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**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:**

[Gavel]

Patel: I call this meeting to order at 6:14 pm, on July 16th. First item on the Agenda is the Pledge of Allegiance, if I can have everyone stand please. Senator Pelegrino, will 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.

Patel: Thank you.

**First Roll Call:**

Patel: Moving on, the First Roll Call. If you can't click in, just waive your hand. Everyone's in? Alright, 30 present today.

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

Patel: Down the Agenda, additions/deletions/clarifications to the orders of the day. Do I have a motion? Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Motion to strike the...maybe ask Mr. Aziz for clarification. Was there one of the Interim Budgets that had Constitution Issues?

Aziz: They are all fine. The issues are minor, which we can fix with the order too.

Aldridge: They're all fine?

Aziz: Yeah.

Aldridge: Okay, never mind.

Patel: Any motions still? Senator Abraha.

Abraha: *Motion to approve the Agenda.*

Patel: Any objections to approving the Agenda? Seeing none, the Agenda is as it stands.

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

Patel: Additions/Deletions/or Clarifications...or Changes to the Minutes. There were no Minutes sent out, so if we can get a motion to postpone them till next Senate Meeting, essentially when we meet in September. Senator Strenges.

Strenges: *Motion to postpone.*

Patel: Any objections to postponing the Minutes? Seeing none, they will be postponed.

### **Legislative Branch Report:**

Patel: First item, Legislative Branch Report. Do you have...Senator Pelegrino, do you have...as a Vice Chair of the Rules Committee, do you have a report?

Pelegrino: Sure.

Patel: Go ahead.

Pelegrino: Alright, so we had a meeting yesterday and we went over two Senate Bills and you guys will see tonight on the floor SB [S] 54-006, which Senator Canton will sponsored and also SB [S] 54-007 which Senator Monteith will sponsor tonight. Other than that I believe we have one more meeting next week and I believe we will be done for this Summer, that's it.

Patel: Thank you ma'am, any questions for her? Seeing none, moving down, Senator Kattih.

Kattih: My Vice Chair Ms. Abraha will give this report.

Patel: Go ahead Ms. Abraha.

Abraha: Good evening everyone. In Committee last week we went through six budget Bills, which we'll be presenting with you tonight, so might be a little long, bear with us. Second thing is that we have our Audit Forms up. Adam Aldridge will be sending those out to you soon and once we have the campus organizations doing their events using A&S fees, you will be the first ones to audit them. And basically what we're doing as Committee Members, is meeting with organizations right now so we can get their budgets and we can get their money. We have one more meeting on Monday, and that is it, any questions?

Patel: Any questions? Thank you. Senator Alqasemi...or actually the order is off, you're find go ahead.

Alqasemi: You're sure?

Patel: Yeah, you can go ahead.

Alqasemi: Alright, in Committee this past week, we allocated all the Signature Event Grants. Out of the 13 requests, we funded only 2. A lot of the other ones had problems with maybe not being under the prevue of this Grant, so we didn't fund them. We funded a total of \$1,700 and the rest of the money is going to roll over into the Spring. And from now one we have about six maybe Travel Grants coming up. And that's what we'll be working on, any questions?

Patel: And you're more than welcome to ask questions for your Constituents, if you're going to represent whoever to the Chairman's/Chairwoman, just letting you guys know. Alright, Senator...or we'll come back to you. Senator Cocco.

Cocco: Hello. Snaps to President Warmke, the State of Student Body, looking forward to working with him this year and I want to thank him for allowing me to attend FSA. Look forward to going to Jacksonville and continuing the work of the students with our leaders across the state. Today I gave my Committee the day off, because they've been working their butts off. And I think a little day off is nice, especially tonight is gonna be probably kinda long. And in addition, Court....August 2<sup>nd</sup> is still good for the Judicial Branches and Outreach. That's all I have right now.

Patel: Any questions? Senator Canton.

Cocco: Sir.

Canton: What exactly is August 2<sup>nd</sup> again, can you refresh my memory?

Cocco: Umm...I went with the Court and did an Outreach with the Judicial Branches of each campus, at St. Pete. I don't know if you remember I talked about that. And they're going to meet again and discuss, you know, the Constitution, Branches, and stuff like that. Makes sense?

Canton: Yeah.

Cocco: It's open, you can come. We're going to be at Sarasota Campus this time. Is that alright, did I get everything? Alright, cool.

Patel: Thank you. Senator Aziz.

Aziz: I'll let Senator Strenge give the announcements, since he carried half of the meeting, we'll do half and half.

Patel: Senator Strenge.

Strenge: So JEC last week met and went over three Confirmations that you're going to see today. And touched up on a grievance with regarding a student organization that we'll be handling next week. And we'll be handling that tomorrow and we'll keep you updated.

Patel: Any questions? Senator Aziz, did you have anything you wanted to add?

Aziz: Just, if you guys want to come tomorrow 3 pm for a grievance, listen to it. It'll be a good learning experience since this is the first real grievance, so it'll give you guys good experience and investigation in our procedures. And also on the issues...on...I guess how the Committee decides and deliberates. Have any questions? Abraha.

Abraha: What is it regarding, can we ask?

Aziz: Umm the grievance is about the Society of Automotive Engineers and there's two sides to the issue. So we're investigating that based on the grievance, we're sticking to the parameters that the business was for. So...Senator Ali, according to our procedures kinda like a notification to testify an official standard, everyone sent all their things, and tomorrow is when they do their...when they testify.

Romero: Exactly...

Patel: Senator Romero.

Romero: Exactly who brings up aggrievances? Is it just a student, or who can bring up aggrievances?

Aziz: Grievances are anonymous; any student can bring one up. You can either fill it out with your name or anonymously, and it's up to the Senate President and...to accept it as worthy and the Committee decides it's worthy, then we investigate based on that.

Patel: Senator Zituni.

Zituni: Where did you say it was taking place again?

Aziz: Tomorrow, 3pm in the SG Conference room, 4304.

Patel: Senator Scharon.

Scharon: What are the consequences of filing a grievance? Like...

Aziz: You mean the powers that we have?

Scharon: Mmhmm.

Aziz: So we can either do nothing, or we can either freeze their account for five days, or freeze them indefinitely. So those are our three things. Or we can recommend it out to CSI, if it pertains to them. Which in this can some of the issues are pertaining to CSI, so that's what our, I guess, scope is. Any more questions?

Patel: Thank you Sir. Pro Temp Aldridge.

Aldridge: Alright, I wrote down my list today, so it'll be a little bit faster. All the Committees have the SOPs uploaded on their Committee pages, in case you ever wanted to read them. As well as all the Agenda and Minutes, in fact everything is updated and is current...everything that has been passed by any of your Committees or by Senate is up on the Agenda, except for two Resolutions which have been just signed in PDF, but I have not had the time to upload them to the website. Abdool and I have been in conversation with CSI about Constitutions, in terms of having a new template, as well as the updated checklist. And I think we'll be able to see a change, hopefully, by the end of July. Ali, Shyam, Abdool, Gary and I have been having a conversation with the College of Medicine, about changes for their Structure, an updated Constitution, an updated Name and eventually an updated Statute. I don't know if you've been made aware of this, but there is a Search Committee for the Dean of Engineering, that Mr. Warmke just put...was submitting names to for the Provost. And I along with Senator Brown, which obviously I think we need to be in Conversations on Search Committee for the Dean of Engineering...I'll be sure to let you know, whenever I know more, I'll let you know. There's been meetings and conversations with SGATO, CSI, and SBO...or A&S Business Office, about travel. Part of the changes that you saw last night...or last week, was in conversation about that. And I'm looking to trying and figure out if there are any other ways that we can most effectively put the loopholes in place. Conversation with the Sports Club Council, which was told of the pass of the Bill. I was on the Hiring Committee of the A&S Business Office position that's with Lakeland. And if you not...and if you happen to know there's a hiring freeze right now at the University, so it will be a little bit longer. But right now there's a position within the Business Office that they're looking to hire for...to basically work as a Fiscal Analyst with Lakeland. Obviously they had the Council, their Student Affairs, and their student orgs, so right now we don't have anyone for that position. But the last couple of weeks been on the hiring committee for that. Last week and I don't know if you'll mention this as well, but Shyam, Abdool, Stephen, and I were in a meeting with the Graduate Professional Student Council, trying to help alleviate their concerns and work for the Graduate Students, as well as maybe reaching out to different Student Affairs Departments about the Graduate Orientation that will happen in August. The two Bills that are sponsored, I was in Rules Committee, helped to write them. And all the promo items, padfolios and the positive points standings have

been...they're in, they're updated. I believe a couple of you are either excused, and within the last week I have not been able to show you the positive points and the padfolio, but you will get those sometime today. And that should be it.

Patel: Any questions? Well, I'm going to start mine off with...can we give a round of applause to Pro Temp Aldridge. Just because...regardless of how much you guys know he does, he does a lot more work than either myself...like he handles all the filing and he makes sure everything is in order. Even for like bigger meetings, like when we met with GPSC, he knew every talking point just in case like anything went wrong he was there. So it's really...it's like a really true honor to have him serve for Senate this year. Alright, moving down. I mean I'm just going to talk about the one fun thing we did since he covered all our little...like you know paper works. So we had the...we went to talk to the Buccaneers to figure out if we're going to do tickets this year. And it's looking like right now we're going to get around 600 student tickets, subsidized to I think \$20 we are considering. So students will pay \$20 to go to the game. It's going to be a Monday night game against the Dolphins, so again Florida rivalry. And it's also going to be a lower level seating, so down here not nose bleed. And then the point is that once we actually start figuring out how we're gonna market the whole ticket thing, because right now we're going to be investing partially in it and then students are going to subsidize the rest. So it's going to be good to have your feedback on how you guys believe they should be marketed, or what cool ideas you guys might have to actually sell the tickets or even get the tickets out there. Because last year's problem was that we sold them like physically copies, so we just had like the actual...we tore them off and we said hey here's your ticket, here's your ticket. If you guys want six, we tore off six of them, but there's a line of 10 seats and you know a random 4 seats that people might not buy. So this time we're hoping to make sure it's online, so like Ticket Master or something like that, see if we can talk to Athletics and use it in the same way they that you checkout USF like our game tickets. Other than that, we're just trying to make sure that we have a really big collaboration with them this year, to see how much we can actually, you know, get out in the community. Because the Buccaneers are a big part of the Tampa Bay, like that is the team for this area. And so USF is very secluded in the way it's structured, so we really do want to make bigger connections, like the Buccaneers, or like...bigger names that if even if you guys have cool ideas, we're more than welcome to help you guys I guess establish those relationships. Any questions about this one specifically? When we get actual details, I'll present them to you to make sure that you guys are okay with that because I'm not for spending all the money if you guys aren't, if you don't think it's for like a good cause for the students. Any questions? Any questions about anything? Senator Cocco.

Cocco: Do you have anything on paper that we can read?

Patel: Exactly, so all we did was talk to them today about finalizing how many tickets we can actually reserve. Because apparently the Dolphins game is sold out except for...

Cocco: What?

Patel: It's sold out.

Cocco: Dolphins?

Patel: It's a really big thing; everyone always goes to the Dolphins game. According to our ticket guy over there, he says that the Dolphin games sell out every night, and it's a Monday night game, it's on ESPN. So the only seats that are available were in group seating, and they were reserved group seating, and they just opened them up yesterday to the general group audience, and we are the general group audience. So we have our hands hopefully on a good portion of those tickets, so once we actually talk...cuz I don't want to just do like only SG, like this has to be collaborative like as much as possible, so we'll get as many things down on paper as possible, see how many people are down to go, and make sure it's successful and not a flop. Senator Cano.

Cano: Are we in open forum?

Patel: No.

Cano: Okay.

Patel: Sorry. Anything else?

### **Executive Branch Report:**

Patel: Okay moving down, Executive Branch Report.

Warmke: Thanks to everyone who was here 20 minutes ago for my long talk. I hit on a lot of points in my State of the Student Body Address, but there are a couple things I want to touch on. Tonight you'll be able to see four nominations. Our nomination for the Director of Bulls Radio, our nomination for the Director of Programming and Traditions, our nomination for the Director of Public Relations and Communications and our nomination for the Director of Marketing and Advertising. So along with that, what we did over this past weekend is I had my Chief of Staff sit down with my three Director nominees, and we created the master calendar. If you are able to pull that up real quick, we'll attempt to show a glance at it.

Patel: Sure.

Warmke: What we wanted to do is have a master calendar with all of Student Governments events, when the marketing deadlines are, when the PR deadlines are, that way everything is set, there's a timeline set. That way we can improve communication that was lacking last year. This is kind of a rough draft of what we created for ourselves. Ultimately we want to create an Outlook calendar so that anybody within SG could submit requests to our Calendar, we can add it to our calendar and that way everyone has adequate time to adjust to it. Chairman Cocco has a Tent Day, he could submit a request through us, and we could put in the calendar, the Marketing therefor know about it ahead of time. And then what we're doing after that is once the calendar is approved, we're going to make it a global calendar and put it on the website, so that everyone could see it. Not necessarily like our Marketing deadlines but they could see the events we have going on through all three Branches and even we could show case what other departments on campus are doing. So it's kind of a step towards the master calendar to help improve communication, so that's one thing that we've done. Another thing is, Chairman Cocco touched on, is our FSA Conference at the end of this month. So we're excited about that, to be able to advocate on behalf of the students on a state level, not just one a university level. Shout out to Aspen for helping us stuff the orientation bags on Friday, so I...we really appreciate that, we'll be stuffing more. Oh and yeah, shout out to everyone that came out to Ready Set Glow in the Park, Friday night. It was a huge success, a little rainy at first but it cleared up right before the event started. We had over 500 kids show up, a lot of fun, a long night but it was good. So any other questions for the Executive Branch or any questions?

Patel: Thank you sir.

Warmke: Thank you guys.

### **Judicial Branch Report:**

Patel: Alright, Judicial Branch Report.

Buenaventura: Hello Senate. Today the Judicial Branch has a special report. We actually have our parking video that we want to show you guys, it's on this thumb drive. And I don't know if you want to do unmoderated caucus for...

Patel: Right, you can go ahead and keep reporting and...

Buenaventura: Sure. But before I start that, I'll give you guys pretty much an update. Since this is the last summer Senate meeting, I want to let you guys what the Court has been doing over the summer. Since the start of the summer, we've updated and tried to keep up with our minutes and our website. We've formed an Ad-Hoc Committee for our ROP revisions, which we are half way through our ROPs and we should be approving soon in the on coming weeks. We've been distributing our helpful parking 101 pamphlets to all our freshman at Orientation. We asked them pretty much if they are going to be parking on campus, and we give them the pamphlet that gives them handy rules so they don't get parking tickets. We've also...Outreach to...as you know outreach to the other USF Campuses, their Judicial Branches, to compare ideas and our initiatives. And what we are really excited for today is to show the parking video, so without further ado whenever it's ready, it's parking number 2.

Patel: Yes sir. Can I get a motion for an unmoderated caucus? Senator Antar.

Antar: Motion for an unmoderated caucus, five minutes I guess...

Patel: Five minutes is fine

Antar: 5 then.

Patel: Any objections, seeing none, you can go ahead and put us in unmoderated please.

Patel: Okay, we are back in session at 6:38 pm. Alright, any...any questions for your Judicial Branch? They're passing out a survey; just don't be distracted too much by it. We'll hold off until...how many questions is it?

Unknown Senator: Three...oh four sorry.

Patel: Four, okay. Alright, if you don't have any questions for him, again he takes priority. Any questions for the Judicial Branch? No? Thank you sir.

### **Open Forum:**

Patel: Alright, moving down to Open Forum. Does anyone have anything they would like to say? Senator Cano.

Cano: Yeah just um...I don't know if you guys know this, we're in the new athletic conference, the American now. It's pretty much the successor to the Big East, the Big East all the basketball schools pretty much took the name. But as far as football wise, we keep the automatic (inaudible) BCS which ends after this year, and then we move to the playoff system. But I think it's important that us at Student Government, spearhead and effort to just get everybody excited about being an American because we're in a new conference, people are going to want to know what's that. Believe it or not, that's how we get National exposure without degrees, athletics is very much tied to...like oh yeah I watch your football team I know what school you went to. You know you guys are applying for jobs all over the country, it's going to matter. So we need to make sure that we invest in ourselves and we spearhead the effort to get everybody excited about being in the new conference. Just Committee Chairs, you know Leadership, I just wanted to point that out to you guys.

Patel: Thanks Senator. Senator Aziz.

Aziz: We have Coach Chris Brown, he's here to speak today and accept the Resolution. So if you would like to come on down, probably say a few words.



Coach Brown: Hi, how are you?

Patel: Fine, how are you?

Coach Brown: Hello everyone.

Cocco: So you're the Chris Brown. Thank you for coming Coach.

Coach Brown: Thank you for having me.

Cocco: Aziz wrote you a little something and if you want to go ahead and read it.

Patel: Yeah if you could go ahead and read it that would be cool.

Aziz: Sure. 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.

Coach Brown: I won't take up much of your time, since you guys sounds like you have a lot more important things going on than what I'm doing. But I really appreciate this honor. I've actually never been to a Student Government meeting, or Senate Meeting, so this is a first for me. I'm very honored. I just wanted to say how impressed I am by the leadership that you guys provide. I don't think enough of our players see what you guys are doing and the drive and the initiative that you guys are trying to bring in for the school and do what is right. Whereas this gentleman mentioned, the fact that we are going into a new conference, and we're trying to use athletics as a vehicle to give this University exposure. And from my person standpoint that's what I try and do, and what we try and do as a Coaching Staff. With this group of young ladies that we coach, every time we leave Tampa and we go out on the road, we're trying and represent USF in the best possible light, so that it's a great reflection on this University. The opportunity for me to coach with the Guyanese Women National Team, gave me another vehicle, another venue to try and get the word out about USF, and that's what I try and do. I don't make any money from the Guyanese National Team; it's an honor to do that for them. It's a part of me; the country is a part of me. There I have no ties, I was not born there. There I don't have any parents or ancestry there but now it's a part of me. I've been there probably a dozen times in the last four years, and I've greatly embraced the culture there. But more importantly it's just an opportunity to continue to allow these women to express themselves, and an opportunity to express what USF is doing in our lives and the young ladies lives that we coach here. So I appreciate your time. Thanks.

Patel: And I know we also have Director McDonald here to present the next Director of CSI.

McDonald: So for those of you don't me, I'm Danielle McDonald, I'm the Associate Dean for students. And for the past year I have been doing the acting Director of CSI position, while we've been searching for the right potions, and we have found her. Yay. So I wanted to introduce you all to Monica Miranda, she comes to us from the University of Rochester, and has lots of ties here in Florida. So I will let her saw a few words to you all.

Miranda: So I am very very excited to be here. I'm so happy to be at the University of South Florida. I'm learning...this right, go bulls. So I am happy to have taken that from you so you could do your job as Associated Dean for students.

McDonald: I'm down to one job.

Miranda: She's been a very busy lady this past year. So thank you for the opportunity, I really appreciate coming here and seeing you. I'm trying to look at all the faces so that hopefully I could put that in my brain, because I expect that we'll be collaborating in some way shape or form. Often and early...early and often, any ideas you have, it is really about Student Involvement. It's the Center for Student Involvement, that's the Center I am the director for and Student Involvement is what we're going to be all about. And so we have a great staff, I know that I'm coming in to a great staff and that's really nice for me. And I really appreciate it and I know that I'm coming to a campus with really great students. I do have some connections to students here and I'm actually hoping to bring...there's one Senior at the University of Rochester that is looking into going to Grad School here, so I'm already recruiting. So we'll bring some more people down to USF and down to Tampa. My parents are in Orlando half the year, the aunts, the cousins, the uncles, and my grandfather is in Orlando. So I do have a lot of ties to Florida, but I must say that this is my first time out of New York State. I'm originally a New Yorker, through and through, born and raised in New York City and just stayed in the state. So I'm loving Florida, I...everybody is like oh but how are you going to do this transition, and this is going to be a cultural shift. What? Palm trees every morning, how tropical. So I love it, still trying to figure out where I'm going to live permanently, but luckily I have a cousin that's letting me stay in their house for a little while. So again, thank you for this opportunity to introduce myself, I look forward to talking with you, speaking with you, meeting with you, having lunch. I do love some Chick-fil-a and its right down stairs. And so all the food....Beef O'Brady's is right down stairs? I'm learning, I'm learning. So continue to teach me about what you'd like to see CSI do, and help me continue to make it better. I look forward to working with you.

Patel: Are you open to questions?

Miranda: Sure.

Patel: Does anyone have any questions? Senator Cocco.

McDonald: Cocco always have questions. It's actually always interesting.

Cocco: Yankees or Mets? No. I'm kidding. What's your vision, like what's your vibe for CSI? Your mission statement kinda sorta.

