Hasan can you lead us off?

Senators: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands. One nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

**First Roll Call**

Patel: Thank you. Alright, on to clickers. Press harder, like with your nail.

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

Patel: Moving down, Additions/Deletions or Clarifications to the Orders of the day. There are two new things we added, fairly short. If I can get a motion, one of them is the memorial...I'm sorry Resolution for Commemoration of Coach Chris Brown. And then the other one is the Fiscal Legislation for the...it's 54.005 the Arab Cultural Association. Any motions? Senator Kattih.

Kattih: *Motions to add the changes to the Agenda and accept it.*

Patel: Any objections? Seeing none, they will be added.

**Additions/Deletions and/or Changes to the Minutes**

Patel: Moving down, Additions/Deletion and/or Changes to the Minutes. The Minutes were sent out for June 25<sup>th</sup>, which we can get snaps for Nadima. If I can get a motion for those, as long as everyone read them. Senator Alqasemi.

Alqasemi: *Motion to approve the Minutes.*

Patel: Any objections? Seeing none, they have been accepted.

**Legislative Branch Report**

Patel: Moving down, the Legislative Branch Report. We'll start with Senator Antar.

Antar: Okay, alright Committee on Rules. What we did in Committee this week. We were supposed to go over SCC SOPs, but it turns out they won't actually approve their own SOPs until September. So there would be no point on us approving a draft that has already been approved last year. So we're going to wait until September to look at the SCC SOPs, that's the Sports Club Council Standards of Procedures. Then we also did a Bill, the Title VII Review from the Ad-Hoc Committee last year. We did the Title VIII Review last week, we took our first reading. And we are going to do our second and maybe third reading tonight, which I will also talk about in a little bit; in terms of the way we do readings. So we did a Title VII Review. And we took a look at the Codifying Standard Practices Bill that we had, sponsored by Mr. Strenges. And a few changes were made by Mr. Aziz. Aside from that, I guess I can go ahead and talk about the new procedure we are going to use for the Readings. Okay so normally what we do is if we have any Legislative Bill, it takes two weeks that means that we got to look at it twice. If that Bill takes more than three...more than one chapter...or more than one Title, then we end up doing three readings. That means that we take three meetings, that's how we always did it. We always did one reading per meeting. Now that doesn't really work that way after Adam looked through Robert's Rules of Order, it turns out to do a Reading all you have to do is motion for it. So you just say, I motion to read the Bill, and that's our first reading. We read through the first thing and as soon as we're done, we can make a motion to read it again and that's our second reading. We don't need to wait a whole meeting to get to another reading. And I think that'll make the process of looking at these bills, one quicker and two actually more effective, because now we are not waiting a whole week just to be like oh what did we look at again. Because we are going to look at it right there. So yeah we just motion for multiple readings, and that will be quicker. So yeah that's what we'll start doing, and I think we can start with that today. So before we actually take a look at any of the Bills, I think we should take a motion to read the Bill. And that will count as a reading as soon as we're done. And then take another motion to read the Bill if you want to do another reading. And then if you don't want to do another reading...if you want to technically do another reading, but you don't want to read through the whole Bill, because it's really short or it's really long and everyone remembers it and everyone kind of agrees, then somebody could motion to disburse the reading and that will count as a third reading, or a second reading...it will count as a full reading, is all I'm trying to say. So yeah that's the way it's going to work and I guess we're going to start practicing it today. And yeah, it will make Bills a lot cooler. I'm done.

Patel: Thank you sir. Any questions? Moving on, Zein.

Kattih: Hi guys, so today before you we have four Bills. They're Budge Bills, two of them were approved last week in Committee, two of them were approved this week in Committee, and so we will keep up with that. We have five or seven more coming up next week, depending on how many we can meet with. So you know we are rolling out the process. Other than that, Audits hopefully shortly will be instated online. So look out for a link for the Audit Forms. Any questions? Cool.

Patel: Thank you. Senator Aziz.

Aziz: I don't know if I mentioned it the last...the last meeting, but we did our Mock Investigation for President Pro Tempore. And the Committee recommended for his Supervisor to discipline him for the Fall and that plays into what we have going on since Committee is more experience in investigations. We have a real grievance coming up. We accepted it on our Special Session on Monday, so the Committee is ready to investigate and do their proper work within their timeline. We also had Special Session on Monday, which we had the three candidates for Executive Branch. Which is the Chief of Staff, the SGCS Director and Bulls Radio Director, so they all passed. So that's it, they are up to you guys to decide, and that's it.

Patel: Thank you any questions? Seeing none, Hiba.

Alqasemi: Alright, so two weeks ago we had the deadline for the Signature Events. And we had a total of 13 requests, so we are busy going over those. Last Committee we had each...each like group of organizations present, and tell us a little about their events. And this week we will allocate money to all of them, or not all

but whatever, we'll go over them. We are also continuing with travel grant. And I couldn't say this before because I wasn't here, but we did elect a Vice Chair a long time ago, and I forgot to recognize her. We got Ms. Rum as Vice Chair, so snaps to that. And that's it. Any questions?

Patel: Thank you. Cocco.

Cocco: Alright, will the UCGA Committee come up please. You don't want to show your work?

Fernandez: No.

Cocco: Alright, you made it. Okay y'all talk about what we did today.

Brown: Want me to start? Okay, well we went...you know we had our Tent Day today; we asked students what they would like to see change on campus. And we got some interesting feedback.

Fernandez: Some of them were foolish, others were like good feedback.

Brown: What is a good one on here? You know once Starbucks closes in the library, they would like to see a food truck in front of the library so people can get food, because at that time, there is nowhere else to get food on campus.

Fernandez: One of them pertained to like the Executive Branch, would be a warning for parking tickets. I know we do give warnings, I believe they have like two. But I think sometimes in the pay by spaces they don't, they just give you a ticket right off the bat, so maybe some people should know about that.

Priest: And then it was kind of cool, because we got the chance to talk to somebody who was in a wheelchair. And accessibility was one of their main factors. They wanted like...for example I had no idea that in Residence Halls, only the top...like the top window opens. So like if you're standing you can jump out of it, but like if you're sitting in a wheelchair you wouldn't be able to pull yourself out of it, was one of her concerns. So she was saying it would be really cool if we could put a window at like the bottom too, so like anybody could like get out. I thought it was a cool idea. This was cool, we just got to like gauge public opinion and we also like just said hey we're Student Government, this is what we do. We like handed out some materials too.

Fernandez: We handed out a lot of ice cream. And we were able to reach out to a lot of incoming Freshmen; they were stopping by the bookstore today. So we were able to track them down, tell them to get involved.

Brown: Some people wanted less squirrels and some people wanted more squirrels. It was a heated debate. You guys can come look at that later if you want.

Priest: Any questions? Sweet.

Patel: Thank you.

Cocco: Thank you guys.

Patel: Adam.

Cocco: You want to keep it? I still have one more thing, a couple more things.

Patel: Yes sir.

Cocco: Coach Chris, I want to welcome you man. Thank you for coming out. This is our Big Each Coach of the year. I want to recognize him on that. I'll present you with the resolution in a minute. I've been working with the other Branches, St. Pete, Sarasota, and I'm also going to include Lakeland. I want to do a Chili cook off; I know this is way ahead, in November, to incorporate all the campuses with Veteran Services here. I already spoke with Larry Brown about that, so we're getting that done. Florida Student Associations is coming up soon; President Warmke will talk more about that here shortly. And we had Tent Day today, and then August 2<sup>nd</sup> the Court is planning to meet up with the other Judicial Branches again and continue to network. So that's what I'm up to, any questions? Okay, cool. Oh, Ms. Burkhard thank you for logistics today, for the Tent Day.

Patel: Any questions? Okay, Adam.

Aldridge: Okay, couple things. Okay what we're going to pass along is the new positive point's structure. We've had a conversation between SenEx within the last week, on how we want to perceive them in the New Year, because frankly the prize we got and the way it was structured it wasn't really successful. So you guys are all going to receive it right now. This is going to go for the entire term. We're going to have the points accumulate throughout the term. So I understand there's maybe some Alternate Senators, besides the points, you're all going to receive something from Student Government at the end of the Summer. But for all of you who are collectively the 53<sup>rd</sup>...the 54<sup>th</sup> Term, this is your opportunity throughout the year to get involved. We have...you know a definite variety of qualifications to get points. I also make sure it could be applicable to each Committee. And obviously...obviously throughout the term a lot of people are going to be serving on more than one Committee, you may change from JEC to Rules in the Fall, or from Special Funding to Appropriations and Audits in the Fall, something like that. So it's going to give you a chance to get the points throughout the term, through multiple different facets and through each of the Committees. And obviously as you see at the bottom, the prizes are much more ramped up this year. Stuff like an umbrella, a blanket, a duffel bag. We were able to get that through some of the flexible funds we had at the end of the Fiscal Year, in June. So we wanted to have this throughout the whole year for you guys, to be rewarded obviously if you're at work, but do it in a more meaningful fashion. So that's about it for the positive points system. One other thing, and I do not have the certificate but I'll make sure to give it to her, SenEx also elected a Senator of the Month for last week, if you can give a round of applause to Karline. So SenEx...there was a good list of candidates they were considering, and I believe that each of your hard work will be represented in SenEx's decision throughout the year. So keep working hard for positive...or for the Senator of the Month. What else? That's really about it. You're going to see about ten amendments from me tonight, over the course of the three Bills, I apologize in advance. I missed Rules one time for the codifying standard practice bills, and I've been in conversation in the past, I'd say probably three weeks, with Ashley Johnson, the Sports Club Council. So there's going to be about four or five amendments there. Besides it...besides that, that's about it. I just want to snaps again to UCGA, it was great to see all the different people in the Committee going out and support. It was really (inaudible 15:20) for me to sit up there for 45 minutes, but I really appreciate the effort that was put in by everyone else. So any questions? I think that covered everything at this point.

Patel: Cool and I'm going to keep mine really short since we have a longer night. Just one thing we're going to do and this will be pertaining more to the Title VII Review that we're going to see later tonight, we're going to form an Ad-Hoc for a Constitutional Reform. Because certain parts of Title VII are taken directly from the Student Body Constitution, and if we want to amend the Student Body Constitution, it has to be done on a whole scale. So like no different than when you guys were elected there was a Referendum, this would be another Referendum, sponsored by SG. And everyone has to vote on whether they accept the changes or not to the Student Body Constitution. So the people sitting on that Committee will be, Senator Ali, Senator Stephen, Chief Financial Officer David Housman, Justice Sammy Hamed, Abdool the JEC Chair, Masiel, Karline, Senator Hasan, and then Senator Bana. And so I'll send out this list of whom all is on this Committee, or on this Ad-Hoc. Because essentially Ad-Hocs work in the way of...no different than when Rules would meet, Ad-Hocs would meet. Ad-Hocs are chaired by whoever the designated Chair is, and they can meet on...pretty much on a more flexible lenient schedule. They have until...you pretty much decide a

date on when we finish the, I guess assignment by. And we're looking to at least get it out by the mid-term elections. So we can put that little Referendum on the mid-term elections and get it out of the way as soon as possible. And you'll see the actual changes we're trying to get done at the end of Title VII actually. Cool, any questions? Other than that I'll just keep myself flowing through here. Thank you.

## **Executive Branch Report**

Patel: Moving through, Executive Branch Report. And again, just state your names so that when she's typing, she will know.

Warmke: I'm William Warmke and with me...

Hathaway: Michael Hathaway.

Sandoval: And Scott Sandoval.

Warmke: First and foremost, tonight you will see our three nominees. We have our nominee Ms. Eskayra Pagan for the position of Chief of Staff, Mr. Mitchell Fratesi for the Position of Director of Student Government Computer Services, Mr. Cole Giering via Skype for the position of Director of Bulls Radio. Tomorrow the Judiciary Ethics Committee will see three more nominees. Our nominee for the Director of Programming and Traditions is Ms. Natalie Emerson; she's actually at a Ms. Florida Pageant right now for the Ms. USF qualifier, stuff like that, also Dan Rutkowski for the Director of Marketing and Advertising and then Mr. Joseph Michalsky for the Director of Public Relations and Communications. So these three nominees will come before the Senate floor next Tuesday evening. And next Tuesday's Senate Meeting will also be my State of Student Body Address. So hope you guys are just as excited as I am to hear what I have to say. Last Senate meeting you all confirmed Ms. Maya Johnson for the Governor of the Lakeland Student Council. Since then we've reappointed Mike Nacrelli, the former Lieutenant Governor of the Lakeland Student Council, to this position yet again for the upcoming year. SG's event Ready Set Glow was postponed two weeks ago because of the weather. But because of this we're able to have a collaborative opportunity with Campus Recreation, Housing and Residential Education, and CSI, to combine our events with another Glow event that is going on in the same week called Read Set Glow in the Park. The other event was Glow in the Park, so we literally just merged the names. But it worked out pretty well. Our event is Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. This Friday from 7pm to 11pm at USF Riverfront Park, we'll have a lot of activities: Glow dodge ball, midnight canoeing, djs, and free food. We actually have a Bull Runner shuttle that will be continuously going from Juniper Poplar to USF Riverfront Park and back. So that everyone on campus has a ride. But before the event on Friday we have our Stuff-a-Thon Social from noon to 4pm. The Executive Branch cabinet, what we're doing is we're stuffing orientation bags that are given to all the incoming students on behalf of Student Government. We really need some help; Senator Karline was able to join us last time we did it. So we're going to have food again, if you guys want a free lunch on Friday, help us out, we could really use the help. And what else? Oh, getting on the topic of Orientation, we could really use some Senate faces for anyone who wants to help out and volunteer at an Orientation Session, to meet incoming Freshmen and Transfer students. So if you guys are available on Monday and Thursday evenings, just let us know we could...or we could arrange that so you guys could help us with table. And lastly, we're in the mists of our hiring, but make sure you spread the word to your constituents. All the Executive Branch positions will be on the SG website at the end of the week. So they could apply for all the positions, including the Supreme Court Justice position as well. And that's it for my end, okay.

Sandoval: So I've been working closely with my Agency Director from Safe Team and he's going tell you a little bit about what we've been doing. I've had Michalsky back there working on a whole entire new website, which will be going through a trial run within the next couple of weeks. And then I had Dan over here to my right, creating different kinds of graphics that will be going out over the next few months. Will and I kinda

come from the idea that events shouldn't be planned at the last minute, but should be planned thoroughly and ahead of time so they can be properly marketed and can have the most turnout. So that's what we are doing. Let's do it.

Hathaway: This is a Safe Team update. As you know the last time I was accepted as D1, so now an update. We're now in the process of hiring a D3, they work with fixing the golf carts, of course making sure they run well. We are working on a lot of advertising and just ordered some t-shirts to pass out. We're working with some people to see when that will be best, either through Patio Tuesday or escorts on the golf cart. We're going to film a video this Saturday, to post around the Marshall Center and YouTube and stuff, to promote Safe Team that should be fun. And I'm also working on getting new uniforms for my employees because the old ones are kind of heavy and itchy, so we'll see how that goes.

Sandoval: I just wanted to thank Hathaway, you know usually in the past the Safe Team Director you see them when they get confirmed and then you don't see them again. But he's made an effort to try and reestablish that connection between Safe Team and Student Government. So if we could all give him a round of applause, or snaps.

Hathaway: And the video is going to be good, I promise.

Warmke: Are there any questions?

Patel: Senator Aziz.

Aziz: For Ready Set Glow in the Park the people that volunteered for the original one, do you have to fill out something else for them to like...

Warmke: Just let either Shyam or I know and we could get that list to our...the acting Director of Career Visions Natalie, and she'll coordinate all of that again. We don't use the same list because the different times, we don't know if you guys are available again. But if you guys are interested let us know, we'd love to help out, you guys can come early, help us set up everything. Yes ma'am

Abraha: Hi, Ms. Abraha speaking. I was just wondering, for the Ready Set Glow event that you have, did you have a rain site for that and are you going to have a rain site for the rest of your events.

Warmke: Typically we look for a rain site; we weren't able to get a rain site for our previous event because of the Marshall Center hours over the Summer, they weren't actually open past that time. So when we reserved it, it was open but when we got an email back after we already planned the event, they said that the Marshall Student Center wasn't open because there wasn't staff there. So for this event there is no rain site. We have it set up so rain or shine we're having the event. But in the future, rain sites are a priority because of Florida's weather. But just because of circumstances over Summer it wasn't an option for these two events.

Sandoval: Get ready to glow in the rain.

Patel: Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: When is it that you guys are putting together the orientation bags again?

Warmke: We're doing it this Friday at noon, in the back Executive Cabinet. So come to SG, get a free lunch, help us stuff the orientation bags.

Patel: Anyone else? Seeing none, thank you.

Sandoval: Thank you.

Warmke: Thank you.

### **Judicial Branch Report**

Patel: Judicial Branch Report.

Buenaventura: Hello Senate. Just to give you guys an update. On Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, we the members of the USF Judicial Branch Supreme Court, along with our SGATO Advisor Katherine Burkhard, went to visit USF St. Pete and met with their current Chief Justice, Alex Johnson. In attendance was also Student Government Judicial Branch from USF Sarasota Manatee as well as the members of the UCGA Committee, Senator Cocco and Senator Burr. The Chief Justice at this St. Pete Campus was gracious enough to give us a tour of their beautiful campus, and they also gave us a ride, a boat ride, provided by USF Aquatics. After the tour, for the first time of the SG Judicial Branch history, members from USG SG Judicial Branches got to sit down and discuss our goals and initiatives and come up with ways on how we could help one another. Some of our visions that we see with establishing this relationship involve helping each other, help them establish their Courts and have a structure, since they are very infant in their stages. We also plan on having monthly meetings to give each other updates, and that could be either via Skype or actually going to their campuses. We feel that the meeting went very well, so we plan on having future summits where we'll all each visit each other's campuses. And we plan to build up one another because we all have different strengths and weaknesses. And we also wish to standardize our ROPs, to make them all uniform so that each campus has the same ROPs. And then we also talked about possible training opportunities, since we all do hear cases. This is just one of our initiatives that came to existence from our Outreach Committee. The Court feels that Outreach is just one of the examples that could be beneficial to our Court. And I encourage you all to get to know other Senators, and other SG members from other campuses. Because even though they might be in different locations we all still share one common thing, and that's USF Pride. Go Bulls. And the last couple of things are Outreach we have at 5 o'clock tomorrow, ROP Revision Committee is going on at 6 pm, and then we have Appeals at 7:30 pm. Are there any questions?

Patel: Seeing none, thank you.

Buenaventura: You're welcome.

### **Open Forum**

Patel: Okay, moving down. Open Forum. Anyone in the gallery or anyone from Senate want to address the class? Senator Belizaire.

Belizaire: I just wanted to make sure that you guys are actually paying attention and not on your phones or anything. I'm not trying to be the bad guy, but I just want to do my job. So if I come to you don't act surprise. Thank you.

Cocco: Sergeant in Arms.

Patel: No Sergeant with Arms.

Patel: If you can come forward and then he'll present it to you.

Cocco: Yeah, come on down Coach Chris. I'm so excited for this. Alright. You want to introduce yourself a little bit?



Malloy: No not really. No. I'm Chris Malloy; I'm the men's golf coach here at South Florida. Just finished...finished up my third year, so I'm excited to be here.

Cocco: Alright. Be it resolved by the Senate of the University of South Florida Student Government assembled, Whereas, The Student Government Senate recognizes the accomplishments and services offered over the course of the past 3 years by Mr. Chris Malloy in his position as Head Coach of the Men's Golf Team at the University of South Florida. Whereas, The Student Government Senate acknowledges his leadership and commitment to the growth and development of the Men's Golf Team, his integral role in transforming the golf program and driving the team to first place victory in the Big East Tournament. Whereas, His exceptional coaching skills earned him the title of Big East Coach of the Year in the 2012-2013 season. Whereas, While a part of the Bulls community, he has dedicated himself to helping men succeed on and off the golf course. Just one year after posting one of the lowest team GPAs, Malloy's golf team increased their average GPA to 3.42, the highest among men's sports at USF. Whereas, We have been fortunate enough to relish in his leadership. With his guidance, our golf program has become a hole-in-one. Therefore, be it resolved by the Senate of the University of South Florida Student Government Assembled, that on behalf of the student body, we thank Coach Chris Malloy for his service at the University of South Florida, extend our gratitude for all he has done, and wish him well in his continuing endeavors.

Malloy: Great, thank you guys. I know you guys have a long night but this means a lot. And you know the...there are a lot of rewards that we have, you know as coaches, but to come in here and be noticed by y'all and throughout campus, and for our team, is really cool, makes all the difference in the world. I know we get stuck in our little bubble over there, you know with Athletics but we don't always have the chance to thank you and everything that you're doing here. This is pretty special that you guys take the time and your hard work, like I said it seems like it can go unnoticed, but it's not. We talk about it all the time and we couldn't do it without you guys, and this championship is first of many to come, I promise. So thanks again, thanks for taking the time.

Patel: Alright, Open Forum, everything else? Nobody else has anything to say? Adam you're good too? I know you like to use Open Forum. I'm just kidding.

## **General Business**

### **1. Confirmations**

#### **a) Chief of Staff Nominee Eskayra Pagan**

Patel: Moving down General Business, the first thing is going to be confirmation of the Chief of Staff Nominee Ms. Eskayra Pagan. You're ready? If you can go ahead and present the position.

Warmke: Hello again. When we reopened the position of Chief of Staff, Scott and I actually wanted to amend the job description to be a little more fitting for how we envision the Chief of Staff in our administration. So we didn't make that many changes, but we wanted to have a more established...of kind of the function of the Chief of Staff. The way we envision it is Chief of Staff structurally is the third in command of the Executive Branch. They are like our primary manager for when Scott and I are away. And their day to day functions we see them sort of an executive director, over all three of our departments. So they're going to make sure that the Marketing Department, Public Relations, Programming are all communicating with each other, their all meeting deadlines, everything is on top, their day to day functions, that way Scott and I are currently up to date with what our departments are doing. For this position we had 26 applicants and we interviewed the top five. The Hiring Committee selected Ms. Eskayra Pagan for her leadership experience and management experience within the Student Government, and outside as well. So any questions about the job description itself?

Patel: Senator Hussein.

Hussein: Why were the Rules and Responsibilities changed, after the first round of, I guess interviews and applications? Why wasn't it changed at the very beginning before you guys put it up to begin with?

Warmke: We did change it, it just wasn't sent out till after by HR.

Patel: Any more questions? Seeing none, thank you. When you're ready to present. Oh you have a question? I apologize.