Miranda: So you know...my vision is that the Center for Student Involvement is the hub of getting students involved in their University experience. Their co-curricular experience, I'm very much a proponent of student leadership and involvement as a co-curricular experience. I know that some places they say that's their extra-curricular, it's not extra-curricular, it is co-curricular. It is a part of the student, when students are involved we know that they stay engaged, and they persist and they graduate. And so that is absolutely important to me. It is...I loved being involved as an Undergraduate; I think it did make a difference in my connection to my University. I'm very proud to be an Alum of the University of Albany and I think that's because of all the involvement that I had. I would like that experience to be one that most students...I know not every student

is going to want to be involved, but if there's something that we could get them involved with, something we could get them excited about even if it's just attending a lecture, even it's attending something. But it's really about making meaning of their experiences and helping them figure out the ways of making their experiences. Whether that's being involved in Senate, whether that's being involved with any of the Committees, within Student Government, within CIS, with CAB, with all the Student Organizations, there's a whole lot of them. But there are so many different ways; I just want to make sure students get involved in some way shape or form. So whatever we can do to make that happen, that's what I'm looking for. So if you have more ideas on that, come at me with them, because I want to hear them.

Patel: Alright, any more questions? Thank you.

McDonald: I told ya I found the right person.

Patel: And just again, one last thing is thank all of you guys for coming. I know the agenda says like 10 o'clock, some of y'all are fasting; I really do appreciate everyone showing up and still doing their due diligence to do their job.

## **General Business:**

### **1. Confirmations**

#### **a) Director of WXBL Student Radio Nominee (Bulls Radio) Cole Giering**

Patel: Alright, moving down, the confirmations list. The first person on here would be the Director of Bulls Radio, Mr. Cole Giering.

Sandoval: Hello, okay so for Senate we have the Bulls Radio Director. They are in charge of managing a staff that put on shows 24 hours a day. They are also in charge of creating a budget, same as Safe Team as well as SGCS. We had 23 applicants and we interviewed 3 of them. This Cole Giering, he applied, we appointed him. We found that he was the best candidate out of all the people that we interviewed. So, are there any questions?

Patel: Any questions for the position? Senator Cocco.

Cocco: What's your vision for this position?

Sandoval: Okay, okay. So initially my goals are to create a video for every agency, I want to redefine the marketing for each of my agencies. So I already did that with Safe Team which will be coming up at the end of this week, SGCS is next and Bulls Radio last. So, I come from the idea that if an agency is not being utilized by the people outside of Student Government, then it's not working to its full ability. Now the agencies are there to help develop people and that's what they are doing, but I don't feel like they are being fully utilized. So I want to improve their marketing, I want to make sure their shows are getting listened to, I want to make sure people know what Bulls Radio is. I think that is a key element of Student Government, and I want people to take pride in it. So that is my vision for this agency.

Patel: Any more questions?

Sandoval: Cool.

Patel: Perfect, thank you.

Giering: Alright, good evening everybody. As Vice President Sandoval said, I'm Cole Giering. I'm a senior majoring in Biomedical Sciences, minoring in Sociology. To be here is a great honor and four years ago if you told me I would have been standing in front of you guys to try and direct the thing that I just wanted to be involved in as a Freshman coming right out of high school, I would have told you you were crazy, I'm just a kid, what can I do, I can't direct anything, I can barely make my cereal in the morning. But you know I've spent a lot of time with Bulls Radio, a lot of time with Student Government, and I've seen a lot of things that are good, a lot of things I wanted to change. But I noticed one thing about Student Government, it's that and we just talked about this 17 times, is that there's passion, there's a motivation for doing something positive. And I want that to be reflected in Bulls Radio, and I want to be reflected in the cooperation between Bulls Radio and the other agencies and up here. So let's get started, if you could click. There you go, majoring in Biomedical Science and minoring in Sociology. Oh, before I continue. I don't know about you guys but I hate death by PowerPoint. Where you know, you guys have all been there where your professor, this is dah dah dah, click dah dah, and just read right off of it. I hate that, so this is going to be a little bit different, so hopefully you guys like it. So position of Director as Vice President Sandoval said, is basically oversight of the four departments, or five departments...four now that news is sort of a sudo department. But programming of course is the rock, it's the foundation of Bulls Radio, what you hear when you go to Bulls Radio.org, the shows that people do is what makes Bulls Radio. The music is also the rock, technical making sure everything works and of course the media, the promotion, getting people to know what's going on. My job as Director will be making sure that each thing is at its full potential, and no one is wasting anyone's time. Next please a liaison of professional contacts. So communication is a huge aspect of what goes on here in the Executive Office, in the different Branches, and what we do every day. If we can't communicate what we want, how can we get it? And communication is a vital aspect of not only what I want to do, but what everybody wants to do. So communication between myself, my staff, my volunteers and the people we want to work with, whether that's the Physical Plant, Image Depot, Senate, Vice President and the President, is something that I really want to be important. Next please, and of course to being the face of Director. Next so who am I? I'm applying to medical school here at the end of the year; I've been working for this...working on this for the last four years. And it's something I'm really excited, some days I'm super excited I can't wait, I'm finally going to get these Rec Letters, and the other days I'm going to cry myself to sleep because it's my whole life, next. I've...like I said been involved from day one. From the first day of orientation here at USF, I walked up over to the...in the brand new Marshall Center to the radio station and told the Director of the time, I don't care what it is I just want to be involved. If you want me to listen to this crappy CD, I'll listen to it, if you want me to wipe the floor, I got you. And to do this is, like I said, icing on the cake for me. What else have I done? I've tutored Organic Chemistry; I know my College of Arts and Sciences people love Orgo. And it's been a fun experience over at the library. If you ever need help with a class, go to the Library, they have great tutors. Also, I currently do research with the Center for Advance Medical Learning and Assimilation in Downtown Tampa. Last week I was unfortunately not able to do this because I was traveling at the University of Missouri, meeting for Medical Research. So I apologize for wasting your time, next please. So, this is my dog Nick, he unfortunately passed away in April, he was 10 years old and died of Cancer. I got this dog when I was a child and at the time I couldn't talk to anybody, I was a very shy kid. I didn't know what to do but this dog taught me a lot, taught me a lot about growth and taught me a lot about being who I was. There's many times when the dog and I would just you know fall asleep together and there were times when we were both yelling at each other. His yelling of course would be barking and biting, but you know he obviously would win all the arguments. But the point is who I was 10 years ago is not the same as the person who I am today, or was last week, is not the same person, there's growth. And positive growth is what brings us to who we are today. Next please. So, when I was three my parents split up and it's all sad, but they each got remarried into huge families, and I'm not going to bore you with pictures of my family, just know there's a lot of them and there's a bunch. I have 2 half-brothers, and there's a bunch of family. So the roles of Bulls Radio, I hosted a show called Lunch-A-Bull, and we just had the student involvement here. That was my big thing, I loved student involvement, I wanted people to know all about what's going on and that went on for two years. And then I engineered different shows that went out, that's part of what we do at Bulls Radio, we teach students to engineer shows, working them forward, so they can transition from student radio, into professional radio. And of course the News Coordinator, which was my glorified going on the internet to get

paid, not really. But the Media Director is now, it's essentially finding content for the website to get people to go to it. And of course you may or may not have seen me MC-ing different events on campus, my claim to fame of course is Mr. and Ms. USF a couple of years ago, where we interacted with the former Ms. USF, Lisa Noury, and different events on campus. Speaking of which, this is it. This is the event and yeah, I had a lot of fun...a lot of times that I did this was just me walking up and saying hey what could I do to get involved. And you'll find that when you work with me, that I do that a lot. Hey what can we do, what can we do to make this better? It could be the smallest thing, it could be moving a mountain, let's get it done. This is a picture from my Freshman year at the iconic Bulls Radio tailgate. If you have been to a USF Football game, and have not gone to a Bulls Radio tailgate, you have not been to a USF football game. These things are great, we've got great music, we have a live DJ every time, we have great food. We try to theme it up sometimes, I think when we played like UNC or Chattanooga or something like that, we had like barbeque, we do it great, it's a great time. This is the same picture that's...this is supposed to be an example of the teamwork that I've committed to. That's the Director at the time and we basically set this up between a group of four of us, it was a great time. And this was a picture from when I did the show Lunch-A-Bull, where we're talking about stuff that was going around on Facebook. At the time there was some controversy or whatever, there's always controversy with the Oracle, and like...I make friends, I don't break friends. Online magazine called 86 degrees, which is based in Tampa. They wanted to talk about the partnership between Bulls Radio and WMNF, which is a huge aspect of Bulls Radio. Bulls Radio gets to interact with three different counties in the Tampa Bay area because of their partnership with WMNF. It's a vital aspect of Bulls Radio as well as WMNF which allows for the partnership. And this is about a year ago at FAU with former President Gao and former Vice President Johnson. There's me in the back, I had a little bit more hair back then, actually...hey look there's (inaudible). And this is where we wanted to basically prevent the vengeful loss of one our campuses by the board of trustees. And this exemplifies my dedication, not only to Bulls Radio, but to Student Government and the fact that I want USF to continue to get better. Not only Bulls Radio, not only SG but USF as a whole. Ahh, how did that get in there? So this was at the...thank you that's great. Is there a pointer on here?

Patel: There's a laser on it yeah.

Giering: Awesome. Okay so this was at the basketball pep rally after we got to this round of 16 or something like that, the NCAA tournament. And I was sitting right over here at the amphitheater, and you know Rocky is pretty cool guy, but you know he just gets too cocky some times. And I said how crazy would it be if Rocky was going around and they played the Rocky Theme, and someone fought Rocky to the Rocky theme, wouldn't that be great? So they ended up, it was like a gift from god, they started playing it and I swear to you he turned and pointed right at me, and continued to walk away. I said oh no, I took my book bag off and of course this is him knocking me out. But you can actually see this in the USF News Video. So yeah, that's me getting beaten up by Rocky and me just having a good time. Awesome, so goals of the station. We need to know what that thing is behind Beef-O'-Brady's. I'm sure you guys have eaten there and you're like oh hey look there's a room back there that says Bulls Radio, just come on back there. We need to know that there's events and shows that happen there all the time. Why don't people know about it? Promotional items are huge, and I know we talked about that earlier. Opportunities for students, they can have their own show. It's a really cool experience. You can basically come on, learn how to do it and talk about whatever you want. If you're really into what Kim Kardashian ate the other week, you can talk about that for an hour, nobody can tell you to stop talking, it's great. Volunteers for the staff have opportunities for Internships, not only here in the State of Florida, but outside. The former Director Nick Gryniwicz now works for (inaudible) in Orlando, because of the context he made while at Bulls Radio. Not just forms, not just music, the different aspect...the different...departments can provide opportunities, not just now but down the line as well. And I want that to be...I want that opportunity to not be for former Directors, not for myself, but for everybody who wants to be there. I want a reputation for Bulls Radio to be, where if anybody in the market says oh you worked with SG or you worked with Bulls Radio, that should be an uptake not a down take, and of course that's current staff as well. Like I was talking about, you can have your own show, you can write stories, you can do internships. We're working on stuff with the College of Arts and Sciences with Dean Eisenberg in

getting with the school of Mass Com, to have some internship opportunities for people in that departments, and of course social media. How many people have been on Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, whatever at some point today? Everybody should raise their hand, we live in a social media world, we should utilize it a lot more, and that's what I envision from a lot of what happens at Bulls Radio. It's social media, we go on it every day, we talk about it. How cool would it be if you went to Bulls Night Out, you have fun with your friends, you saw somebody take your picture and then the next day or two hours later, you see this really awesome picture of you on Facebook. I'm going to make it my profile picture, look at that at the bottom of the corner right there, it says Bulls Radio SG whatever. Now all of a sudden 15 people know that Bulls Radio and SG will have pictures and stuff available, content for them. Students love content, whether it's free food, free stuff, shows, if you're giving back, which is a huge aspect of Bulls Radio, giving back not only to yourself with experience but to give back to students with content. I really want that to be the huge aspect of Bulls Radio. And that's it. Questions?

Patel: Alright, floors open to questions. Senator Aziz.

Aziz: Could you just give I guess clarification about your time and availability?

Giering: So my time and availability. I will be taking three classes, two of which are online in the Fall; the Spring is up in the air. It's probably going to be one class and I'll be taking...the one class I'll be taking in person is a Monday, Wednesday, Friday in the morning class.

Patel: Senator Scharon.

Scharon: Personally on campus I barely see any kind of advertising for Bulls Radio. You said the whole thing about the Beef O'Bradys, yeah there is something back there.

Giering: Right.

Scharon: So aside from social media like Facebook, how else do you further plan to market it since I believe one of the roles of this is to be head of marketing?

Giering: Right, so a lot of what Bulls Radio does is they do free DJ-ing for A&S Funded student organizations and right now that's a huge aspect of our promotion. A lot of people are going to different events that are going on around campus, and they see a Bulls Radio DJ, or they see something like that. I want that to be at not only at every event, but when there is not necessarily an even going on. I want promotional things to happen, in the MLK lawn as people are walking between the Marshall Center and ISA or the Marshall Center and Cooper. There should be something going on, maybe a quick little tent is set up, where is something is doing, some sort of giveaway, some sort of raffle, some sort of promotional item, to like I said give back to students and provide some sort of interest.

Patel: Senator Cano.

Cano: What are your ideas as far as creating diversity among the programming, and we don't need 14 sports shows, we don't need 10 talk shows. I want to make sure that there is diversity established, that we give students from all different aspects and walk.

Giering: Right, so that's actually a big issue right now because we have probably 5 or 6 sports shows, and we have a continued influx...Because I mean sports talk radio is a huge aspect of the radio industry, but like you said you can't have 14 sport shows talking all about, you know, what Aaron Hernandez did last week. So my vision for that is if we have or if we're saturated already with five or six shows, and somebody wants to come in and do their own show, there will be a system where they'll be shadowing that show and be a part of it, and

maybe they'll just fit right in and they'll be a part of that show, or they'll find that that's not necessarily what they want to do and they want to get involved with something else. Does that answer your question?

Cano: How do you solve the saturation that we already have?

Giering: Well right now, other than the sports talk radio, we actually have a huge diverse...as of just of right now with the 15 shows that we have, sports talk is the one that has the most population. Other than that, we have an alternative show, we have a mixed show, we have a comedy show, we have different shows like that. While right now that saturation is not a problem, but in the future it will require communication and teamwork.

Patel: Senator Canton.

Canton: Well as Vice President Sandoval has said, a large part of his vision for all these different departments is more marketing and more involvement with the Student Body. So how do you see Bulls Radio as not just an department, working for its own advancement, but how you do see yourself working with and trying to...you know, I hate to be really buzz wordy but kind of synergistically interact with different Departments? Do you think there is a place for that?

Giering: Yeah absolutely. I think you know all being a part of the same Student Government family, there shouldn't be a problem with me walking over to Safe Team and saying hey can we grab two of your drivers and do something, and interacting. I think that is absolutely viable, and the aspect of that is communication. And I think in the past that communication has been broken down, because of lack of motivation. But Like I said, communication is something that I'm really big on, and that's something that I will want to do. And I will continue to do...not only with the Departments but with Student Organizations that we work with by providing the free DJ services. Does that answer your question? Cool.

Patel: What's the current biggest internal problem of Bulls Radio?

Giering: The biggest internal problem is DJ involvement. Right now within the walls of Bulls Radio, everything is clicking. All of our equipment works, everything in the office is good, there's nothing that is broken per say, nothing that needs to be replaced, however, in the Fall and the Spring we had 50 shows and only 5 to 6 people at the office consistently. We had staff members who would come in and out, the Director who would come in and out, and maybe one or two of the staff would be there consistently. And when I was a Freshman, the thing that I loved about Bulls Radio was the fact that there was a core 5 to 6 people, sometime more, sometimes less, who would hang around there around lunch time in the afternoon, and sort of spitball ideas in the afternoon about what we could do, and basically give back by either listening to music to add to the rotation that plays when there's no show going on, or getting ready for the tailgate that we do, or getting ready for an event, or going and host and set up for an event. So as of right now there's really only like 2 or 3 people that do that, whereas what we can do is have 5 or 6 people go out, be a part of an event, and every time we do a different event, there's a little bit of a different flare because if Johnnie and Sally go out and they do an event and they're really into X, they'll have a lot of people will see that. And to talk about the diversity we talked about if Tommy and Jelly...Jelly...and Jelly go out and they do something else, maybe focus on Y, people would see that there're different facets of Bulls Radio, and that's what's great about it because there's already that diversity that Mr. Cano was asking.

Patel: Senator Aziz.

Aziz: What are some of your strengths and weaknesses? And for your weaknesses, how do you aim to improve them?

Giering: So weaknesses. The weakness, you're talking me as a person or Bulls Radio as a...

Aziz: You as a person.

Giering: Me as a person. Okay, so a lot of my weaknesses is exposure to the industry. Like I said I'm a Pre-Med Student, and a lot of my involvement has been with Bulls Radio, not necessarily with CBS Radio or ESPN radio, stuff like that. And a lot of that is going to be having to be made up with communication with people who are in the industry. And another weakness would be you know I don't sleep all the time, so sometimes I could just pop out right in the middle of the day, but that's a personal problem that I'll work on. As far as strengths, I'm absolutely motivated to be all about the project whenever we're working on a project, you know. It's not unlike me to sit when I'm not sleeping, and sit and just think about stuff and try and come up with a different way we can attack a certain problem.

Patel: Senator Scharon.

Scharon: Does the Bulls Radio requires sponsors, like if let's say (inaudible) from Target or Wal-Mart or something like that?

Giering: No, because we're a department of Student Government, and we're a...there's a term that I can't remember at the moment, but basically we don't make any money. All the money we have is from our Budget from Senate and ASRC and all that stuff, and so we can't...we can only truly talk about things that are USF related. For example, we're talking about Athletics for stuff for Homecoming, and they want to have people come on and basically give away stuff for Homecoming, which is great as long as its USF related. We all the time...all the time we get calls from like people who want to promote their own artists and stuff like that and try to sell CDs but we can't do anything about that. Because there's rules in place because we're not an official stand-alone radio station, we're not a private entity; we can't try to make money anywhere. So to answer your question, No but there are opportunities for commercials for different Student Organizations, or events such as Homecoming or Roundup, or upcoming events.

Patel: What are your plans to make people listen to Bulls Radio, over their own personal choice of radio? Like right now 93.3 is a big radio station, and to tune into Bulls Radio, you would have an HD radio, that's another topper. So what makes someone want to choose Bulls Radio for HD radio, than choose any other I guess big name radio out there?

Giering: Well to be completely honest, I'm not a fan of the HD radio format. I think it was a great idea to provide new content for the industry. Unfortunately it never got enough funding to really get off the ground. Yeah there's a certain number of vehicles that have HD radios, there's a couple HD radios that we have laying around campus, but majority of the people who listen, actually listen to Bulls Radio. Org and through our live stream. So a lot of the people that we track and try to keep an understanding of, are people that listen online. And to answer your question, as far as choosing us over 93.3, we've changed our music. So two years ago when I was a Freshman, we really were all about the cliché college radio scene, we're all about like underground artists and indie radio, which is great, don't get me wrong, but all these people come up all the time. But we don't want to...that's a losing battle for us to 93.3 to 101.5 to 94.1, and being in Tampa the number 1 radio market, you know that's a losing battle. So we decided that we wanted to shift our focus from indie and underground to Top 40, to sort of be in that battle while also providing new content. So part of what the radio...part of the detriment to private radio, what we hear on the radio all the time, is that they have to keep playing music and keep playing commercials. While instead of commercials we can provide student content and student perspective. Which is what other students will really want to listen to.

Patel: Thank you, Senator Zituni.

Zituni: I know you said you wanted to make all these changes, but why do you want the job ultimately?



Giering: Ultimately why do I want this job? Everything that I've done for USF has either been for school, trying to get into Medical School, or to better Bulls Radio. Like I said, being involved since day one as a volunteer doing things that staff were supposed to do, just to help out, is an example. As well as doing all the MC events. There's probably 10 to 12 events that I can think of off the top of my head, that I did only as volunteer, when I really could have gotten paid, or should have gotten paid, as staff.

Patel: Senator Cocco.

Cocco: Provided you are confirmed tonight, what are you going to do on day one?

Giering: So on day one I'm going to meet with the guy that has kept Bulls Radio running, his name is Kevin Weiss, he's the current program...he's the current Business Director, acting as programming and basically keeping the station up and running. And he and I are going to sit down and talk about the things relating to the budget, the things that are structural or technical and the things that need to take place here in the next two month, so once we hit the first week of week of welcome, the first week of classes, we can hit the ground running. For example, that is hiring. Figuring out who the staff is going to be and what sort of responsibilities the staff will need to have outside their job description. And to give you an example of what I mean, I'm a big fan of cross departmental interaction. For example, Kevin is a great Business Director, he knows a lot about business, he's an economics major, but he also knows a lot about programming. He's got an internship with CBS Radio; he's got a lot of exposure. So I don't think it's too crazy to have Kevin step in for the Programming Director one day and train a couple people. So that's something that will add to not only the teamwork of the station but to better the overall output of the station.