Pagan: Okay so good evening everyone, my name is Eskayra Pagan. I'm a Senior here at the University of South Florida, double majoring in Public Relations and Political Science. A little bit about myself. This past current term, I was the Director of Communications and I'm also the President of my current Sorority which is Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority Incorporated. Next slide please. So some of my skills and qualifications that I feel make me best fit for the position as Chief of Staff. I'm very organized, I know how to manage my time, I'm good at communication, both verbally and written. I'm very goal oriented, I make sure I do a To-Do list when I want to accomplish a task. And that's it, next slide. Alright, this is some of my work experience here at the University of South Florida. Like I said before this past term I was the current Director of Communications. Part of that I got to oversee my Associate Director and my Coordinators, as well as our Street Team, which was 53 members strong. A lot of that I had to do a lot of press releases, social media; I oversaw a little bit of the website. I got to communicate within the back room with Marketing/Programming Department with ways to promote things. I was also, last Fall, a Network Leader with New Student Connections. I oversaw the Homecoming Network Group, and basically I had a group of 30 to 31 students, they were all Freshmen and I kind of helped them get accommodated to USF. I helped them find different outlets to get involved and then successfully have a homecoming float. My sophomore year here at USF, I was the Public Relations Intern for the USF World Peace Corp. Coming into that position, there wasn't a marketing plan, so I kind of helped them establish a marketing plan, promote their services, have them come in and talk to different classrooms and different professors and different colleges. And yeah I was also a receptionist. Outside involvement includes, like I said before, I was the President of my Sorority Sigma Lambda Gamma and part of my responsibilities was to oversee the everyday functions of my Sorority, report everything back to Nationals and our Regional Director, enforce our different regulations and fines. And I was also a Social Chair, coming in as a new member. I'm also the Public Relations Chair for my council, which is UGC, the Unified Greek Council. And I'm currently the PR Chair, and part of that is just kind of helping them promote our Council and helping them establish a marketing plan. Okay, so my goals for this upcoming year, if appointed...if confirmed, excuse me, is to work closely with the President and Vice President to oversee everything in the Executive Branch. I'm crossing with all the different branches, have open communication with each other, oversee the different departments as mentioned before. Having experience with working with the Communication Department, I want to do a lot of things from there, how they can better work with each other, better communicate with one another, communicate with the different departments...no what...excuse me. I also want to improve the Hiring Process; obviously we already started the Hiring Process, just continuing it making it more efficient and see everything is done, so we can have a complete Exec Staff before the school starts in the Fall. I will continue Transitions as being the past current director and helping the new appointed Director of Communications transition to the Communications Department, and helping out with any other needs that need to be dealt within the Transition Team. I also want to do the same thing, kind of have a monthly calendar, but it's going to include all branches so you can kind of have...so everyone knows what is going on within the three different branches, the different departments, the different agencies. So if we want to come out to each other's meetings, events, support one another, I think that will be a great way to know what is going on within our branches and kind of you know support one another. Also, I want to improve communication internally within Student Government, like I mentioned before without three different branches. Part of that I'd like to have biweekly newsletters come out and kind of meet with the heads of all the branches and see like this is what we're doing, what are you guys working on, that way everyone knows what is happening.

We're sitting in you guy's meeting and just carry out all of our initiatives within the 54<sup>th</sup> term. Help all of our departments, all our branches and agencies, kind of get all their goals established and set up for the students. That's it; do you guys have any questions? Oh and this is my schedule, I apologize. Okay so everything in green is obviously all the hours that I can commit to Student Government, obviously my schedule is very flexible. All the blue are my class and then this would be like my...anything in pink or purple would be my Sorority if something were to come up. My Sorority requirements would include Sunday Chapter Meetings and any events, but that's already scheduled for the Fall and it doesn't conflict with SG so we're good.

[Gavel]

Patel: You have one minute left.

Pagan: That's all.

Patel: Thank you, any questions? Senator Kattih.

Kattih: How many credits are you taking in the Fall?

Pagan: 15 credits.

Kattih: Okay, thank you.

Patel: Any more questions for the nominee? Senator Aziz.

Aziz: Okay. What were the...what were three of your most significant accomplishments in your previous position that relate to this position?

Pagan: Yeah, well I would say one of my biggest accomplishments would be Street Team. Kind of helping them...the year before prior coming in, Street Team had died. Seeing it from my Freshman year kind of went down to kind of nonexistent. I guess you can say kind of helping them regrow and kind of establish themselves kind of back up with my Associate Director and Communication Coordinator. And from there helping them grow as leaders, actually some of my Street Teamers are current Senators for this upcoming school year. Also, communication with Student Organizations and students that helps students kind of communicate more with us, they were more open to asking questions, they were more approachable. And from that we had the elections results watch party where we got to partner with three organizations and partner with USF Communications, Peter Howard, and opening that communication with them as well. And also helping my actual team build themselves as leaders on campus, so that was really good and I could see that in helping me as Chief of Staff.

Patel: Thank you, any more questions? Senator Belizaire.

Belizaire: One of the qualifications for being Chief of Staff is knowing the Student...well being familiar with the Student Government Constitution and Statutes. How familiar are you with those?

Pagan: I do know some of our Rules and Regulations, I've actually looked through it, it's a lot that we have to go through. I do know a lot of our policies, I've sat in like these Senate Meetings, seen the Bills that have past went through, so I'm familiar with everything.

Patel: Questions? Senator Alqasemi.

Alqasemi: What do you foresee being the biggest challenge in a position like this?

Pagan: I would...let see, the challenge would probably be to make sure everyone is on the same page. But part of my goal is to make sure everyone is working fluently and effectively with one another, but that could always...or be overcome with anything that happens. I can see that...just somebody is not on the same page, but just working on them to make it more effective.

Patel: Any more...Senator Aziz.

Aziz: Can you describe your management style and your...I guess methodology for conflict resolution.

Pagan: My management style is I like to oversee whatever it is I'm working on, whatever task we have to accomplish, for example with my past Department or even within my Sorority this is the goal we have to get done and I would just assign those, there are specific tasks and kind of following up on them, and making sure their doing what's done, deadlines are met, things like that. And what was the second part of your question? Can you repeat it?

Aziz: Your methodology for conflict resolution.

Pagan: Yeah, of course. Conflict resolution, I like to sit with whoever is having a certain conflict, talk it out, see where the problem arose and kind of work it out from there. Just moving forward from there to accomplish our original goal.

Patel: Senator Alqasemi.

Alqasemi: Being a President of a Sorority is kind of a big job, and this is kind of a big one. How are you with time management and how do you foresee, you know, balancing the two?

Pagan: I'm very efficient and very effective with my time management. I have a calendar; I have my Outlook calendar as well. I keep everything, even my academics; I have a deadline for everything, outlined a week ahead. With my Sorority there is not going to be any conflict work wise, everything is set in stone for my Sorority. Basically I'm just overseeing my different Board Members, my committees are just going to go ahead and carry out everything we had planned. Which is we took this Summer to plan everything. So it's kind of making sure, just watching, and overseeing them. I'm just kind of the face of representing everyone. So talking, and running board meetings it's not going to conflict with anything in Student Government, so it's all separate times, usually later in the evening as well.

Patel: Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: As you mentioned before, you've had experience working with Student Government. So if you were confirmed tonight, what would you change? Or what would you do differently in this upcoming term?

Pagan: Yes ma'am. Like I mentioned in my presentation one of the main things I want to work on is communication. Last year a lot of the communication was left in midair within our different branches, not everyone knew what was going on, different deadlines that were happening, and kind of supporting one another, so that's one of the main things that I really want to work on. If confirmed tonight, that's one of the main things.

Patel: Follow up?

Pelegrino: And do you have any...a specific idea on how to do that?

Pagan: Yes ma'am. If you saw my presentation I wanted to first, obviously meet with the heads of the different branches and different committees within. I'm going to actually meet, speak with you guys, and meet

with the heads of the Judicial and Legislative branch. See what initiatives they have, maybe we can have initiatives together, collaborate on certain things. Working with the students, the student population as well, seeing their needs and kind of bringing it back to Student Government and ways that we can work with that. And making sure everyone kind of feels at home, everyone feels safe within Student Government, and within each other just working on everything and making sure we care about our goals.

Patel: Thank you, any more questions? Senator Cocco.

Cocco: Why do you want to be Chief of Staff?

Pagan: I personally would like to grow within my leadership skills within here, at USF and Student Government. I see that I do have some qualifications to continue growing and I see great ways to get more involved and learn more about Student Government, more working with Student Body and working with the different branches here at SG.

Patel: Follow up, go ahead.

Cocco: What's your ideal work environment?

Pagan: Basically just make sure everyone is on the same page, there is effective communication. We have everything organized and kind of making sure everyone is on the same page communicating back and forth just to accomplish whatever it is that needs to get done.

Patel: Senator Aziz.

Aziz: Describe a time in your past position when your team failed to meet a specific goal or deadline.

Pagan: Last term a lot of the deadlines were last minute, things that were submitted to us. But since things were submitted to us...Like okay, so within the Communications Department, we have a two week deadline to promote everything within USF outlets, and so a lot of the different initiatives that were being submitted to us had been like last minute. So we basically...we warned them, let them know of the different deadlines and time commitments and hopefully do our best. But even if it was submitted late, my department did went out promoted the most that we could, social media wise. We actually got to...we have a close relationship with EMS and their Marketing Department, so they actually helped us push through everything.

Patel: How else would you further your leadership skills if you are not confirmed for this position?

Pagan: Well obviously there are different outlets here at USF to get involved in. I would still continue to support Student Government, there is different way. Especially Street Team, seeing them, or just helping out any other way possible.

Patel: Questions? Senator Aziz.

Aziz: So as Chief of Staff, you'll be in charge of people beneath you. So how would you establish accountability?

Pagan: Accountability is one of the main things to get everything done. Whatever it is, letting them know this is what has to get done, this is the deadline, following them up. If the person does not do it, kind of following up with them saying why did this happen, and certain actions that have to be taken whether they have to be reprimanded or not to do the...cuz they didn't meet the deadline.

Patel: Final questions? Senator Cocco.

Cocco: You said communication was the biggest issue that you found?

Pagan: Yes.

Cocco: Okay, alright.

Patel: Thank you. I'll take a motion to move into discussion. Senator Antar.

Antar: *Motion to close questioning and move into discussion.*

Patel: Any objections? Seeing none, ma'am

Pagan: Thank you guys.

Patel: Other nominees, just for discussion purposes. Ma'am?

Abraha: Is it just the...can you motion to just have us Senators for discussion purposes.

Patel: We can't really force people out of the rooms, it's a public meeting. But if it's comforting to you we can ask...

Abraha: That's fine.

Patel: We can informally request they leave. You good? Cool. Alright, you opened the forum.

Antar: Pros/cons. In pro/con three per side, 1 minute speaking time.

Patel: Alright, pro/con. Can I get a con? Are there any cons? Cool, well then I'll take another motion. Senator Strenges.

Strenges: *Motion to vote by roll call.*

Patel: Sure, any objections? Seeing none. One is yes, two is no, three is to abstain. Everyone's good? Who else abstained? Somebody else abstained. Like here's a clicker, here's one, here's number three. Alright, we'll just redo it then, that's fine. Because it... you're more than welcome to abstain if you just send us a reason or if you just say your reason, I don't mind. Everyone's clicked in? **Alright, 27:0:1 this nominee is confirmed.** If someone can please let...And now we'll state the oath.

Patel: As a member of the Student Government of the University of South Florida, and raise your right hand.

Pagan: As a member of the Student Government of the University of South Florida.

Patel: I, state your full name.

Pagan: I Eskayra Pagan.

Patel: Do hereby affirm to uphold the office of.

Pagan: I hereby...I Eskayra Pagan do hereby affirm to uphold the office of Chief of Staff.

Patel: To abide by the Student Body Constitution.

Pagan: To abide by the Student Body Constitution.

Patel: To incorporate... to uphold the Statutes incorporated therein.

Pagan: To uphold the Statutes incorporated therein.

Patel: And to represent the Student Body to the best of my ability.

Pagan: And to represent the Student Body to the best of my ability.

Patel: Thank you ma'am.

Pagan: Thank you.

As a member of the Student Government of the University of South Florida, I [state full name] do hereby affirm to uphold the office of [state the office], To abide by the Student Body Constitution, to uphold the Statutes incorporated therein, and to represent the Student Body to the best of my ability."

**b) Director of Student Government Computer Services Nominee Mitchell Fratesi**

Patel: Alright, moving down the list, the Director of Student Government, the SGCS, which is our Computer Services on the first floor, and that's the nominee right there, Mr. Fratesi. And they are going to come present...they are going to first present the position to the majority. Alright, the floor is yours.

Sandoval: Thank you. Hello, I'm back. This is for the Director of SGCS. There was 27 applicants with 3 interviews. We found Mr. Fratesi here; he had been working as a computer assistant in the lab for about the past 6 months. A little bit about the job, they're responsible for the budget of SGCS, managing a staff of 19 to 20 people, as well as the daily operations of both the first and second level of the computer lab. So just a little bit about the position and how we went about appointing this young man. So is there any questions?

Patel: Senator Kattih.

Kattih: Why do you only interview three people? I know usually...I mean the minimum is three and I know usually you guys interview more than that, so I was just wondering.

Sandoval: Okay, so we had a Hiring Committee comprised of myself, along with Will, our SGATO representative and Zoya Khan, the past Associate Director of...or Assistant Director of SGCS. And she honestly picked out the three for us. What you'll see with Bulls Radio, Nick Gryniwicz and I, we came together and we decided on the three from him. We honestly, all of our applicants were from inside of SGCS, so it's no one from outside. That's how we went about doing it; we listened to her and got her input. So we made the best decision.

Kattih: Thank you.

Patel: Senator Aziz.

Aziz: Okay, since you're the man with the Agencies. What's your vision for the SGCS Director?

Sandoval: Okay. My vision personally is I want to rebrand all three of my agencies. I want to make them as efficient as possible. Whether it be with a work schedule plan, I mean he'll tell you a little bit about it. Now

they have the...they currently use a spreadsheet system. I'm all about the numbers, I'm all about efficiency. I want to get people in and out and I want to hold people accountable. And I want to make sure that the system is working to the best of its ability, it's not. I think that he can bring it to that ability, and that's my plan for every single one of my agencies. I want them to work as effectively as possible. Any other questions?

Patel: What do you believe is SGCS's biggest weakness?

Sandoval: Oh goodness. The hiring or the ...not the hiring...the scheduling system is the biggest conflict...or the biggest issues. Also how they process people in and get them on their way. I think those are the two biggest issues. Also I think some people don't necessarily know much about SGCS, so when they get in there they are a little lost. But personally, I think on paper I think the flaw comes down to the scheduling program. I think that it's just a whole...I mean if you fix the scheduling process then you're able to make sure people are working when they are supposed to. And it's a nice...if there is not a scheduling process some people are working more than others, some people are going to get burnt out more than others, some people are going to feel more or less disconnected from SGCS. So you don't have everyone working to the full ability, because it's not fair. Just the way it is.

Patel: Senator Scharon.

Scharon: For SGCS is it meant to be more like...is that like literally taking care of the computers, or is it just the people downstairs when I'm trying to print something? I'm not sure really what SGCS is.

Sandoval: Okay. SGCS is...they maintain the computer lab right. So what he's gone ahead and done, which he'll tell you, is that they do rounds. So every 30 minutes when they have downtime, they go around and they ask if you need any assistance. You know some people are completely lost or they don't know how to print, so he assists them with that issue. In addition they aren't necessarily allowed to do tech support because that is IT. And so in the past they were able to fix computers, but now what they have to do they have to switch out a mouse or keyboard, or do basic troubleshooting effects. And that's simply because they are not trained to do so, they're not supposed to do so, that's IT's job. So they maintain the area, and they make sure that the students feel as welcomed as possible.

Patel: Anymore questions? Thank you sir.

Sandoval: Okay. Good luck.

Fratesi: Thank you. Alright, guys. Hello, my name is Mitchell Fratesi.

Patel: This actually is a clicker. And then just sliding over will move on. And you have five minutes in total. One tap of this gavel means that you have a minute, two taps 30 seconds and three taps you're out.

Fratesi: Okay. Three strikes you're out. Alright guys. Like I said my name is Mitchell Fratesi and I'm the applicant student director for SGCS, or Student Government Computer Services. A little about myself, I'm a USF student, obviously, been here since the Fall of 2010. I'm currently a Senior. I'm double majoring in Business Management and Chemical Engineering, also minoring in Entrepreneurship. And I currently maintain a 3.2 GPA.

Patel: It also has a laser in case you want to point to stuff.

Fratesi: Cool, cool. Experience wise, like he said I've been employed with SGCS for six months. I'm currently the most tenure employee there that will be there in the Fall, because everyone is graduating. So other experience includes, I was a catastrophe service assistant through State Farm, doing a lot of customer relations. And worked with BookHolders back in my youth, and was a Clerk and did Warehouse



Management. Qualifications. Some words I like to describe myself, dependable, I'm always dependent. If I say I'm going to do something, I'm going to do it. If I say I'm going to be somewhere, I'm going to be there. Adaptable, I'm okay with change. If something has to be different, as long as it's the right, correct way to do it, I'm okay with it. Productive, I'm always productive. Cooperative, can handle different types of people, even discouraged...or disgruntled, I'm okay, cooperate really well. And congenial, I'm always positive, always going to maintain a positive attitude. Vision improvements for SGCS. Okay, my overall goal going into the Director position is I want to maintain the efficiency of the lab and I want to improve it. We do get a lot of students coming in and out of the lab, especially during the Fall and Spring semesters when there's a lot more students on campus. And during, around lunch time, there's a lot more students on campus. It gets pretty busy in the lab, and I want the procedure of getting in and out of the lab to be much more quicker. So that's what my plan is as the Director. I think one way to do that is to let more people know about the procedure of the SGCS. Like she said earlier, she was unaware of what exactly SGCS is, what they offer. Basically we are a computer lab and printing center, that's what we do. We enable students to use the computer to print out whatever documents they need, print them out and let them be on their way. Also, they can use the computers to do their personal work if they choose to do so. I just want that to be more communicated. We currently have a website, it hasn't been updated in I think a couple years, because it's one of those situations where the past Director was in charge of it. I want to get back control of the website, but in the meantime I think a Facebook group would suffice...or not a group, a page. To just let people know hey here's the hours; here is what we offer, so that it's that much easier. Cooperative learning amongst my employees, I think that is something that we need to implement. Basically if you are approached as an employee by a student that has a question, I want both students at the desk to take part in helping. In case one of the employees doesn't know the answer, the other one can teach them. So, so back and forth, that way everyone is well rounded as far as any problem that comes up. Ease Employment Schedule, like Scott was saying, we're trying to develop a new way to schedule. Right now we have 10 employees, hoping to have 15 by the Fall, and we need to have a new way of keeping them all in communication. When to work software, is the technology we want to implement. It's a website and also a smartphone application that everyone logs into it and just basically adjusts their availability, and I set the set hours and shift schedules and then it automatically creates the schedule. That way it's fair, based on what their availability is, because I know that was the issue. Developing and increasing communication, in the past we had issues with getting a couple emails here and there from our Director, and sometimes they get lost in the amount of emails you get in a day. I want my employees to know that they are getting emails every Monday and every Friday of the week. That way they know what's coming and what's...this week, what happened last week. They're use to that so they know what's going on, it's very well communicated. And also maintain professionalism, is very important. We are a reflection of Student Government. I think that maintaining professionalism is extremely important in that regard. Course load for next Fall. As you can see this is just my week at a glance. I'm taking 14 hours, all the white is all the time I'm available. So I'll be involved with SGCS anytime I'm not in the class. And I have no outside commitments beside Student Government, so I believe that won't be an issue. I'm taking one online class as well, so. Thank you very much for your time. I just want to give you guys the opportunity to ask any questions.

Patel: Floor is open for questions. Thank you sir. Senator Aziz.

Aziz: Can you...Can you give us an example of a time in your recent life that you're being fiscally responsible.

Fratesi: Physically responsible.

Aziz: No, fiscally responsible.

Fratesi: Oh, okay. I mean I guess being a college student, in general. Can you elaborate more on the question?

Aziz: Kinda left it open-ended for you to pick your situation that you're fiscally responsible in.

Fratesi: Basically the fact that I wake up every morning and maintain myself, and my home and residence, shows me being responsible.

Patel: If you want to clarify the question.

Aldridge: I think he means, fiscally responsible, which is like in terms of money, not physically responsible.

Fratesi: Okay. Sorry. Okay so I work...worked a job in BookHolders where I handled money directly from customers. I was responsible with making sure that the cash that I took in matched the cash that was recorded in the register. Also, my budgeted amount that I'm allotted each month to live off of, that's money that I'm not drowning myself into debt, I'm not gambling myself away at the Hard Rock. I feel like that...I've been there. I feel like that shows.

Patel: Questions? Senator Scharon.

Scharon: I'm one of those people who looks at a computer and it crashes. So would you consider yourself very patient and very willing to work with people who are horrible with computers?

Fratesi: Absolutely, I can give you a little story. A month ago a woman walked into the computer lab, and she sat down and she stared at her computer, and she asked me for my help. So I walked over and said yes what can I do. And she looks in front of her and of course there is a monitor, a keyboard and a mouse. And she points to the mouse and says excuse me I'm not really sure what this is. So based on that information I can tell she wasn't, you know, huge into computers. And she told me she hasn't really been using computers most of her life, and just started. So you know I coached her through it. I was like okay, you know this is your mouse, you know this is how you log in, and like I'm very patient. I understand that there is a completely diverse amount of students at this school and their computer knowledge is very different. So I of course like to be patient with any student.

Patel: Senator Abraha.

Abraha: Do you have any experience with management, since you're going to be looking after 20 employees and making the schedules?

Fratesi: Management directly, never been in charge, like as a superior, but I have worked in teams before. I have been...I have done my duty as far as being in a team, through my classes, through different projects that I have done. I have been responsible, I've never been directly the superior officer, or the person that to rely on. But I honestly don't think I will have any trouble. I feel like I am confident enough and have the power to get over any obstacle a manager would have.

Patel: Senator Hussein.

Hussein: One of your rules is to maintain the SGCS budget. So have you made a budget before and looked at the previous SGCS budget?

Fratesi: Before Jose left, he was the previous Director of SGCS, he sat me down, he showed me how the whole budget is allocated, how everything is done and how he...basically how he set it up and how he followed the past Directors. And it was nothing that I couldn't handle, it was very straight forward. And I'm sure if I did run into an issue, he's right there in my phone to ask a question. But yes, through my entrepreneurship classes, taken...looked at establishing a business and looking at a business plan. So I understand every aspect of establishing a budget.

Patel: Senator Aziz.

Aziz: How would you deal with a situation where one of your employees was...just being on Facebook and doing homework during...when they're clocked in during work?

Fratesi: Being on Facebook. Okay I'm not sure if you're away, but as students...or employees of SGCS; you are allowed to be doing homework and clocked it...on Facebook, while you're working. It's part of the fact that we're not constantly being assistance. That we are approached by students when they need help, we're not standing there when they walk in and saying how may I help you. So that's just what they do while they are in their down time, besides the walking around, doing rounds, feeding the printers with papers, and just fixing the lab in general. But yes they are allowed to do that.

Patel: Senator Strenge.

Strenge: Can you explain more on the cooperative learning?

Fratesi: Cooperative learning, okay absolutely. There are definitely times when I'm sitting at the computer lab, and there is usually two people sitting at the front desk. And a student may approach one of us and ask us a question that sometimes is a little more difficult. Like hey this Adobe PDF file won't read, can you show me how to do it? Most of the time one of us will get up and look at it. I want both of us to go and approach the student, assuming that there is enough...there isn't a lot of people in there demanding questions. That way we can both be part of the problem solving. So that if I didn't know the solution to the problem, I could learn from my fellow employee, that way in the future if it is busy we both have known the answer. Because there's time in there when you run into issues that you don't know the answer to, and it takes somebody else's knowledge to help you solve it. It's not very straightforward, as far as clear cut.

Patel: Senator Fernandez.

Fernandez: You said that prior to applying for this job, this position, that Jose kind of taught you the ropes and stuff. Is there anything that you see from Jose that you would like to change for the future?

Fratesi: Yes, like I mentioned earlier. His communication wasn't the best. He wasn't that good at like describing issues that we had, and I feel that my communication skills are far superior to his. And would be able to mostly...sorry it's not really showing my communication skills right now. But by emailing my staff twice a week, regularly, plus whatever else I need to alert them about, I feel like that will automatically amp up the level of communication.