Patel: Senator Aziz.

Aziz: What is your management style and conflict resolution methodology?

Giering: So management style....I've honestly never had to answer this question. So my outlook is, as somebody who is in charge, if I give you a task, I expect you to do it. If I give you a deadline, I expect it to be done. I'm not going to micro manage you, I'm not going to tell you how to do it and I expect you as the person who is working for me to get it done. So to answer your question, I'm not going to micro manage at all but I'm also going to make sure that what I get back as my produce is going to be something that is not only going to be good for me but for Bulls Radio. And conflict resolution, I'm a big fan of the three strike system; I loved baseball growing up so that's something that's sort of hold over. If there's a problem once, okay just know that it's a problem. If it becomes a consistent problem, it's not necessarily sporadic; we're going to have a talk. And if it gets to the point where I have to sit down and talk to you in a sort of...I don't want to say mean...but if I have to sit down and talk to you about this to be in a disciplinary setting, there's going to be a change. Whether you're going to lose some sort of privilege or you're not going to be involved in some point.

Patel: Senator Cano, the last question.

Cano: You mentioned the...your issue with the current format, do you have any ideas about changing formats? Or during your tenure if you are confirmed do you have any ideas on how we can move back to broadcast format?

Giering: So you're referencing the HD2 versus the online industry? So a lot of, there's actually a really interesting pro and con situation with that, especially with the contract with WMNF. Because we are in there HD2 channel, we have the opportunity to be heard on the tune in radio app, which is a huge app for the radio industry, because it allows you to hear everywhere. So if we weren't to be on the HD2 channel, we wouldn't be on that radio app, because we would have to go through all these procedures to get our own antenna, get the whole legal thing going, so it's actually an interesting pro and con so I think as a Director we

would shift the marketing or the promotion of the station to the online stream and to the tune in radio, which we do a lot of already but we want to make sure people know to listen through those avenues because they are the easiest and most successful.

Patel: I'll take a motion to move into discussion. New senators, Senator Zituni.

Zituni: *Motion to move into discussion.*

Patel: Any objections to closing questioning and moving into discussion? Seeing none.

Giering: Thank you for your time.

Patel: And if all the other nominees would just go back there, if you guys can just step out. Again, no gun but if you could please. Alright, what kind of forum would you like? Like moderated caucus, with speaking times, how many people? Pro/con, how many people?

Zituni: *Pro/con five each, moderated caucus.*

Patel: Pro/con is its own kind of thing, but that is fine. So pro/con, 5 pro, 5 con. Any objection to moving into pro/con? Seeing no objections, I'll take 5 cons? One con? Is that a motion?

Larkins: Oh no, I thought...

Patel: Oh If you still want to speak in con...

Larkins: Oh no, go ahead.

Patel: Okay. Alright, you're more than welcome to. Senator Hussein.

Hussein: *Motion to end discussion and move into voting?*

Patel: Any objections to moving into voting? Seeing none, we're now in voting procedures, please do not talk while we're doing this. One is yes, two is no and three is to abstain. Don't abstain unless you're going to email me why, or just don't abstain unless you know him or something. Alright, the way it works is don't abstain unless you can't vote unbiasedly. Like imagine he was just a horrible candidate, but you're just in love with him so you vote yes, don't do that, that's when you would abstain. **Okay, perfect. 31:0:1, this nominee is confirmed.** Could you please let him in? We're going to take the oath now, so like just raise your right hand and repeat after me.

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

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

Patel: I, state your full name.

Giering: I, state my...I, Cole Giering.

Patel: Do hereby affirm to uphold the office of

Giering: Do hereby affirm to uphold the office of

Patel: And then state your office.

Giering: Director of Bulls Radio.

Patel: To abide by the Student Body Constitution.

Giering: To abide by the Student Body Constitution.

Patel: To uphold the Statutes incorporated therein.

Giering: To uphold the Statutes incorporated therein.

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

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

Patel: Thank you sir.

Giering: Thank you.

### **b) Director of Programming and Traditions Natalie Emerson**

Patel: Alright, you're gonna get... I know Karline is handing out the packet that Ms. Emerson has provided for all of you believe. And if you go...you can settle back in please, we're still convened in the meeting. Alright, once you're ready.

Warmke: Alright, up right now we have the nominee for the position of the Director of Programming and Traditions. We had 23 applicants for this position, we interviewed the top 3. Ms. Emerson was the most qualified, again selected by the Hiring Committee, that's why we selected her. The Director is in charge of all the Programs and Services, and Traditions that Student Government puts on, and manages programs. So last Friday's event, the Ready Set Glow in the Park, Ms. Emerson coordinated that with the different departments and her future staff. So are there any questions? I did want to touch on one part, there was a question in the JEC about the Key Mate Service, it's kind of been like a failed initiative in the last four years at Student Government. But I didn't want to delete it because I did want to leave the option of possibly bringing it back, but as of right now, it's never been...well it hasn't been done in the last few years, so just kind of explained that, why it's on there. Are there any other questions pertaining to the job description?

Patel: Any questions about the position? Senator...

Cano: What was Keymate again? Was that for keys when you turn in...?

Warmke: What Keymate was, you would register your keys and you would get a little key chain on your keys. So if your keys were lost they would be sent back to SG and we would have your contact information to give it back to you. But what happened was Student Government didn't actually keep records of who had the keys, so when we got the keys back we didn't really know whose they were, so it defeated the whole purpose of the program. So we're actually looking into it, if we can do it right we'll bring it back, if not maybe it's best left, but yeah. Any other questions?

Patel: Senator Aziz.

Aziz: Is there anything additional that you have as a revision for Director that's not on the job description?

Warmke: Nothing more than a collaborative approach to Programming. I don't want Student Government to steal the spotlight and compete with other Programming Departments on campus, so I'd like to see a more

collaborative approach with this department. I think Ms. Emerson nailed it on the head with our program last Friday, collaborating with three other departments. But other than that, everything is the same as last year.

Patel: Alright, seeing no more questions.

Manka: Point on information.

Patel: Go ahead.

Manka: I know it's on the list, notary services. That department does not do notary services anymore; SGATO does because of the cost. Because of the turnover of the students, it's \$300 more to get a notary license, so our office does it now. In fact the office back there mentioned they have a notary, so they'll come in almost non-stop.

Patel: Okay and that was Mr. Gary Manka.

Emerson: While we're waiting, I'd also like to go ahead and address, on the handout that you guys received. The dates for the Spring are a little loose and not so clear, just because we haven't set a definite date for the Mr. and Ms. University of South Florida Pageant, but we're currently looking at holding that until late January, so those dates might change a quite a bit.

Patel: Alright, and you'll have five minutes, one tap will be one minute, two taps 30 seconds and three taps you're out. Anywhere.

Emerson: Alright, well my name is Natalie Emerson and I'm the appointed Director of Programming and Traditions. A little bit about me, I'm a senior here at the University of South Florida; I've been here for the past three years. I'm a psychology major who actually finished all of her major classes, so I'm actually now focusing on my leadership minor. This Fall I'll be taking 12 credit hours. Current involvement, I'm a proud member of Chi Omega and I'm also recently...recently became a lead fellow for the Center for Leadership and Engagement. Last year I was Associate Director for Programming for Student Government, so I have some experience here as well. And I'm an aspiring Student Affairs Professional. This is my schedule for Fall 2013; it starts kind of at 2pm. So it's pretty open, especially my mornings, and Fridays all day. Chi Omegas, we have chapter meetings once a week on Sundays and maybe a few personal meeting here and there, they usually don't take more than 15 to 30 minutes. And for the CLCE we have the fellow meetings, usually on Tuesdays for about 1 hour. Qualifications, Student Government, I assisted last year's Director Jessica Lee, in planning all the events for last year. And I was previously Vice President of Programming for the PanHellenic Executive Board. So I programmed various events for them, such as National Hazing Prevention Week, I did all of our calendar planning, our banquet and I oversaw 13 Cabinet Members as well that assisted in Programming. Since I've been appointed a few weeks ago, I spearheaded the five year plan for the Mr. and Ms. USF. This is something that the Alumni Association has been looking into us giving to them, since they provide our sponsorships for that pageant, or scholarships for that pageant. I, last week, attended Ms. Florida for 4 days, to support our Ms. USF Megan Palmer. And she was awarded the non-finalist talent award, so that's really exciting. I acquired \$650 franchise fee sponsorship from the bookstore for Mr. and Ms. USF and began planning that event. I created the handout you have to kind of hold myself accountable for the upcoming year. And what President Warmke showed you earlier, created a joint calendar with the Communications and Marketing Departments to kind of hold ourselves accountable to meet all of our deadlines for the year. I planned and executed Read Set Glow in the Park, as it was transformed from originally Ready Set Glow, since we had some rain. I'm actually really proud of that, I don't know how many of you were there last Friday, but I think collaborating helped us achieve our goal of 500 plus students, which is more than last year, so I'm really proud of that. I've begun planning our Week of Welcome Barbeque, which is our traditional event that we do every year, and I'll touch on that a little bit later. We wrapped up the student planner, began scheduling Bulls Splits, worked on hiring and I've been doing orientation twice a

week, to help promote SG to various incoming students. And this is from Ready Set Glow in the Park, just to recap, thanks to those of you who came out. So moving forward, this is the part of my presentation where I'm going to briefly address some of the major events that we have, and kind of talk about my vision for them over the next year. Week of Welcome events, we have our Fall barbeque and our Spring picnic that take place during Week of Welcome. This year, Will and I've kind of spoken about kind of partnering with other University areas and departments, such as for the barbeque, we're looking into Veteran Service, and kind of welcome them back from deployments as well. And I think collaboration is how we get bigger numbers, and kind of spread more awareness about SG and our events. We want to keep bringing in vendors, we had Busch Gardens last year to promote our student deal, and I'd love to do that again. I also want to keep these two events small and personal to kind of reach out to the students and promote SG. Mini ABX was something that Director Jessica Lee started last year. So instead of having one big ABX in the Spring, we have one in the Fall and the Spring, that's the feedback we got from apartments. This year with mini and spring ABX, I'll kind of touch on more with Spring, but we kind of want to have more business as opposed to just apartments, as it's called Apartment Business Expo. And Mini ABX had kind of a fun fall carnival feeling since it took place in November. Spring ABX is a lot larger than Mini ABX, we have more apartments out there. But the feedback we got from apartments is most leases are already signed by March, so we're actually looking into moving...only having one ABX and having it in fall....

[Gavel]

Emerson: And that's my tap so I'll move on. Mr. and Ms. USF, we want to continue to improve the value for this event. We've created a five year plan, increase in other campuses participating and we want to have more appearances for these winners, not just USF events but Tampa events as well to kind of have that outreach. So this is my final word, you can read all about it if you want. But to summarize, since I'm running out of time, now that we've kind of got the foundation set for these events, have built them over the past year, now we better know what's necessary to make them great and to help them flourish.

[Gavel]

Emerson: Okay, I'll finish my sentence. We can kind of start on signing things and completing purchasing earlier now that we know what needs to be done. And that's about it, any questions?

Patel: Questions for the nominee? Senator Cano.

Cano: What are your ideas as far as having a system where students could submit ideas for new events, new traditions?

Emerson: Right, well in the past I know Student Government has had a New Traditions Competition, which has been really helpful in submitting new ideas. As far as Programming goes, I didn't get to it at the bottom, that final word, but I think it's important to have new events, especially during USF Week. And have my office and Will and Scott's office always open to students, but I also really want to focus on the events we already have and help them to grow so we don't kind of lose focus of that and kind of get tangled up in other things as well.

Patel: Senator Hussein.

Hussein: Can you elaborate a little more about what the 5 year plan is?

Emerson: Oh sure. So when Directors Sarah Rasheid and Jessica Lee first kind of met with the Alumni Association and achieved that scholarship, one of the things they wanted from us in return was a five year plan so they could be reassured that this pageant wouldn't fall to the whims of other organizations and that our vision would be seen through. So what I'm creating now is a packet for any potential sponsor, including

the Alumni Association and for future Directors and Associate Directors and Coordinators and Presidents to come. So it kind of like starts back when Sarah Rasheid started it in 2011 and kind of goes through the next few years, kind of like what our grand vision was. Like one day we would love to have enough attendance to hold it in the Sun Dome, or to have major appearances to these winners, or maybe even move on to Ms. America one day. So that's kind of what the five year plan specifically entails, what steps specifically we're going to take to help make that happen.

Patel: Senator Canton.

Canton: You mentioned, in relation to the Apartment and Business Expo specifically, but more generally trying to have community involvement and partners. Could you go into more detail about what your plans are to get that and maybe tell us some more like the targets and tease around the Tampa Community that you like specifically?

Emerson: Sure, a few years ago there were actually a lot more businesses entailed, so I'd love to reach back into those archives that I have at my office and reach out to those businesses again. I know a couple of years ago they had some skate board vendors out there, which was really appealing to students; I think that's great on the college campus. And also I think since Mini ABX was so new, our reach out to apartments was really rushed, to kind of get that information to them. So one thing we did, we went in person and met with each Property Manager, and kind of explained the event and tried to like get their buy in, which was very successful. So I'd love to do the same thing with area businesses, and kind of meet with them one on one, sit down, go in person and kind of make that face to face contact, because I think people are more perceptive when you reach out to them in person. So I think some great area businesses would be USF affiliated, like Bulls Outfitters and that kind of thing. Definitely keep the apartments that we already have and get businesses that are really appealing to students.

Patel: Senator Scharon.

Scharon: A lot of what your position entails is collaborative work and I actually read your last slide and it says that the solution was to get things done earlier and more efficiently. But if it's collaborative works there are more other people, entities, how would you handle somebody that is not keeping up with their responsibilities to...or neglected their duties.

Emerson: Are you talking about a collaborative like effort in another department that did uphold it? Well I would like to say that hopefully that won't happen. But of course as you can tell with planning, nothing ever goes perfectly and you have to be prepared for that when something does go wrong. So I think that just having that open and honest communication and like just keeping those lines open, so you can kind of trust each other, be vulnerable and build that relationship. This past event, we actually have a department where something went wrong. Their car broke down and they weren't able to show up, so we've actually spoken to them and kind of invited them out to table at a future event, and they've extended the same offer for us.

Patel: Senator Aziz.

Aziz: What is your vision and plan for the Street Team?

Emerson: Right, well Street Team is now under, that was in the job description, it's now under Programming and Traditions, it was previously under the Communications Department. So I'm looking for kind of a collaborative effort between Communications and Programming as it transitions over, since I didn't work with Street Team last year, except for at my events. I think it's great the Street Teams being transferred over, because there was kind of a miscommunication when they would come out to our events. So I would love to continue to see numbers for Street Team grow. I know Communications Department last year did a really great job of kind of rebuilding Street Team after it had gone inactive for a year or so. So I'd love to see

numbers grow, we're going to throw a really big kick off for that in the beginning of September for Week of Welcome. I'd also love to see more buy in from them, more excitement about the events and initiatives we put on, and hopefully people from Street Team can then become more involved in Student Government, in the Executive Branch, in Senate or Judicial later on too.

Patel: Any more questions? Senator Aziz.

Aziz: I see a lot of it is continuation of traditions that are in the past. Do you have any new ideas or new traditions you would like to do under your tenure?

Emerson: Will and David and I and Jessica kind of spearheaded the idea of having a huge block party and that was met with a lot of resistance from different University departments seeing that it's kind of unsafe to close down major road on campus, if there were to be an emergency. So right now we're kind of brainstorming new events, and such as receive the permission to hold on USF Day or sometime during USF Week. We don't want to take that away from the Center of Student Involvement, since that is one of their main initiatives and big events, but we'd love to collaborate with them and hold an event other than just inauguration during that week as well. I think it would be a great way to celebrate USF and show our support.

Patel: Senator Cocco.

Cocco: You mentioned Mr. and Mrs. USF and getting other involved; can Sarasota and St. Pete campuses participate in that?

Emerson: In the past we had, I think, one participant from St. Pete. So I'd love to market that to the other campuses and get more involvement and buy in from them as well.

Cocco: Awesome, good.

Patel: What's your favorite tradition or program at USF and then one that's not USF that you think would be really cool to incorporate.

Emerson: Just specifically Student Government, or USF as a whole?

Patel: Just USF as a whole.

Emerson: Okay well I'm biased because Mr. and Ms. USF is quickly becoming one of our long standing traditions and that's actually the reason I chose to get involved in Student Government. One of my sisters was participating in the pageant two years ago, and I went to help her out back stage with changes and everything, and I was amazed by the production value and the buy in for the event. And when I was in high school I spent three years planning our own Mr. and Ms. Pageant, and that's kind of why I was intrigued and that's kind of why I got involved in Student Government. So while I do love Homecoming, USF Week and the other events Student Government does, that's kind of something that I hold really close to my heart and it hits really close to home, stuff that I grew up doing.

Patel: And then one outside of USF.

Emerson: Like in the surrounding community?

Patel: Anywhere, anywhere, like honestly anywhere in the world.

Emerson: Well I would have to steer away...that's a lot of options...I would have to steer away kind of from Ms. Florida after this week, mainly because I'm exhausted. So Ms. America, Ms. Florida franchise, I would say not so much although it's a really great opportunity. I don't know...I don't really know.

Patel: If it helps narrow it down, just like something that inspires you to keep working or new programs, new traditions.

Emerson: Alright, so this is going to be really like not traditional, maybe not the answer you're looking for and I wouldn't call it an event...oh it has to be outside of the USF doesn't it?

Patel: Anywhere.

Emerson: Well it's done on campuses everywhere. So I'm a proud member of the Greek Community, and I wouldn't necessarily call this a huge event or something. But before I came to college my parents kind of...I was looking to get involved and they basically begged me to not join Greek life. And I went to the recruitment, I did it anyway because I'm a rebel and I like to take chances, I guess. And I went through recruitment and I kind of quickly fell in love with it, mostly because I can talk to a wall. But also because I love meeting new people and it was something that I didn't expect. And I think, that's what inspires me because I love it when someone comes up to an event and it's not what they expect, and they quickly fall in love with it and the department that puts it on. And I think that's what makes a really great event, when you kind of have that shock value and I love to impress. So I think those kinds of events, and events like that would be my inspiration, to kind of exceed the expectation.

Patel: Senator Canton.

Canton: One of the problems USF had...has USF had is driving attendance to these events; it's pretty well known that we are a large commute campus, so there's not that localization of students. How specifically do you plan to account for the unique situation that we have regarding our student population and the attendance of these programs.

Emerson: Right so I think it's important to look at the logistics of an event. Kind of what day of the week you're planning it on, Tuesdays and Thursdays are when a lot more commuter students are on campus. And planning it during a time of day that they will be here and also incorporating events that appeal to them. Free foods are always a given for students, students love free food. And also at our barbeque event we had a rock wall last year, which was very popular. And I think that our Apartment and Business Expo is really great at reaching out to commuter students who may be looking to move closer to campus, or even exploring those on campus option that we do have. Does that kind of answer the question?

Canton: Yeah, appreciate it.

Patel: Senator Aziz.

Aziz: So my question is, in a situation if the Student Body President and Vice President were pressuring you to do something unethical, how would you handle that situation.

Emerson: Well I don't ever think that the President and the Vice President would ever pressure me to do something unethical but...if they were, I would say that I have a pretty good relationship with them, so I'd love to step into their office, where the door is always open and kind of sit down and have that conversation with them. I definitely do not have a problem and I feel 100% comfortable saying hey Will, hey Scott, I don't really feel like this is the best course of action. I feel like this may be a little unethical, how can we better relate this to your campaign and your goals, and Student Government's goals and our values and kind of steer close to that. Recently, I wouldn't say it's unethical; Will and I entered a debate for selecting the date for the Mr.



and Ms. University of South Florida Pageant. He wanted it to be during USF Week, which would give Ms. USF 2 weeks to prepare for orientation weekend and collect ads and sales which is nowhere near enough, and I wanted the pageant to be in February, like it had been so we could have one set date. So after being at the pageant this weekend and looking at dates of other local pageants, we came to a tentative compromise. We still have to have another conversation to set it in stone, but now we're looking in January, so I definitely don't have a problem continuing conversations with Will, he's nodding back there. It's been a long debate for the past like 2 weeks, two or three weeks.

Patel: One final question, Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: So what management experience would you say you have and if confirmed how would you use your staff best to maximize efficiency and success of your events.

Emerson: Okay, so I'll go chronologically. Back in high school I had experience with stage management in theaters. So I actually spearheaded that in the Directors absence and I oversaw a whole stage crew, so that was for three years. And then coming here I quickly got involved with Greek life and as VP of Programming, like I mentioned earlier, I oversaw a cabinet of 13 members and worked with my Executive Board. So that was a learning experience as well. And then last year as Associate Director of Programming, I helped oversee the two coordinators of our Department. And then what was the second part of that question?

Aldridge: How would you best use your staff to maximize efficiency and success of your events?

Emerson: Right, well I think a really great way to do that is to continue to have meetings. Our Department meetings and then one on ones with my Associate Director, make sure everything's going according to plan and if it's not, how we can remedy that situation. I also think it's really, really great to have a good relationship with your staff. There is definitely a fine line between friendship and business, but I think it's really, really important to keep the lines of communication open. One of my strengths from Strength Finder 2.0 is actually empathy and individualization, individualization meaning that I'm skilled at kind of discovering how people of different backgrounds and personalities and interests can work together effectively. And empathy of course meaning I like to tap into how other people are feeling and kind of seek to understand that as well.

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

*Aziz: Motion to enter discussion.*

Patel: Any objections to closing questioning and entering discussion? Seeing none, thank you.

Emerson: Thank you guys.

Patel: Alright, what's your forum?

Aziz: Moderated caucus, one minute speaking time for five minutes.

Patel: Thank you sir, any objections to moderated caucus? Seeing none, were not in moderated caucus. You opened the discussion forum so go ahead.

Aziz: So Ms. Emerson was the previous Associate Director and I've seen here, I guess, work through her events, she was pretty fine.

Patel: Thank you sir. Senator Scharon.

Scharon: She seems dedicated and motivated to me, tons of experience, she must really like doing this. Seems like a good candidate.

Patel: Ms. Burr.

Burr: I would just like to say that she has a packet with dates on it and that's all.

Patel: Senator Lopez.

Lopez: *I motion to close discussion and move into voting.*

Patel: Any objection to moving into voting? Seeing none, we're now in voting procedures. Please just wait...talking can wait legitimately till after, actually the whole meeting don't talk. One is yes, two is no, three is abstain. There should only be two people abstaining hopefully. **29:1:2, this nominee is confirmed.** Alright, we're just going to take the oath real quick. Raise your right hand and then just repeat after me, you can read from there as well.

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

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

Patel: I, state your full name.

Emerson: I, Natalie Emerson.

Patel: Do hereby affirm to uphold the office of.

Emerson: Do hereby affirm to uphold the office of.

Patel: State your office.

Emerson: Director of Programming and Traditions.

Patel: To abide by the Student Body Constitution.

Emerson: To abide by the Student Body Constitution.

Patel: To uphold the Statutes incorporated therein.

Emerson: To uphold the Statutes incorporated therein.

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

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

Patel: Thank you ma'am.

Emerson: Thank you.

**c) Director of Public Relations and Communications Joseph Michalsky**

Patel: Next person is the Director of Public Relations and Communications.

Warmke: Alright guys, hello again. This position is the Director of Public Relations and Communications. We had 27 applicants, we interviewed the top three. Joseph Michalsky stood out to us because of his extensive website experience and also his experience with public relations and his background. So the Director of Public Relations and Communications is really in charge of getting the word out to the students. So those are the ones who oversee our Facebook and Twitter and all the other social media, I can't think of right now. But they also oversee our website and Mr. Michalsky is actually designing an entirely new website so that students can accurately see what Student Government is doing, and when we do it, and that it's a user friendly model. They oversee a department with one Associate Director and one Coordinator and they are also responsible for showcases so they help with orientation and transfer orientation sessions. Are there any questions for the position itself? Alright.

Patel: Again, can you just state the difference between this years and next years...or I mean last years...marketing...

Warmke: Okay, what we added, we added a Public Relations component so there's more outreach from student organizations into the students itself. So they'll essentially carry out the plans that Marketing and Advertising creates and they give up Street Team to the Programming Department, but they'll still have a hand in helping coordinate with it. Those are the only changes; the Department is pretty much the same.

Patel: Senator Cano.

Cano: I have a question about the second bullet point; it says sending emails to advertise to Student Government on the list serve. So this position here will have access to the list serve to advertise SG events?

Warmke: Yes.

Cano: Okay.

Warmke: So when incoming student, orientation decides to sign up for a low Google doc form, this master database and this person will have access to that. Reaching out to them, promos for jobs and all our events and everything else we've done, elections and that.

Patel: It's not the USF one.

Cocco: It's not the big one.

Warmke: No, no

Patel: We don't have control over that. Our own lists serve.

Cano: Okay, okay, that's what I was trying to get the clarification on.

Warmke: Any other questions?

Patel: Senator Aziz.

Aziz: They'll be charge of flyerling in those types of events? Like when we have an event?

Warmke: Yes, they'll assist Marketing and Advertising with it.

Patel: Alright, thank you sir.

Warmke: Thank you. Good luck.

Patel: You will have five minutes in your presentation. One tap with be one minute, two taps is 30 seconds, and three taps you're out. Alright, and then again you do have the clicker and laser, I'm pretty sure you used it once.

Michalsky: Okay, yeah. Okay cool. Hello everyone, my name is Joseph Michalsky. Just a little bit about myself. I'm currently finishing up my fourth year here, going to my fifth year. So I've kind of treat my USF experience like an Italian dinner, I take my time and enjoy every moment. So right now I'm on the 6 year plan, hoping to finish my undergraduate in...with a major in Civil Engineering and then possibly exploring a minor in Computer Science, which I've, began working on already. So I'll be finishing that around Spring of 2015. Just jumping right into it, this is a list of most recent employment positions that I've occupied. The two most...the two current ones I have right now are with CUTR and with the Bookstore. To respond to any questions related to my availability for the upcoming academic year, the CUTR job is going to be ending actually at the end of next week, and the bookstore is going to be kind of phasing out at the end of the Fall rush period, which should be I believe the second week of Fall. And then on this list, probably the most relevant position to the skill set of this job would be when I was the student Web Designer at housing. I was in that position for between a year and a year and a half. And when I was there I assisted with marketing projects. It was within the Marketing and Communications Department at Housing, so in addition to working on the website, which was my specific role and working on a couple of redesigns, I helped with...there's a total of six or seven student assistants to help on the other projects they were working on. And I was also previously in the Executive Branch of Student Government, two years ago, this was the 51<sup>st</sup> Term so it was under President Caesar Hernandez. And at the time his administration was trying out the Chief Sustainability Officer position, and I occupied that position for that year. Outside of jobs and classes, I've been on the Green Fee Council, since it's started so it's been about two years now. I've been the only student member on the Sustainability Chairing Committee for about three years now. I use to be the President of SCA, which is kind of the organization where I really got involved and I spent most time. I use to be the President, before that the Vice President, and before that the Treasurer. And then I use to be the Vice President of FARM, before that I was the President. So some of my goals for this position, obviously one of the big projects I'm working on right now is the website upgrade. Right now we have a June bug website, which is great in that it's easy to edit from the back end. But there's some disadvantages because it's not as functional as it could be, and it's not...it's not designed for multiple devices. So if something were...seeing at least in the past couple of years with web design, is making fluid...fluid width designs. So whether you're looking at a design on a laptop, tablet, smart phone, whatever, the website will look clean and nice and will load quickly. So that's something that I'm kind of working with right now, and so my plan is to actually build the website from the ground up. And so rather than using JuneBug, we'll be using Adobe Dreamweaver, which the University has a volume license for. So as I'm working on that I'd like to get Adobe CS5 installed on all of the computers, for people who will be managing content and every contact. I'm working on kind of improving the social media messaging a little bit. Last year my perspective of SG communications was from an outside, I didn't really have a whole lot of inside on how it's working from the inside. So what I saw, my personal experience was I would see like...social media messaging wasn't as diverse as it could be. We could easily go two weeks and I would see Facebook posts for the same thing every day for two weeks. Which is great but I don't think posting the same thing 20 times is going to results in 20 times the number of people going to that event. So there's...I think there's such a thing as too much with that, and also expanding the range of things that we promote. I met up with some...the Judicial Branch and they have an interest in kind of promoting some of the stuff they're working on. And so anything with Bulls Radio and Safe Team, I've met with the Safe Team Director. So there's plenty of opportunities to expand what we're promoting and to make sure that we're promoting all the different things that SG is doing. Okay so, one of...proactive outreach, one of the things Vice President Sandoval has expressed preference for is going out to the Student Organizations and seeing what they want, rather than them waiting for students to come to us for ideas and concerns. So I'd be helping with any Secretary Positions, or people occupying what use to be

Greg Berkowitz's position, and helping them reach out to the student groups and students. And then last two don't necessarily fall within my direct job description, but I'd like to ideally improve communication between the different branches and departments. When I was last in the Executive Branch, I saw there was room for improvement with that. And then obviously more transparency, in my opinion is always good. I think some students, we could...we could deliver messaging...more messaging too.

Patel: You can just wrap up.

Michalsky: And then this is just my schedule. So to kind of show baseline this starts at 12:30 this starts at 12:50, so mornings are probably the easiest time to meet. And then that's the number of credits I'm taking each semester so.

Patel: Any questions for the nominee? Senator Antar.

Antar: So what would you foresee being like a day to day operations in that position, were you to be confirmed?

Michalsky: Okay, so kind of the...I would say probably the two main things...I would say two to three main things that I do, that my department will be working on, website, social media and outreach. I think based on some of...we've obviously began...begun looking into Assistant Directors, possible Assistant Directors for the department. So based on what I'm seeing, I would probably be most interested in making sure...in leading the website projects, so making sure that everything is up to date and looking good there. Obviously Social Media, that's...I mean checking in daily and making sure we're responding to any questions and comments across the board with all the accounts. That would probably be something I would feel comfortable delegating to the Assistant Director. And then outreach, would be kind of on a floating basis depending on what some of the other departments and other people within the Executive Branch are interested in.

Patel: Senator Belizaire.

Belizaire: How would you empower or encourage students to get involved with Student Government or at USF in general.

Michalsky: Definitely I think...I would say...like from the perspective of someone just entering the University, I know that new students can be a little hesitant getting involved. I know I was, during orientation I was walking around the showcase being pretty hesitant to interact with some of the student groups. So I think it's more comfortable for them to ease in to the position. I think trying to get that email list service large as possible is good. Trying to build up our social media followers and then from there using both email and social media to kind of tailor our messaging so that it is as welcoming as possible. So that students don't feel that there are any barriers to them just coming into the office and talking to their student representatives.

Patel: Senator Cano.

Cano: Are you in favor, you mentioned as far as social media, of using paid Facebook ads to help get events out so we can better target people.

Michalsky: I do not, personally because I think...I mean it works for businesses, I think it might work. But I think with especially younger people and the type of people you would see at USF, people know when they're being advertised to. So I mean, when I'm searching on Google, or I'm on YouTube or whatever, I see the little sponsor thing so I know that someone is paying for me to see that. So I feel that that does have a mental impact on how they are interpreting that message. So while I think it could expand our audience, I also think that there might be some opposition to us paying for advertising.

Patel: Senator Zituni.

Zituni: On your PowerPoint presentation, you had points on more transparency between students and Student Government. Can you expand on that point a little bit?

Michalsky: Okay.

Zituni: Get to the specifics.

Michalsky: Okay. I'm personally in the College of Engineering, so I would say from my experience most of the Facebook friends I have are not people that I've met in classes, but people I've met out in organization getting involved. And unfortunately not a lot...I don't think a lot of people in the College of Engineering are that involved. And I think there are in certain areas in the University there are a lot of students who kind of fall more to the commuter type...the commuter classification. They just go to classes and they go home, they don't really...as long as they're getting good grades and working towards their degree, they're happy with their USF experience. And I think as a result they don't make an effort to become involved or educated about what's going on at USF. One of the things that I see from time to time is the Oracle posts something on Facebook or there's something from USF News, and then there's comments below it saying oh you're wasting our tuition on this on that. And I think there's...from that perspective there's room to educate students on how money is flowing around, and to answer some of these common concerns that students have and to clarify kind of how things work at the University, so from that perspective. I know that one of the projects that Caesar was working on a few years ago was a bi-weekly video update, kind of like FDR fireside chats. So it would occasionally update students on what we're working on and could serve us a way to respond to student concerns or answer any questions there might be. So I think there's an opportunity there to just like expand how much information we're delivering to the Student Body. Also I was just thinking during the Bulls Radio presentation, there's plenty of opportunities to have like a little NPR style show. Where perhaps weekly or biweekly the members of the Executive Branch, or any members of Student Government for that matter, sit down with Bulls Radio and we can kind of educate the Student Body and kind of communicate with what we're working on.

Patel: Senator Canton.

Canton: Do you have...I know it's not that the main purpose of the Public Relations Department is communication between Student Government and the Executive Branch. But it seems, from what I understand, from what the roles and responsibilities; part of it is also interacting with local media and the community. Do you have any experience with earned media?

Michalsky: I have not...well actually...well okay yeah. One of...when I was in SCA there would be some projects that we would work on where it would attract media attention. So for instance, one of the projects we would do is the EPA game day challenge every year, where we try to promote recycling in one football game in the month of October. So as a result of that sometimes it would attract attention from local media, so in that regard I have...I have been interviewed a few times by USF News, a couple of times by the local media outlets. So I mean I do have a little bit of experience there, if it were a situation where there was a controversy and we would have to submit a press release, I would feel more comfortable referring to either the University Spokesperson or the Student Body President and Vice President.

Patel: Senator Abraha.

Abraha: You mentioned something about in the last term, I believe in the 51<sup>st</sup> term, something within the Executive Branch that didn't go as smoothly. So can you tell me a little bit about how you handled it there or

how it was handled, and if you've seen those changes improve over time or have they stayed the same. And if they have stayed the same, how would you improve them now.

Michalsky: Okay, when I first...when I first had a position in the Executive Branch, I didn't have prior experience in Student Government and in any of the branches, with Street Team or anything like that. And the way the Executive Branch was structured at the time, was the Chief Sustainability Officer was almost a stand-alone position, so it didn't fall within any Department. I reported directly to the Chief of Staff and then everyone else went about their usual business. Caesar's management style or the way he handled things was that he hired me and then he said just do things great, I'll leave it to you. And so...from my perspective I was almost a freelancer working in the office kind of just doing stuff and occasionally I would communicate that to the Chief of Staff. There were times, I remember...I remember the Chief Financial Officer Zach Johnson at the time; he would stroll into the back room occasionally and say hey if you want to plan an event or anything we've got...we have extra money in our Executive Budget, because your position exists. So just let me know if you have anything going on. So it's like okay great. Spring time rolls around and I actually have something that I want to work on and he says oh those funds don't exist anymore. So me not having prior experience in Student Government, it seems as if there were...there was a little bit of red tape even within the Executive Branch. So I feel like especially among first time Student Government members, I feel like making...it would be ideal to make sure that they can get their job done and collaborate with others in Student Government, as easily as possible. And then to answer the second part of your question, I haven't been involved in the Executive Branch since then so I'm not sure how...I'm not sure if it is changed much.

Patel: Okay, I'm going to assume you're environmentally conscience.

Michalsky: Yes.

Patel: How do you plan on implementing that into I guess a communications standpoint? So right now if you go outside you're going to see probably like 10 flyers on my car, and I'm just going to look at them and be like now I have to throw this paper into the recycling bin, because I don't need to move, I don't need to do this, I don't need to do that. But how do we make sure that SG doesn't partake in that?

Michalsky: I think to some extent we are going to continue to use paper. I know Vice President Sandoval has expressed an interest in going paperless, but I think that's several years out just because there's always a need to print something out. I know when it came time to interview Assistant Directors, I printed out the ...I printed out the resumes just to have them. I'm...I'm always a fan of using scratch paper so I've got plenty of...I've got plenty of handwritten notes on the backside of printed things. Ideally we could, obviously I would have to check the feasibility of this, but ideally we could set the printer driver defaults to double sided printing, because I think...that's just a simple way to reduce paper consumption. And then in terms of promoting, I'm a huge fan of pushing people online. I know when I'm walking around on campus, and someone hands me a flyer, I've got a piece of paper in my hand, I...I'm not going to...I don't know what to do with that, it's in my hand. Whereas if someone were to hand me a business card, it has their Facebook address, maybe a Q-Barcode if I could scan it, that's something easy, if you hand me a business card, I don't know what to do with it I'll stick it in my pocket and pull it out later. Whereas if it's a large piece of paper I'm going to...I'm going to get it out of my hand as soon as I can. So I think, I mean there's small things that could be down to just minimize consumption.

Patel: Right, and as President of, I guess, SCA, what were your bigger initiatives that you helped follow through?

Michalsky: One of the first things I did obviously was, promoting recycling. Since working on that...I don't know...the...I've worked with the Marshall Center to expand the number of recycling opportunities there. That happened around...I think it was around 2010 that happened. In Spring of 2010 that's when the Physical Plan also introduced outdoor recycling bins for the first time, so I think that's cool. And then...

Patel: I don't mean you're actually...like I just mean how much initiative did you push in your position, not like what happened. We can talk about that later.

Michalsky: Okay, okay. So...so, I guess to clarify you mean what did I push for or?

Patel: Like what did...in your position what did you accomplish?

Michalsky: Okay, I think...

Patel: Or any of your positions.

Michalsky: I think most of what I did was kind of tried to make SCA a more established organization. I know most organizations starting out, they tend to have a few very passionate members and then as those members graduate off, it kind of...there's kind of this fluctuation. And so I worked heavily to kind of boost membership as much as possible, and make it...and then establish...establish documentation so that future Executive Boards could continue off of what we had...off of the foundation we had created so that it's not like we're reinventing the wheel.

Patel: Senator Aziz.

Aziz: Alright, I have two questions. On a scale of 1-10 how would you rate the ability to edit and make changes on Dreamweaver for the website you're making?

Michalsky: Okay, my ability to?

Aziz: No, I guess an average computer user, other than you.

Michalsky: 10 being the easiest or 10 being the hardest?

Aziz: 10 being the hardest.

Michalsky: Okay I would say it would have to be probably between 3 and 5. There's a component of Dreamweaver...okay so when you open up Dreamweaver you can either look at the design view...or no it's a code view, which is a straight html/hp whatever and then there's a design view, which is pretty much...oh its YC based, so what you see is what you get. So from there it's pretty it makes...it's pretty easy to...I mean it's like editing a MySpace page kind of. You kind of just see it and you can edit the text that you need to.

Aziz: Okay and could you prioritize your responsibilities other than with class.

Michalsky: Okay so pretty much this upcoming year, I've gotten out of the Executive Boards of the student organizations that I've been in, to kind of make room for this. At the same time I've kind of toned down the other jobs that I have going on, I've kind of faded those out. And this point I'm setting those aside, I'm just going to be a member of SCA and Farm. So I'm still going to be going to the meetings, those will be on Monday evenings. So I just got, obviously class is going to be the first priority and from there this position is going to be the second priority and then...the third will be membership, just general membership in those student orgs.

Patel: Alright final questions, Senator Canton.



Canton: I know that you went over social media app and you've some experience with it obviously. How much experience or how much time have you spent using other things like the insights on Facebook or the different ways of tracking your metrics on things like Twitter, have you used those tools?

Michalsky: Okay, yeah I've...when I was an Admin on some of the student organization pages, I would take a look at those. The difficulty with social media insights is that you...I don't think that there's a huge way to control how people see the content. Facebook kind of has its own algorithm for determining who sees what posts, and as much as I would like everyone to see the posts, they have their own interest in mind. So they kind of decide what content to hide from the feed. What I...in...for instance in web design, I would use Google Analytics to take a look at the insights there and so from there I could actually see how people were navigating throughout the page, what sort of devices, and what sort of web browsers people were actually using to access the website. And what sort of search engine, key words were being used and from there I could tailor the website and...to those audiences and make it and improve it so that more students could access the website for the term...for the search term. But in terms of social media, I've looked at the insights but there's not much room for us to control the content as a result of the insights.

Patel: Alright, I'll take a motion from anybody. Senator Fernandez.

Fernandez: *Motion to enter discussion.*

Patel: Any objections to ending questioning and entering discussion? Seeing none, thank you. Okay, state your forum please.

Fernandez: Can we just go straight into voting?

Patel: I mean we still have to...

Fernandez: Okay, we'll do pro/con three of each.

Patel: Thank you ma'am and can I get...are there any objections to pro/con three of each? Seeing none, any cons please?

Lopez: I have an objection.

Patel: Senator, Senator Lopez, go ahead state your objection.

Lopez: Proposing to move straight into voting.

Patel: We can't move into voting, we have to discuss, that's the reason why we have to...sorry I didn't mean to be rude; we just have to do this. So are there any cons? Seeing no cons, now I can accept your motion. Senator Lopez.

Lopez: *Moving into voting.*

Patel: Any objection to moving...or moving out of discussion and into voting? Seeing no objections, we're now into voting. Again one is yes, two is no and three is abstain. **Alright 29:2:1 this nominee is confirmed.** Please let him in. Alright, just repeat the oath after me, if you could raise your right hand.

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

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

Patel: I, state your full name.

Michalsky: I, Joseph Michalsky.

Patel: Do hereby affirm to uphold the office of

Michalsky: Do hereby affirm to uphold the office of

Patel: And state your office.

Michalsky: Director of Public Relations and Communications.

Patel: To abide by the Student Body Constitution.