Patel: Senator Strenge.

Strenge: Can you elaborate on the Fast Print initiative that you talked about in JEC?

Fratesi: Yes, absolutely. I'm not sure how familiar you guys are with SGCS, but we do have some speed printers like they do in the library. We actually have one. Lately it hasn't really been utilized as a speed printer, there's four computers next to one printer. The whole idea is to be able to walk in...walk in and sit down, print out your documents, and leave. Well, basically the set up that we have now, all of the computers are just as quick as the speed print, because they all print to the same printers but the speed print basically just causes confusion when you walk in. Students will sit down, and won't understand that this computer only prints to this printer. They'll walk to the other printer and it just causes utter confusion. So what I want to do is I want to make the speed print set up in our lab similar to the computer lab in the library, where you walk in, you see the computers elevated on the tables and then that way it just shows, oh okay this isn't for working on the computer, it's for printing and leaving. So I think that's really my goal of that, which is that it's just an initiative I just want to look into.

Patel: What kind of relationship do you have with the USF IT right now?

Fratesi: The relationship we have basically is we only really call them when we have issues and we send employees to them. I'm not sure if you're asking my personal relationship, or as general as far as the lab goes.

Patel: Both.

Fratesi: Okay. I say hi to them, I know them when I come in we talk and chat. We know the RICOH service guy, who is the printer maintenance man. But, basically if I have an issue with the lab it's just one phone call away, you know say hey we have an issue with printer number 6 or computer number 42, and they're like okay not a problem, we'll take care of it as soon as possible. And it's really not an issue.

Patel: Senator Aziz.

Aziz: Two questions. Since appointed what have you been up to? And could you describe your ideal work environment as Director?

Fratesi: First question. Since our Director graduated in May our Assistant Director has pretty much maintained his position and since she...anytime that she's in the office, I'm working closely with her. She's basically talking to me about you know when I'm gone this is like the responsibility of the daily, what you have to do weekly, and basically what as far as ordering supplies or making sure that there is paper in the back room or whatever. She just basically is gonna give me all the communication information as soon as I'm confirmed. But and then, ideal work environment. I honestly like the work environment where everyone is just having a good time, being positive. I know when you walk into the computer lab it can kind of get kinda dull, like you know people are in there hammering away at their computers; we're kind of just sitting there silent. Like as long as everyone in there is like happy and they're basically maintaining a whatever level of work that they are doing at the time, and not like pissed off all the time, or my students...or you know...not my students, my employees have a smile on their face when people walk in, and they say how may I help you. I'm set; I'm very content with that.

Patel: What is the next piece of technology you would like to see in SGCS?

Fratesi: That's a really good question. The newest piece of technology, I can go off of that, is we just removed all our scanning tools in the printing...printing lab. And all of the copy machines now actually image documents and send them to your email. That's pretty cool, but we also have issues with people actually utilizing the scanners to like actually do photo scanning, because most of the copy machines are like only document quality. I would like to maybe bring in like better imaging scanners. Ones that can like image photos for students that want to do like more graphical design type of work in the computer lab. Because it is a laboratory, it's in the root word of computer lab, and you should be able to do more than one thing.

Patel: Any more questions? Senator Cocco.

Cocco: What's your biggest accomplishment in the past 6 months?

Fratesi: Biggest accomplishment in the past 6 months. I mean being appointed the SGCS Director was pretty big for me. I mean being a Computer Assistant was...wasn't...I don't know how to describe it. It was good, I was content with that job, the fact that I was approached, they told my...my superiors told me to apply, that was pretty big and getting the appointment was pretty big accomplishment.

Patel: Go ahead, follow up.

Cocco: What legacy do you want to leave behind if appointed and confirmed?

Fratesi: Okay, I think that our transition process is an issue. It's not...since my Director has been appointed, it was...it has changed entirely. It was when IT left us as being like the sole brains behind the operation. And we actually as SGCS were like kind of our own entity, just kind of like not IT based anymore. And since then we've been doing well as far as maintaining ourselves, but I think that a clear cut transitional process as far as how we do things, needs to be very well clear cut. And I think that if I implement something like that, when I leave it's not a hard transition for the next Director. I feel like that's what I would want to leave behind.

Patel: Go ahead.

Cocco: Crap, I had it. Television, does that ever get used?

Fratesi: Okay, that's another thing.

Cocco: Tell be about that man. It's just sitting there, you know.

Fratesi: Back in the day, I don't know if you guys noticed, we have that big...what's like a 46 inch monitor hanging from the wall...

Cocco: Yeah, it's just chilling.

Fratesi: And it's just closed...or just off. When we first opened up, it basically told you what computers were available. That way you don't have to kind of like duck around through the maze of computers to figure out where the empty slots were. It basically said hey this computer is open, this computer is open, this computer is open. Since we changed our server set up, it doesn't work anymore. What I really want to do is, I'll work with Scott as well, is make that a message center like we have in the hallways in the Marshall Center that basically just says what's going on day by day. I don't know...I'm not really sure who is in control of that but I really think what we should put in there, that way if someone is bored and they're looking up from the computer they're like oh so and so is happening next week, or something...whatever.

Cocco: So a daily bulletin.

Patel: Any more questions? Thank you, I'll take a motion.

Fratesi: Thank you guys very much.

Patel: I'll take a motion. Senator Scharon.

Scharon: *Motion for discussion.*

Patel: Any objections to closing questions/answer and moving to discussion? Seeing none, what is your forum? Ma'am, what forum would you like to use? Like moderated...

Scharon: Pro/con.

Patel: Pro/con?

Scharon: Okay.

Patel: Alright, how many pros, how many cons ma'am?

Scharon: Three, three.

Patel: Any objections? Alright moving in, can I get three cons? Can I get one con? And I'll take another motion. Senator Antar.

Antar: *Motion to close discussion and move into voting.*

Patel: Any objections? Alright, we're now into voting. One again is yes. Two is no and three is to abstain. And for those of you who I guess are new still, you can override...like let's say you accidentally clicked three, you can click two and it'll trump three, Or vice-versa. **This nominee is confirmed with a vote of 27:0:1.** If someone can let him back in. If you could raise your right hand.

Patel: As a member of the Student Government of the University of South Florida

Fratesi: As a member of the Student Government of the University of South Florida

Patel: I, state your full name.

Fratesi: I Mitchell Martin Fratesi.

Patel: Do hereby affirm to uphold the office of.

Fratesi: Do hereby affirm to uphold the office of SGCS Director.

Patel: To abide by the Student Body Constitution.

Fratesi: To abide by the Student Body Constitution.

Patel: To uphold the Statutes incorporated therein.

Fratesi: To uphold the Statutes incorporated therein.

Patel: And to represent the Student Body to the best of my ability.

Fratesi: And to represent the Student Body to the best of my ability.

Patel: Thank you sir.

Fratesi: Thank you very much.

### **c) Director of WXBL Student Radio Nominee (Bull Radio) Cole Giering**

Patel: Alright, we're having too many technical difficulties to be able to do the Skype tonight. So we'll forego the next confirmation until next week. Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: *Motion to postpone the nominee till next meeting.*

Patel: Any objections? Alright so we'll see Mr. Cole Giering next week, because this thing is broken.

## **2. Statutory Legislation on Second Reading**

**a) SB [S] 54-002 Title VIII Review**

Patel: Alright, moving down, Statutory Legislation on Second Reading. The first thing we have is Title VIII Review. And a very cool thing that Ali did, which is they don't really do that all that often, which is he has an overview sheet, which I did send out to all of you. It'll actually show you pointers of where we changed things, that way you don't always have to scroll through the document. You're more than welcome to use your iPad or iPhone or whatever, to scroll through that or to scroll through this. Your laptops you're allowed to use for this purpose. Other than that pay attention to him because he puts work into that stuff. And here's a laser if you'd like it.

Antar: Oh, that's cool. Thanks. Alright, okay so right here we have Title VIII Review, we've already looked at it once. But as per the discussion I had in my report, I'd like...can we get the motion to enter reading? I think that's a good idea.

Patel: Sure, I'll take a motion. If you don't have a motion guys we can just sit...oh alright, senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: *Motion to enter the second reading of SB [S] 54-002.*

Patel: Any objections? Seeing none, we are now in second reading.

Antar: Okay so we're going to go ahead and read this Bill. So the intent of this Legislation shall be to take into consideration the changes to 801, 802, 803, 805, 809, 810 and 811 brought forth by the Title VIII Ad-Hoc Review Committee completed in the 53<sup>rd</sup> Term. We're going to skip over the things that aren't changed. Scroll down to the bottom, the first change will be 801.2.2. right here. This concerns the travel category which used to exist before Special Funding existed. But anyway it now says, no student organization, crossed out excluding the Sports Club, to deviate from the original allocation by transferring monies from the Travel Grant allocation to any other budget category. So it just sort of clarifies that there is no more travel category, it's just grant allocation and they are not allowed to transfer out of that grant allocation. Right under it we added a little thing, 801.2.3, that's a new sub clause. Sport's Clubs may transfer monies from the travel category to any other budget category, because they do have a travel category as they are different from regular Student Organizations. And they are allowed to transfer out of the travel category, the three I think are like contractual services, equipment and travel. Those are the three categories as opposed to food, materials and a travel grant allocation, if you have it; it's not really a category. But anyway, scrolling on down.

Patel: Would you like to go through and discuss these now, while we are already on them, or would you like to wait with...

Antar: Well we are allowed to take amendments on the second reading. So if anyone has any amendments they'd like to make, I guess we can do it as we go as opposed to at the end, because we've already had one full reading last week. So if we get to a clause that you wanted to change, I guess we can take those motions as long as we're on the reading. Can we? No? We have to finish reading?

Aldridge: Yes. Sorry.

Antar: We're going to finish the reading. Okay we're going to finish the reading, and when we finish the reading you can propose it. Just take note if the one you wanted to change passed. Scrolling on down, I don't know if there is anything else in...801.19. We struck this clause, it concerns fund raising for Student Organizations. Seeing as to how they are not allowed to fund raise anymore, there is no point to having it. So any monies collected in conjunction doesn't happen, so struck it 801.19. Scrolling on down, 802.5. We changed; I think almost...I think all the changes in 802 Funding Eligibility Chapter concerns changes from the OSO to the CSI, so that's from the Office of Student Organizations to the Center of Student Involvement. Just to make sure, because Office of Student Organizations doesn't exist anymore. So 805.5,

802.6, and 802.8, there was nothing added or removed, there was just those changes. 803.3, we struck the automated budget request system, because that isn't really used. We just have organizations submit their budget request to the Chair or the person in charge that was struck. Aside from that in 803.3.1 and 803.3.2, we changed the 8 to a Roman Numeral VIII, which may or may not actually require changing of the Bill, but it's still there. 803.6.3, hello there we go. We changed this from past years performance to performance in the past year, because it was difficult to say and it was hard on the tongue. So it's grammatically a little easier, and easier to take, so performance in the past year from past year's performance. Scrolling right on down, I don't think there are any other changes in 803. 804...805 Activity and Service Fee Interim Funding. This was redundant so we struck this line here in 805.2, which were not already allocated within the Annual A&S Budget Bill or not within the annual allocation. The A&S Budget Bill and the annual allocation are the same thing, so we don't need it to be said twice. Scrolling on down, 805 doesn't have any more changes. 809.4, we added the Senate President to keep it consistent. So once...this concerns sweep exemptions. Yeah this entire chapter is Sweep Exemptions, 809. Anyways, once the Sweep Exemption Bill is approved by the Senate and signed by the Senate President, Student Body President, and President of the University. Besides if something is passed by the Senate, it should be signed off by the Senate President anyway, I don't know what it wasn't mentioned but now it is, so it's there. Scrolling down to 810, those were changes that were actually made in a previous Bill, they just weren't removed. Those aren't actually changes by this Bill, those were already approved, they're already codified in the Statutes. Scrolling on down, the one change we have here is 810.7. There it is. Okay, so that was added, it's just a travel restriction. Any A&S funded student organization who receives a Travel Grant is ineligible for a transfer request for the trip in which they received funding. SO they just can't move out of the travel grant, once they get that allocation its solid. They can't put it into any other categories and I don't think they can put it towards another grant, can they? Another travel grant? And yeah that was also from the last Bill. That is it for 810. And then we have 811, Student Government Special Accounts. And these changes really concerned adding in the word written authorization, because we would like to have ...Yeah snaps, thank you Mr. Cocco. But anyways, so instead of authorization or just joint approval, it's written authorization throughout. Yeah, so we get that paper trail and it's all there. So that's 811.2, .3 and .4. And that's the end of the Bill, the end of the changes to Statutes in the Bill. So if I wanted to read the whole Bill we'd end up reading all of Title VIII. So now we can now...

Patel: Alright, I'll take a motion to close the reading thing.

Antar: It's the end; we just need to end reading the Bill. So we can just take a motion to amend them.

Aldridge: Yes.

Patel: Does anyone have any amendments they'd like to make. Senator Rum, I thought you were raising your hand.

Cocco: You have an amendment, what?

Patel: Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: Yeah I have an amendment.

Patel: Yes ma'am.

Pelegrino: Do I have to motion for amendment?

Patel: Just mention what clause.



Pelegrino: Okay, if you could go to 802.5. The abbreviation CSI was introduced for the first time. I believe it should be written out, Center for Student Involvement since it was the first time that it appears in the document.

Antar: Okay, that's actually a very good point. See we started out with an acronym as opposed to the actual writing out. Anyone with a motion?

Patel: I mean that's...

Antar: The thing is it's not written out.

Patel: That's grammatical. That's....it doesn't change the intent of anything, it's still CSI. The way it works is usually...

Antar: How are you sure that's not Crime Scene Investigation.

Patel: Just replace CSI with CSI.

Antar: You kind of crossed out the rest of it though.

Patel: Alright, is that...

Pelegrino: If you can just make that...

Patel: Sure.

Aldridge: Just for the record, since you have to motion to amend. *We'll motion to amend 803.5 by entering CSI or Center for Student Involvement and putting CSI in parentheses.*

Patel: Any objection to the motion? Seeing none, and then also it's up to you guys, we can switch the Center of Student Involvement back to CSI as they refer to in the rest of the document. I'll take a motion. Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: *Motion to replace Center of Student Involvement by it's abbreviation in 802.6 and the rest of the document.*

Patel: Thank you, any objections? Seeing none, it will be replaced, alright, any more amendments? Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: I have a couple; I'll go ahead and give you the piece of paper. It's section 801, I know he's reading it as we go.

Patel: Would you like to read them out loud?

Aldridge: Sure.

Patel: Thank you sir.

Aldridge: First amendment that...okay between 801.3...alright, let me just preface. I have three amendments on this one, they're all related to the fact that the problem of some of the Bills...statutes that we have is over time what we do is we sort of change a word here, we change a word there, we add a little to be sort of flexible. The problem is that it's not been changed in the law in the period of time, so we're really sort of confusing ourselves in the way it has been phrase. If you go...scroll up slightly, okay. SO the first amendment

that I would like to at least I guess bring to the floor is to create a new 801.4 and you have to move the 801.4 down to 801.5. And it would state that all A&S funded student organizations except...I'll wait. Student Organizations.

Patel: You can go ahead and just say it, I'll type it out.

Aldridge: Okay. Except those under the purview of either the Sports Club Council or the College of Medicine Council, as it's currently stated. We know there are efforts to...alter the composition of the College of Medicine Council, but for right now it's still College of Medicine Council. So except those under the purview of the Sports Club Council or the College of Medicine Council, may have only one budget category of food and materials. Purview is Purview.

Patel: Just continue.

Aldridge: Comma may have only one budget category of food and materials. Now if you look directly above it at 801.3 it states that food and materials is one category so they don't have to submit budget transfer for. But we never stated anywhere that all student organizations, except those...those two councils, all they have now I one budget category. Because travel, they don't have a travel category. However both the SCC and the COM Council, they do. Well obviously one receives funds to the category and for COM they have a category but they don't have any funds in it, so they could use transfer funds to build their...but that's separate from what we're talking about. Anyways, all other student organizations, they only have one category but we've sort of...it's going to be able to help. If you got up to 801.2.2, there is a second amendment that I have that you are going to strike 801.2.2 because they're not going to have any other budget category, and 801.2, both that and the sub-clause as well. And so there's another amendment that, actually right there where you're at, go ahead and add this. No student organization

Patel: Just want me to type?

Aldridge: Yeah just right beside that. Excluding those under the purview of either the Sports Club Council or the College of Medicine Council, may submit a transfer request to deviate from the original allocation. And that's the end of that. And there's one other thing. Obviously if that goes in then the question is asked what about SCC or COM Council? SCC, and this is sort of one issue with the way we've had these Bills is that we're not changing anything with COM Council until we have a new Constitution from the College of Medicine. So this can be a...pretty large and substantial change to the Chapter 807, but in the...I'm just, sorry...We can clarify more about SCC in the next Bill, but the problem is that we can't really clarify for the COM Council, because we don't have it in any of our chapters. So I do have an amendment to...or a sub-clause to that amendment right there that states the organizations under the purview...

Patel: Go ahead.

Aldridge: Okay, take your time. It's a sub-clause to 801.2.2.

Patel: Right.

Aldridge: Okay. Organizations under the purview of the College of Medicine Council may only submit a budget transfer request for the purposes of transferring funds into the travel category.

Patel: Need to excuse me.

Aldridge: No, that's right, their travel category.

Patel: Thank you sir.

Aldridge: They may also submit a budget transfer request to transfer funds from their travel category to budget category of food and materials.

Patel: Of?

Aldridge: Food and materials, only if funds previously transferred in due travel were not spent. Now frankly this is probably a very short change...I'm sorry, it's...

Patel: Let me just say, I don't know how Stephen or Nadima or Stacey...

Aldridge: I have a paper; she can copy and paste the paper. We're going to be able to go more in depth on this when we have the new Bill for the College of Medicine, so this may be when we get to the fall, this may be something that may be struck or to be clarified in 807. But if you looked in the 54-003 Bill, there's stuff that clarifies budget transfer request for Student Council. So that issue is going to be resolved in 806, but this one has to be solved here because we're not dealing with 807 right now. And that is all for this Bill.

Patel: Thank you sir. And would you like to discuss this now? As a Senate would you like to discuss these proposed amendments? My ...Senator Hussein? Stand up.

Hussein: Before you said that organizations can't transfer money into their travel. So what difference is the organization of the College of Medicine Council from other organizations?

Patel: They are already allocated...like okay SCC, Sports Club Council sorry, their whole purpose is travel, at least the way we recognize it to I guess a greater scale. And so they still have that travel budget line where as let's say Abdool's org does not, because they have the access to the Travel Grant, which Hiba's Committee will allocate. SCC and any organizations underneath it cannot request travel; they cannot come to the travel grant. But that's why they give them this budget to just go on travel. And then College of Medicine the same concept.

Aldridge: Because the idea of the College of Medicine is that they wanted to, more or less, have the same abilities that the Sports Club Council do. So while we don't typically...at this point we are not funding them annual funding for travel, we've already established in 807 the ability for them to submit a transfer request. So it's only telling...it's basically further outlining it and the only reason it's not in 807 because we don't have the Bill in front of us yet.

Patel: And then the biggest reason why again we even formed two separate councils was we don't have a good understanding of how they operate or how the orgs underneath them operate or how they are fiscally demanding. So this would be another fiscal opportunity like to have them I guess handle to a better scale. You have a follow up?

Hussein: Yeah, I just have a couple more things, just two fast things.

Patel: Sure.

Hussein: I remember you said that they could transfer money to the travel category. Under the under clause, I don't remember which one, but then you made the exception for the Sports Club Council, should you make that exception also for the College...College of Medicine or?

Patel: Can you point at it.

Antar: Is this what you're talking about?

Patel: The thing we struck?

Hussein: It was an addition.

Antar: It was an addition but it's since been struck as a part of the proposed amendments.

Hussein: Oh okay.

Aldridge: They say it in 806. One of the amendments in 806, not even something I'm proposing yet, one of the things in 806 says they have the ability to transfer budgets across all categories including travel. You're just then repeating the same thing and it makes more sense to define Sport Club Travel in a Sports Club Chapter.

Hussein: Okay. And then my final thing, I guess this is just me but, for the one that you added, the clause that you added, wouldn't it be easier to just like break it off to two other sub-clauses. Where one for the travel category and the other one would be the transfer money to like...the like second clause says they may also submit a budget transfer request to transfer funds...yeah that part.

Aldridge: Because I realized that that is a...first, second, third degree sub-clause already and I figured maybe we should not make a fourth degree sub-clause. If you want to make a fourth degree sub-clause just add another .1 at the end and go ahead.

Hussein: Because that just seems lengthy, but I don't know.

Antar: Regardless I think, once...can I?

Aldridge: Go ahead.

Antar: The way that you kind of struck the Sports Club travel category budget transfers, I'm pretty sure that once we get the College of Medicine's restructuring in line, this will probably end up moving to that chapter. So this for right now just to hold the fort, and plug the whole until we actually build them again, so...

Patel: Any more questions? Senator Lopez.

Lopez: Just a point of clarification. So when we allocate money to these councils, it's broken up for them. Because you're saying they transfer from...from one to the travel so...

Patel: The way it works is we allocate them a lump sum. We'll give them 200,000, they will further allocate them down to, this is for your orgs food and materials, this is for your orgs overhead or what have you. And then the specific orgs underneath the umbrella are the ones who come back and say we want to transfer this into this. So like...

Lopez: So this is all just going back to the Council, not to us?

Patel: Exactly.

Lopez: Okay.

Patel: It just gives them guidelines on how to actually do it, just because it mirrors our process. Senator Cocco.

Cocco: First of all, Chairman Antar you're College of Medicine Senator does this make sense...for your peoples?

Antar: Yeah, yeah.

Cocco: Okay.

Antar: It allows them to keep their transfer...their travel and transfer. It's the same regulation we had on travel and travel category as we did for regular divisions, if I'm not mistaken. And that is something that College of Medicine would like to maintain.

Cocco: Okay. Linda we talked about that, but that's a side note.

Antar: That's a side note, yeah I don't think we can...there's any way we can codify Linda Crossman having responsibilities here.

Cocco: Okay. (Inaudible).

Antar: (Inaudible).

Cocco: Alright, I just remembered Neil's like...okay. But anyways travel categories to food materials right? Or is it of food?

Antar: This one?

Cocco: Is that right?

Patel: No that's right.

Aldridge: From...no hold on.

Antar: From the travel category.

Aldridge: Oh you need to include, between category and of, to a budget category.

Cocco: Okay, see that makes more sense.

Patel: Wait what? That makes zero sense.

Antar: No here, here. Instead of the...

Patel: Oh, sorry.

Antar: From the travel category to the budget category.

Patel: Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: I'm just still trying to understand this. What type of travel do College of Medicine organizations do?

Patel: They're no different travel than the travel of the org you are a part of. So when CASA would go to, let's say, like some cool event. Like let's say there is a convention in Tallahassee or Atlanta, it would be I

guess...the orgs purpose is to spread the Cuban American kinda culture. And whatever the purpose the College of Medicine Council, or the College of Medicine org would have, like let's say they like to deal with stethoscope. So like the national stethoscope org. They want to go to the stethoscope convention, same concept. So they would just travel under their mission, whatever their mission was. Ma'am?

Pelegriño: So then why do the College of Medicine Council or whatever, get a travel category and regular student organizations done get a travel category? What's the point?

Patel: Go ahead.

Antar: Okay, so the thing with student organizations you always ended up with a recurring problem. And that was it would be very very difficult for them to plan out their travel because they weren't sure when the convention was, they weren't sure who was going, they're a really big organization and things like that. So you would end up with people getting like thousands of dollars to go travel and they wouldn't spend it because hey they missed it, they missed plan something. Then we would end up with some much money in sweepbacks because they didn't travel. So that's why we created Special Funding, Ms. Alqasemi's Committee, to handle travel grants. So instead of them submitting all their travel plan for the whole year, because it's really hard for them to foresee sometimes, at one point in time in January they will as the travel comes along go ahead and submit a request for that. So this way you won't end up with so much wasted money in organizations pockets because they couldn't plan properly for the whole year. The thing is, it's not placing the blame on anyone, it's just a fact of life, they're not sure whose going to be in the organization, who isn't going to be in the organization, whose going to go to this conference, if they're still going to make it to this conference and all those kind of things. So that's why we did the travel grant allocations, because they can plan it closer to the actual travel date. College of Medicine is kind of a smaller bunch so it's easier for them to make those plans, because they're not going anywhere, nobody is transferring out of USF College of Medicine. They're in the College of Medicine; they are staying there for a while. They know when they're going to be, where they're going to be and their schedules aren't fluctuating. They don't pick their classes, they kinda pick their classes but they end up with this set schedule where everybody knows whose free, when there's free time and when break are. So it's easier for them to plan those. And that's why we trust them to make a travel category that can be applied to the whole year.

Patel: Senator Scharon.

Scharon: When you read the first line, it says the organizations may only submit a budget transfer request, that's the first line. So when I read, I don't know much about it, so when I read the first thing of what they're supposed to do and the second line say's they may also. Does that mean that's like an exception, like to be able to transfer funding from their travel category to your materials? Like you're not supposed to but it's an exception? Because the first line says only, if that makes any sense?

Antar: That's understandable.

Aldridge: Like...

Patel: I just struck the whole thing.

Aldridge: Can I explain why?

Patel: Go ahead.

Aldridge: Thank you. The reason that second clause is there because...oh it's the...The second sentence in the...actually the third and fourth lines of the six lines are cross depth. What it initially says in statutes is that...let's say that someone gets a transfer of \$1,000 for travel and they only spend \$500 of it, right now

there is no way for you to get that \$500 back for materials unless you want to spend it on another travel, then you're just lucky that way. You would be able to go ahead and spend \$500 on a second travel. This would give the opportunity to say, if they did submit a budget transfer request, received a \$1000 in the travel and only spent half of it, the second clause is going to give me the right to just give it back to food and materials. Because you can't move...for a long time we set a precedent both before and after the travel grant, that you do not transfer funds that you've received in travel, out of travel. So that's why the idea is that they're only going to be able to submit a travel...

Patel: I made it a sub-clause.

Aldridge: Okay, sure whatever. Okay...

Patel: Do you actually get the concept though? Like the point is we're letting them transfer money in to travel, but we don't want to say oh once you transfer them into travel you lost it, you over budgeted, you could move it back to where it originally came from. So you can continue spending the money.

Scharon: Oh okay.

Patel: Alright, any more amendments? We can scroll through very slowly, actually a little bit faster. Do you officially motion to put in these specific amendments?

Aldridge: Yes. *I motion to insert clauses 801.2.2, 801.2.2.1, 801.2.2.1.1 and 801. (Inaudible). And to strike 801.2.2, the previous 801.2.2.*

Patel: Senator Cocco...wait. Any objections to the motion?

Cocco: No just a word.

Patel: Sure.

Cocco: That could confuse.

Patel: Is it a friendly amendment?

Cocco: Yeah.

Patel: Perfect, can you state it?

Cocco: It's the word budget, is it food or is it budget.

Patel: Oh. This budget?

Cocco: No, budget in 801.4, of budget category food and materials, alright.

Patel: For these reasons, just send me your amendments. Send me your amendments before the meeting so I can actually copy and paste. And then also, so you guys have a chance to see what your colleagues want to recommend, so it's not like catches you off guard. Cool? Cool. Alright, we're just going to scroll briefly, briskly through this. If you guys have anywhere you want me to stop. You guys want me to stop anywhere just let me know. Even if you have questions about why we write it the way we write it, good time to ask. Because what if there's like a tragic accident and all of the Chairs die? You'll never know, like sweep exemptions. Alright. Senator Belizaire.

Belizaire: I just have a general question.

Patel: Yes ma'am.

Belizaire: I know that we amend, like update Titles and stuff like that. So aren't they updated on the SG website, like the same night? Or how accurate are the documents on...

Patel: You're going to see this little watermark at the bottom of some of the pages, ADA. Adam will actually update it as soon as we as Senate approve them. So once we voted them on whatever the amendment is.

Aldridge: At the end of... You usually do it at the end of each semester. So May 1<sup>st</sup>, is rough around the time when all of them are updated. For example, I've not had the chance to update 307 or 306 which was the new Executive Branch Structure. Which will be probably one of the last things that I'll do for the Summer, would be to update all the ones that we had throughout the Summer. I'll try to do it as soon as we pass it and signed by both by Student Body President and Senate President but just hadn't had the chance to do it yet.

Patel: Thank you. Good questions? Moving downwards, we're still going to just... if you guys have something you would like to change. Even if it's something that has not been blue'd yet, you can blue it.

Alqasemi: Could you go up for just a second.

Patel: Up or down, I don't know what finger that is.

Alqasemi: Down.

Antar: These were changes that were already...

Alqasemi: No not that. It was... I can't find it. I'll look for it later and bring it up next time.

Patel: Senator Strenge's.

Strenge's: 810.10.1 Event's sponsors must use the Student Government... it doesn't sound right.

Patel: The sponsors of the events must use the Student Government logo.

Antar: If you're going to change that there events sponsors right above it.

Patel: It was just plural, events sponsors.

Antar: Okay, alright.

Patel: It was cumbersome on the tongue.

Antar: Why we could say also event sponsors and just remove the s?

Patel: Anything else pertinent you guys want to change? Cool, slowly scrolling down.

Alqasemi: Oh stop, go up. Okay, a little bit more. 810.2...



Aldridge: Maybe I should clarify something, can I? I'm speaking out of term, I'm sorry guys. There's also 54-004, it also deals with changes with this exact chapter. I know there's about five changes that's up there, and ones getting rid of Appropriations and Audits special funding. So I just would like to move to the next one.

Patel: Yeah because this is actually the one that's from the Ad-Hoc. Thank you sir.

Antar: So let's just keep that in mind. These are just the ones from the Ad-Hoc Review Committee. So if you have a problem from the Ad-Hoc Review Committee...

Patel: I'll still accept grammar, but like anything else we'll just hold off on. Cool, okay. So other than that, you guys are good with written, because that's the last thing on here? Cool, alright, I would recommend moving to a third reading, for next meeting so you guys have a chance...unless you guys are perfectly find with everything we have proposed and all the amendments. If everyone is okay with it we could take...we could move into third, or just...what was it?

Antar: Disburse the reading.

Patel: Disburse the reading.

Antar: So you don't have to listen to me talk about the Bill all over again.

Patel: Right so...state the options.

Antar: Alright, so here are our options. Alright, we can table this for next week and do the third reading next week. If you guys come up with any changes in the time between you can propose them again now if you feel like you're a little iffy with some of changes that were proposed here. If you're perfectly fine with the proposals we have, motion for a third reading. Because this does amend multiple chapters it needs three readings. We've done two, one last week, one right now, motion for a third reading. And if you want to listen to me talk about it again for another 20 minutes, I can or you can just motion to disburse my reading and that will count as a third reading. And after that we can move into voting to approve this Bill.

Patel: Thank you. Senator Strenges.

Strenges: Give than this is just a Bill for the 53<sup>rd</sup> Term Title VIII Ad-Hoc, I think we're all pretty clear on the changes. So pending no objections, *I'll motion to disburse the reading.*

Patel: Any objections to disbursing the reading?

Antar: To enter then disburse.

Patel: Entering then disbursing the reading, any objections? Seeing none, that was the third reading we just had. And I'll take another motion. Senator Kattih.

Kattih: *Motion to vote on this Bill to amend Title VIII.*

Patel: Motion to vote on 54-002, any objections? Seeing none, we're now in voting. Alright, one's yes, two is no, three is to abstain. 29, where did we...

Alqasemi: We had someone come in.

Patel: Okay, Mr. Mazin Ibrahim walked in. **And 28:0:1, these amendments are now approved.** I'll take a motion...okay we can either continue or you guys can get a recess now if you guys really need it. Continue? I'll take a motion. Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: *Motion to recess.*

Cocco: For how long?

Pelegrino: 5 minutes.

Patel: Any objections? Seeing none, we're now recessing at 8:05 pm.

[Gavel]

### **b) SB [S] 54-003 Interim Funding in the Sports Club Council**

[Gavel]

Patel: We're back in order at 8:16 pm. Moving down we're at SB [S] 54-003 the funding...or Interim Funding in the Sports Club Council. The presenters please step down. If you make a motion then yes sir. Make a motion for the roll call.

Antar: *Motion to reestablish forum.*

Patel: We already kind of did that so, we're going to move through this. I'm sorry if someone can just give her a clicker. Alright, just click one as long as you're here. Alright, 29 present. Thank you and here if you'd like the laser pointer just use the green thing at the top. You're welcome to start. Senator Antar.

Antar: *Motion to read the Bill.*

Patel: Any objections? Seeing none, thank you. Thank you ma'am.

Pelegrino: No problem. Alright so this is SB [S] 54-003, Interim Funding in the Sports Club Council. The intent of this legislation is to examine and codify recent practices used by the Sports Club Council in handling interim budgets in addition to other minor updates to chapter 806. So basically most of the amendments, most of the changes proposed in this Bill they were proposed by the 53<sup>rd</sup> Term Title VIII Ad-Hoc Committee. And further changes, the ones in blue as you can see, were proposed by the Rules Committee this term. So basically we had one chapter amended, 806. We had seven clauses and sub-clauses amendment, three clauses and sub-clauses added and two clauses and sub-clauses stricken. So 806.1, we just added the abbreviation SCC for the Sports Club Council, as you can see. And we stricken the words "recreational and" because only competitive clubs can belong to the Sports Club Council. So moving onto 806.5, this clause was added, the SCC may adopt its own Standard Operating Procedures which shall not conflict with the Student Government Constitution or Statutes. So basically, in the past the SCC SOPs conflicted with the Statutes, so this clause just prevents any conflict between the SCC SOPs and the Statutes. 806.6, this clause allows them to transfer to their travel category. As it was explained before regular student organizations do not have a travel category, but Sports Club Council do have a travel category because they mainly travel. So this clause gives them the right to transfer to their travel category. So 806.7.1...806.7.1 yes, so...this was amended. First

of all we don't have a passport system anymore and we just included some general information about the budget request process and we also replaced Sports Club Council by the abbreviation SCC for the sake of consistency. 806.7.2, we added the Roman Numeral eight. 806.7.6, we...line item was stricken and replaced with budget category because we do not deal...Student Government doesn't deal with line items, the Sports Club Council deals with line items. We only deal with budget category, if we deal with line item then there's really no purpose of having a Council, because we're just basically doing everything. Alright so then we have 806.8.2, we added "or through non-emergency conditions as outlined in the SCC SOPs". And we decided to remove emergency expenditures definition, because it is outlined in the SCC SOPs and that way we prevent further conflict between the SCC SOPs and the Statutes. So all this is outlined in the SCC SOPs. And then 806.8.2.1, we did not have a passport system anymore as I mentioned and that's basically it. We don't have a passport system anymore so it's basically updating the information. So this is just rearranging all the numbers, so that's a little off. 806.10, we replaced Sports Club Council by SCC, its abbreviation, just for the sake of consistency. And then we added the first Friday off, and we removed 15<sup>th</sup> off. And this is just to ensure that the day will be on a business day. And 806...806...806.11, we added and to ASBO, that's just basically to keep them informed of the SCC transactions and activities, just so that they know what is going on there. And our Committee decided that the words "at least" is not necessarily, seeing that only one report is required. It's very doubtful that they will submit more than one report, so we just decided that at least is not necessary. So that's it for changes. As I mentioned before, there were seven clauses and sub-clauses amendment, three clauses and sub-clauses added and two clauses and sub-clauses stricken. Any questions?

Patel: Senator Hussein.

Hussein: Are they required to have Standard Operations of Procedures, is that just recommended for them to have?

Antar: If you take a look...what's it called on the ones...on the big ones that we struck out, which were I think 806.8.2.1...yeah those ones. Those are all outline in their SOPs, I guess for us it's recommended and then they saw the changes they had in their SOPs. We put this in, and they realized it was word for word. And as nice it would be for us to govern that, that's kind of their job as a council, they need that autonomy if they want to exist that way. So if they don't have SOPs they're not really their own structure. So yeah, that's why we put in that clause, so that just to make sure that they do have the ability within our Statutes to have their own SOPs as long as they don't conflict with our Statutes.

Patel: Follow up?

Hussein: Yeah. The Statutes that you have it, I think it said that the Sports Club Council may adopt SOPs that don't conflict with SG. But it said may, so that means they can just not have SOPs.

Antar: Well in which case...

Patel: Sure.

Antar: It's my committees job to review those SOPS and if they don't have SOPs and for some reason they're not function, which would be a disservice, a massive disservice to a lot of students, we can go ahead and investigate and see why they don't have their SOPs and why they are not operating. Because I'd figure if they don't have SOPs then they're not operating. Standard Operating Procedures would be necessary for operations.

Hussein: I'm just speaking of the wording of it. Take out the may and most or something. Just because may is saying you can have it but you don't need to have in in there, you know?

Antar: Okay.

Patel: Thank you Senator. Anything else? Senator Cocco. Oh, it's a motion first. So if you're going to officially motion 806.

Hussein: *I guess I motion 806.5 to change the word "may" to shall.*

Patel: Any objections? Seeing none, I'll be accepting. Senator Cocco.

Cocco: Is there a reason why it's in November? The third Monday of November. Go up a little bit, the middle there. 807...

Antar: There it is.

Cocco: Yeah, 806.7.1. Is it just...I'm just curious, is there a reason why it's November?

Antar: Okay I think...

Aldridge: I mean the Sports Club Council has to be able to take a couple month to look through all the 40-50 requests and then that's when they bring it up to...I mean they meet much less frequently than either us as Senate or even ASRC in the Spring. So this is just before Thanksgiving, it'll give them a couple weeks between Thanksgiving and the end of the Fall semester to look at it once...to look at it once the start of the Spring and they'll submit to us at the same deadline as every other student org.

Cocco: December?

Aldridge: No.

Cocco: No, when is it?

Aldridge: January, the fourth Friday in January.

Cocco: Alright, I have something else. What are non-emergency conditions?

Patel: That's exactly what the SOPs are for.

Cocco: Alright, so that's defined in there?

Patel: Yep.

Cocco: Okay. And then you said that there reporting to Senate and the Business. Should we add the CFO for consistency as well?

Patel: It's again one of those things that we can if we needed to but we don't have to. If you'd like to...

Antar: At this point...

Cocco: I mean it's up to y'all.

Antar: If I may...

Patel: Senator Antar.

Antar: At this point I think it might be a little difficult because I mean it's a Council in charge of all the organizations, so there's kind of like an extra hurdle already between the actual entity spending the money and us; there's that extra hurdle of the council. So maybe I can see the point where it would be a good idea to put the CFO but maybe it might not also be...I can see it working, I can see it not working either way.

Patel: Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Well I mean...yes. Not to be frank, but the CFO is not going to deal with the interim budget request. They're only going to do it maybe if the Student Body President puts the CFO as their designee on the ASRC. But as organizations, the CFO has nothing to deal with them. So the people who will be dealing with them is the Senate, who gives out the Interim Budgets, and the Business Office who you know act as the...however the business office wants to define the transactions between them and student organizations. So that's why the CFO just is not...they don't need to be involved because they typically haven't been involved.

Patel: Senator Hussein.

Hussein: There was another clause, you were just right on it, but it went away now.

Patel: It's right there.

Hussein: Okay, that word "may" is bothering me again for 806.6 because then they could just do it by word of mouth, the Sports Club Council.

Aldridge: Well...

Hussein: I don't know.

Patel: Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: I mean okay the may implies they have the option to. There is nothing requiring them to submit a budget transfer request. If they want to transfer the funds, then that's what they have to do, but they don't have to do that. They could go an entire year and not submit any budget transfer requests and that's still perfectly fine.

Patel: Right, this is a place that may would work, just because they don't have to.

Hussein: Oh, I'm reading it wrong. Good looks.

Patel: We could add our own definition to that. Anything else?

Cocco: On a side note, I'm just curious. How does SCC choose which sports are like...do you know?

Patel: If they compete nationally on I believe like three events, is what they...

Cocco: Okay.

Patel: Right now as an example, Surf Club was removed from the SCC because they don't actually compete. They're still a Surf Club, they still have equipment. But since they don't compete anywhere they were just pushed back to the normal student orgs.

Cocco: Cowabunga dude.

Patel: Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Okay I have a couple amendments. The first one is...calm down, calm down.

Patel: These are the ones you emailed?

Aldridge: Yeah but the first couple you don't even have to worry about that was in the email. 806.9.1, I'd like to bring up at least changing the percentage from 60 to 50. In conversation with the Sports Club Council they just felt that they don't have...there's no impetus for them to have 60%. The reason we do it as Student Government because the interim count always start off with sometime \$15,000...\$30,000 expenditure to the Executive Branch for whatever Interim Funding. But they're not going to do that so they just ask that they do 50/50, that just makes more sense that they do 50.

Patel: Zein.

Kattih: I don't understand why there needs to be a change if it says no more than. So 50 encompass under...no more than 60.

Patel: I get the logic that she's using. Which is that 60 is a cap, they can ...they're more than likely to spend 50 if they're spending 50. But also since they did request hey this is the way we do it, might as well just codify what they do. Senator Kattih.

Kattih: Would it then be better to say 50% shall, because if that's what they're asking for then that's the change that should be made. I'm just trying to make this as fluid as possible.

Patel: Can you state your amendment.

Kattih: Motion to change 9...806.9.1 to 50% of the interim funding account shall be used for the time period.

Pelegirino: I object.

Patel: State your objection ma'am.

Pelegirino: So you're saying that 50% of the interim funding accounting shall be used for the time period of July 1<sup>st</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup>. So what if you want to use less than 50%?

Patel: So then it would be no more than...Then do you want to just take shall...did you want the no more than?

Kattih: No.

Patel: You didn't want the no more than?

Kattih: No.

Patel: Then you're going to force them to spend 50%.

Kattih: If I may.

Patel: Ma'am.

Kattih: I don't understand why it needs to be changed from 60 to 50 because no more than 50 is equal to 60.

Patel: But the way they operate is 50, is what they're saying to us. Go ahead. Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: For example in the (inaudible), we accepted for this year, was 60/40. So the request that are going on in April they're not going to be building. Because if you do 60% there's going to be a lot less funds in the Spring. The idea is you want to give the Spring requests just as much ability to be funded, as you do the Fall requests. That's why they want to move it from 60/40 to 50/50.

Kattih: So they want to cap it at 50?

Patel: Right, because imagine if...

Kattih: Okay, okay, thank you.

Patel: Just really quickly. Imagine 80%, they could write 80% there, it still does say 50% is included in 80, but now they just spend 80% of the budget. Senator Strenges.

Strenges: Two things. One is her motion still on the floor?

Patel: Do you rescind your motion?

Kattih: I rescind my motion.

Strenges: And then two by using that logic by saying no more than 60%, they can still 59%. I mean 50% as a cap at the same thing. And then if we use shall we're implying they can't use less. So I think we should leave it at no more than 60%.

Patel: And may?

Strenges: Yes.

Patel: thank you. So is that your official...if you can just state your actual thing...it's pretty much back to Senator Aldridge. Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: He said no more than 60% right? And he's trying to say no more than 50% right?

Strenges: I meant 50, excuse me.

Pelegrino: You meant 50%? Okay.

Patel: So as it stands now, the way you like it?

Pelegrino: No more than 50...

Patel: Everyone's good with this one? So if Senator Aldridge would...

Aldridge: *I have a motion to amend 806.9.1 by striking 60% and inserting 50%.*

Patel: Any objections? Seeing none, it's been accepted. Any other ones...

Aldridge: Second one, 806.8.5. Just have to...in the organization of the SCC they look at interim budget requests every month, or at least have a monthly deadline because the Executive Board only meets twice every month. So they were confused about as to if interim budget requests are being classified as late or incomplete. The way obviously we follow it is if they submit late or incomplete annual budget requests then they get the penalties. So the...I'll go ahead and motion for that, I don't think there will be any issue. Motion to amend 806.8.5 by inserting the word annual between incomplete and budget.

Patel: Alright, any objections?

Scharon: I'm sick.

Patel: Any objections to this amendment? And just to clarify we only do this...we don't even do this for interim, because you can't really submit an interim late, you submit it whenever. Alright, Senator Cocco, you had something you wanted to say earlier.

Cocco: 806.8.2.1.

Patel: Yes sir.

Cocco: Can we motion to possibly change should be to shall be turned into, and then put in and to together. And who in the Sports Club Office, does it matter who it is or just the office?

Patel: Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: I'm sorry. I don't think that is an issue.

Cocco: Does it matter?

Aldridge: Like there's both Ashley Johnson the Coordinator, and then she's not a graduate student, she's an actual full time staff. So there is actually another GA that works in there as well. And that's why we...

Patel: And then why we say we turn things in to SGATO...

Aldridge: Yeah in terms of Tammy.

Cocco: Alright.

Aldridge: Good point.

Patel: Senator Kattih.

Kattih: I think grammatically it should be in space to.

Cocco: Is it?

Kattih: It's not going to be transformed into the Sports Club Council.



Patel: Thank you ma'am.

Cocco: I'm working on English still.

Patel: Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: My third amendment is 806.6.1.

Patel: Oh my bad.

Aldridge: They just want to change ASMB to ASBO because they want to.

Patel: I'm just going to say that that should be a grammatical thing, as long as Senate doesn't have a problem with that. Actually Adam since you are in charge of Statutes. Anytime you do see, not telling you have to do it, but just every time you see ASMB change it to ASBO.

Aldridge: Okay.

Patel: Cool.

Aldridge: Fourth one 806.9.3 or .2. One of the things that was brought up as well was that they clarified...they talk about in Sports Club they can't receive more than 20% of the interim budget. The thing is the interim budget is only \$30,000, or it has been for the last two years, for the Sports Clubs. And with that logic \$20,000 or 20% is \$6,000. And so with Sports Club we know that they could definitely receive more than \$6,000. And so they would...we had a conversation about it and we felt that this should be in Statutes, because this clarifies something more than just would ROPs would. That no Sport Club may receive more than 20% of the Interim Budget per fiscal year.

Patel: And that's in...you want to make that 2.1?

Aldridge: I want to make that...just can do 9.3.

Patel: Sure.

Aldridge: No need to .2.1.

Patel: How would you like to word it?

Aldridge: No Sport Club may receive more than 20% of the Interim Budget per fiscal year. And while he's typing, I do apologize again. I was just saying that...

Patel: Wait I just completely...

Aldridge: Sorry of the interim budget per fiscal year.

Patel: Okay I'm good now.

Aldridge: As some of SenEx will know, because of my long cc's, there was multi page emails sent back and forth about trying to figure out this change...these changes, yes there are a lot of them because I know. These changes (inaudible) for something else and that's why I have so many, so I apologize again. And that's it.