Michalsky: To abide by the Student Body Constitution.

Patel: To uphold the Statutes incorporated therein.

Michalsky: To uphold the Statutes incorporated therein.

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

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

Patel: Thank you.

Michalsky: Thanks.

**d) Director of Marketing and Advertising Daniel Rutkowski**

Patel: And for the last confirmation of the night. Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: I just wanted to state that if you are going to vote no, last year we really...I guess there was more of a crackdown on people that votes no, not to say something. If you want to at least have a moderated caucus to explain some hesitancy, please do that. Like I know we're going to be here a while but it takes...it gives 5 minutes and makes the votes much less confusing that there's two people or one person voting no. And I think regardless of who is the nominee, if you say something there may be someone that may at least understand that point and may be able to provide something to it or be able to speak in a better way to say why they should be the candidate. So please if you're going to vote no, at least give the opportunity to say why. If nothing else then moderated caucus.

Patel: I'm sorry for snapping at you again, I just...we have to go into the procedure of it because it will look very wrong on our minutes. He presented and then we voted without any kind of consensus or anything seeing what everyone though. Senator Lopez.

Lopez: I'll just ask after.

Patel: Okay, without any further ado you can go ahead and present the position.

Sandoval: Alright, cool so here we have the Director of Marketing and Advertising. We had 32 applicants, three people were interviewed. Dan here was on staff last semester, last year I'm sorry. And he was a Coordinator for the Marketing Department. Whereas all of our other Marketing Staff left, this gentleman here

carried over on our Transition Staff. He automatically blew us away in the interview; he has been showing the video skills so you can attribute that to him. He really plays on the strengths of what we need in that department. What the Director of Marketing and Advertising does, is that they have an Assistant Director and two Coordinators. They create all of the graphics and other marketing for Student Government. So as for Joseph over there, he is in charge of communicating the message, this gentleman is responsible for creating it. So is there any questions?

Patel: Any questions about the position? Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Two things, one could you just state how many people applied?

Sandoval: 32.

Aldridge: Okay and you interviewed three?

Sandoval: Yes sir.

Aldridge: The second thing I have is that is there anything about the structure that's different than the way it maybe looks up on here.

Sandoval: Okay, well...our overall vision for the Marketing and Advertising is that we wanted someone... last year Daria was very organized. You know, she was very straight forth thinking. The way that we kind of envisioned it was that the Assistant Director was going to have that mentality; they were going to be doing the organization. Whereas the Director here would have that vision, which he essentially does. He sees the vision that we're trying to portray and then he creates it. So that is that.

Patel: Senator Aziz.

Aziz: You mentioned you were blown away in the interview, could you elaborate a little.

Sandoval: Okay, do you have the resume?

Patel: It's up on the...

Sandoval: It's up on the...can you pull up the resume. Just look at this.

Patel: What part of it?

Sandoval: The actual...there. Okay this is his resume. Okay, you imagine this in color, it's vibrant. I'm the kind of person that is very visual and so I want to re-Branch Student Government when I got into office. And so when I see something I like it to be aesthetically pleasing, his resume is aesthetically pleasing, his vision is aesthetically pleasing. The message that we're trying to create at Student Government, I'm hoping is going to be aesthetically pleasing. I want people to just be blown away by the videos, by the graphics, by the sheer marketing by Student Government.

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

Strenges: So the Director and two Marketing Coordinators, in your vision are creating more of the graphics and the actual materials and the Assistant Director is doing more of the logistics and the planning correct?

Sandoval: Correct.

Patel: And...

Sandoval: And that is how...I'm sorry.

Patel: Go ahead.

Sandoval: I was going to say that's just my person vision you know. I'm a very like person that talks like have that, where are we going. And even if he may not be the most organized person in the world, I think that...you could have people, you could play off strengths so you can create that cohesion.

Patel: Alright, how has this position changed from last year?

Sandoval: How has this position changed? I'm pretty sure it's exactly the same. Do you know if there any changes? There's no sudden changes at all. Honestly what we want to do is we want to go ahead and do a focus on video, so as last year was more stationary and not moving, we want to do GIFs we want to create videos, we want to take that paper trail away so we could make Student Government more paper friendly.

Patel: I know when Will presented it in JEC, he mentioned that the position did change in the fact that they want to address Advertising in a more...go ahead if you want to elaborate.

Warmke: The only part of this position that we changed, was we added the advertising aspect so there's a strategy behind what we do. Last year the Marketing Department created a lot of graphics which was great, but we want to have like charter audiences and marketing plans. So we wanted to throw that advertising aspect to it, but other than that everything else is the same. Thank you.

Sandoval: And as we said before, Dan over here he went ahead and put his information on the calendar. So I'm a firm believer in planning ahead, so when the graphics should go out, when they should be created for each event, is on that master calendar I was showing earlier.

Patel: Alright, thank you.

Sandoval: Any other questions? Alright, get excited because he has a video.

Rutkowski: Alright, ladies and gentlemen, good evening. I'm sorry about barging in here earlier, I was very excited about the video and I hope you guys were thoroughly entertained as I was, I was very proud of it. But today I figured since you guys are probably bored of PowerPoints and you just don't really want to see another one, and I kind of want to review my artistic aptitude and my variability in my video production, I was just thinking I would make a video for you guys to somewhat entertain you, keep you interested. But other than that go ahead and enjoy.

Patel: Again, I'll take a motion for unmoderated caucus, so our Senate Clerk does not have to type the video. Senator Antar.

Antar: *Motion for a five minute unmoderated caucus.*

Patel: Any objections for a five minute unmoderated caucus? Seeing none, we're now in a five minute unmoderated caucus at 8:16 pm. Alright, we're back in session at 8:22 pm, after watching that thrilling video, I'll take questions. Senator Canton.

Canton: So President Warmke indicated that one of the things he'd like to see from the Advertising Department this year, was more targeted advertising and a strategy that went beyond you know just get the word out to everyone. So what is your thoughts on that been, how would you like to achieve that goal?

Rutkowski: Okay, as the video portrayed, I'm kind of sick and I know you guys are too with all the flyering and all the papers and stuff like that. So I wanted to implement Gorilla Marketing. Pretty much what that is, it's just like a strange type of intriguing, curious marketing that gets kids to want to know more about what this is and what exactly it has to offer. So I'd love to implement more of that. It's like really hard to like kind of like succumb to like exactly what that is, because it just varies on the type of event and everything it has to offer.

Patel: Any more...Senator Aziz.

Aziz: Last year as Marketing Coordinator what, I guess, graphic or event did you...I guess are you most proud of?

Rutkowski: I really loved that blue one I did with the...it was like an old guy with an exploding head full of imaginative ideas and creative...ingenious I supposed. I really enjoyed that one. Some other ones that I'm trying to remember were just the majority of the videos that I did with Daria and Mark. I really had a good time doing those. It's hard to specify, I did a lot of stuff.

Patel: Questions? Senator Cano.

Cano: What's your outlook on average turnaround time for telling the firm no our Branch to you that we need you to get done for an event?

Rutkowski: I think the longest time is...can actually occur when I'm going to have to pass out and kind of like distribute these requests. Because I really want to like focus on what my Associates are good at. So if they are good at graphic design, I'll send them some of that work. If they're good at video production they can help me with some of my work. Actually the video you just saw only took like two days and the one that I did for Judicial only took like a week and a half. But yeah I'd just love to implement more of that, know who my Associates are, exactly what they need and what they want to do.

Patel: Senator Abraha.

Abraha: Hi. Alright, so maybe I'm not that great at graphics, but what should I have been looking for in your video?

Rutkowski: Just the versatility, different...like the intro is kind of just like a totally different style than what the Judicial video was. And I like I proud myself in like I guess developing different styles of design, different interfaces. So I'm just kind of proud of that and wanting you guys to see that.

Patel: Just really quick, I don't mean to interrupt but I know some of you guys are getting restless because it's going to be time for you guys to break your fast. There is food coming for you guys, so like don't...like it's coming. Alright, more questions. Senator Belizaire.

Belizaire: What is your ideal work environment and what is your experience with managing other people since you are moving into the...

Rutkowski: Yeah, yeah the Director. The first question was that how...like my work environment?

Belizaire: Yeah, your ideal work environment.

Rutkowski: Literally just headphones out. I just love to jam out to music, just like a little atmosphere a little surrounding that no one could really bother me in and I can kind of just dive into this crazy little creative

worm hole, I guess. Other than that, my managing, I actually forgot to mention in the video, but I worked for...in Tallahassee I worked for a gubernatorial campaign, where I was ahead of two other people. We're making phone calls kind of like to get our governors opinion across, and kind of like spearheaded that. And other than that I've been involved with Student Government ever since I was in High School, Sophomore year.

Patel: Senator Canton.

Canton: Kinda...kinda one informational question and then another one. But first of all, what would you say your management style is with people and also just out of curiosity what gubernatorial campaign, if you don't mind me asking. If you don't want to reveal...

Rutkowski: Yeah I don't want to influence anyone on their decision but I'll go ahead and describe my style. I guess I'm just a very relaxed genuine person, but people can get on my nerves. And what I'm trying to implement for this future endeavor, is trying to get two different deadlines that will kind of succumb exactly like what exactly my style is. I want to give them one full warning, like if they don't turn in the art by like the first deadline, then they're going to have that second like option. But either way it's going to agitate me; it's going to slow everyone down, like everyone in the committee is going to be affected.

Patel: Senator Aziz.

Aziz: On another note, how would you create a cohesive team?

Rutkowski: A cohesive team that works together?

Aziz: Yep.

Rutkowski: See I want to bring together everyone's like their great attributes, and their weaknesses, I kind of want to develop everything like that they are good at, and I want to like kind of like help them out. See the thing is like if one person is not too good at video production, I am and therefore we can kind of collaborate and work together. Whereas if they're good for graphics they can go ahead and make graphics for videos like that and I'll just go ahead and put it all together, and we kind of just like work a little creative tornado I suppose. Just mesh well together.

Patel: Senator Cocco.

Cocco: Provided you are confirmed tonight, what do you want your lasting legacy to be?

Rutkowski: Lasting legacy. I want to create actually lasting videos that this Student Government, and everyone and all the Departments that were enveloped into...just I want just videos that last a long time. Like people could look back to and be like this is still evident, like that still looks pretty good now days. Like I'm hoping the programmers won't change too much but if that's not the case then yeah. I just want to be able to have videos that I made and still played at USF.

Patel: Senator Bel...

Rutkowski: And a lot more people to come to events.

Patel: Senator Belizaire.

Belizaire: Okay, how good are you at setting deadlines and meeting them? And also, what if...

Rutkowski: Take your time.

Belizaire: What if one of your Marketing Directors...Coordinators doesn't meet a deadline, how would you...

Rutkowski: Discipline them I suppose?

Belizaire: Yeah discipline them.

Rutkowski: I'm not generally like a rough guy; I'm not really into disciplining people. But I guess in that case I would just kind of have a sit down, you know what I mean, give them a little warning, maybe a rough one the second time. If they just continue to mess up, I might have to report them, which I don't want to do, I'm not that kind of person. And what was the first question, question A, I forgot.

Belizaire: How are you at setting and meeting deadlines?

Rutkowski: Meeting the deadlines. Actually my buddy Joey, who just went up and Natalie, actually created this giant calendar as you guys saw before that Will presented. And it actually has every event listed on there, and I'm planning on correlating each and every marketing request and the two deadlines that I proposed earlier to incorporate for every event. Looks like two weeks and a week before that I want to ensure that is visible for everyone. I have like...I actually have three calendars in the office right now. I have one giant dry board so that everyone knows in the office; I have one on my desk as a mouse pad, and another one on my computer that is uploaded almost every day.

Aldridge: Senator Hussein.

Hussein: What would you do if somebody from your department was to design something...design something that you didn't like. How would you go about resolving that issue?

Rutkowski: Alright, let's see. I mean I didn't like in terms of aesthetically pleasing, or it didn't just have all the information.

Hussein: Yeah.

Rutkowski: Well in that aspect, I guess I would sit down with them and kind of like lead them across the board exactly on how they should go about readjusting it and re-fixing it, and trying not to...I guess make it more vibrant, make it more noticeable for students. The thing is like I fly through some of these things, and I just want to make sure they are actually like learning, they're getting something out of this experience and they have to improve their resume as well. So I'm looking forward to like seeing what these kids are up to and just trying to help them out.

Patel: Anymore questions? Senator Alqasemi.

Alqasemi: So you've obviously proven yourself in terms of videos and stuff. But obviously videos can't be used for everything.

Rutkowski: Yeah.

Alqasemi: Probably still going to need graphics and stuff. I think a big thing is communication, obviously like you got to know what...whoever needs a graphic, what they are looking for, kind of what the event entails. And maybe...you probably get a lot of things coming to you at once, so how do you kind of communicate, how do you plan to communicate, you know...you know your vision towards what you're planning to do and kind of like what they want and the timetable when everything is going to work out?

Rutkowski: Alright, I see what you mean. Usually I'll end up getting a request in, go ahead and take a look at it, ponder for a little bit and I think I would just kind of like make sure I create a couple of drafts, see what this person wants. And if anything I would ask them before hand, like what exactly do you envision for this, like how can I be of help, how can I be of service, because that's my job. And if anything I'd just make a couple drafts, send them over, see what they like, which ones they like better and what they can...I mean what I can improve on, and just send me all their stuff...criteria and stuff. And I'll be able to fix it based on their response.

Patel: Okay, final question. Senator Canton.

Canton: Can you name an accomplishment that you are especially proud of that you made as a leader, not as an artist or a designer?

Rutkowski: As a leader, let me see here. Well actually since I was in charge...like I was in charge of the marketing for the Aristocrat Beer Company, I was actually talking about. And this kid came to me with an idea; I didn't know him...my uncle...so like my uncle's friend. And I didn't know him at all and he wanted me to basically be a one man team for his marketing campaign. So what I did, I set out, I reached out exactly how I'm supposed to do this. Like the exact label dimension, the bottle cap dimensions, because he didn't send this to me, he has no idea; he's just the one that bottles the beer. So I created the logo, made a couple drafts, send him a giant spreadsheet of what exactly he wanted, got that back. He picked like two, after I saw those two I kind of like melted them together and literally just got what he wanted and from then on have been doing all of his marketing. Like from this point on and it's working out pretty well, strangely enough as a one man team but it's working. Communication is the key.

Patel: Thank you sir. I'll take a motion. Senator Cocco.

Cocco: *Motion to discuss.*

Patel: Any objections to closing question answer period and moving into discussion? Seeing no objections, thank you. State your forum.

Cocco: Moderated caucus, pro/con, three on each side and a minute and a half.

Patel: You just mixed two of them.

Cocco: Did I?

Patel: You can't merge.

Cocco: Whatever you want.

Patel: I can't make my own...okay so would you like...do I hear a friendly amendment from Senator Scharon?

Scharon: *Yes can we do pro/con.*

Patel: Yes ma'am. Is three still good, three and three?

Scharon: Yeah.



Patel: Any objections to pro/con three and three? Seeing no objections, I'll take three cons. Senator Canton, so I have one con. Three pros? Senator Cano, Senator Cocco, Senator Strenges. Alright, not to make you feel intimidated but I'll have pros go...I'll have a pro and then a con. You're okay...okay so Senator Belizaire will be a con as well.

Alqasemi: I'll do a con.

Patel: And Senator Alqasemi, con as well. Alright, and then it was Cano, Strenges and Cocco. Alright, Mr. Cano you have one minute, starting now.

Cano: Alright, so I had the opportunity to work with Dan on the Judicial video. And I just wanted to say that his leadership style, I know probably gives some of you guys pause, but the fact that he's willing to roll up his sleeves, speaks to more of his leadership style than anything. And I think that he rolls up his sleeves and gets it done, so I think that any concerns that those of you in the con side may have, I think it can be alleviated by the fact that if something were to be lacking, weren't to get done, he rolls up his sleeve and gets it done. And I think we need more leaders like that in the Executive Branch.

Patel: Alright, you have 30 seconds remaining, would you like to yield your time?

Cano: I'd like to yield my time back to the floor.

Patel: No one else wants to...okay fine, moving on. Senator Canton.

Canton: Well first of all let me say that I think that he is...he is a very strong candidate and he displays a lot of excellent skills. I do want to bring up a reservation. Like he said it's about his leadership style, and I don't doubt that Dan has the capabilities and wherewithal and willingness to get in and do things himself. But when you're the head of a department you can't do everything yourself. And if you continually keep trying to take all the responsibility on your shoulders, you're going to stumble. So the only thing that gave me pause was that he didn't seem to be able to come up with any realistic scenarios in the past where he's led a team in the creation of anything. Like his response to my question about leadership experience ended up being him leading a one man time of Dan creating all these things. So that's the only reservation that I have about him as a candidate.

Patel: You have 15...or 20 seconds actually, would you like to yield them to anybody else? The way it works is somebody else can say I'd like to speak in con or in Senator Cano's case; I'd like to speak in pro.

Cano: I'd yield my time to the Chair if no one else likes to speak.

Patel: Alright, thank you. Senator Cocco.

Cocco: One minute right?

Patel: Yes sir and you're in pro.

Cocco: Dan the man has a plan because he can. I had reservations about Dan, considering the Judicial video that we just saw and us and the Senate have talked about it. And he blew me away; I'm impressed with what he has done thus far and before what he's done as a Coordinator under last year's administration. Yes his leadership style could be a little lax but he's open minded. And we need people with rational minds and compassionate hearts to...you want me to...

Patel: Yes....

Cocco: My minute is up, so I hope y'all consider him as worthy.

Patel: You have 20 seconds remaining.

Cocco: I'll yield to Chairman Antar.

Patel: Senator Antar, you have 20 seconds.

Antar: So like he was saying, he's not just going to give us those cookie cutter flyers, oh yea look at this we just put in a title, a place and a time and alright guys you should come. He's going to be like yo look at my resume; it's going to be like that. So...if he makes it anything that transpires anything like his resume that would be pretty amazing. So it's a risk that I really like that they're taking.

Patel: Thank you sir. Senator Belizaire, you have a minute.

Belizaire: This is awkward. Okay so just like Senator Canton, my only reservation about him is because I don't really know if he could be a good leader to say to people below him. Because I don't know if he could be able to...say someone comes with something that he's not pleased with, like an artwork, he might just take over and you know just redo it himself. I don't know if he would actually give that person a chance to or help that person develop something and make that person be proud of like yeah I did it but with the help of you, if that makes sense. Like I don't know...like he's a good artist but him you know leading a group of...a team and not you know putting all the work on himself, I don't know.

Patel: You have 15 seconds.

Belizaire: And I yield my time back to the floor.

Patel: It's open I guess to anybody else. Cool, alright Senator Strenges.

Strenges: So like the best part of his leadership style that I want to address regarding hesitations, was that he was willing to look into the strengths and weaknesses of him team and delegate tasks to different members of his team. Granted there's no way that two people are going to be working on one computer doing Photoshop, but by giving one person more videos and one person more flyers and you know building on their strengths is leadership in and of itself that he's going to build these things. And given his diverse artistic backgrounds I think he'll be able to recognize different strengths in people, he designed that shirt for Safe Team, he did the videos, Glow in the Park flyers. I mean I've seen a lot of his graphics, signature event graphic from the last year. So I mean I think he's got the ability to notice...

Patel: 10 seconds.

Strenges: The power in his team, I'll yield to Senator Cocco.

Cocco: Leadership and learning are dispensable to each other. So with this position there's always going to be leadership.

Patel: Cocco, thank you. And Senator Alqasemi, you have a minute.

Alqasemi: I definitely think he's really...he's really really talented, and I was blown away by his presentation and all of that. But for a position like this as Director you're the head, and not to reiterate what they said but, you need communication and I think that's something you need to be able to talk to those people under you, make sure what they're doing, they're staying on task, that kind of thing. And I feel like he's great and he could really really help us out here at Student Government, but maybe not as like a top position. I feel like

he'd be better suited for something maybe even...Associate...is that what it's called? Associate Director would probably work better. Just the communication issue I think is lacking a little bit. He's definitely talented, I think he's you know really good for this department.

Patel: You have 20 seconds, 15 seconds actually.

Alqasemi: I yield it back to the floor.

Patel: Senator Abraha, you have 15 seconds.

Abraha: Yes I agree he's a really great candidate and I like a lot of what he said. But one think is just he focused a lot on what he was...what his production is going to be and less more...like on his, the requirements say like advertising and stuff and volunteers and stuff like that. And I wanted to hear like other candidates that we confirmed...

Patel: Thank you.

Abraha: They said it as a whole, as opposed to what they were going to say.

Patel: Alright, with that we've exhausted the first round; we're more than welcome to accepting a second round. If that's what the Senate wants, if not you move into...you can change forums, you can move into moderated caucus, if that helps serve both sides of the argument, or you can move into voting. So, Senator Strenes.

Strenes: *Motion for a 3 minute moderated caucus, one minute speaking time.*

Patel: Alright, any objections?

Strenes: 4 minutes.

Patel: Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: *Wait, can I have a friendly amendment to make that five minutes. Because if you do three minutes it's only three people so.*

Patel: Thank you.

Strenes: Sure.

Aldridge: If that's okay.

Patel: Do you accept the friendly amendment? So five minute speaking...or five minute moderate caucus, one minute speaking times, any objections? Alright, Senator Strenes go ahead and go first.

Strenes: So one of the reasons why I asked Vice President Sandoval what the...the mission was for him was that I wanted to ensure that Dan was going to be doing more so the artistic stuff, working with the two marketing Coordinators and the Assistant Director was going to work more towards the strategic push of that department. But one of the things that I thought was really interesting that Dan talked a lot about in JEC, and I don't know if he elaborated enough on it tonight, was he said one of the good things that he wanted to carry forward from last term with Daria, what she has done so far was they had a big board that listed all of their to-do projects, deadlines and who was going to take on one aspects of them. And then he had the digital

calendar which they showed earlier, and he had a paper one on his desk. So to kind of address the communication concerns...

Patel: 15 seconds.

Strenges: And things like that, I think he addressed them well in JEC and I wanted to share that with you guys too.

Patel: Senator Canton.

Canton: I wanted to share one thing that did impress me a lot about the candidate, was kind of a minor point when he brought up the idea of Gorilla Marketing and more creativity. Personally that was a point that I thought was not...that was...it was an innovative idea and I think we need more of that. But I think that as far as the targeting of students on campus, one of the things that I liked about Dan was that I felt that he had...he kind of had his finger on the pulse of you know how we relate to media and how we relate to marketing in general. So just say one thing that is in his favor that I really would like to draw more attention to that I feel like people may not have commented enough on.

Patel: Alright, Senator Hussein.

Hussein: I think one of the things that people are kind of on the fence about him, is his leadership. And when asked the question about if someone came up to him with a design and you were the Director and you saw the design was not too hot what would you do about it. And he said that he would sit down with the person that made it and kind of help them make it better than what they designed originally. Kind of help them better themselves as designers. So I think that is something that shows that he does have that leadership skill that would be essential for this position.

Patel: Senator Larkins.

Larkins: Umm, well I was thinking as you guys were saying he's not that good as a leader and oh bad with communication. None of these Senators came in here...came in here knowing exactly how to be a Senator. So there is no way that he knows exactly how to do this specific job, so he learns from the people that's above him, and he asks questions like you guys ask questions. And I got a chance to see some of his work, and it is mind blowing and it is very amazing. Not his videos, his actual flyers and it's very mind blowing.

Patel: Senator Scharon.

Scharon: I feel like he has extraordinary artistic vision, I think he's exactly what Student Government needs. Part of our mission is to foster student involvement and get students exciting...excited. I feel like he...him being head of a department, such as that with that kind of a vision and passion that he made us a video as a resume instead of a resume he has a two cover pages, one with pure graphics and the other a cover letter. I feel like that self-motivation, that passion, that drive, is really...would really help Student Government further just draw students in. People are drawn to that kind of...if someone's excited you get excited, it's like fire catches and like he's a great candidate.

Patel: And then we have 40 seconds left in total. Senator Fernandez.

Fernandez: Umm okay. There's a difference when someone who wants to do something and then there's someone who's told to do it. And what I saw in Dan is like, yeah he could have done a PowerPoint like everybody else, but he went over the top. And I think that's separates an average student to like an honor student, in my idea of that. And I just thought that it was incredible, really cool what he did.

Patel: Senator Cocco, we have 20 seconds.

Cocco: Dan the man, has a plan, yes he can.

Patel: Thank you, we have 20...we have 15 seconds. Senator Cano.

Cano: Just to sway everybody's fears, I don't think you can hold someone accountable for an unknown unknown. I mean you can't...there are things that we don't know that he might not do, you can't do that. And so I think that the things that we do have any fears on, I think with his motivation and Warmke and Sandoval, you guys wouldn't have picked him if he wasn't qualified in the first place, as far as you know what I can see.

Patel: Alright, thank you. And with that we've exhausted our five minutes; you are more than welcome to extend that or move into voting or pick a different forum. Senator Antar.

Antar: *I motion to close discussion and move into voting.*

Patel: Any objections to moving into voting? Seeing none, discussion is now closed. You are now in voting procedures, one is yes, two is no, three is abstain. **28:3:1, this nominee is confirmed.** Just raise your right hand.

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

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

Patel: I, state your full name.

Rutkowski: I, Dan Rutkowski

Patel: Do hereby affirm to uphold the office of.

Rutkowski: Do hereby affirm to uphold the office of.

Patel: And state your office.

Rutkowski: Ugh office of...

Patel: Director of...

Rutkowski: Oh Director of Marketing and Advertising.

Patel: To abide by the Student Body Constitution.

Rutkowski: To abide by the Student Body Constitution.

Patel: To uphold the Statutes incorporated therein.

Rutkowski: To uphold the Statutes incorporated therein.

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

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

Patel: Thank you sir.

Patel: I'll take a motion for a recess. Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Two things, one that was much better on the conversation, I appreciate you guys speaking up if you guys have concerns. *And then two, I would like to motion for a five minute recess.*

Patel: Any objections to a five minute recess? *Friendly amendment for a 10 minute recess.*

Aldridge: Ugh, sure yes I'll take the amendment.

Patel: We're now...any objections to the recess?

Abraha: Well I mean yeah...never mind.

Patel: Alright, we are now adjourned for **recess at 8:48 pm.**

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

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

[Gavel]

Patel: Thank you sir. We're reconvening at 9:11pm. Alright, we're now in the third reading of Codifying Standard Practices. Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Just going to go ahead and motion for a middle roll call just because we had a couple changes beforehand.

Patel: Sure. Alright, just click one if you're here. Do not click in for people who are not here. Cool. Perfect, 32. Alright, we're on to the third reading. Alright, Statutory Legislation on Third Reading, SB [S] 54-004 Codifying Standard Practice. Now again we sent this out on the Wednesday, so last Wednesday so you guys could review it since it had so many umm like sporadic changes and yeah other than that if you guys would like to just run through a brief, point out what we've fixed. And Senator Aziz for an amendment...or actually just go ahead and read it please, just the intent...

Kattih: Motion.

Patel: Oh yes please. Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: *Motion to enter the third reading of SB [S] 54-004.*

Patel: Any objections to entering the reading. Seeing no objections we're now in the third reading, go ahead.

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

Patel: We're just going to do a quick brief scroll through and show what...

Strenges: 801.5 was just changing it from Student Body President and CFO to the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Appropriations and Audits and Chief Financial Officer for consistency purposed above and because the Student Body President doesn't deal with this. It makes more sense to have it for Appropriations.

Aziz: We struck any requests from a non-student affairs entity much be through the SG Special Funding Accounting. We took that out from consistency in the (inaudible) practices. Next one, 802.4.1, this shall include no additional requirements for students to hold an officer position. This umm pretty much they'll lose any type of restrictions that student orgs can add on to officers and members, since it has to be open to everyone.

Strenges: 804.2.17.9 and it's setting a cap that shipping shall be no more than standard costs. And that any shipping costs above standard shall be approved by the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Appropriations and Audits and Chief Financial Officer. And the purpose of this was so organization couldn't waste large amounts of money of excessive shipping.

Aziz: And the next one is saying the budget shall be funded in its own separate line item, which is consistent with all of our grants. So it's making that crystal clear. And the other one was no more than 50% of the money allocated; I think...I don't remember the argument for this but...

Patel: Because it's halfway through the semester. Senator Priest.

Priest: I was just wondering what are examples of signature events.

Cocco: Curry festival.

Patel: Senator Strenges.

Strenges: Umm signature events by definition are large new events that have a significant outreach to the Student Body. It has to be at least three organizations; one has to be A&S funded. The chili cook-off I believe is one signature event. I believe salsa bhangra is one. They're just large unique events that we intent to put into annual the following years after.

Patel: Perfect and continuing on.

Aziz: We took out 810.10; the Student Government Executive Branch shall support and collaborate with Signature Events sponsors and shall provide additional marketing logistics support. And this is something that umm felt should be taken out because it's not in practice or not really what...never actually done, so makes sense to take it out. And didn't actually take out event sponsors mostly Student Government, it was just a formatting issue; it's still there underneath it.

Strenges: I believe this was just added for consistency purposes since CPGP is not outlined and the other Grant Programs are. So it made sense to add CPGP in here. And I believe the...this 810.26 and 810.26.1, I believe the argument for this was regarding potential...I guess A&S legality issues with how students are selected for the travel grant and how are A&S fees are supposed to be open to all students. So it's just to fix any potential grievances that may happen.

Aziz: And the second half is saying that after you're traveling you submit a report to the Special Funding Committee and there is a timeline that specifies when you should send in the report and what happens if you don't send it in.

Patel: Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Did you clarify that if a trip fails to occur then they must submit the reasoning why? I don't know if you said that or not, sorry I'm just clarifying.

Aziz: Clarification accepted. So moving on it says the budget...it's...since our grants are their own budget line item, it just clarifies that. And Special Funding is in charge of the Homecoming Grant. And again Expo Grants is its own line item.

Strenges: 811.3.1 was just adding the Chief Financial Officer because it made sense and it was listed in the previous ones above it.

Patel: Perfect so now you guys have a quick overview again because we've been over this three different...or on three different meetings before this...umm sorry. Any points, discussion, comments, anything? I know we held off on last week so you guys could have the time to review all of the material and make sure it adequately suffices your needs. So any points, anything anyone wants to bring up? No one wants to talk. Senator...Senator Monteith.

Monteith: I motion to vote.

Patel: Thank you, any objections to voting?

Aldridge: Yes.

Patel: Senator Aldridge can you state your objection for the record.

Aldridge: I believe there was an amendment that was (inaudible).

Aziz: Yeah.

Patel: Yes.

Aldridge: So I'd like to object if we can have an amendment.

Patel: If you could rescind.

Monteith: I rescind my motion.

Patel: Thank you sir. And the...the amendment, can you go ahead...

Aziz: Sure, so in Student Government, in our funding requirements there's no really description saying what due process is or removal or election of officers. So in an organization you need to have umm fair election process so this amendment that Shyam is going to be typing in ensures that students and officers have due process. So you can't just have a dictatorship where you just remove whoever you want and appoint whoever you want. Everyone does have a chance to um represent, to really state their case and be notified of the removal. And we also, defined what due process is in the definitions, which I believe is coming up later. So it does match up.

Patel: Senator Cano.

Cano: Do...the process for removing officers does it need to be in their Constitution?

Aziz: Yes, but it's um...hasn't been defined so it's very loosely interpreted. We're trying to; you know, standardize it and make it more consistent and fair. So this helps have a umm, something to look back on and



say you are breaking these rules.

Patel: Senator Canton.

Canton: Umm I know there's already been some discussion about this amendment but I really would like to go back to the section in the Bill about the shipping cost.

Patel: Yes sir.

Canton: Umm there's another point I thought of while I was going over this, which is that this is a provision obviously meant to umm help with fiscal responsibility. Besides issues with whether this is overstepping our bounds, I also kind of question what the incentive would be to spend extravagantly on shipping costs for organizations. I think in my opinion, this isn't just...this isn't just overstepping...this isn't just an overreach of our authority and unnecessary amount of micromanagement in the (inaudible) organizations. It seems very unnecessary since it seems to me I would think that their primary incentive would be to save as much of their budget money as possible so they could do more things.

Patel: Senator Strenes.

Strenes: Ugh two things. One if we don't have this in here, all ASBO is going to kindly to ask them why they are spending that much. ASBO can't deny, can't flag it, there's no way it's going to say send it to someone else and they're going to make you do less shipping. There's no way for it and then let's say it's towards the end of the fiscal year, ASRC has had a history of not looking at specific purchases. They just look at how much of the budget was spent and that's one of the many factors they take in during the annual funding process. So if an org hasn't used their money wisely throughout the year, they've got \$500 left over and let's say they're buying their banner for \$150, or let's say a tent or something like that, they can spend an extra \$300 on shipping and then when ASRC goes by, wow this org was allocated a \$1,000 and they've spent almost all of it and we don't know that they've wasted a huge chunk of shipping. So it's just for umm responsibility purposes.

Aziz: And in addition it also adds umm...

Patel: Senator Aziz.

Aziz: Fiscal responsibility and also adds planning to purchasing. Whereas you can't just, as an organization or can't just like last minute plan and just order something to have express shipping. It gives them the incentive to plan and think out their purchases and events more in advance.

Patel: Senator Priest.

Priest: Just really quick, I was trying to find on my laptop but I couldn't pull it up. But you guys struck something where it was saying that we need to like...organizations don't need Student Government logos or something like that.

Aziz: No...I...There was a formatting issue, wasn't it? It was struck out; the first part of the umm Executive Branch collaborating with Signature Events was taken out. But it was...it's just copied underneath, same thing about the logo but that's still in there.

Patel: It's because he deleted the actual clause, so the sub-clause like I guess in correlation got deleted. So he just pasted it back down as its own clause.

Priest: Okay, cool. Thank you.

Patel: Thank you sir. Any more points of discussion? Hmm?

Aldridge: Point of inquiry did you make the motion to add the amendment, or are you just bringing it up?

Patel: Well his amendment was just brought up so they could read it. No one's been...like we haven't voted on it at all, we haven't read it, we just moved around.

Antar: Can we revisit the amendment please?

Patel: Yes sir. Thank you. Senator Antar.

Antar: If I'm not mistaken that's supposed to be a sub-clause of 802.4 so it would be 802.4.2, just making sure.

Patel: Is it?

Aziz: Umm it's supposed to be its own thing.

Antar: Its own thing?

Aziz: But you could put it as a sub-clause if you want, so not really a big deal.

Patel: Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Right now as you have it phrased though it's...I understand where you're going with how we can sort of reword this, but right now it's not really phrased in the appropriate context. Because now it's saying at some point remove a member or officer. I think if you change it...that they must have a removal process...umm...to remove members and officers...ugh from the organization that includes due process, I think that is better defined.

Patel: Incorporating.

Aldridge: Yes, yes, incorporating...

Antar: Friendly amendment.

Patel: Yes sir, Senator Ald...Senator Antar.

Antar: Can it be removal procedures so that it's not repetitive in the due process? Procedures, singular.

Aldridge: Keep the to remove and members. From the organization after offices. That incorporates due process.

Patel: Is it that or which?

Aldridge: I'm going to go with that because I like it better. Incorporates and then due. I know that's more wordy but it's also more accurate that what your intentions was at the start.

Patel: Senator Antar.

Antar: Umm in...I guess just to get out, you know the weird phrasing, I think it's just grammatical. Any

student organization seeking A&S funds must have a member and officer removal procedure that incorporates due process.

Patel: Senator Aziz does this still...

Aziz: Yes.

Patel: Meet the needs?

Aziz: It says the same thing, just with better wording.

Patel: Alright, anybody else who's reading it in the background that don't like it, any problems with it? Yes sir. Senator Cocco.

Cocco: Who set's that removal process, are we defining it ourselves or...

Patel: In the definitions.

Cocco: Or CSI is it in the Constitution?

Aziz: We have a...admitted definition that Adam clarified. We're adding the definition to our definitions. The due process, the word due process. We're defining what due process is.

Patel: Right, because right now the only guidelines there are that orgs must have a set proced...any procedure to remove somebody and only that's CSI's requirement.

Cocco: Okay.

Patel: So CSI right now says that you have to have a way to pick your officers and a way to remove people.

Cocco: Okay.

Patel: Because CSI has also has to serve every other org, so like Greek Orgs, non A&S funded orgs, all those other orgs, they can't limit it to say that you could be removed for not paying your due. But right now A&S orgs, excuse me, would like to keep it very I guess democratic and have everyone have their say, no different than we do in Senate.

Aldridge: I think also what you can sort of...I think you can apply because it's in 802.2, is that obviously this member and remove...officer removal process has to be ethical and legal because it still has to follow every...I mean yeah it's not...it may not directly say it there but it's implied through the rest of 802 that it has to follow the procedures and it is approved by the JEC Chairman and the JEC Constitution.

Cocco: Correct, okay thank you.

Patel: Alright, so any points in here? Nothing, you guys have no problems with anything else in here? Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: *I guess I'll go ahead and motion to...*

Patel: Accept the...

Aldridge: *Accept the amendment.*

Patel: Alright, any objections to accepting 802.4.2 as it is stated on the board. Actually I'll just read it. Any student organizations seeking A&S funds must have a member and officer removal procedure that incorporates due process. No problems with it? Any objections?

Strenges: Point of clarification. Mr. Aziz did you say this was okay to be 802.4.2, or did you want to make it a new clause rather than a sub-clause.

Aziz: My original idea was to put it underneath...

Strenges: Okay.

Aziz: 802.4.

Patel: As 802.5 or as 802.4.2?

Aziz: Yeah that was my original thing that...

Patel: Okay. Alright, no problems. Any objections, do you have an objection to accepting this clause.

Priest: I just have a quick question.

Patel: Yes sir, state your question.

Priest: So my question is, okay, so we're saying that there has to be an officer removal procedure, are we saying that they have to come up...I'm sorry a member procedure...a member and officer, are we saying that the organizations have to come up with it.

Patel: Alright, hold on I'm going to accept that as an objection. Do you rescind your motion to accept?

Aldridge: Yes, I rescind my motion.

Patel: Thank you sir. You can go ahead and answer, Senator Aziz.

Aziz: The key word in it was due process which translates it into being a fair process. So we would like them to have a fair process of membership removal and officer removal. Right now that's not defined anywhere and this says when you're making a Constitution just to put it in, but I can just say I'm the President I just remove you, but do you think that's fair? So this adds in fairness with the definition of due process where you have a chance to defend yourself through speaking on your behalf and you'll be notified that you're removed.

Patel: Senator Canton.

Canton: So this wouldn't mean that existing...so if a student organization right now did not have a member removal process...

Patel: They all do.

Canton: Okay

Patel: Though they all should or else CSI should have flagged them.

Cocco: It's in the Constitution.

Patel: Yes sir, each individual Constitution.

Cocco: Each one right.

Patel: Senator Larkins.

Larkins: Umm I'm a little confused because like the first 802.4 and 802.4.1 they kind of have a relation that the last one it doesn't seem like it goes with those two.

Patel: So would you like to amend it to be its own clause.

Larkins: Yes.

Patel: Sure, any objections to making it 802.5 instead of 802.4.2? Seeing no objections, it'll be back to how Senator Aziz proposed it. Any more objections...or I guess problems with anything that we have in this Bill? Well first with this amendment, thank you sir. Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: *I'll go ahead and restate my motion to accept the amendment.*

Patel: Alright, any objections to accepting this amendment? Seeing no objections, we have now accepted the amendment. Okay so from the top really quick, any problems with anything that we've changed, anything that is standing that you want to change, anything at all because this is the third reading so essentially we're expected to approve it at this point. We can go to the fourth, I don't mind, I don't care, however you guys want to handle it. Senator Antar.

Antar: Motion to...

Patel: Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Thank you. I wanted to follow up on something last week, and I'm not going to offer five more amendments, so don't worry. But right now there is...well if this passes we're going to be able to close the loophole for the travel grant. There is some loopholes for the Student Affairs department and Councils that they don't go...they don't have funding through the travel grant so I was...it was brought again to me that there was concern about having that ability to have a loophole. Umm, I guess...maybe I would prefer some feedback and see if everyone is okay with it at this point, having a loophole. Because I was trying to look through...

Patel: Can you just state an actual, I guess...

Aldridge: Umm go to...its 810.26.

Patel: Thank you sir.

Aldridge: Okay, that was one of the amendments that was mentioned or that was made last week that you as a Senate has approved. Umm the thing is that there is funding for travel that is A&S fees that's not for the travel grant, and that's for Sports Club Council, College of Medicine Council and umm they have the ability to transfer funds and not have to use a travel grant, And uhhh student affairs departments. So...I mean it's a pretty much more select group than 200 organizations so I would say we would just cover to an extent but I didn't know if people had any concerns with that because I'm trying to see if there's any way to best appropriately come up with the right people to be involved for other travel and...

Patel: Hold on, I'll clarify something. Point of clarification.

Aldridge: Thank you, thank you.

Patel: The way it works right now is, all standard A&S funded orgs. So you imagine your CASA, your LASA, your MSA, your SAE, everybody else falls under the guidelines of you...you request travel grant money. NO one else can budget for travel, no one else can request for travel. But Sports Club Council they only get money on the basis that they travel a lot, so they're allocated a set portion saying you guys as a council I guess can allocate travel money but you can't come to the travel grant now because you've already been like allocated money under the understanding that you're going to already have travel. Now COM, the College of Medicine Council, doesn't have a clause restricting them from travel, like normal student organizations do. But they have the ability to come to travel grant to request money. So that's something you guys, I guess personally, I would recommend we decide pick one or the other. SCC right now does their own travel, so they are not allowed to dip their hands in our travel grant. COM obviously will hold off until we actually form the COMAC or whatever, COMAC and we'll see how we want to deal with them. Do we want them to control their own travel, or would you rather the Senate say hey come to the travel grant and request travel like everybody else. So that's our whole consideration. And then Departments, I guess if SGATO wanted to go on a trip, they have flexible spending, they don't have to come to the travel grant, they could use their budget, is that what you were trying to get at. Is that the point you were trying to make with Departments?