Patel: Senator Hussein.

Hussein: Can you explain that clause that you just added.

Aldridge: No Sports Club may receive more than 20% of the interim budget...

Patel: Wait, wait. No individual...the way he is saying it is that no individual...

Aldridge: No one sport club.

Patel: Right. So like they couldn't just allocate more than 20% of the budget to one club, because they have to keep in account all the other clubs.

Aldridge: And it's more legitimate that they can do that because they only have \$30,000 in interim budget, so \$6,000 I mean, I'd say...

Patel: That's the average...

Aldridge: Fourth of them...a third of them probably would have...oh yeah that's right that's the average. Funded them the \$6,000 so...

Hussein: I'm just asking but I don't know what the emails were that were sent back and forth so maybe one of the Sports Clubs didn't really need any money from the interim budget, but then one of them...another Sports Club really needed like more than 20%. So wouldn't that kind of be not fair because you're not letting them get the money they need when they are not being used by the other clubs? Do you get what I'm saying?

Aldridge: I understand what you're talking about. The thing is with them...what...with us we've had a long list of precedent and like obviously we have \$150,000 for organizations that they're probably the average is \$1,500 per organization. So obviously there's not going to be an issue to fund them. Even if we fund them \$4,000 there's not going to be a significant dent in the interim budget, for them it's going to be...\$4,000 would be almost 15% of their budget. For us it would be like 3%, so that's why the 20% is in there, or was proposed.

Patel: Wait but what does happen, like addressing his question. What happens if only one org is left to request interim and there is a total budget of \$7,000 in there but now they could only receive \$6,000 and the other \$1,000 is swept back by us?

Aldridge: Yes, that's exactly what happens.

Patel: Personally like...like it just seems like a waste of money but I don't know how we're going to fix...I don't know how you guys...would you like to address the amendment?

Hussein: I just didn't see it as fair for putting a cap on how much money they need.

Patel: Well if I may, how about unless if reviewed by the Appropriations and Audits Committee. That way if they ever want to allocate more than 20%, it just bring it back to...like they just cc Appropriations and Audits, and as long as they're good with it than why not.

Aldridge: So you just want to put after year, unless approved...approved by the Committee on Appropriations and Audits.

Kattih: Senate Committee.

Aldridge: Correct, sorry.

Patel: Any objections to that? Senator Abraha did you? No you're good? Cool. Ma'am.

Abraha: I thought...this is the...this whole Bill is from the...

Patel: It's from the Ad-Hoc Committee from last year.

Abraha: For some reason I thought Appropriations and Audits were trying to stay out of...

Patel: This is just to solve the loophole of whether they can allocate more money, this way someone can allocate more money. It's just like plugging the hole, or redirecting it. If it make sense. Like I just don't want money to go to waste, now this sets a way, if they just cc Zein or whoever the next Chair is and they can use more than 20% in case there is extra. Like we're still keeping out of it until this and that way we serve our purpose. Senator Scharon.

Scharon: Who would see the Appropriations and Audits Committee, would it be the individual club or the SCC, or just the overall...

Patel: The Council would actually send it to Appropriations and Audits. Like they do that the same as like...that is standard practice across the board. From whenever they have a specific thing that goes wrong they come back to Appropriations and Audits.

Aldridge: In their budget the Sports Club Council requests an amount, and we did it for multiple years to give them the amount for their own interim budget. So for example, College of Medicine, this is one way they really do differ, the College of Medicine they have to submit their interim budgets still here in front of Senate. Sports Club we've had more of a precedent with them; they've been in Council for 6 or 7 years. For the last couple of years I know we've created an Interim Budget with them and they have the ability to allocate however much to their clubs so that the clubs can't come in front of here. Senator Strenges. Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: So I think we should add a sub-clause stating that the SCC should file a transfer...or request or something like that, to give a club more than 20%.

Patel: Right. That's what the comma unless approved by.

Pelegrino: Right, but should we say that they may...or they have the right to do that? Or should we clarify who can do it, even the Sports Club or the SCC in general.

Aldridge: I feel like it's inherent, as it's currently standing its vague so if they do want to receive more than 20% of interim budget the Sports Club Council Advisor is going to obviously email the Chair of the Senate Committee of Appropriations and Audits. Obviously they would have to...the accounts would have to agree with in the first place, that's why we didn't even put it up there as more than \$6,000. That way Zein can look at it and take it upon her Committee to decide if do we want to agree with this, or you know reject more than 20%. If they reject it, it just has to go back to the Council and they have to approve...or they have to vote on an amount that is \$6,000 or less.

Patel: Senator Strenge.

Strenge: Sorry, this is annoying me but every month is spelled out except for 806.9.1, December, and 806.9.2 January.

Patel: Alright, and then if someone could just sponsor this amendment right here, 806.9.3.

Pelegrino: Just really quick.

Patel: Yes ma'am

Pelegrino: I don't think...

Patel: Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: I don't think we should capitalize Sports Club since it's like no sports club may...

Patel: Sure. Thank you ma'am. Any motions? Senator...right I'm getting to it. Any motions? Senator Zein.

Kattih: *Motion to add in 9...or 806.9.3.*

Patel: Can you read it.

Kattih: No sports club may receive more than 20% of the interim budget per fiscal year, unless appealed to and approved by the Senate Committee on Appropriations and Audits.

Patel: Perfect, any objections? Seeing none, this is adopted, any more changes?

Aldridge: Yep. 806.7

Patel: Okay.

Aldridge: Two more don't worry.

Patel: It's just like bouncing around.

Aldridge: Yeah, I apologize. Okay so there're two changes, I guess the first one is...the second one will explain the first one. In 806.7.4, after being allocated funds, I'd like to propose, not motioning but that we change it to say following the ASRC mock budget process. And then the other amendment would be to insert a new clause between 806.7.3 and 806.7.4, that would state after receiving it's initial allocation from ASRC, the SCC may appeal for additional funding for these Sports Club's lump sum...sorry, allocation and/or the SCC budget allocation. And then in addition would be to strike 806.7.6. Now let me explain why. The...right now as it currently stands, we never...that's right...right now we never see an appeal from the Sports Club Council and just how College of Medicine does it, the sports club...if the specific sports club has a problem with the amount that the Council gives them, they appeal that to the Sports Club Council. But right now how we've stated it is that if they want that they have to...the SCC is going to help like sponsor their appeal for ASRC, when that is not how the process goes. However, we actually...the SCC can appeal for it's own budget allocation or for the lump sum of all the clubs, but right now we don't even have that spelled out. So the 806.7.4 would be to add that in. 806.7.5 you can...part of the amendment we need to be strike out, after

being allocated funds. So you start the sentence with following the ASRC mock budget process. And the next clause would be (inaudible) because in SOPs for SCC they have the mock budget process for individual clubs.

Patel: Senator Antar.

Antar: Good question. When you say following the ASRC mock budget process you mean as part of their mock budget process correct?

Aldridge: No, I mean...ASRC mock budget process is when a Chair of ASRC will send out an email with the mock budget allocations. After the...if they choose not to appeal, like after (inaudible), then the process is over. If they choose to appeal after ASRC decides the appeal, then that process is over. So following either one of those two options then the SCC will convene to review the budget request.

Antar: So I'm saying like this is giving them...is this giving them the right to...this isn't like saying they have the right to be in our mock budget process, is that what it's saying?

Aldridge: Yes.

Antar: That's what it's saying?

Aldridge: They have the right...just like College of Medicine...

Antar: So that's what the purpose of this one is? I'm just making sure. It's not that we're saying that they have to use the process we use on their org.

Aldridge: No, that's just saying they have to...

Antar: Can I propose that instead of saying following, because maybe people will be like oh SCC is going to follow

Patel: Gonna follow, right...

Antar: Maybe we could say in line with the ASRC mock budget process, so that...

Aldridge: I meant like after, like after the ASRC mock budget process...

Patel: So can we just use after?

Aldridge: Sure.

Kattih: After the completion of.

Patel: After...sure.

Antar: Okay, just making sure.

Patel: Alright, everyone's okay with these amendments? If you just read them...question?

Larkins: It's just bothering me that there is no apostrophe with the its.

Cocco: After receiving its.

Aldridge: And then apostrophe after the s in clubs. Thank you.

Patel: Alright, if you can just read out these specific amendments, unless anyone has a problem with them. Does anyone have any amendments they'd like to suggest or...yes sir if you could just motion for your amendments?

Aldridge: *I motion to amend the Chapter 806, by inserting 806.7.4, which states that after receiving it initial allocations from ASRC the SCC may appeal for additional funding for the sports club lump sum allocation and/or the SCC budget allocation. In addition I motion to strike 806.7.5 and add the new 806.7.5 by including after the ASRC mock budget process.*

Patel: Any problems with these amendments? Any objections to the motion? Seeing none, they will be added. Anybody else have any motions they'd like to suggest? Senator Antar.

Antar: This was our second reading, if I'm not mistaken.

Patel: Yes.

Antar: So can I motion to enter a third reading and disburse the reading.

Patel: If there are no problems with the Senate Body as a whole.

Antar: Oh yeah it is, I'm sorry I'm thinking of the next Bill. Okay never mind. I think I'll just amend my motion to motion to vote on this Bill if there are no other amendments proposed.

Patel: Can you tell just tell them why we didn't have a third reading.

Antar: Yeah, we didn't have a third reading because this is only doing one Chapter. I thought it was our next Bill which did, like what 4/5, 4 chapters. So this only did one Chapter, so it only needs two readings. This is our second reading, we're good to go, we're good to vote on it if we want to.

Patel: Alright, so I'll take a motion. Senator?

Antar: *Motion to vote on the Bill.*

Patel: Any objections to voting? Seeing none, now we're in voting. One is yes, two is no, three is to abstain. Are we missing two? Cool. Perfect, 21:0:1. Oh 29 sorry. **29:0:1, SB[S] 54-003 is now approved.** And just let the record state that Ms. Sinhye Lee walked in sometime. But now we're at 32.

### **c) SB [S] 54-004 Codifying Standard Practice**

Patel: Alright, moving down. Would the sponsor of SB 0 or SB [S] 54-004, please walk to the front. Alright, if you could just read the intent first.

Strenges: So this is SB [S] 54-004 Codifying Standard Practices in Title VIII. The intent of this legislation shall be to codify standard budgetary practices and to incorporate fiscal responsibility in statutes. And I believe this is our second reading of this.

Patel: Yes sir. Can we get a motion to read? Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: *Motion to read the Bill a second time.*

Patel: Thank you sir, any objections? Seeing none, let's just say that...how many people stepped out already?

Cocco: Four?

Patel: Five? We're at 25 people, we'll continue. Sorry could you just state the number.

Strenges: 801.5 was our first change and we struck Student Body President and CFO and changed it to the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Appropriations and Audits and the Chief Financial Officer. We spelled out Chief Financial Officer and the Student Body President never handles these types of budgets, so for...it making more sense we added the Senate Committee on Appropriations and Audits since they're the ones that would handle this.

Patel: Alright moving down.

Aziz: So this one is mine. I struck out interim request from a non-student affairs entity mostly made through the SG special projects account. It's something that doesn't happen, or rarely ever happens. And with consultation with our Business Office, said it would be fine to take it out, wouldn't have an impact in anything we do.

Strenges: 802.4.1 was something that me and Mr. Aziz happened to notice when we were looking over Constitutions for JEC, that there was nothing explicitly outlining requirements for officers for the sake of continuity. What we found was a lot of orgs would specify to be president you had to been in the org for a year, or for Treasurer you have to be a business major or things like that. But if your org only has 15 people and no one has served for a year, technically according to your binding Constitution, you can't have a President, so things like that didn't make sense. So we wanted to explicitly state in here that you cannot place additional requirements for students to hold an officer position. And this is 804.2.17.9 and it states any shipping shall be limited to standard shipping cost, or its equivalent, unless approved by the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Appropriations and Audits and the Chief Financial Officer. And the idea behind this was to...to limit egregious overpriced shipping cost just for the sake of having something sent extra fast to you. It is A&S money so we didn't feel it would necessarily be appropriate for someone to next day something for \$200. However, given that there are extenuating circumstances, we wanted to add unless approved by the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Appropriations and Audits and the Chief Financial Officer.

Patel: Senator Lopez.

Lopez: So if something weren't in the agenda and you needed it overnight, wouldn't that delay if though if you have to get it approved?

Strenges: Well technically for requests to be submitted to ASBO they have to be in 10 business days in advance anyway. So this was just kind of a way to clarify that.

Lopez: Thank you.

Strenges: Typically what does happen in practice, if ASBO does notice some expedited shipping cost that is very large, they'll notify us but there's nothing...that's just been a courtesy. This is outlining that it does need to.

Patel: They've never notified us. They just laugh at it. Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Point of clarification, they flag it and ask the organization why, because I spoke to the business office about this. So yeah that's it, they flag them and look at it, at the request not the organization.

Aziz: So this adds more things to the flag, so actually be a specific process, that's why it's in there. So it doesn't just go to the Business office then flag and then Superiors.

Patel: Right, so ASBO can't do anything unless we give them the power to do something. So if we didn't write anything here they couldn't stop anybody, like they could just give everybody a million dollars. They could spend the money. Senator Priest, did you have anything you wanted to add?

Priest: I do. This doesn't have anything to do with the changes that you guys are making now but in 804.3.1.1, it say's t-shirts. Can we make that like clothing apparel? Like you were just on it, you were just on it.

Patel: Oh my bad.

Priest: Can we make that clothing apparel, just because like...

Aldridge: Down.

Antar: Further down.

Priest: Because technically like they can like buy sweat pants or something, because it says t-shirts. Like I just thought about, I was like that's something that's not even in the rules. So I mean like just something in there.

Patel: Senator Strenes.

Strenes: My only thing like that because I think this is falling under Sports Club you could misconstrue certain type of equipment as clothing apparel. Because I think that's why they left it specifically as t-shirts.

Patel: Right, they're not allowed to by jerseys they can just buy t-shirts. Alright. We'll take amendments as soon as we finish looking over these. Is that you?

Aziz: Yeah. So in the most recent ASRC we took the Signature Event, which used to be under Special Projects in the Exec Branch. And since it is a Grant Program, it should fall in with the all the other existing Grants, like EXPO Grant and Signature...Engineering EXPO. So we just added in that the budget line should fall under the standard budget. It's inconsistency with all the other Grant programs that we have. And just added 50% to the (inaudible).

Patel: Why did you put it in parentheses please? Oh because you wrote out the half, sorry. Just to fall in line with everything else we do, if you don't mind.

Aziz: Go ahead. So do you motion for this?

Patel: Yeah, actually if someone can motion to accept this. Senator Antar.

Antar: *Motion to change 810.1.1...or 810.4.1 to no more than 50% as opposed to up to half 50% in parentheses.*

Patel: Thank you sir, any objections? Seeing none.

Aziz: So for this one, it's kind of a formatting issue. But it just deletes this that the Student Government Executive Branch shall support and collaborate with Signature Event sponsors and provide additional marketing logistic support. Something that's never done. I mean it's...it's just there but in practice it's not followed. So I just took it out and this, I tried to blue it out but it didn't work, so I just copied it down here. So this one, staying in line with what actually happens, the Homecoming Grant is no longer in the Appropriations and Audits Committee. And it's now in the Special Funding Committee.



Strenges: 811.3.1 was adding Chief Financial Officer for consistency sake, since they were in 811.2.1 and it just didn't make sense that they wouldn't be included in that.

Patel: Senator Cocco.

Aziz: And that...

Cocco: My bad, go ahead.

Patel: Continue?

Cocco: Sure.

Aziz: All of the written that we just passed in the other Bill didn't show up here yet.

Cocco: Okay, that's my main question. Thank you.

Patel: Because that one was approved, so it should be in here.

Cocco: Right, right, okay. He answered my question.

Patel: Alright, any more questions? Would you like to run through this one more time just from the top, just to make sure we got everything? Senator Kattih.

Kattih: I motion to in 802.5 and 802.6 to change OSO to CSI.

Aldridge: That's in the other one.

Patel: Yeah that's in the other one.

Kattih: Oh okay, it was? Okay.

Patel: Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: I wanted to go back...yeah 802.4.1. I know...actually Senator Canton which I guess wanted to look at it again. Senator Canton mentioned two weeks ago that the sub-clause may be a double negative. So was considering striking the word no and replacing it with the word any. And just seeing what you guys thought.

Patel: Okay, everyone's good?

Cocco: Motion to vote on that.

Patel: No.

Cocco: You don't need a motion to vote?

Patel: You don't need a motion to vote, but you just a motion...

Cocco: Just a motion...

Patel: Amend 802...

Cocco: *Motion to amend 802.4.1 to change the word no to any, which shall read, this shall include any additional requirements for students to hold an officer position.*

Patel: Thank you, any objections to the motion? Seeing none.

Aldridge: Where do I go next? Go to 810...if you...I'm sorry. What I also noticed was that if you copy the sentence that Mr. Aziz has included...no not...if you copy the budget line since budget...oh wait that's...Okay, so I have...the thing...okay let me explain first. The Signature Event, the travel, the Homecoming and Engineering, they're all funded separately. They are not under Senate's budget; they're not under Special Credits anymore. If you scroll down to, I think it's travel because travel was I'm thinking 2 years ago. This 810.14, the second sentence says it should be funded as its own separate line item, and that's how it works for the rest of them, the rest of the four grants. So I'd like to motion to strike the second sentences in 810.4, 810.22, 810.26 and insert each of those places the following sentence: the budget shall be funded as its own separate line item.

Patel: So this entire thing.

Aldridge: No, no, no, just the second sentence.

Patel: Got you. So just Abdool's...

Aldridge: Yes.

Aziz: The second half.

Patel: You said the budget...

Aldridge: The budget...you could have copied and pasted but anyways. The budget shall be funded...

Patel: Got you, you already had it.

Aldridge: It's down at 810.14, that second sentence.

Patel: Thank you.

Aldridge: *Yeah you're welcome. And then 810.22 and 810.26. So that's a motion for that amendment.*

Patel: Any objections to those, that three line amendment amending motions? Seeing none. I hope you guys are actually paying attention, because he could write things like the money goes to Adam's wallet.

Aldridge: Well let's go to 804.2.17.9. I didn't mean to bounce around but I'm exactly doing that.

Patel: You said 802?

Aldridge: 804.2.17.9. I'd like to motion to strike that, let me first explain why. There are a lot of regulations that we put on Student Organizations and arguably so I think it's important. This one is not going to do anything but make it harder for the business office to work, because of the free shipping by Amazon and a couple others. They have to, as was already stated, that appropriately all requests have to be in two weeks before...purchase order requests have to be in two weeks before...Okay I'll rescind the motion.

Patel: Could you actually...Senator Antar.

Antar: Actually I think you should keep it in line with the rest of the list because the rest of the list lists the item and then gives the...the amount. So...the limiting amount, right. So because it's so long it not saying just an amount, I know it's already what...that's already like a crazy third degree or fourth degree sub-clause, you may want to make another sub-clause there or try to make that a little more brief.

Strenges: It's stating maximum, so I don't think you would put zero.

Antar: Yeah.

Patel: So what do you want?

Antar: No more than standard shipping cost.

Aldridge: Can I ask this question then...including the floor? What is less than standard shipping?

Patel: Excuse me?

Antar: What is less than...

Aldridge: What is less than standard shipping cost?

Antar: Less than standard shipping cost may be the free Amazon Prime shipping.

Aldridge: Okay, I'm good.

Antar: That would be less than.

Aziz: To answer your question, there really is nothing below Standard shipping. Standard shipping is standard, the lowest.

Patel: You could always drag it behind the SenEx room with a string.

Aldridge: Do we motion for that?

Patel: Well I'm trying to see how to word it properly. Does it read well? Like just read it once, somebody. Senator Hussein.

Hussein: Hmm?

Patel: Can you please read this, 804.2.17.9. Senator...thank you.

Hussein: Shipping no more than standard shipping costs. I mean I feel like it's missing something but okay. And then any shipping costs above standard shall be approved by the Senate Committee on Appropriation and Audits and the Chief Financial Officer.

Patel: Senator Abraha.

Abraha: I really liked Adam's motion; I do not think this is necessary.

Patel: Well let me just fill in. The reason why it was recommended or at least suggested to be added to this was because there are orgs that when they get flagged to us, if they get flagged to us by tents, you'll see on it

that it has a \$300 tent purchase and a \$250 table cover purchase and then shipping on it was \$228. And if it was your money would you spend \$228, the price of one of the items you're shipping, to ship the item here? Senator Abraha.

Abraha: Once you flag them though you have the option to stop them.

Patel: Not unless we have something to stop them for. And this way...ASBO can stop them; rather these can redirect them for us. Senator...Aldridge.

Aldridge: Thank you. The hypothetical is that if there...if that expenditure is conflicting with sort of what the goals are behind the organization, they can deny a request based on the mission of the organization. So I think frankly you can make an argument that anytime there's a shipping cost that is excessive, it's not in the mission of the organization, it's not in the mission of the A&S Fee, for it to be denied.

Patel: I personally would rather have monetary value, not up to the discretion to the ASBO. Rather written somewhere so they don't have to take the blame. Senator Strenge.

Strenge: They could technically argue that by having it arrive a week early, they're fulfilling the mission of the organization by potentially reaching more students. I mean it's too up in the air I feel like and without this all ASBO can kindly suggest is that they not want to spend that much on shipping. But without it there's nothing...it's a flag but it gets processed anyway.

Patel: Senator Hussein.

Hussein: I just have a question, I was out. But why did you cross out the part that said shall be limited to standard shipping cost or its equivalent?

Strenge: For consistency, and here it's all the items and a colon. I don't know if you could see the colon, but its shipping colon and then the amount.

Patel: Those are the maximums.

Strenge: It was consistency for the maximums and how the formatting was for the list.

Patel: Senator Sharon.

Sharon: I could have assumed that shipping costs would come out of the money allocated to them, when they request money for the events. Does it come from a separate place?

Patel: It comes from their budget, like their food and materials.

Sharon: Okay, just making sure.

Strenge: Let's say like an org...

Patel: Senator Strenge.

Strenge: Sorry. That it's at the end of the fiscal year and they want to get their tent now and they just want to blow the last \$500 on a tent, and \$300 and \$200 for shipping. Normally if they just spent normal shipping, let's say it was \$50, and that they would have \$150 left over, it would get swept back to us and we could use it for something else. But if they just wasted money...I'm not saying this happens often, it's just giving us a process to limit extra spending like that that's unnecessary.

Patel: This way people don't just blow money like it's not their money. At the end of the day it is their money and this is us reminding them this is their money that they're blowing. And just one big thing is like shipping is not a tangible thing, so I can't really come to your event and borrow your shipping or eat your shipping. You know like those kinds of things I don't like it...but that's just me. Senator Aziz.

Aziz: So the reason it's here is because it is an issue, we wouldn't be here if it wasn't. So that's like the whole idea behind this, plus ASBO follows our rules and if there's no rules for them to follow that leaves open water.

Patel: Senator Aldridge. Oh, sorry.

Aldridge: As the Business Office can accurately state, I have been there every day. I have never seen an issue of shipping cost, until it was brought up to the floor two weeks ago. I've didn't...I'm sort of surprised, I didn't know that many people would agree with me. If you guys want to we can vote on with a straw poll, we don't have to do the clickers. We can vote on this and if you guys don't like it then I'll more than happy to motion to strike.

Patel: Senator Strenge.