Aldridge: Yes, Yes.

Patel: Perfect. Everyone...everyone's like groovy on that? Yeah, cool, perfect. Senator Belizaire.

Belizaire: Umm, just so that I can...could understand...umm so COM can ask us for travel grant money?

Patel: Yes, yes ma'am. COM, like orgs from COM, and I guess COM can as well.

Belizaire: Yeah orgs from COM can so COM doesn't give their orgs own travel grant money, they would come to us right?

Aldridge: Well...

Patel: They could transfer...go ahead.

Aldridge: They are really in a weird predicament because right now all the organizations that are not in either councils, they only have one option and that's travel grant. Sports Clubs have only one option but that's through the budget. Ironically College of Medicine at this point has two, they can send a transfer request throughout the year to put funds into it and that's why 810.24.1 is at least at this time still relevant, or they can go through the travel grant. So they could do both the travel grant or a transfer request. Because they won't receive funds directly at the start of the year for travel but if they have \$500 left over and they want to take a trip in April, they could submit a transfer request to do that. Obviously it has to be approved by Appropriations, but...

Patel: Did that help clarify it?

Aldridge: I hope.

Patel: Okay so, here I'll just break it down one more again...one more time. And that is that COM Council right now doesn't actually...when we allocate money to allocate further, they don't allocate line items of travel. So whatever orgs they fund are for food, materials and overhead. So like general stuff for normal meetings. And then an org under COM, like imagine Ali is COM and I'm an org under him. I can go to Ali and say hey Ali I want to transfer my remaining food or materials into travel and go to Texas for a convention. And him as COM Council has that authority right now because...yeah he has that authority

because of 810.24.1 because they're grandfathered in based off of before we even made the travel grant. Now SCC, Sports Club Council, does not have that ability, or they only have that ability. They can't come to travel grant and a normal org, like every day orgs can't...they don't get travel money they go to the travel grant. So I guess College of Medicine, like imagine a Venn Diagram there's SCC, here's regular orgs and College of Medicine floats between the two, they do everything.

Aldridge: That's a very good analogy.

Patel: Does that help?

Belizaire: Yeah it does but I have a question.

Patel: Yes ma'am.

Belizaire: Is it possible that we can umm...the budget that we...the money that we give COM can they have like a separate travel grant for those student orgs that want to travel, or that may want to go to the (inaudible).

Patel: Right personally I'm going to recommend, once we actually decide how to define COMC, that's where we incorporate all those ideas and everything else we want to do. So right now it is a good thing that we're discussing it, but there's nothing we can really do right right now since the like the actual COMC is getting formed by Fall.

Belizaire: So what can we do now?

Patel: I guess watch. No one really travels in Summer.

Aldridge: And that's why I was...just to follow back up...that's why I was trying to have the amendment about travel can be classified as an event, that you guys voted down. Because right now there's no other way to clearly...or at least make the clarification on their A&S fee or the ability to use A&S funds for travel. So right now they're still going to have the argument that definitely could be made that everyone should have the right to go on that trip because we're not defining it any other way. So, that's why I brought it up in the first place. So I was trying to look and see if you had something similar to this because obviously you guys think this is okay, but I couldn't come up with anything. So if not we can wait and cross our fingers for three months or...that's what we're going to have to do unless there's a change in the next 30 minutes...10 minutes...5 minutes.

Patel: Alright, any more questions concerns, comments? Okay, Senator Cocco.

Cocco: Could you...Aldridge like put this on paper so we could...

Patel: It was the same recommendation I believe that he made last week, which was everything must be open except for travel. Do you remember that from last week, and we had the whole straw poll and that's the way we removed it.

Cocco: Right, Okay.

Patel: But like he's trying to make sure we do consider what we're removing when we remove his amendment.

Aldridge: Go ahead and go up to 801, I did come up with something. I'm sorry I didn't expect...ughh...ughh...just go like...go back up a little bit more.

Patel: Well Senator Abraha.

Abraha: Ughh well couple questions that I have.

Patel: I mean you can...

Abraha: How often does COM travel and the second thing is since they could be denied by Committee does this need to be in here right now, right this second?

Patel: Well I mean like if...

Aldridge: If COM's...like COM is one of three examples, they are not the only example.

Patel: But when we say we can't really do anything, we can't do anything because our Statutes say we can't. But you can still I guess have a standing practice which is you go to them and you tell them hey any travel you want to do, make sure it comes out of your own budget. Or we can say hey don't accept any more transfers and make them come to the travel grant. Either or we ...as long as we have some sort of establish email contact and they follow those rules, we can I guess turn down any travel grant requests or they can turn down any travel requests...travel transfers.

Abraha: Ugh my first question...How often does COM travel?

Patel: I honestly have no idea how much they travel.

Aldridge: In May there was probably I would say about a fourth...hmm...yeah about a fourth of travel grants that were approved last year was College of Medicine. So I think we had about 60 to 80 trips and about 15 to 20 of them were Medicine. And it's not...okay the thing is we also, let me just stress again COM is not the only example. That's why... like sports clubs we don't have it defined in 806 as to the restrictions on who can travel so.

Patel: Senator Canton.

Canton: So there's...I forget what it was but there's a provision that said any organization which applies for a transfer request cannot also apply for the travel grant.

Patel: Right.

Canton: Correct

Aldridge: Yes.

Patel: Right.

Canton: So as it stands if the College of Medicine wanted...because the problem here is that they may double that right?

Patel: Yeah but that's per event though.

Aldridge: That's...yeah that's part of it but it's not the whole thing.

Patel: Right so right now I can have travel to Texas that I use my own budget and I transfer it out. And then I could go to New Mexico and use the travel grant to do it.



Canton: Oh okay.

Patel: That's what we're trying to establish, so if you guys have a recommendation...like whichever way you guys would prefer going about it I'm more than happy to send out an email and just say hey please use this direction.

Aldridge: 801.15 like to make a new 801.15. All A&S Travel shall give all USF Tampa or USF Lakeland students, sorry I had to clarify, uhhh okay...

Aziz: USF and Lakeland

Aldridge: Umm okay. An equal opportunity...well students I'm sorry, student's an equal opportunity to go on an A&S funded trip. And then there is a sub-clause after that.

Patel: Go ahead.

Aldridge: Any department or organization excluding those receiving travel grant funds shall have the discretion to select students and...

Patel: To select the student.

Aldridge: Select the students, not to...oh no I'm sorry...discretion to select students and or staff to attend a trip and must convey it's reasoning to the Chair of the Committee...or the Chair of the Committee on Appropriations and Audits and the Chief Financial Officer. Either the Chair...sorry, quite a long sentence...of the Committee on Appropriations and Audits...ugh...or the Chief Financial Officer shall have the opportunity to reject the trip if the selection process is deemed inappropriate. And I know it's long, I'm sorry.

Patel: Alright, then...

Aldridge: Because right now...I'm sorry. Right now the clause is...like you can't just have the clause and explain any of it so that's why there has to be some sort of sub-clause to it.

Patel: Senator Cocco.

Cocco: So what if the Appropriations Chair and the CFO don't agree about rejecting the trip?

Aldridge: Well you can...if you feel like both is better than either we can switch the words from either.

Cocco: I would say both.

Aldridge: Okay so I would say both the Chair and the Chief Financial Officer.

Patel: But that doesn't solve the...they're still not going to have a consensus.

Cocco: They're still not going to have the...right.

Patel: So you see how they just both is the same as either in the sense.

Aldridge: Well if one then...

Cocco: So it's the org.

Aldridge: Well if one of the two thinks it's okay then they're okay.

Cocco: Well what if one of them thinks it's okay and one of them doesn't think it's okay?

Aldridge: That's what...okay do you want them to...

Cocco: I want both of them to agree on rejecting the trip.

Aldridge: They're not going to agree on everything. So it's either...

Cocco: So that's my question. What do they do if they don't agree?

Patel: If I can clarify.

Aldridge: Okay.

Patel: Who is strong...whose decision is the trumping decision?

Cocco: Does it go to the Senate President or what?

Cano: Where is the check and balances?

Cocco: That's what I'm saying.

Patel: We just...

Aldridge: You can take the Chief Financial Officer out of it, if that makes it more appropriate.

Patel: Senator Canton.

Canton: Actually I think...checks and balances is a good point. I think that having to make both of them agree shows that there's not going to be frivolous denial or approval of either. I mean they are not going to agree in every case but the case where they do agree is important. Means the executive and the legislative branches both have to be in agreement, this isn't necessary.

Cocco: Because no one trumps the other.

Canton: Yeah.

Cocco: Okay, I'm not sure it makes sense.

Patel: Yeah.

Aldridge: Let's change or to and.

Canton: The and/or.

Cano: The last sentence.

Cocco: The last one.

Patel: Oh that one.

Cocco: That one, yeah.

Priest: I think that you say may in must.

Cano: First sentence.

Patel: Gotcha.

Cano: Right there.

Aldridge: Also the last sentence change the word from must to may.

Patel: no I think it was must conveys...

Aldridge: No, no, no I'm sorry.

Patel: No, no, no I mean the may right there.

Aldridge: No I agree but I was talking about the bottom sentence.

Patel: I know about the bottom one but I'm saying this one, which is and may convey it's reasoning, I think it has to convey it's reasoning like why is it optional to convey your reasoning. Did I just type it wrong?

Aldridge: Must, must yeah.

Patel: That's what I'm making sure of. Alright now I got the same discussion as last week. Umm however you...like last week you guys talked about whatever you guys talked about and we voted on it straw poll, you guys approved it, is this better for you guys, does this work for you guys, how do you feel? Senator Priest.

Priest: So...this is directed toward Pro Tempore Aldridge. So can...

Patel: Ughh I don't think we're allowed to direct things towards people you can ask...

Aldridge: Not necessarily.

Priest: It's a question so...

Patel: If you would like...so he is a sponsor.

Priest: It's just a question, so can you like make this clickable. Like for example give us an example of this happening really quick so we can you know.

Aldridge: You mean example if this was to pass? Or you mean example as it currently stands?

Priest: If this were to pass like exactly what...like for example let's say if this were to pass...

Aldridge: If umm...if S...it's either Student Government or SGATO, I forgot which one has the budget...the funds for it, but if one of them...if there...there's a plan to go on a (inaudible), I believe...

Patel: SGATO.

Aldridge: There's a plan to go on that trip. If they have to...how this let's students...they have to let right now Zein and David Houseman know, and if they both agree the process was inappropriate then they can say you can't take this trip. Now, I think and this is open to interpretation, I'm not agreeing with this, but I think then the people that were going to put on the event decided to go back through it, and they would go through a more appropriate way of making the process then the Appropriations and Chief Financial could say okay we think this process is appropriate, and you guys can go on the trip.

Cocco: Okay.

Patel: Senator Cocco.

Cocco: I'll let Aziz go first.

Patel: Senator Aziz.

Aziz: So, Cocco's going to say...

Patel: Can you stand please.

Aziz: Didn't we already include the equal opportunity section somewhere else?

Aldridge: But that's only for the travel grant.

Aziz: What's this...is this for all?

Patel: Well can we just add the equal opportunity and then like just add a clause saying all travel?

Aldridge: That's what I tried to do the first time and people voted it down.

Patel: No, no, no. The last time...the first time it was worded saying all travel must be open, but under the pretense that if someone is already on the trip, I could want to go on it.

Aldridge: Well I mean it's different situations. I mean if you want...if you want all travel to go through special funding...See right now this...here is...and I explained it to all of us why this is different. Travel for departments, and for the SCC and for COM....well not for COM...SCC and the Departments, that's done through ASRC and that's done through whoever typically seems to be the Chair at that time it was the Chair on Senate Committee on Appropriations and Audits. That's why...that's why I included it there. Travel grants is going to be Special Funding Chair. So yes they are applicable, but they are applicable to different scenarios and different groups, and different people are involved in those positions.

Patel: Senator Abraha.

Abraha: Oh sorry Cocco can go.

Cocco: Are you sure?

Patel: Senator Cocco.

Cocco: So what if they reject the trip, do these people have a chance to appeal the rejection or it's done?

Aldridge: Yeah. They have to...umm...resubmit the trip with a different selecting process...

Cocco: They can't...okay.

Aldridge: Yes they will have that opportunity.

Cocco: They couldn't take it to the Senate?

Aldridge: No.

Cocco: Okay, Alright...

Patel: Senator...actually really quickly, Jessica Morgan.

Morgan: Just because you're asking departments to also do this and organizations, I think you guys might want to think about if you're going to outline a process for them by which you want them to have a standard for selecting students, because I think then you have really left a lot of vagueness in terms of how each department is going to select students. I think you're not creating a standard for selecting students, and if you are you're going to want to create a standard for selecting students is that really something that you want to put on departments and staff members here at the University. My suggestion, you guys may need to think about this a little bit more and what your intent is and what your goal is and if this is currently an issue that is happening where students aren't being selected in a fair process.

Patel: Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: I agree that yes the original intention was not departments but they still receive the A&S funded travel and Title VIII still has to apply to them. So there's a lot of things in Title VIII that applies to them even though Proviso may not but other things do. Umm...so I think the reason why it's vague and that's how we typically have sentences that are vague is that is actually going to be up to the decision maker. So I mean it's up...obviously both of these people were either elected or confirmed...hiring confirmed so that's going to give them the opportunity to say yes there is a vague process but the vague process has to be approved. So there's going to kind of have to be some structure to it when they show Zein and David Housman this is how we pick these people to go on the trip.

Patel: Senator...oh Jessica Morgan.

Morgan: And I guess I would encourage you guys then to also create a standard process for which Student Government would choose students to go on trips. Because then I think that you're putting organ...departments and things that don't normally have to abide by certain parts of Proviso and without taking that ownership, so I think you just maybe have to think about this a little bit more, I would just encourage you to do that. About what it would actually look like in the practice of this policy.

Patel: Right, I see where you're coming from. Personally I would like obviously as a Senator, Senator President, so like as a Senator I just want to say like this money needs a lot more thinking out. Maybe it is micromanaging to a certain extent so we might need to consider this I guess in I guess a more of a impact sense to see how much more of like...because this might like this is a clause to reference I guess SCC and COM and all of them, but we do also impact people who normally practice the way they practice and have been practicing, and if we don't actually lay out how we're going to make them do things, or should we be the ones laying out how we do things. Oh Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: I the Senate feels that for departments we should not necessarily overregulate the departments, then you can take...I know we want regulations in a sense....I think you can take out the word department and put excluding student...or ugh A&S funded departments or those receiving travel grant funds and that's

going to clear the other one right up.

Patel: Right the problem right there is that it still like leaves that loophole that she mentioned of how are they going to pick now, like how...

Aldridge: Well if you said excluding departments...

Patel: Well imagine...okay well imagine this. I go on a trip; I'm the President of my org. I go on a trip, I take Ali, Abdool and Cocco and then for some reason umm I guess it gets flagged to I guess SG somehow saying oh Adam should be going on the trip as well. And then they come to us saying why didn't you take Adam and we're just like we're only going to take three people. But take Adam, or why didn't you not consider taking Adam. So like it's really hard for us to define how they're going to pick people you see like, because I could just really be frustrated and I really want to go on this trip but how they're going to incorporate whose going to go on the trip is the problem. Because there is no set method of who I picked and just picked.

Aldridge: That's...well I mean in any case your process has to be determined to be appropriate.

Patel: Right but...appropriate is still open to interpretation because we have not deemed what is inappropriate what is appropriate. And it's really hard to do...

Aldridge: That's going to come from precedence. That's going to come from cases.

Patel: I have so many hands. Senator Priest.

Priest: Okay, umm kinda I wanted to use your point when it comes to Student Government also. Because like how many Senators do we have exactly?

Patel: Right now 43...47?

Aldridge: ughh 7...47.

Priest: 47 okay. So let's say that Student Government is putting on like Rally and Tally or we're using Rally and Tally and its USF day and we're taking 50 people. If we're saying that right over here we're saying that only a certain number of people can go, like we're...first of all I think it's kind of a gray area because we are saying that we would have to go to the Senate Committee or the Chair on the Senate Committee of Appropriations whose most likely going to agree with how we as a Senate wants to do something. But what I was going to say is that let's say we are taking 50 people and we're saying that we want all 47 Senators to go and we're just like going to take 3 random people. Do you see how it's like saying like how with like this saying that we can only select to take a certain number of people how it may...there's a gray area because it's saying like we're taking these people just because.

Patel: Go ahead.

Aldridge: I don't mean to interrupt but starting right now the process is that...

Patel: Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: The process is that...right now anyone who wants to go on Rally Tally signs up to go, so that would be the exact thing you would say to the Chair on the Committee and CFO to say this is our process, we're letting it up to whoever wants to sign up as many as people within Senate can go. Because technically, if I'm wrong please let me know, all 40 people that's in this room can go.

Patel: I don't mean to cut you off really quickly. Rally Tally is just an example that's kind of off because we just take a bus and we want to take as many people as possible because we have a budget that you can't really compare it to other student orgs. So imagine there was a really small student org with a \$1,000 to travel; now it's limited based on we want to take 47 people, how are we going to pick which Senators. The Senators have points so we could be like oh hey points system but orgs doing have points systems.

Aldridge: Yeah

Patel: Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: I agree...

Patel: Well actually hold on. Senator Strenge.

Strenge: My only concern with this is what appropriate processes do we use. Like let's look at FSA or programs that we at Student Government do. And it's very hard to outline our selection process but we're going to put this mandate on COM and SCC and departments and I think part of it...the concern last year was like with funding and ASRC and stuff we were inconsistent but I just think given the impact of this it might be something we may need to look at a little bit more before we put this heavy hitting regulation on them.

Patel: Senator Scharon.

Scharon: Okay, so theoretically we scrap this entire addition. Let's say tomorrow I'm going to go on a trip and someone says I'm sorry I like him better than you, he's going. Is there something...is there already something I can do to fix this to make this entire thing...

Aldridge: Nope.

Patel: Yes.

Aldridge: Nope.

Patel: Yes, she can file...you can file a grievance saying that hey there is I guess favoritism in some way, because I guess that kind of...it's discrimination to a certain extent, like just like a general sense of discrimination. But the org is okay with like let's say the entire org is...alright this is a really hard example. So imagine the President just really likes him but there's still that hold...oh perfect right here. Like I love being able to like show you guys the power you have. Imagine I only pick like Senator Romero, I'm like yeah we're going on every trip together, we're going to go see the clubs, we're going to go like to Tallahassee, we're going to go to Texas, everywhere right. You guys can say wait why are you taking him everywhere, why don't you take me, why don't you take anybody else, is there no opportunity? You can file a grievance right and then it would be addressed by whoever. Like let's say no one likes the grievance and like oh we can't...we don't have any line in there to I guess like follow it up with then you'll VOC. That's the next step. Like personally I know it's very up there but VOC me if like enough of the org has a problem with it then they will remove...no it's a good thing, you guys should know you can VOC me, I just don't want to like have a power trip at any point. So yeah you just remove the president of whatever org it is. Like you just say like hey you aren't being fair to like serving your role. Like his role is to look out for everybody in that org. Does that kind of help, like...

Scharon: I guess what are some things that I can do if we delete this thing, it's just not a lost cause or it's oh I have to deal with the fact that he gets to go everywhere. If there is another plan then I think this is just a headache that's draining our time.

Patel: Jessica Morgan.

Morgan: If I may give some advice and suggest that maybe you guys develop a survey to send out to student organizations that have traveled in the last two years...Adam Aldridge, do not be rolling your eyes at me, I see you. And maybe you should survey them to see how they're choosing because I know when a lot of groups come in it's also about how many group members could afford to do the travel. Because it's subsidized into who could maybe afford the other part of that cost to travel. I think that's a factor to a lot of the student organizations that are or aren't receiving the travel grant. And maybe if you ask them what their selection process is first to have a basis for what you're making your decision. If this is coming from you thinking that student organizations are misusing funding I think we may need more validation. I understand what you're trying to do Adam, I think you're trying to make it a more fair process, make sure there's checks and balances, make sure A&S funds are being spent correctly and I think that's something great for you to look at. I think you guys have a lot of factors to flush out here and I don't know if you're going to be able to do that.

Patel: Adam, really, really quick. Guys it is 10 o'clock. How about this, this is just recommendation you don't have to follow it, so we don't accept this clause as of right now alright. Excuse me? So we don't accept this we continue on with this Bill, we move on to whatever action you guys I guess want to take with this Bill. We continue on with the process and we consider this exact thing when we're also considering COMAC and its functionality, because we're going to have an Ad-Hoc discussing COMAC overall. That's the college of medicine one so if you can define how they are going to travel and then based on that we could define how everyone is going to travel. Cool? Any motions? Senator Antar?