Strenge: Just the fact it hasn't been a problem yet, doesn't mean we shouldn't be proactive in this approach, just like we are with all the other Statutes. *Motion to vote on it.*

Cocco: *Motion to vote.*

Patel: Any objections voting by straw poll? That's where you just raise your hand if you like it.

Aldridge: On 804.2...

Strenge: On 804.2.17.9.

Patel: Thank you sir, any objections to voting? Now what you're going to do, no different than there are clickers here, one is yes, two is no and three is to abstain. I'm just going to say one and you just raise your hands. Cool? Alright, and no I didn't say one yet. It has to be procedural related questions.

Priest: It kinda...yeah...

Patel: Sure go ahead.

Priest: I mean it's pretty much I'm just saying can we just quickly overview what we're voting on?

Patel: If you vote yes then you want to keep...just state your motion.

Strenge: *To approve the changes to 804.2.17.9, which states: Shipping; no more than standard shipping cost, any shipping cost above standard shall be approved by the Chairperson of the Senate Committee of Appropriations and Audits and the Chief Financial Officer.*

Patel: Perfect and then saying yes means you want it in this thing. Saying no means you think it's (inaudible) to the purpose of what we do. Saying abstain means you obviously weren't paying attention. So alright, yes. Wow okay, and then no. Alright, and then abstain. **So it's blank:4:1, I'll figure out the blank is when we figure out how many people are in the room. But at the end of the day straw poll doesn't really have**

**to be counted so, we're adding it.** Alright any...well you can't really object so...everyone's okay, we just added it. So what just happened was straw poll said we just added it. So moving down, Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Okay 810, and this one you're going to have to go to that changes document that I sent you.

Patel: Sure.

Aldridge: Changes go down to 810.13. Copy that until 810.19.

Patel: Downwards, thank you.

Aldridge: Thank you sir.

Patel: And then how would you like to...

Aldridge: Just put it in...

Patel: How would you like to introduce it?

Aldridge: Above 810.13.

Patel: Above 810.13.

Aldridge: Go down.

Patel: Right there, perfect.

Aldridge: So before the travel grant one, right there, yeah. Okay so, let me explain why this...that...

Patel: You'll actually have to read these because we didn't read them at all.

Aldridge: Fine okay, but let me first explain it and then I'll read it. Or no I'll read it first then explain. 810.13, Student Government Senate shall sponsor a Grant Program for the purpose of funding student presentations at conferences, called the Conference Presentation Grant Program, CPGP. 810.14, ASRC shall determine the total budget for the Conference Presentation Grant Program, the budget shall be funded its own separate line item. 810.15, the expenditures of the Conference Presentation Grant Program should be determined by the Student Affairs Travel Office. 810.15.1, No more than 50% of the CPGP account may be used for the time period July 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. 810.15.2, the remainder of the account may be used for the time period of January 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. 810.16, any student wishing to request funding from the Conference Presentation Grant may do so as long as the request meets the following requirements. 810.16.1, the Conference Presentation Grant Program application. 810.16.2, Student Government travel request information form. 810.16.3, acknowledgement of reimbursement cap form. 810.16.4, copy of acceptance letter from Conference...or Program that shows the student's name as a presenter. 810.16.5, the student is registered as a student when applying for the Grant Program at the time of travel to the conference. 810.17, Conference Presentation Grant Program applications must be received by the Student Affairs Travel Office at least 14 days prior to the departure. Applications received less than 14 days prior to departure may not be considered. 810.18, the Conference Presentation Grant Program shall be subject to the same rules and regulations set forth by the Student Government, included but not limited to Chapter 804 Proviso. And 810.19, all other rules and regulations not said in the Student Government Statutes, shall be outline in the CPGP SOPs. Anyways, the changes are because we've never outline the CPGP Program before and we funded it for I think 5 years. Once the Graduate and Freshman Student Council, sort of moved away from having this funding ability within a different...It wasn't in A&S Fee, but we wanted to meet the demands of them and

have it on the A&S Fee, but then we never put anything that's in statutes. So this is really copying and pasting from SOPs, there's a lot more. I know the original submission that Mr. Aziz had, that I helped worked with him, was about 15 clauses, and we further it down to 6. Well 6 and then some sub-clauses. So that's why there's so many changes here.

Patel: Senator Scharon.

Scharon: To be clear, you added an entire Grant Program?

Aldridge: We've had a Grant Program for 4 to 5 years, I'm pretty sure. But we never specified in the Statutes. We've had a Grant Program.

Strenges: It was always specified in SOPs, but all the other Grant Programs that we have are outlined in statutes but for some reason, this one just hasn't made it in here. So it's adding in.

Patel: Right, it's just codifying it. Cool, any more questions about this specific amendment? Senator Scharon.

Scharon: Can you be more specific what a Conference Presentation Grant Program encompasses? Is that academic, because I thought that academic was for other departments to make...

Aldridge: Well...Yes...not to be like...I don't know how to...not to sound like, I guess...it's all in the SOPs. So they define what the definition of a Conference Presentation is. If you're presenting posters, papers, presentation, if you're actively participating, if you're cheering, I think the seminar or conference and then they also have, this does not include A B C and D; it's all in the SOPs which the Rules Committee passed, I think, 2 or 3 weeks ago. So everyone in the Rules Committee knows that we passed it. So it explains what is included and what is not included. Sorry, I don't mean to ...or else I can take 5 minutes to read through it.

Patel: We can talk about CPGP another...like we don't have time right now. I'm not...like unless it really bothers you, we can talk about it afterwards, but just for the purpose of continuing business. So any questions about the amendment itself, the proposed amendment from 810.12...no 13 all the way down to 810.19? Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: Basically what you did is that...so all of this is outlining the SOPs right?

Aldridge: Yes.

Pelegrino: And that's kind of what you did, you just kind of put it in the Statutes.

Aldridge: I decided...we sort of flushed out what should go in, there was even more...like we only put in...what we flushed out and what we decided to put in was only the amendments that were similar to other grants. So like for example, it'll say SG Senate should sponsor the travel grant, the deadline for turning in travel grants, it'll say that they're governed by Student Government, obviously it's in Special Funding, like it's the same...the same basic statements that are in for the other Grants, is what we tried to condense it down to and put it in here. That's way to explain it.

Patel: Any other questions, motions, concerns? If you guys are not comfortable with this thing we just added, you can move to postpone it or table it till another meeting; we have another meeting next week. If you guys feel comfortable with it, this is your chance to move to the third reading...or what's that thing called?

Multiple Senators: Disburse.

Patel: Disburse third reading, thank you guys, and then just vote on it. Senator Scharon.

Scharon: *I'd like to move to table it because I still don't feel clear what exactly we're giving out money to.*

Patel: Perfect it.

Aldridge: Not tabling it.

Scharon: Sorry, postpone it.

Aldridge: Sorry.

Patel: Okay, that's fine. Senator...or is that a motion.

Scharon: Yes.

Patel: Are there any objections to her motion?

Aldridge: Can I...actually I object because only because I have more amendments. And so you guys can read all of it at one time...listen, I know. Alright, do you rescind?

Patel: Rescind means to take back.

Scharon: But then can I postpone in the end?

Aldridge: We can postpone in the end.

Patel: Yeah we can postpone in the end.

Scharon: I rescind it.

Patel: Okay, thank you ma'am. Senator Aldridge...Are there any question about anything...like so far?

Aldridge: Like you can...like we can motion for the...this and then we can still come back next week and motion to strike it. Like it's really flexible in terms of...

Patel: Like procedurally, so right now Adam will finish proposing all his amendments he would like to add. I'll send it out to everybody here, so you guys have a chance to review all of it, whatever was added, whatever was subtracted. And then you guys can vote on it officially next week, because obviously you guys have concerns. So we won't vote on this tonight. Alright, you can continue.

Aldridge: Fifth Amendment, it is still 810, it is in the changes in the document. You can just cut it and paste it. If you can scroll down to 28, just copy and paste all of that.

Patel: To where?

Aldridge: 810.28. Keeping going, 28.

Patel: Over it?

Aldridge: No, no, no, go back up. Keep going.

Patel: Oh the numbering is off.



Aldridge: Yes, right between...yeah, just above that one.

Patel: Above it?

Aldridge: Yeah. Okay, let me first read this I suppose. I'm proposing 810.28, if an organization trip funded through the Travel Grant fails to occur, they must submit a report to Special Funding, stating their reasons for not traveling. 810.28.1, it gives the...Special Funding...let me read it. The Committee on Special Funding shall review the report within 10 business days, and by majority vote, decides whether or not reimbursement is required. And 810.28.2, if the organization fails to submit a report within 5 business days...I guess you may need to clarify, I would put 5 business days of the...sorry, yeah that's right...5 business days of the expected trip, or after...yeah within 5 business days after the expected trip. Or of the expected trip, whatever, sure. They should be required to totally reimburse all incurred expenses. I know this is an issue that was raised earlier this term by an Organization that failed to go on a trip, and we paid for a lot of the prepayment cost, and we had to sort of...we really didn't have a precedent to go off of in terms of finding a (inaudible) for this matter. I think this is a good resolution to that issue, is to give Special Funding the power to say yes we need you to reimburse everything that the A&S Fee paid for, or no reimbursement is not required. I know Hiba is not here but the Special Funding Committee, I brought this up about 2 weeks ago, I wanted to ask what their opinion was; they said they agree with it. Not obviously the wording but the meaning behind it and the intention behind it. So that's why those changes were there.

Cocco: Senator Aldridge, are you open for a question?

Aldridge: Sure.

Cocco: Is it...is there something outlined for the CPGP in case the trip fails to occur, for that program, or does Student Affairs Travel Office handle that? May I have some...do you understand what I'm asking?

Aldridge: Yes.

Cocco: So if the student fails to go for the CPGP...

Aldridge: The reason they don't have anything in there is because...they don't have anything in there. The reason why is because when you get the...

Patel: Acceptance letter.

Aldridge: Acceptance letter...you get an acceptance letter. The person that is going on the trip, the one person is going to get from a conference delegation, from someone, the acceptance letter saying you've been able to attend this trip.

Cocco: So if they don't then...

Aldridge: So they're not going to like...they got accepted to go and they're receiving \$500 or \$750 to go, so they're going to like...They're...It's never really going to happen that they're not gonna go on the trip, because they've been accepted to go.

Cocco: What happens if...

Aldridge: It's different from travel grants, CPGP.

Cocco: What happens if they don't go?

Aldridge: Okay, I can't remember how the process works.

Cocco: Okay, as long as there is a process. As long as there is a process, that's all I wanted to know. The travel office has a process and that's fine. Thank you.

Patel: Any more amendments?

Aldridge: Well we have to vote on this one...or...

Patel: If you can present...Senator Aziz.

Aziz: Does it make sense to put the five business days here, instead of up on top?

Patel: Can you state how you would like it to be.

Aziz: Submit a report to the Committee on Special Funding, stating the reasons for not traveling, within 5 business days. And just take out this...this portion of it.

Aldridge: Are you asking for us to take out within 5 business days in the sub-clause.

Aziz: Yeah the second sub-clause.

Aldridge: Okay. And then you're also motioning to strike within 5 business day from the expected trip date?

Aziz: Yes.

Aldridge: Okay.

Patel: Senator Scharon.

Scharon: You didn't write of the expected trip date in 810.28.

Patel: Thank you ma'am, any more questions? Alright, can you present your amendments one more time? Just with the reading that we changed, so just the part where...or actually is everyone okay with the way 810...

Aldridge: Is there any questions about it?

Patel: Are there any questions about it? So are there any questions about the clause from 810.28 until 810.28.2? Any questions about any of those? Perfect, so I'm going to accept it as a motion.

Cocco: Just a question.

Patel: Senator Cocco.

Cocco: So what if the Committee reviews a report and then fails it? Do they have a chance to appeal or no?

Aldridge: There's no failing, there is a decide whether or not reimbursement is required.

Cocco: Now if they decide reimbursement is not acquired.

Patel: It's required.

Aldridge: That's it, if it's not required...

Patel: Whoa, whoa, whoa. If it's not required then they're happy.

Cocco: If it is required?

Patel: Then the org is going to be like why do I have to pay this, but that's the point of the org...that's point of the committee.

Aldridge: And that's up to the committee to decide whether or not it's required.

Patel: Right.

Cocco: Alright.

Patel: Senator Lopez.

Lopez: Just to clarify after, if they're required to pay or reimburse then it would be up to the committee from there to see what they do?

Patel: No, no, no. What happens is that the committee decides how much to pay back and if they pay anything back. Right? So let's say I allocated...If I'm the committee, I allocated \$1,000 for travel and they don't go on it, and we prepaid \$400 of that travel. Now they owe us back... now the committee needs to debate how much of the \$400 do they owe us back. If they say all \$400 that goes down to ASBO, ASBO...ASBO has the power to do a lot of things, they can send the students to SRR, they can freeze them academically, all those kind of crazy things. But those students pay ASBO back the \$400 and that money should go back to the travel grant. Senator Antar.

Antar: I don't know if this has already been addressed but I'm just a little bit confused. So this is the money that they've already been given for the Travel Grant, right?

Patel: Yes.

Antar: Now okay, if they're going to reimburse it...if they don't go why don't we just take it back anyway?

Patel: It's prepaid, so what happens is...

Antar: Oh it's prepaid.

Patel: And its nonrefundable prepaid. So if they book a hotel room in a conference the conference won't give us the money back, because we already paid for it.

Antar: Okay.

Patel: So now no one gets that money, that's the problem.

Antar: Okay, I did not know that but now I do.

Patel: Well any questions or motions for...you're more than welcome to restate your motion.

Aldridge: *Okay I'll motion to amend Chapter 810 by inserting 810.28, 810.28.1 and 810.28.2*

Patel: Alright, any objections to that motion? Seeing none, how many more do you have?

Aldridge: Two. 801.13.

Patel: Okay, I'm here.

Aldridge: Okay I need a...I'm proposing a sub-clause to 801.13..

Patel: Before or after this one?

Aldridge: Probably after, yeah we'll go with after. And it would state for the purposes of this Title, referring to the Statute Title, A&S funded travel, shall not be classified as an A&S Funded event. Classified as an A&S Funded event. Now this is the most recent change, that's why it's all over the place. We found out 2 weeks ago, no last week, right now we don't have a third distinction of what A&S Fees goes to. We have two, we have an event, we have a non-event. Non-event is obviously t-shirts, office supplies, anything in that area. Events, obviously food and any decorations for the event, or any paper plates or products like that.

Patel: Entertainment stuff.

Aldridge: Right now travel is included in an event and the problem is that travel is not specifically open to all students. It is open to everyone within an organization, so right now you frankly could have 1,000 students coming in here and want to submit a grievance that we're not using the A&S Fee appropriately, be we're not funding it to everyone, to all students. The thing is you fund the travel grant and you fund it to the organization and anyone could join the organization. So hypothetically anyone can be in or use the A&S funded of funds to the travel grant, but they have to be anyone within the organization. So that's why to put in the sub-clause that says for the purposes for the Title, which is the only Title that deals with finances, A&S funded travel should not be classified as an A&S funded event.

Patel: Excuse me? Oh, Senator Priest.

Priest: So what we're essentially saying here is let's say that the Mock Trial Club is going to go to Connecticut for like a...

Patel: Okay.

Priest: For like a tournament or something. We're saying that we're not giving them the money to do so?

Aldridge: No, no.

Patel: No, no, no.

Aldridge: Here's how it is.

Cocco: That is confusing.

Aldridge: Right now that ...there is...that is legitimate. There is a legitimate argument that can be made that any of the 40,000 student at USF Tampa or Lakeland, doesn't matter, any of them...no I wouldn't approve that. Any of the 40,000 students has the right to go on an A&S funded trip, and I understand where people would agree with that. But the thing is that we don't fund travel to all student organizations. We don't fund them to every student; we fund them to an organization. And all organizations have to be opened to all USF students. Like they have to be able to let them join. So the idea is that if you re-clarify it and say that, the

travel is open to all students within an A&S Funded organization. Yeah there's another, the thing is there's another part in the...oh I forgot, there is something else in either 801 or 803 that has an issue that you have to put excluding travel as well. 804.2.10. If you want to go with that, okay.

Patel: I mean ...

Aldridge: That's fine.

Patel: I don't know what you're talking about.

Aldridge: Whoa you would like to instead amend 804.2.10 to include excluding travel...to include excluding travel in there? I'm okay with that if you want to put it in there and then put it in 801.13.

Patel: Senator Strenge.

Strenge: To kind of clarify a little bit more, so for ASBO once an org does purchasing, they only split it up two ways, events and non-events. And technically that clause up at the top is saying that all events, which travel is considered an event according to that, has to be open to all students. When Special Funding allocates travel, it allocates it to the org and only a certain amount of students go. So the argument could be made that we're breaking Statutes by not letting that travel be open to all students when it's classified as an event. So this is just kind of covering that.

Patel: Any more questions? Do you want to put an explanation? Senator Scharon.

Scharon: I'm new, I'm kind of confused.

Patel: Okay so, the way it works right now is travel is A&S funded, right? Like we're using A&S fees to fund travel.

Scharon: The travel grant.

Patel: Sure that's a perfect example, that's our only example. So travel...as long as A&S funded, it has to be opened to all students because you paid it, you paid it, she paid it, you paid it, everyone's paid the A&S fee. And our whole basis is everything A&S funded is opened to all students, well at least the majority of all events and services that we offer. Right now to ASBO they only have two boxes, one saying event related stuff, one not event related stuff. And travel, since it has no separate category, throws it into the event related stuff. All A&S events are opened to everybody, but now travel has to be opened to everybody. But let's say it's your trip and you're the one going on this trip, I can be like I'm going on the trip too and just like the only funding that was given was for you because you're the only person going on the trip, or your org is the only one going on this trip. Now it kind of excludes travel because travel is funded by person and for that person.

Aldridge: Organization.

Patel: By org for each person.

Aldridge: Oh okay, okay.

Patel: The point is just that people can't arguably say no the travel grant is I guess against all things under A&S saying everything is open; travel grant would not be open. But this at least says that it's okay though. Cool? Senator Priest.

Priest: So with that being said, we're saying that...You can tell me if I'm interpreting this incorrectly or not, but pretty much we're saying that A&S money is supposed to go to all students or all students are supposed to be entitled to that.

Patel: That's how we've always had it.

Priest: Yeah and so then aren't all students...all students have the ability to join the club they want to right?

Patel: Yep.

Aldridge: Yes.

Priest: So then why...

Patel: Because when you're funded the travel it's not funded on the basis that everyone is going to go. Right, like it's only...like imagine you were only \$400, imagine the 40,000 students are saying I'm entitled to that. This would kind of say it's okay, you can tell them no on travel, because only your org is funded for it. I can join your org and go on your travel trip, as long as I meet the deadlines or whatever to go on the trip. But not anyone can just walk up and saying I'm going too. There are still loopholes okay but like...Okay anymore?  
Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: So let's say if, I don't know, CASA want's to hold an event in the Oval Theater; with the capacity of I think 700 people or something like that. And like more than 700 people want to come, but only 700 people can go, is that the same thing technically?

Patel: It's not because the way...the way room...where is the room thing for this one? It says maximum occupancy, that's a state law; state law trumps anything that we write. So A&S fees are trumped by the state law. So if that...like let's say we have the even in this room and that says 139, you can't have any more than 139 or else we'll have like the Fire Marshall run up in here and....

Pelegrino: Okay.

Patel: And we don't want that. But if its outdoors you can't tell anybody, cuz there's enough air for everybody.

Pelegrino: Okay.

Patel: Senator Larkins, thank you ma'am.

Larkins: So with the travel grant an organization...

Patel: Everyone just stands

Larkins: Oh okay. So with the travel grant in an organization, is there a specific enough...specific amount of members that can go from that organization or no?

Patel: That's up to the org and the Special Funding part of the thing. It's kind of flexible depending on how many people are in the org and how many people are going to the event, and how reasonable it is. Because we as SG and as an A&S fee will subsidize, not fully fund. So imagine if you want to take 100 people, we're still only going to be able to give you so much money, we can't fund all 100 people. Senator Strenges.

Strenges: And there's a form that they fill out as an organization to travel that lists all the members that are going to be going on this trip. So when Special Funding looks at it, they have an idea of how many students are going for more structure sake.

Larkins: And one last thing to add on to my question...

Patel: Follow up, go ahead.

Larkins: So let's say if...Okay so it's with 100 students and 100 more want to go, is it like against the rules for the other 100 people to pay their way, since they are an A&S funded organization?

Patel: Well the way it works is you can always...once an allocation is made for that travel, we can cut...like imagine 100 more people want to go, we don't add to that travel. It's too late because travel has to be submitted within a certain date, and once it's been approved that travel...that's it. But imagine if 100 people want to go and only 20 people end up going, we cut 80 people's worth out of it. Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: Okay so...okay first question, do you consider travel... you said travel is not an event, correct?

Strenges: It is.

Pelegrino: It is an event?

Patel: It is an event but...

Strenges: For ASBO sake...

Patel: Right.

Pelegrino: Okay so since all A&S events shall be held on campus, why would you even consider travel and event if it's not held on campus?

Patel: Because ASBO only has two boxes, right?

Pelegrino: Okay.

Patel: Events and non-events. And so right now they're lumped into events because they are functional things, they are not t-shirts, they're not...like I don't know, pens, they're not living...they're not...things we hand out.

Pelegrino: Okay.

Patel: Senator Strenges.

Strenges: Travel is explicitly not at USF campus, just like Raymond James on game day is considered USF campus, same things as Riverfront Park. So travel by its nature is allowed to be off USF property. But because ASBO classified event as an event, and when we say the word event here, if we didn't have that excluding travel, someone could make the argument that we're violating it being open to everyone. SO it's just to cover that loophole for someone making that argument against us.

Patel: And again this is...Senator Alqasemi.

Alqasemi: Okay, so this is just to clarify that nobody can argue that this is not free to everybody...or open to everybody, is that what this is?

Patel: Right, imagine if you're in California on my money...

Alqasemi: But essentially this is...

Patel: Like on my A&S dollars.

Alqasemi: Essentially it is thought because any student has the ability go on an organization or...

Patel: It is...no...Fundamentally it's open to everybody right?

Alqasemi: Right.

Patel: But this way they can't argue the fact that you're in California on money, but you had the opportunity to go to California too.

Alqasemi: Right, so it was equal. So then this...you cannot...like under...you can't say that it's not open to everybody. You know what I mean? Like I get what you're trying to say but I think it should be said in a different way. Just because it is open to everybody and everybody has the chance to access it, if they want to. Do you know what I mean? So if we argue...

Patel: He has another thing.

Alqasemi: Okay.

Aldridge: Right now let's just get this up there. 810...not sure about which point, that's where the travel grants at. Keep going down. Do it between 25 and...go up a little more... between 25 and 26, or sure why not. All students within an A&S funded Student Organization...you actually could copy and paste this if you wanted to. It's in that...one of that, not the changes, but...

Patel: Just go on.

Aldridge: Okay, fine. A&S funded student organization shall have equal opportunity to be selected to go on a trip funded through the travel grant. And then there is a sub-clause. An organization shall have the discretion to select students to attend the trip...and must convey it's reasoning to the Committee on Special Funding at its request for travel grant funds. The Committee on Special Funding shall have the discretion...sorry...to deny travel grant funds if the selection process is deemed inappropriate.

Kattih: Senate Committee on Special Funding.

Aldridge: Sure, yeah. Take out the between select and students.

Patel: What...what clause?

Aldridge: The sub-clause, the first line in the sub-clause.

Patel: Okay.

Aldridge: The organization should be singular, the first...the second word in the...and the word too needs to be between opportunity and be in the first clause, after opportunity. Thank you. And that's that. I know this



could be the most, not contentious, but the most confusing. This I feel like is going to be able to cover how the travel grant works. It gives...it clarifies back in 801 about excluding travel. It says that all students in an A&S funded student organization shall have equal opportunity to be selected. It's still giving them the same right to go on the trip, to be in the organization and go on the trip. Right now how it currently is that the organization has the discretion to select the students. And I know from talking to the Chair of the Special Funding Committee, today, she asked about what changes...or why they pick those people, who they pick, how many do they pick. It just gives her and the Committee the ability to say if they feel like this was unreasonable in its decision making, then they could deny funds based on that purpose. It clarifies the ones in 801. Yeah, there it was.

Patel: Alright. So, question is, do you guys feel comfortable in leaving this part...like I know Senator Alqasemi said that she doesn't feel like excluding...writing excluding anything here is good, because it is still open. At the end of the day it's still interpreted as open, like you still have equal opportunity. Like even I recognize that so like if anyone has a way to amend that.

Alqasemi: I wasn't going to amend that...

Aldridge: Do you still think the clause, like the initial clause that I propose is way off...about for the purpose of this Title, A&S funded travel shall not be classified as an A&S funded event...if that's...

Patel: What was the contingency?

Aldridge: I don't know.

Patel: Why was that contingent again?

Aldridge: I don't know.

Patel: Who had a problem with this? Can you...

Aldridge: Yeah I can repeat. For the purposes of this Title...it's right there...A&S funded travel shall not be classified as an A&S funded event. And then you would probably take out the excluding travels.

Alqasemi: Can you repeat...like the point of this clause, why we're creating it, again?

Aldridge: This creates a third category for travel...not a category, that isn't right. A third...

Patel: Box.

Aldridge: Box, thank you, I like that analogy. A box of which A&S Fees are spent. You have event, non-event and travel. That's the idea behind the amendment.

Patel: Senator Kattih.

Kattih: I think...I have two things. First of all, this makes it seem like Travel is a non-event, and that's not what we want. So we should specifically explicitly say that travel is a travel category, in my opinion. Also, have we ever had this argument before? Like has anyone ever come up to us before and said this is unfair?

Aldridge: Well we've only had the travel grant for two years.

Kattih: Because I think...

Aldridge: Actually a year and a couple days.

Kattih: I think...if anyone tries to, for some reason, you know argue that travel is not going according to A&S fees, it actually is because it's open to everybody. You don't need to delineate it because there might be an argument against it. Does that make sense?

Alqasemi: I feel like we're just adding things.

Kattih: It's unnecessary because it's inherent in our Statutes.

Aldridge: Wait, how?

Kattih: Because...

Patel: Wait, why was this brought up? What is the intent of this?

Aldridge: Right now 40,000 students can all say they want to go on a trip.

Alqasemi: That's right.

Kattih: And...may I speak?

Patel: Yes ma'am.

Kattih: And they can, they have the opportunity to, but that doesn't mean they will. Just like every organization has the chance to get money, not every organization will get all the money that they request.

Patel: Senator Antar.

Antar: Like say for example there's a really big event that a club is throwing. And but unfortunately they're only able to hold, say for instance, 50 people. Now technically it is opened to everybody, but just because it holds 50 people doesn't mean that...the room holds 50 people, doesn't mean that we've closed it off.

Patel: Were you just here for this analogy?

Aldridge: He just had that one.

Antar: But I'm just...I mean like...

Aldridge: It was a good one too, he had a good one.

Antar: I don't know, it just falls right in line with it and it's like I don't know if we need to do this, is what I'm saying.

Patel: Alright a straw poll.

Antar: I'll put in for that.

Patel: But if there are any more points, I rather finish up with points. Senator Aziz.

Aziz: I have a philosophical point.

Patel: Senator Strenges.

Aziz: The Florida legislature allows Student Governments to add restrictions to the A&S fee, so it's all allowable. It allows us the flexibility, so it's not like if we do it, it'll be like super bad. Adam.

Patel: Senator Strenges.

Strenges: I was just going to echo what he said. The A&S fee, just because it's equal opportunity, it does have inherent restrictions on it, and that's not violating anything. So I wanted to echo Mr. Antar's sentiment.

Patel: And Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Yes, the point that you raised that state Statutes gives Student Governments the ability to restrict and have certain clarifications on what's open to all students. This is exactly what I'm suggesting, you give a restriction, and right now we don't have a restriction...

Aziz: I'm agreeing with you.

Aldridge: We don't have anything inherently...well thank you. Well then I'll argue his point. There's nothing inherent that says that we're going to be able to have open to all...I mean right now there's nothing that...like inherent is not going to be reasonable for our Supreme Court. It's not going to be reasonably between a bunch of students that are complaining, why is this not the case, when we have no really...proof...

Patel: Let me put this debate up, hold on let me...I'm going to recommend there be a, I guess, a discussion pro/con on whether you would like to have this or whether you see the validity of adding this kind of a statement, or if it's inherent. So those are the two sides obviously. So there's this...I'm not going to name names because we're not going to do names. So there's a side that says this should be added because we do need to delineate, or there's a side that says that superfluous material and it's already inherent with whatever we serve...whatever we stand by. Senator Lopez.

Lopez: Is the "this" you're referring to just that clause the 801...

Patel: This Title as in the entire Title VIII, because all funding happens here. That way we don't have to keep going through everything and saying excluding, excluding, excluding, it doesn't fall ....

Aldridge: I would...if 801.13 was to pass, I would suggest taking out the excluding travel though.

Patel: Exactly, right.

Lopez: Is that the one he just finished adding on to, the very last one?

Patel: So, if I can get the laser. I just want to use it. So right here, this is exactly what Adam just added, right. So what it says in this Title incorporate all of Title VIII, saying that we don't have to go through and do excluding travel on each little line item.

Lopez: The one that he just finished adding, where he was saying...

Patel: Yeah the very bottom one, 28.

Lopez: Doesn't that clarify everything?

Patel: No that has to be supplementary to this one.

Aldridge: It clarifies travel and travel grant.

Patel: Right.

Aldridge: But it doesn't necessarily...I mean Sports Club has travel, it's not a travel grant but they have their own travel category.

Lopez: Alright.

Patel: Alright, cool. So now I'll take the motion, if anyone has that motion, or unless they have any other points they would like to make. Senator Kattih.

Kattih: I have a question. My point about 801.13.2 is still...I never got an answer. If it's not an event, it's a non-event, unless we classify it as a travel event...a travel category.

Patel: We just deleted the travel category.

Kattih: Okay, we're deleting it? Is that the purpose of this? Cuz I thought you wanted to add the travel category to make it three categories for ASBO.

Aldridge: Yes, yes it needs to be independent of the event category. That's what the idea is...

Kattih: Okay...

Aldridge: It's independent of the event category.

Kattih: Okay, then it should be independent of both the even and the non-event category. Because the way it's stated right now it's a non-event.

Aldridge: So if you...If I was to say...

Kattih: Because we only have two categories.

Aldridge: If I was to say that you were to change the ending of shall not be classified as an A&S funded event, to shall be classified as its own...

Kattih: Travel category.

Aldridge: Well there's no difference within travel category but there is...if you want to classify it as a category for funding, then I'm fine with that. As its own category for funding, instead of shall not be classified as an A&S funded event.

Patel: So can I get a quick statement for what that means? Just as there will be a category for travel.

Aldridge: For the purpose of...

Patel: Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: I'm sorry guys. For the purpose of this Title VIII, A&S funded travel shall be classified as its own funding category.

Cocco: Are you open for question?

Aldridge: Hold on a second. As its...

Patel: Sorry.

Aldridge: No you're fine.

Patel: Did that solve the entire problem? Okay. Now if I'm done with the fact that, like do we think this is still necessary, like does anyone have a problem with this being added to this?

Antar: I just, real quick.

Patel: Senator Antar.

Antar: Alright, so if it's its own...is there a line in Statutes that says that there are the two categories, events and non-events, or is that something that just something that's in ASBO's practice?

Patel: Yeah because I've never seen events and non-events.

Antar: Yeah because I don't see it there, so when you say...

Aldridge: I think it's something that's in ASBO's practice. But you have to look at 801, because that's where...802 is the process or 802 is the eligibility and 803 is the process, so would be in 801. No I don't think they clarify which is an event and non-event is.

Antar: Well...then I just don't think that...

Patel: That we shouldn't classify anything if we're not classifying all of them.

Antar: Exactly, if we're not classifying the first two, why are we classifying this as a third magical one that the first two haven't really been mentioned? So I think we need to either mention the first two and then mention the third, or just don't mention it at all. Because in my mind it's still open to everybody but you just don't fit.

Patel: Thank you. Senator Sharon.

Sharon: I understand that we're trying to add a third little box for travel, but I think that we haven't added anything that kind of conveys the fundamental point of adding the little box. Does that make sense? I think we're just adding a box and not putting why there's a box anywhere.

Antar: Because the first two boxes aren't there yet.

Patel: To me they're inherent so like...

Antar: Well then to me then it's inherent that it's open.

Patel: Alright so...It's a motion...okay I'm just going to accept the motion. Motion to pro/con the adding anything related to the travel, like three boxes, or not. Like do you guys think it's necessary or not, that's all I'm going to think.

Kattih: Can we vote on it.

Patel: Sure. Motion to vote on the amendments...on this specific amendments, So on 801.13.2. Senator Kattih.

Kattih: *SoMo, or motion to vote on 801...*

Patel: SoMo is fine. Any objections to voting? Strawpoll, do you want strawpoll?

Kattih: Yes, strawpoll.

Patel: Thank you ma'am. Alright, all in voting of not...okay so all in favor of adding this, yes? Okay so I have 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. All in favor of not adding an amendment related to travel? 1, 2, 3...a lot more. Okay and then all abstaining. **Alright, this will not be added.** It was a good debate though guys, I'm not going to lie. But anything else you want to amend? Was that your last amendment?

Aldridge: Yes.

Patel: And then obviously related down here.

Aldridge: If everyone is okay with...

Patel: The 28<sup>th</sup>...right here the 26.

Kattih: Point of information, is the excluding travel still...

Patel: No I removed them.

Kattih: Okay, awesome, thank you.

Aldridge: If no one has any problems with them...

Patel: 810.26 that was I guess bouncing off the first one 810.13.1.2 that we just said no to, so no...Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: It's not necessarily...there not like...one does not cause the other in this case but I think that it would be more important to clarify that they all have the equal opportunity instead of all them...instead of open to...like a travel grant is not open to all students, it's open to all students within an A&S funded student organization. So I feel as it's still important to clarify that and to give Special Funding the power to say if they think that their decision making is bad they could deem inappropriate.

Patel: Sure. So can I get a motion that you want to add 810.26. Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: *Motion to amend Chapter 810, by inserting 810.26 and 810.26.1.*

Patel: Thank you sir, any objections to that one? Seeing none, they will be incorporated.

Aldridge: And I'm done.

Patel: And he is done. Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: Could you go...I don't know where it is, but the requirements to be an officer in a student organization or something like that.

Cocco: The any additional requirements?

Pelegirino: Yes.

Patel: Right here. Yes ma'am.

Pelegirino: Wait, give me a second.

Patel: We removed the double negative from it, so now...

Pelegirino: Right, so what you're saying is that there shouldn't be any additional requirements right?

Patel: Yes ma'am, because it reads that no student organization...no student organization that withholds or denies membership will get A&S fees. Right? This shall include, because right now there's a no up here, and this is a sub-clause, this shall include any additional requirements. Anything else related to this thing at all, if not I'll take a motion to postpone. Senator Abraha.

Abraha: *Motion to postpone till the next meeting.*

Patel: Any objections? Seeing none, this bill will be postponed.

Abraha: Follow up.

Patel: Yes ma'am.

Abraha: Follow up question, you said you were going to...oh first I want to know, do we have the ability to strike anything that we added tonight, on the third reading?

Patel: Yes.

Abraha: And follow up question to that question.

Patel: Yes ma'am.

Abraha: You said that you were going to send this out, were you planning on sending this out with our Agenda or can you send this out before so that we have enough time to read it?

Patel: I can send it out tomorrow...or tonight...tonight.

Abraha: Sounds good, that is it.

Patel: Alright, moving down. I really want to get this out of the way which has to be done, and I'll actually bounce around really quick, as long as nobody minds. And that is to take the fiscal legislation of these orgs get funded and get signed.

Aziz: It'll take 20 minutes.

Patel: Sure. Senator Kattih.

Kattih: Motion to switch around the agenda and do the fiscal legislation on first readings now.

Patel: Does anyone have a problem with that? Or how long is your resolution sir?

Aziz: It's like a half a page.

Patel: We'll just take it, I'm sorry. I'm not accepting that motion, I'm sorry for even recommending it. Senator Aziz.

Kattih: I rescind my motion.

### **3. Resolution on First reading**

#### **a) SB [R] 54-005 Coach Chris Brown Commemoration**

Patel: Alright, Coach Chris Brown.

Aziz: This was suggested to me by Senator Cocco, who reads Oracle, that's what the article was in that gave him the idea. So this is to commemorate the soccer coach, the assistant coach. He's going to be going...teaching the Guyana Woman's Soccer Team for the World Cup, so this is a commemoration of his accomplishment. To express the interests of the Student Body through their Student Government, Be it resolved by the Senate of the University of South Florida Student Government assembled, Whereas, the Student Government Senate recognizes the accomplishments and services offered over the course of the past 6 years by Mr. Chris Brown in his position as Assistant Coach and Recruiting Coordinator of the Women's Soccer Team at the University of South Florida. Whereas, the Student Government Senate acknowledges his leadership and commitment to the growth and development of the women's soccer team; his integral role in helping transform the soccer program led the Bulls to the Big East tournament in 2007 and to their first win in the Big East Championship in 2009. Coach Brown also has helped the Bulls make their first Big East Championship Finals, first NCAA tournament win, and achieve the second most wins in program history. Whereas, his exceptional coaching skills earned him the position as Head Coach for the Guyana Senior Women's National Soccer team in 2010 and again for 2015. Coach Brown helped the team reach the final round of the 2010 Gold Cup and aims to make it to the World Cup in 2015. Therefore, be it resolved by the Senate of the University of South Florida Student Government Assembled, that on behalf of the student body, we sincerely thank Coach Chris Brown for his committed service at the University of South Florida, extend our gratitude for his accomplishments at USF, and wish him well in his efforts to help the Guyana Women's National Soccer team reach the World Cup in 2015.

Patel: Any questions about the resolution? Senator Antar.

Antar: *Motion to pass by acclamation.*

Patel: Any objections to that motion? Seeing none.

### **4. Fiscal Legislation on First Reading**

#### **a) SB [A] 54-002 Future Physical Therapists Organizations**



Patel: Moving down the first...or the Fiscal Legislation on First Reading. I have the PowerPoint to it and who is presenting? Oh okay. Cool, go ahead.

Kattih: Okay so, if you guys remember the Executive Budget Request, this is kind of like that. So this will refresh your memories. Right now in the account there is \$129,725.36 left. Please. Okay, thank you. Okay so the first organization we have is the Future Physical Therapists Organization. They requested \$477, they were allocated \$339.20. They have a 25% penalty because they missed the annual funding deadline of the 2013-2104 year, for a grand total of \$254.40. They have three things approved; cuts were made from standards and the 25% penalty.

Patel: Can you explain to them what standards are.

Kattih: Standards are these rules that we kind of follow internally within the Senate Committee on Appropriations and Audits. For example, food for an event, we are allowed to fund up to \$7 per head per event. Our Committee has delineated a \$2 cap for that barring certain circumstances, because it kind of gives everybody a fair chance to get funding for most org...you know a lot of their events. So a lot of the time student organizations request more money than we allocate usually, by standards, so that's what that means, cuts from standards. So if you guys want to see, first they had t-shirts and then we allocated their first social and then in the Spring they have an end of the year event. Are there any questions for this?

Patel: And you guys are good with the way we assess penalties? You guys understand? Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: What's a penalty? What's a penalty for.

Patel: Okay, so...go ahead.

Kattih: Okay so the penalty is every student organization has the opportunity to submit an annual budget in January, the deadline is the fourth Friday of January, I believe. So if they have been a student organization for a while, they know this process, they're supposed to submit the budget on time. If they missed the deadline, they have the opportunity to come and get interim funding, but they will be penalized because they missed the annual funding process. New organizations which were created after the funding process was over do not get that penalty because it's not relevant to them. Does that...?

Pelegrino: Yes.

Patel: Senator Larkins.

Larkins: So is this all the money they're allocated for the year?

Kattih: For the next year, yes.

Patel: Any more questions? Senator Belizaire.

Belizaire: Okay why 25%, is my question.

Patel: 25% is just a number that they picked across the board. So like it was still like a good enough of a cut to where there's a penalty, like they will fix their ways, but it's not going to hinder their whole purpose as an org, so they will still be able to function but they'll just be like...it's like a slap on the wrist but at 25%. Any questions? Any more questions actually? The way this will work is that we'll just vote on this budget, and then we'll move to the next one, we have four in total. Yeah, so I'll take a motion to vote, if you guys are all set. Senator Antar.

Antar: *Motion to vote on this budget bill.*

Patel: Any objections to voting? Here we go. One is yes to vote and to approve that funding, and two is no and then you don't like how much they are getting funded, and three is abstaining if you're the Treasurer, the President, the mom, I suggest you abstain because we want to remain impartial, unbiased. Everyone's clicked in? **27:0:1 the Future Physical Therapists Organizations will be funded the recommended amount.**

**b) SB [A] 54-003 Associations of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting**

Patel: Moving down this list, the next presenter. And then the clicker if you could...and the arrow is to just flip through pages.

Abraha: Gotcha. Alright, good evening guys. This is going to be the interim budget request for the ALPFA. And basically the requested a total of \$291.50, the same with the 25% penalty, it's going to be \$218.63. They didn't have that many events when we looked at it, they don't have that many members either, so what 15/20 at most of their events. But we approved for WOW, Halloween Social, Workshops and End of the Year Dinner and that's again...that is based on our standards and things that we typically fund. Things that we didn't fund was one event, it was off campus, so we didn't fund that. And the materials, they requested a lot more and it was things that we wouldn't be able to fund them because they were from A&S fees. I Believe that was it, she already explained what standards are, so if you have any other questions?

Patel: Senator Priest.

Priest: So my question is, you're saying that you're not funding things that aren't house on our campus. They said that they are having an end of the year dinner, so what are we assuming like...what's like what will be there end of the year dinner.

Abraha: That they would have it on campus and bring over you know and have a banquet. That's pretty much it.

Priest: Right, so then I guess my question is necessarily what's the different between going to the restaurant and...

Patel: The dinner could be here, and that's open to you. Like you can walk into that room and say I want that food. Senator Larkins.

Larkins: Okay, so for the events that they have, you also allocate money for that, or they have to use that \$218 for those events?

Patel: This is the allocation for the entirety of the year. Sorry for stealing your thunder.

Abraha: There's the descriptions.

Kattih: If I may.

Patel: Yes, Senator Kattih.

Kattih: These budgets they submit them knowing that they're for the next year, until the next annual budget for the 2014-2015 year. So that's what they request and that's what we allocate them based off of.

Patel: Right, they have this much money till July 1<sup>st</sup>. And again, just to brief description, description of the descriptions. The descriptions we provided these starting like...I guess starting last year, because it's kind of confusing as to what is their WOW Event. So this kind of tells you what their WOW event is. And if you kind of go back a slide you'll see that's what their purpose is. Your goal is to fund them in line with their purpose. So let's say they wanted to go to like...I don't know.

Abraha: Bowling alley.

Patel: Sure, like a bowling alley...

Abraha: For a social.

Patel: And if it's not a pertinent social, like it's not a social to build team...like team building...like they want to go to a bowling alley to compete in a tournament. They're not...they're more concerned about competing in a tournament, you get it? If they were an org about competing in tournaments, we'll fund them and they can join it. Senator Priest.

Priest: Just wondering, what do we do in an event where like let's say happens to have 10 members, and that's what you guys base the budget...

Patel: We don't base the budget based on members.

Abraha: The food and stuff, but when they tell us how many members are their projected amount of people that are going to be attending, we look at that from our \$2 and \$3 from standards and multiply that and figure out how many people we want to fund for that specific event not in general. But go ahead.

Priest: Okay, well that's kind of what I'm saying because like let's say there's only 10 people...like normally let's say like 10 people come to the event and all of a sudden this time they're going to have like 50 people and they have that same budget...so what would we do in this scenario?

Patel: Well the way it would work is that once they're funded this amount, they throw their event with that much amount, right? Like imagine you said you would have 10 people at your BBQ, you'll buy 10 people worth of food, is what we funded you for. If you buy more that's not our fault. You said you wanted 10 peoples worth, if 20 people show up, one congratulation your club is going, but there is nothing we can directly do to fund you more. This is your funding till July 1<sup>st</sup>; fundraisers are the next best solution.

Abraha: And we do encourage these...all these student organizations to fund raise without A&S fees, but fundraise none the less.

Patel: Senator Kattih.

Kattih: To address your question, I have two points. The first point is, student organizations get this money as a lump sum, so if they for example over advertise a certain event and realize that 50 people are going to show up, they can use that money for that event. The second thing, that's where audits come in. If we see that an event that's supposed to have 20 people show up, actually has 50 people, then the next year when they request certain amounts for specific events that we've audited in the past, we can over...or fund them more money for it.

Patel: Or fund them more or less.

Kattih: Yeah, exactly, it works both ways.

Patel: Alright, any more questions about this budget? I'll take motions from new Senators. Senator Scharon.

Scharon: *Motion to vote.*

Patel: On ALPFA.

Scharon: On ALPFA.

Patel: Yes ma'am, any objections? Seeing none, we'll be voting on SB [A] 54-003, the budget for ALPFA. Alright, one is yes, two is no, three is to abstain. Everyone is clicked in? **Okay. 28:0:1, they will be funded based on the recommendation.**

### **c) SB [A] 54-004 Karst Research Group**

Patel: Go ahead.

Lopez: Alrighty, I have the Karst Research Group, and we allocated them \$1,913.30. But they also missed the deadline so the 25...so there's a 25% penalty which brings that to \$1,434.98. Any questions?

Patel: And if you could just give a brief description of the events. Like if you click next you'll be able to read them. You don't have to read them directly.

Lopez: Okay. They requested about...didn't they request more than five events. Yeah, they requested more than 5 events...

Kattih: Well no.

Patel: Senator Kattih.

Kattih: No they requested money for equipment, and a lot of that was beyond what we usually fund. So that's where it was cut from.

Lopez: Oh okay. They are very basic events. The virtual safety equipment, this organization deals with...it's the...I mean you could read it but, Karst is a...it's pretty much things that go into sinkhole, so just research in that field. So they go and they actually do like they excavate and they go and explore all of these things. And from what we've learned from the organization is that they have such limited equipment, such that one set of material is used for a group of 6 people. And that's very unsafe, given like the situations they're putting themselves into already, so we tried to give them as much as we could for that. And then...I mean the events after that are pretty basic I guess.

Patel: Senator Cocco, excuse me.

Cocco: So they go to sinkholes and...what...caving trips...what exactly is the purpose of the organization?

Patel: Senator Aziz.

Scharon: I can actually answer that.

Patel: Oh, actually Senator Scharon.

Scharon: The vital safety equipment, they actually go cave exploring and so...exploring...they go in caves, something to do with rocks. And so they actually have one harness system thing for 6 people, the problem is it makes such a delay for all the people to get down and back up out of the caves. They originally requested 4 systems, we think that's too much money but we did fund them the one extra system to cut that time in half they were spending trying to get them in and out of the caves. Because we felt that if students want to further their research aspirations, we don't want them to be stuck in a cave.

Patel: Does that answer your question Senator Cocco?

Lopez: They go and explore and they observe and collect samples, just to see how they can improve problems that are caused by this.

Cocco: By caves?

Kattih: Just to...

Patel: Senator Kattih...

Cocco: I really don't understand what they do.

Kattih: Just a point of clarification. Karst, the word Karst means it's a type of rock, and so they go and explore that type of rock, in different settings all over Florida.

Patel: It's no different than the canoeing club, so we buy canoes so we can go canoe together. Instead of canoeing one canoe and coming back, cuz that would be kind of lame. So now they have two harnesses.

Cocco: I was just confused at what exactly they were doing. Karst is rock, okay. They're rock people.

Patel: Like once they buy the harnesses, you could be like hey take a picture while you're down there, and then they'll send it to us. Senator Abraha.

Abraha: Hi, point of clarification. They don't just go in caves and have fun; they actually did want to do an event to explore around the USF campus. And so I know it's either find something that has to do with plants or finding something that actually has to do with actually improving our campus. But we didn't fund that specific one because we wanted their own department, their own Geology Department actually to deal with that. So they do have stuff to deal with aside from caves, I just wanted everyone to know that.

Cocco: That was my other question.

Patel: And on the record, we don't discriminate based on caves. Cool. Senator Aziz.

Aziz: They're mostly grad students, that's why it's mostly like research based and Karst based, and they work with the Geology Department.

Cocco: Okay.

Patel: Thank you, any more questions about the budget request? Seeing none, I'll take a motion, again from a new person. Any new Senator wants to raise...Senator Brown.

Brown: *Motion to vote.*

Patel: Perfect, any objections to voting on Karst budget? Seeing none, we're now in voting procedures. Yes if you like it, two if you don't. Not like their mission, just their budget. Cool. **28:0:1, Karst has been approved for this recommendation.**

**d) SB [A] 54-005 Arab Cultural Association**

Patel: So on to the last one.

Scharon: Okay, so Arab Cultural Association requested \$2000...

Patel: Arab, you're fine, just continue. You're good.

Scharon: Requested \$2,199...\$2,385, we allocated \$2,199.50. But they did miss the annual funding deadline so there was a 25% penalty deducted from the money they received. Click.

Patel: You could just tell them what you funded.

Scharon: Okay. We funded 7 events, they requested more I believe but these were the most pertinent and the most important events. Any questions? Senator Priest.

Priest: I'm just confused like, almost \$2,000 worth of food for one club. Is it a particularly large club?

Scharon: A lot of their events are awareness events where they're actually inviting people to come see different parts of the culture. And we funded according to a standard where they...they give us a projected amount of people that they expect to come or have come for the past years, and then we multiply by two, \$2 to feed per person. A lot of it is cultural awareness, if you read the descriptions, I don't know if they're up there.

Patel: They're right there.

Scharon: So that's why there's so much food. And there's 7 events, it's split food as well.

Patel: Senator Abraha.

Abraha: I just wanted to say, we based this also off of the fact that certain events were show casing and which a lot of people do come...turn out to those events. I believe it was in the ballroom or oval theater, or something like that, is usually really popular. And the Wow Events and one more, I forgot what it was called, but it was in the amphitheater, so if...in places like that if you have food and it's open like that it's going to be gone. And the projected amount we didn't think was too much, the one place that we thought it was too much projected amount, it was an event that was at Riverfront Park, and we cut it down and we funded them accordingly.

Patel: And just...I know this is a big topic in ASRC, ethnic food costs more than regular food. It's just a...just like a think that is accepted across everybody. You want to go out and but creole food, it's going to be more expensive than pizza. If you want to go out and buy Indian food it's going to be more expensive than pizza. So that...like they take those kinds of small considerations in. Hopefully they still don't make them have feast, but there is that small consideration. Senator Larkins.

Larkins: What's overhead.

Patel: Thank you ma'am. Overhead...oh it's right here. Overhead, it's 6% overhead as in like all the costs that it takes to process like...so if you have a food...if you have an event for \$200, you submit that request to ASBO. ASBO charges that 6% because of all the people that are involved in processing that thing. Apparently it costs \$100, to process one PO, because it takes a trip from here all the way to like the Controller and all the...it just follows a track. And so it just goes to what is SASSC. So I'll explain SASSC later, but you'll learn it. But overhead is just...just consider it tax.

Antar: It's the cost of spending money.

Patel: It's the cost of spending money, so tax. If that answers your question?

Larkins: Well you said tax.

Patel: It is a tax that's charged by the USF. Cool, any more questions? Alright, Senator Cocco.

Cocco: *Motion to vote.*

Patel: Any objections to voting on the Arab Cultural Association budget? Seeing none. One is yes, two is no and three to abstain. And then if you vote no, I'm pretty sure it just goes back to committee...no...If you vote no...

Antar: It's failed.

Kattih: It's failed.

Patel: It's failed and you do not get funded. If you vote...if you motion to move it back to committee, that's where it gets moved back to committee, and then they reallocate. Probably should have pointed out before I just did that. Oh yeah...abstain if you're the President, or the Vice President, or the Funding Chair or the Fundraiser Chair. Cool, and actually email your reasons to Adam and me, and cc everybody else. I'm just kidding. Cool.

Alqasemi: Can we just state our reason to him after the meeting.

Patel: No.

Adam: I need an email...thank you.

Patel: **25:0:4.**

## **5. Statutory Legislation on First Reading**

### **a) SB [S] 54-005 Title VII Review**

Patel: Alright, and then the last thing of the night, which is Title VII. We'll just take the first reading and get that out of the way, so when we meet next time, you already know what Title VII is. And since Mr...okay he was supposed to be here. So the sponsor will be Senator Antar and then the Chair, as me, will recognize Senator...or Mr. Hassouneh, who was on the Title VII Ad-Hoc and he was also part of the ERC that got us all in here.

Antar: Okay, so just bear with us guys, I know you guys want to get out of here quick, I know it's late so let's just do this. So SB [S] 54-005...do we need a motion?

Patel: Can I get a motion for us to read? Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: *Motion to enter the first reading of SB [S] 54-005.*

Patel: Any objections? Seeing none, we're reading.

Antar: Here it goes. The intent of this legislation shall be to take into consideration the recommended changes to Chapter 701, 702, 703, 704, and 705 brought forth by the Title VII Ad-Hoc Review Committee completed during the 53<sup>rd</sup> Term. So let's take it from the top. First change here, we have added an Assistant Deputy in the definitions chapter. Mr. Hassouneh

Hassouneh: Assistant Deputies were always present in Title VII, but the Committee in this case wanted to enumerate that they were voluntary unpaid positions that would only be appointed by the Supervisor of Elections.

Antar: So we went ahead and codified that. Scrolling on down, we were going to add impugn an opposing campaign, we realized it was redundant, so we took it out. So it was added then taken out, don't know why it was still there.

Patel: That's fine. So you'll understand this for the next week, I'll send out the perfect copy. That way you guys can read it with all the things that were mentioned.

Antar: Scrolling on down, here we go. There was a change in structure, Mr. Hassouneh, if you would go ahead.

Hassouneh: This is going to be pretty much the biggest change in Title VII. What happened was a Deputy of Supervisor of Election was removed, it used to be three. And the position of Supervisor of Senate Elections was changed to Associate Supervisor of Elections. This was done to increase...the (inaudible) efficacy of the whole like agency. This way we wouldn't need like fourth additions to do the job that three could do. Because I mean I was in the ERC and I know that we didn't need three Deputies and a Supervisor of Senate Elections, which is a position that had no powers above the deputies. It was the same position just different names. So there were a couple of changes done there to give this position Associate Supervisor of Election more power, and the Deputies, just one was removed because they were superfluous.

Antar: And in line with that, you'll see some changes in Statutes that will follow that structure. Before we put the Supervisor, the Deputies and then the Associate...well the Supervisor of Senate Elections. We flipped it around so that it would say Supervisor, Associate Supervisor, who has more powers than a Deputy, and then the Deputy. So here we went ahead and made those changes, as well, that was done in Committee.

Patel: Everyone is still on pace? Cool. Question, Senator Belizaire.

Belizaire: How many Assistant Deputies do you guys have?

Hassouneh: Currently?

Belizaire: Because it just says Deputies, plural. So you guys...

Hassouneh: Oh Assistant Deputies. Is that...that was your question right?

Belizaire: Yes.



Hassounch: Assistant Deputies, since they're volunteer positions, there is actually no cap on them. So we can have as many as the Supervisor of Elections decides.

Antar: Mobile Polling Station was change from laptop, PDA, cellphone or other portable device...or laptop, PDA, Cellphone or other, to just any portable device by any person, as opposed to the description that we saw. Anybody takes anything to vote somewhere outside of the polling station, it's a mobile polling station.

Unknown Senator: Wait.

Patel: Who said wait? Oh, you're good?

Antar: Okay. And then in 700.33 was added and staff.

Hassounch: That was just to make sure people understood that it's not an official polling station unless staffed by an ERC member. That way people couldn't go to a polling station that has yet to be staffed and claim it as their own and just run amuck with it.

Patel: Right, just to give you guy's background, the ERC will release polling stations. So I know when all of you guys were shopping or campaigning, they were like you cannot do it at the base of the Bulls, right, like right outside of the Marshall Center. You can't campaign there because of the Polling Station. But imagine one day if they didn't set up a Polling Station there, it's still officially called a Polling Station because the ERC will send out a memo saying these are our Polling Stations. Just so no one else takes advantage of that location saying that oh this is the official polling station right here, so come vote for me. So that no one does that, we staff. Cool.

Antar: Scrolling on down. That was the end of 700, so we'll go to 701, Election Rules Commission, this will actually rewrite the structure. Again, you see here the changes that Mr. Hassounch already talked about, where they changed the Senate Supervisor of Elections to the Associate Supervisor of Elections, who is now second in power to the Supervisor of Elections. And under the both of them would be the Deputy Supervisor of Elections. So you will also see that we did the rearranging shuffle thing where we put the Supervisor, the Associate Supervisor, the former Supervisor of Senate and then the Deputy Supervisors. And that is consistent throughout; you see that in .1.1, .1.2 and again in .1.4.

Patel: And then again just like...the Supervisor of Senate Election, just so you guys understand. There has never really been a duty that was specific to Senate. So don't feel like you guys are getting like anything taken away. It's just a title change.

Hassounch: Completely a back year's position it was just...

Antar: Yes, okay. And then there was another thing added a little sub-clause. 701.1.4.1.

Hassounch: This is again to reaffirm that only Supervisor of Elections can hire Assistant Deputies and that's just to make sure no one abuses their powers.

Antar: That's just the nature. Next step. And then there's just a name change there in 701.1.6.1. Scrolling on down. Oh, here it is. Okay so we add the name change from the Supervisor of Senate Elections to the Deputy to...okay alright, let's talk about this one first, 701.3.15.

Hassounch: This was done because the Supervisor of Elections is the head of an agency, so there's no point to encumber him with more work...put more work on him when he's already running the agency, and the Associate Supervisor of Elections can go ahead and fill that role. Since there's an overlap between the duties of the Associate and the duties of the Deputy, he can go ahead and assume any responsibility that doesn't go there.

Antar: So this power was given to the Associate Supervisor. Okay and then here, it used to...I don't know why I changed it to that. But anyways, you have the Deputy Supervisor of Elections rules here, but in reality if you scroll down a bit more you see the Associate Supervisor of Elections added in at the bottom here. We motioned for it in committee and it was voted to be approved with this up there over the Deputy Supervisor of Elections, we just have yet actually gotten to change the formatting because that is a gargantuan task. But yeah, so we're going to go ahead and do that. So just remember this is 701.4 and the Deputy Supervisor of Elections is 701.5

Patel: It's just a hierarchy.

Antar: Yeah it's a follow of that hierarchy; you wanted to keep that consistent. But...

Hassounch: We'll go ahead and run through the duties. But personally, as you guys saw up there...if you just scroll up just to show...Right here it says the Supervisor of Elections and the Deputy Supervisor of Elections, have the same exact duties. There was nothing different, they were same positions but for some reason one got paid higher. And then (inaudible) and members of the ERC decided that the Associate Supervisor of Elections could be made into its own position and be given its own powers and responsibilities. That would be more...that would departmentalize all the work that is going on in the ERC and make things a lot more efficient. So here we have pretty much all the same stuff, it should go...this is about how it should assist the Supervisor of Elections and executing the role in the ERC. And then from here to here are all the roles of the Deputy Supervisor of Elections. This is the one we removed from the Supervisor of Elections where you temporarily assume any election rules in position. And then these were added because of the new position, to give it more power. Now these were in there to enumerate that the Associate Supervisor of Elections may not serve for elections because that would conflict between various Statutes and Rules within Title VII itself. They also may not hire any person or fire any person from the ERC because that's a power that should only be held by the Director of the agency. And you don't want the Director to not be in one day and the Associates to just take that position and to decide they didn't like someone. And no sitting deadlines for candidates that are not outlined in governing documents because that is solely the responsibility of the Supervisor of Elections.

Antar: Is that it? Scrolling on down, I think there is a little bit more. Alright, so...I'll just let you go ahead and take that one. 701....

Hassounch: This one I'm pretty sure is just all clerical. Nothing here was any impactful changes. But this one is referencing that...so there should be at least one polling station for all elections, as a minimum, and you don't count the SGCS towards that minimum. So that way we don't go ahead, as an ERC, say we're missing some people so today we're going to open one polling station and say it's just SGCS, and we just sit on our butts in the office. This way there actually has to be a polling station.

Patel: SGCS, the computer lab, is a polling...is technically a polling station. So you can vote there but it's not staffed by ERC, so we don't consider it as one of their polling stations. There's a minimum so they actually have to go out and do some work, but they can't just lay down and let them all do it.

Hassounch: This one was...

Patel: Pretty straightforward.

Antar: I feel like it was for a reason...This one right here 701.6...

Hassounch: Oh I think this might...this might because it's redundant with the SGCS one.

Antar: Alright, yeah. Yeah, I'm pretty sure it's right. And then in the event that at least two officers of the Election Rules Commission have not yet taken office, one official polling station shall not be required. It's already at the top...oh yeah because this was for the midterm elections. We went ahead and ....

Patel: And moved that to the top...

Antar: Right, so you can see where midterm was added there. Yeah, I'm like it's already there. So it's redundant, we took it out and consolidated it to one clause. Anyway, scrolling on down. That was the same one that we move up. The Student Government Computer Service shall be an exception to the minimum, so that was consolidated again and it's all in one place to read. Anyway, so that on 701...

Hassounah: This one says that all campaign materials must have the campus name on said material. That's just to make sure we can have more accountability and transparency with campaigns. And just in case they make any mistakes with what they put out, because there's a campaign in code of ethics with what you're allowed to put out, we could correct it and hopefully deal with it so there's nothing to make the election process be (inaudible), just to make sure everything's cleared. Oh and this one was just that there was never any official date in Title VII, for some reason, that said when campaign documents had to be submitted. So now it says no later than two business days or the close of their respective close cycles, just to make sure that people get their stuff submitted and we can keep track of all them.

Antar: And you can see that this was tentatively added and then removed throughout the rest of the document. Where there were deadlines for other documents, say for instance like the Staff List, or you know Contribution List or Fundraising List kind of this. So whenever it's mentioned, again it just falls under this, it's an official campaign document. So we struck the other ones. So yeah, it's all consolidated there. But anyways, 701, that's...

Patel: 702.

Antar: 702, I mean, that's general requirements and regulations for candidacy. 702.5.1...\

Patel: No 701...

Antar: Oh 701...

Patel: No 702.1.2.1.1

Antar: Yeah.

Patel: It's numbered off.

Hassounah: This is just to make sure that people...when you submit a Campaign Staff list; it comes in right before campaigning. Again to make sure we could hold people accountable, we can make sure what's going on and also we can make sure people don't send out members of their campaign staff to do campaigning before the official like open of the campaigns...there you go.

Patel: Senator Lee.

Lee: Can I ask a question?

Patel: Yes ma'am.

Lee: I'm just wondering if...does it say...like does this document have something that like will penalize the students if they don't submit the documents?

Hassounah: Yeah, you have the major and minor grievances, they're violations. And you get awarded points, a major violation is 3 points and a minor is 1. So one major or three minors gets you out, so three points gets you out of the elections.

Patel: Right so every missed document, you get a point assessed by the ERC. Senator Lee.

Lee: What if the election is done and someone fines you.

Hassounah: After the certification of the elections nothing...you can't fine anyone, you can't give them violations or anything. What you can do though, is right after the election the poll end, people might file a grievance, and then you may get fined the points. And sometimes people might take it to court to say the elections was messed up because something wasn't followed through, but then other than that everything would be fine with the certification.

Patel: Right and then there's also recall elections, which we'll get to it...which serves that purpose.

Antar: This is a big one, 702.5.14.

Hassounah: This one was made just because it's PAT's regulations to go out and throw stuff around the campus and parking garage. So we just wanted to make sure some of our candidates might not know this, so we went ahead and let them know in Title VII, since all candidates should definitely read Title VII before they go out and campaign. And also it's a hassle, and there's no need to put trash all over our beautiful campus.

Antar: 703, General Requirements and Regulations for Senate Midterm Elections. So I think this Is just a deadline for clarification. 703.1.1

Hassounah: This is just to make sure that we give time, it says at 5 pm, not before. This is just to make sure we give time that after the close of the elections because that's usually on Thursday, that people have a time to file grievances with the ERC so we could follow through and make sure the elections were done properly. And then anything after 5, you know once we start at 5, gets tossed away kinda. So once you start at 5...before certification gets tossed away, if not we'll do the certification.

Patel: Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: I have a question. So, and I know it's just a two letter word, but the word at 5pm, does that mean that even if you know there's not grievances, do you ever have to wait all the way till 5pm to sign it.

Hassounah: Yes because you want to give people the opportunity, we're not pressuring our own mission, so to give people the opportunity to come in.

Patel: Thank you.

Antar: And again this falls under how in 701, at the end of 701, we already made that deadline there. So the Budget Statement is another official document and it has to be done two business days of the transaction...within two business days.

Patel: Cool.

Antar: So there's a little bit of striking there. Go ahead.

Hassounah: It was just redundant.

Antar: It's the same as the first one, so we went ahead and just took it out. There was too many of them. Okay 704, General Elections and Student Government Supreme Court. We changed the hours to business days, because if you have any hours, there's a chance it could be over the weekend or it could be over a non-business day and it's not fair because you want them to have that whole business day to go ahead and continue on with their business. If I'm not mistaken, so it's there in 704.1.4. 704.2.2.4, the same thing. And then 705, Special Elections.

Patel: This is the part where you'll have to...

Antar: Yep, and there's really only one actual change that was passed in Committee. As you can see here there was a change here from hours to business days again, in 705.2.9. Scrolling down, under in student referendum, now all of this you don't even have to worry about it. We'll format it properly where we'll do the switch in 701 and we'll take out the referendum bits. Mr. Patel talked about the Constitutional Ad-Hoc Committee, he was putting together, and so all these amendments were made to address those issues in the Constitution. So instead of putting the Statutes first, we're going to make the changes in the Constitution and then make the changes in Statutes. Because it makes no sense because our Statutes would conflict with the Constitution and that just doesn't fly. So yeah, so we went ahead and struck all those proposed amendments, that includes 705.3.3. So we can keep on going down. And then again here it was changed from 10 business days to 20 business days.

Hassounah: This was actually at the request of SGATO. Gary Manka wanted to make sure we gave SGATO enough time to go ahead and go through...for example we had a referendum and we had about 2,700 signatures, so that's a lot... 1,700?

Patel: 1,700.

Hassounah: Okay. So they didn't have enough time to go through all of the signatures properly, and they had to rush through it. But this way they'll have more time, which gives them 4 weeks before the elections.

Antar: Yep, and I'm pretty sure that's the end of the proposed amendments to the Bill.

Hassounah: There should be one more.

Antar: Unless there's one more, never mind.

Patel: No.

Antar: No there isn't one more, I told you man, I just went over this in Committee. Which one? Oh yeah, yeah, yeah. Roll it back up to 704, I think we glossed over one. I talked about changes from hours to business days, but there was another change...I think it's below that.

Patel: Yes.

Antar: Yeah, there it is.

Patel: Good catch.

Hassouneh: So this is just that the Court can...so in the Statutes they are not allowed to reduce major violation to minor violations. But we also wanted to make sure they don't increase minor violations to major violations, just to make it fair. If they don't have the right to reduce it, they shouldn't have the right to increase it because those filed as a minor should stay.

Antar: Okay.

Patel: Okay, any questions that you guys have that you need answered before you guys read this on your own. When you guys read this one your own, when you actually read this on your own, because I worked in my name half way through it and I want you guys to find it. And...maybe...you won't get the real one yet. Yeah so can I get a motion to postpone this if there's no questions. Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: *Motion to postpone till the next reading.*

Patel: Meeting.

Pelegrino: Meeting.

Patel: Thank you, any objections? Seeing none, it is postponed.

### **Final Roll Call**

Patel: Final Roll Call. Senator Cocco.

Nadima: Thank you, appreciate it.

Patel: Senator Abraha. This is announcements guys

Abraha: So we're getting all these readings tomorrow.

Patel: Yes, as soon as I send them out, yes ma'am. I'll send them out altogether, so you guys have a week to review them and we'll meet on Tuesday.

Abraha: And who can we discuss them with beforehand?

Patel: You can discuss them with anybody. As long as it's not like...like let me say it this way, because it's still getting voted on, as long as it's not like you're discussing it with these three people...actually no Bills you can work on with anybody outside of the office and it doesn't have to be recorded. Cool but before you guys all start jumping around, we still have to take roll call and we're still in announcements. Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Okay, I'll be quick, I promise. First I want to thank everyone for indulging me on the amendments, as well as the President and the Clerk, I really appreciate your help on that and I think it's going to help changes. For the ones that are not SenEx, only because they've already received it, and so has Nadima and so has Shyam, we have padfolios. So after you sign out, and don't storm Karline there, she has padfolios for each of you. So you just...what we need though is you need to initial...yeah snaps, I mean it's important. Just initial by your name after you sign it, so we know got the padfolio and who we need to track down and give one to.

Patel: Alright, Senator Kattih.

Kattih: Shout out to my Committee members who presented today, thank you so much. You guys did an amazing job.

Patel: Alright anybody else want to shout out to anybody else, no? Cool.

Antar: Shout out to my Committee Members, because my Committee is awesome.

Alqasemi: It's unsaid for my Committee, because you guys know.

Patel: Shout out to my Committee Members, for being the biggest Committee here.

Patel: Alright, I'm just going to move...

Kattih: Motion to adjourn.

Patel: No, we haven't even taken roll. Okay, final roll call. Just click one if you're here. Again, don't talk, don't make noise, don't do anything...sit down. And then you take your clickers to Karline, you trade a clicker for a padfolio. And yeah sign and initial.

Aldridge: Initial twice.

Patel: Initial twice.

### **Adjournment**

Patel: Alright, I'll take a motion to adjourn. Senator Antar.

Antar: *Motion to adjourn.*

Patel: Any objections to adjourning? Seeing none, we'll be adjourned at 10:52 pm.

[Gavel]

**Adjournment called by Senate President Patel at 10:52 pm.**

*Transcribed by Senate Clerk Nadima Ally.*