Antar: Motion to cut the amendment. Oh we don't need to.

Aldridge: Let me...like just take 5 seconds.

Patel: Okay Senator Aldridge. One second, let me let him just...

Aldridge: I'm sorry I took another 30 minutes when I didn't mean to on this whole issue. I just know it's also already brought up between like CSI, the Business Office, Student Government, myself, Gary, and that's why the issue was brought up here. Survey may not have a whole lot of an effect but we can surely look into that one. But ugh I think going...like okay the grievance may take 3 weeks to a month but yes that...how you just explained to Senator Scharon, that's exactly how is going to work. He's going to have...if Senator Brown is going to want to go on every trip with you; quite vaguely he's going to have the right because right now we do not define that. So if we're fine with that we'll look into more efficient and hopefully preplan amendments to Title VIII.

Patel: Okay so can I just get a motion to not accept the amendment. Senator Antar.

Antar: *Motion to not accept or reject the amendment.*

Patel: Any objections to not approving? Seeing none, alright. Alright, so there are no more amendments for this Bill. Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: *Motion to vote on the Bill.*

Patel: Any objections to voting on SB [S] 54-004 in its entirety as it stands? Seeing no objection, we're now in voting procedures. Please just pick up your clickers and vote. One is yes, two is no, three is abstaining. And there is really hardly of a reason to abstain in like statutory legislation. Is that everybody? Senator Belizaire.



Belizaire: Five people left.

Patel: Five people left?

Belizaire: Yes.

Patel: That explains it, thank you ma'am. **Alright 25:1:1, this legislation is passed.**

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

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

Patel: Moving down the agenda. Okay Title VII Review.

Antar: Alright, fellas.

Patel: Excuse me?

Antar: Take a motion.

Patel: Yeah, can I get a motion to read. Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Motion to read the Bill a second time?

Patel: It is the second reading.

Aldridge: *Okay, motion to read the Bill a second time.*

Patel: Any objections to proceeding into the second reading? Seeing none, we're now into the second reading. Senator Antar you have the floor.

Antar: So here we go. The intent of this legislation is to take into consideration the recommended changes to 701, 702, 703, 704, and 705 brought forth by the Title VII Ad-Hoc Review Committee completed during the 53<sup>rd</sup> Term. Ugh six chapters amended, that I just listed. I think that makes it now fifteen clauses, sub-clauses amended, nowhere near 29 because it's like 15 added and four stricken. Well that counts really irrelevant right now. It's a really big Bill.

Aldridge: Point of inquiry.

Patel: Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Did everyone have a chance to read this? I'm going to go ahead and motion to dismiss the reading.

Patel: I mean let me just have him finish what the intent is.

Antar: I just said the intent. Just Title VII Ad-Hoc Review Committee.

Patel: Sure fine. Do you have anything else you would like to add about your...

Antar: I mean we can go through and take a look at all the individual changes, if everyone would like.

Patel: I mean do you have like really big changes that you would like to present?

Antar: Not since the last time we looked at it, no I don't.

Patel: Cool. Alrighty then any objections to I guess dispersing the reading? Any objections to dispersing the reading? Seeing none, we're now in consideration for a third reading, because we just dispersed the second reading.

Antar: We can't vote until...because this amends six chapters yeah, we're going to have to read it a third time.

Patel: Any more questions about the entire Title? Senator Scharon.

Scharon: Can you just scroll briefly just to see.

Antar: Okay, we'll just take a quick look at the changes. I guess we can make that a third reading.

Patel: Senator Aziz.

Aziz: *SOM, I'm going to motion for a third reading.*

Patel: Alright, any objections to entering a third reading? Seeing none, we're now into third reading.

Antar: Okay so let's take a look. First change 700.2 added, defines Assistant Deputy and its position. We'll continue on down. Right there that's really a change that was taken out so that doesn't even matter. Scrolling on down. Hello, there's a change here where the three Deputies became two Deputies. The Supervisor of Senate Elections became an Associate Supervisor and then you had an entire reshuffling.

Patel: Oh it's off.

Antar: Oh it's off. How do I turn it on?

Patel: On the side.

Antar: Oh, there it is. Okay and so ugh there was an entire reshuffling where it follows the hierarchy where there is the Supervisor, Associate Supervisor and Deputy as opposed to Deputy and then the Senate Supervisor. So now the hierarchy is accurately reflected in addition to the title change and the number of positions changed. Scrolling on down, open polling station the use of any laptop, PDA, cell phone, really makes no sense, they are all portable devices. Scrolling on down, same change as above where the changes in number of Deputies, changes in the titles and the change in the shuffling. Here only the Supervisor of Elections is technically allowed to appoint Deputies. This was just a further outlined because the Associate Supervisor was given a few more extra responsibilities that make sure he can't do the hiring only the Supervisor can. Again just a title change. Hello, the duty of the Associate Supervisor of Elections you see here he was moved from under the Deputies, to on top of them. These are all the same as the Senate Supervisor of Elections and there were a couple things added here again just to clarify again that they don't have the same powers as the Supervisor. And this right here use to be a Supervisor's power, but it's more appropriate for the Associate Supervisor to take it because the Supervisor is actually too busy Supervising, the Associate is only Associate Supervising, I guess. Umm but anyway here you go, Deputy Supervisor of Elections they have their things here. Duties of Associate Supervisor of Elections was taken out from here, it was really not stricken, it's just moved up. Student Government Computer Center should be an exception to the minimum number of required polling stations, was just moved up to where it actually talks about requirements for the polling stations...official polling stations and in addition we struck out this clause because it's the exact same thing as this one and it just talks about midterms. So we took those midterms and the run offs and put them up here so that it's sort of condensed, it's not repetitive. Ugh this here sort of fixes a lot of problems in which

certain documents weren't accounted for in the Statutes where you have like budget statements, donation statements, campaign staff lists, so all of that has been condensed into this one clause right here. All required campaign documents must be submitted no later than 2 business days before the end...ugh the lower of the 2 business day of it being done or before the end of reelection. So there you go, so whenever we see anything about documents, cross that out, that's why it's crossed out. Ugh this just mandates that they have to tell you who's on their campaign staff. This was crossed out because again it was condensed to the top at the end of 701. This was because there were some issues. This is something that is not allowed by parking and transportation services anyway, so it's not going to happen again. Happened last year, just making sure to avoid that. Hello, this just clarifies when I think it was sort of moved from the bottom, umm that's pretty much it.

Patel: You can say it started from the bottom.

Antar: And now it's here. Again here is a campaign document issue that was again moved up to the top at the end of 701.

Patel: Same thing right there.

Antar: Yep, and you see this is where it was kind of at the bottom and then it went over there. So okay hello, changed hours to business days to avoid having them to have to mandate mandatorily do work outside of business on the weekends and stuff. So you see that throughout we added the change of the hours to business days. Umm I think that's about it, there was one more around here somewhere. There was also a vice-versa kind of thing at the end of the...here, no. At the end of the Judicial one...no it's not.

Patel: Oh wait.

Antar: Hello, there it is at the end of the Judicial Chapter. So if they can't change a major to a minor they shouldn't be able to change a minor to a major, it has to stay the way it is, that's why it's there. We almost forgot it last time, we almost forgot it this time but I got it.

Patel: Alright, any questions, comments, concerns with this Bill? Senator Pelegrino?

Pelegrino: *Motion to vote on this Bill.*

Patel: Any problems with...or any objections to voting? No objections, we're now in voting procedures. Alright, please just remain quiet until hopefully 11. 27....**26:0:1 this Bill is approved.**

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

##### **a) SB [A] 54-006 Students in Solidarity for Syria**

Patel: We're on Fiscal Legislation on First Reading. So let's...start here. Take your time.

Kattih: Hey guys, so these are...Ms. Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: Motion?

Patel: Ms. Pelegrino, I don't know if we really have to motion to read the fiscal. Yeah it's fiscal.

Antar: Fiscal Bills don't have to.

Pelegrino: Never mind.

Patel: You're fine. Go ahead.

Kattih: Okay so we're going to present to you six Fiscal Budgets, my committee members will present some of them. We have \$121,603.22 left, after tonight's allocations if they go through. So the first one, Ms. Monroe.

Monroe: Okay so first we have the Students in Solidarity for Syria. Umm we have approved eight events, five in the Fall, three in the Spring. We allocated \$1,100 for food, \$400 for materials and a subtotal \$1,590. Cuts were just from standards. These are all the events we approved. We approved a WOW event, the Political...the Politics (inaudible), the Syria Cultural Day, the Fasting for Syria, Organizations involved, the History of Syria and the documentary they are doing. So that's about it.

Patel: Questions. Senator Kattih.

Kattih: Just a point of clarification, information, it's \$1,590. Sorry about that.

Patel: I see what you're saying.

Aziz: Five, no wait, yeah...ninety, there you go.

Patel: Okay, Senator Priest.

Priest: I do apologize. I don't sit like on this committee at all but I was just wondering why...it seems like they asked for a lot more than was allocated. Like what exactly...like where was that like miscommunication I guess between both umm this committee and ahh the organization itself.

Monroe: Alright, I wouldn't so much call it miscommunication, but they give us a sheet they fill out. They project how many people they think are going to be there. So they could have an event and one of the events was for 500 people and we could look at that and go I really don't think that there's going to be 500 people. Umm so...it's just what they think is going to happen and what we think is going to happen and if they don't have the audits to look at it, because this is a new organization, we can't really go back and say yeah this many people showed up, so.

Patel: Senator Kattih would you like to elaborate?

Kattih: Umm just to kind of clarify for that. We don't...we use the student organization's budget request as kind of a guideline. We don't really take it into that much of a consideration in terms of the amounts. For example, a lot of student organizations overestimate the amount of money they need for food, not knowing that we have certain standards that we put in place for foods, which is why it says we have cuts for standards. Umm also...this is a new student organization, it's kind of...we do have standard amounts that we've been giving out for student...new student organizations in the past, which ranged from about \$1,000 to \$2,000. So that was within that range and it seemed quite reasonable. Umm the difference you see there, for example the food \$6,000 or above \$6,000 versus the \$1,100, they asked for \$1,000 for an event for food for 200 people. It doesn't really coincide with our standards. So I hope that kind of explains everything.

Patel: Senator Romero.

Romero: With that being said can I just...as a point of information can you tell me how many people are in the organization.

Patel: Well one quick thing, you can know, like it's public record, but you can't use that to actually determine how much we're funding each org.

Romero: Right, because they just invite the general...

Patel: Right.

Romero: Right, but as a point of information.

Monroe: I believe it was about 120.

Romero: 120.

Patel: Thank you. Senator Scharon.

Scharon: I also want to point out like where the difference comes out; if you look at the materials they request \$5,000 but a lot of the materials were like plates, forks, spoons, you can buy them in bulk, you don't have to buy big new boxes of spoons for every feast you host. Also, we like to expect them to reuse table cloths and banners that they buy. So they request money for all new material for each event for things they could just reuse. So that's where a huge difference comes from if you look at the numbers.

Patel: Thank you ma'am. Any more questions or comments? Alright...Senator...Senator Strenges. What do you mean no?

Strenges: *Motion to vote.*

Patel: Any objections to voting? We are now in voting procedures for Students in Solidarity for Syria. One is yes you approve the budget. Two is no you do not like the budget. Three is abstaining...umm again just for I guess the procedural standing for all of this is ugh if you vote no and they're...and this fails then there's just zero funding for this year. If you before making a vote if you say hey send it back to committee because it's I guess irrationally small or irrationally large, then that's what you do there and it goes back to committee and then the committee will I guess meet and comes back and gives us a new Bill. And finally, I think that's actually all of it. And if they pass they pass, if you abstain I don't know. **26:0:1 this budget is approved.**

#### **b) SB [A] 54-007 Students for Justice in Palestine**

Patel: Moving on down the line of budgets, the next presenter for...ugh...Students for Justice in Palestine.

Abraha: That is not the right amount.

Kattih: There is a mistake in it.

Abraha: Did we do 25% on this?

Kattih: No.

Patel: Thank you sir. Are you stretching?

Belizaire: No I had a question.

Kattih: Its two thousand...oh sorry.

Patel: Senator Belizaire.

Belizaire: I had a question about the budget, I'll ask it later.

Patel: Gotcha, thank you.

Abraha: Alright, hi everyone. Ugh...should I present first or did you want to ask me? Okay, I will present first. This is the interim budget request for Students for Justice in Palestine. They requested a total amount of \$20,000 around \$20,000. And we made the allocation of \$1,400 in foods, \$710 materials and umm the materials were usually for ughh I believe they had speaker fees in one place and then it's like AV Tech fees and what she was saying earlier about utensils and stuff like that. And then food is just food. Umm...and the reason we funded them \$2,000 is they have had...this organization is fairly new but they've had...they've funded by A&S Fees once before. And we funded them about a little less than this and they used most of the amounts, so we feel like they will do a good job again, so that's why we gave them.

Patel: Senator Cocco.

Cocco: So they were on the Fee and then they got off and then they're back on?

Abraha: No.

Cocco: So...

Abraha: Wait on the Fee? What do you mean?

Patel: Funded.

Cocco: Funded.

Abraha: No they were funded before for interim but it was after...there's like a deadline and it was after so they don't get the 25% cut.

Cocco: It was after the annual funding...

Abraha: Yeah.

Kattih: This is a new organization...

Patel: Go ahead ma'am.

Kattih: This is Ms. Kattih for the record. This was a new organization that was funded after the January 23<sup>rd</sup> deadline last year in ASRC. So they were funded for the interim budget but didn't have time to apply for the annual process.

Cocco: How much were they funded for interim?

Kattih: About \$1,600.

Cocco: Thank you.

Patel: Thank you sir. Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: So they requested more money for materials and for food. What sort of materials they needed?

Abraha: They were...let me try to remember exactly because some of the events we couldn't fund at all because we weren't allowed to under A&S Funds, at least. Some of theirs....I think they asked for...I can't remember.

Patel: Senator Kattih.

Kattih: A lot of the materials they asked for were AV Tech fees, speaker fees, very extensive speaker fees which we...we as a committee try to limit the amount of speaker fees that we fund in order to make it as uhhh fair as possible across the board for all organizations. Umm in addition AV Tech fees, you know they run out of (inaudible) but they requested them for almost...for a lot of their events. Umm and we didn't fund them all, again we subsidize, not fully fund.

Abraha: And I remember, I think they had the huge event in the Oval Theater or a viewing of something that's what they were going to ask for an amount of materials. And in some of the events they solely asked for materials. And like I said under A&S Fee you either can't fund those or they went over kind of the standards we have for events, which we're trying to keep it from 8 to 10.

Patel: Senator Belizaire.

Belizaire: This is for point of...point of clarification. Uhhh I thought that the amount of funding...amount of money that an organization can get is \$2,000

Patel: There's no cap.

Belizaire: There's no cap?

Patel: No ma'am.

Belizaire: Okay.

Patel: There are orgs with \$63,000.

Belizaire: That are funded?

Patel: Yes ma'am.

Belizaire: Oh, okay.

Patel: These are good questions guys.

Abraha: And sorry I didn't go over the events, but if you wanted to know we typically would like to fund three or four in the first semester and some so we could keep it spread out, we like to fund our WOW events because they are very open to students. End of the year banquets because those are the times people are usually around. And we keep in mind the student's preference...the student organization's preference over the top 3 and bottom 3 and we also fund them in that way so they get the events that they do need.

Patel: Thank you ma'am. Senator Belizaire.

Belizaire: How many of these events are going to be providing food to the students?

Abraha: I believe most of these are...most of these are. I...yeah I'm inclined to say all.

Patel: Senator Cocco. She has the clicker.

Abraha: I do. This way?

Cocco: The...forward. Yeah that works thank you.

Abraha: Any questions?

Patel: Senator Kattih.

Kattih: If there are no objections I motion to vote.

Patel: Are there any objections?

Romero: I object, I haven't finished reading through all of them.

Kattih: I rescind my motion.

Patel: Go ahead.

Abraha: Oh sorry. This one or just stay on that page?

Romero: No the next page, I just have to finish reading. Thank you.

Abraha: Feel free to ask me like any clarification on the events.

Patel: Just point of information they spelled my name wrong. They're going to have a ballad about me.  
Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: I just want to ask Ms. Kattih uhhh...If you put all the events they requested for or we just put the ones that the committee funded part of on this list.

Kattih: On these lists they are the events that we funded, which are 8 events. The organization...

Aldridge: Parts of.

Kattih: The organization requested much more...many more events.

Aldridge: Yes, okay.

Patel: Senator Larkins.

Larkins: Umm so are they...since you said that they are only funded for certain events, are they told that they weren't funded for some of their events?

Patel: Well let me just lay it out the way it actually works right now, the way it should be working. Right now we just tell them here is your lump sum of \$2,236.60. We don't really tell them where we said yes and where we said no to, that's the second...the practice that I believe is failing at this point. So we will start telling them, especially with ASRC the entire cycle where we tell them exactly where their budgets were, we'd



actually give them their budgets back, be like this is actually where we funded. So right now no, yes we will. Ma'am.

Abraha: I just would like to clarify that my Chair Ms. Kattih does take the time, if she sees something is completely off or a better way of wording things, before she actually presents it to Committee or before she goes over the whole budget, she does give them the opportunity to kind of look over it, maybe talk it over and make some changes before it gets to us, before she makes her recommendations. So we...I mean even though we're not completely able to change their budget we try to at least give them feedback before you guys see it or before our Committee even sees it.

Patel: Alright, motions? Senator Antar.

Antar: *Motion to vote.*

Patel: Any objections to voting? Seining none, thank you ma'am. Alright one is yes, two is no, three is abstain. Everyone's good? **25:1:1 this budget is confirmed.**

Patel: Moving down this list. Oh, just really quick. Voting no means that you don't believe they should be funded. Just to like understand the way like, because I didn't just tell you, if you don't want...if you don't like the actual allocation, send it back to committee because the message you do send is that this should not be on the A&S Fee when you say no. Senator Priest.

Priest: How necessarily would you send it back to committee?

Patel: you motion to send this back to committee. Like motion to send SB [A] 54-008 back to committee and then we'd all be like yes or no, any objections, state your objection and...

### **c) SB [A] 54-008 Campus Crusade for Christ**

Patel: Here you go.

Scharon: Okay so this was the budget request for the Campus Crusade for Christ. They had asked for \$6,750...

Patel: \$7,000.

Scharon: Oh, \$7,155 and we allocated \$1,563. They had eight request...they requested 8 events requested which had (inaudible)...8 and 10. They also have a penalty of 25% because they missed the deadline. These are there events. Any questions? It's really pretty basic.

Patel: You guys want to read the events?

Priest: Yeah I rather read it.

Patel: Okay. Any questions while people are reading? Senator Belizaire.

Belizaire: Did they have more events that you guys didn't fund?

Patel: Senator Kattih.

Kattih: Just to clarify for Senate, we're trying to make it so it's kind of standard across the board. So we're funding an average of 8 events per org...per organization, give or take. That's why there may be more events that weren't funded. It doesn't mean that those events were not A&S...

Patel: Applicable.

Kattih: Applicable. It just means that these were the events that the organization particularly preferred to have funded.

Patel: Senator Larkins.

Larkins: So since they weren't funded are they still allowed to have those events?

Patel: Yes ma'am, flexible funding just says that we give them a budget of \$1,172.63. They can have again...because when they present to the committee they say these are our priority events, so you expect them to have those events. But imagine it rains out and they can't have that, they're more than welcome to spend that money on a different event or even like conglomerise one and consolidate another. Senator Cano.

Cano: I had a question for the Chair.

Patel: Go ahead.

Cano: I notice in this one they are only getting 10% of their materials budget. Could you clarify why their materials budget was knocked down so much?

Kattih: Umm all of the materials they requested were utensils.

Cano: Okay.

Kattih: And based on our standards that's the amount we would give.

Cano: Okay.

Patel: Thank you sir. Senator Cocco.

Cocco: I'm just curious. Whens the cookout, when's the kickoff.

Abraha: Come to committee.

Scharon: That's a good question.

Cocco: The Fall cookout and the Fall kickoff, those are the ones I'm talking about.

Scharon: Well the Fall cookout is probably between August and December.

Cocco: Like you see when I'm saying? Is it...I mean are they happening...

Patel: Is it one your Committee chart? Like...alright, let's just pull it up.

Cocco: If they're having them within a week of each other then...

Patel: Yes ma'am, go ahead Senator Abraha.

Abraha: You said...okay sorry, your concern is they are having a week... the events between each other, so why...

Cocco: No I'm just curious when's the date or if they're close to each other or not. I'm just curious.

Abraha: I was just going to say I don't think that...

Patel: They're 2 days apart.

Cocco: Okay so they're two days apart.

Patel: Senator Strenes.

Cocco: So that's essentially a Week of Welcome event.

Patel: Really quick.

Cocco: Sorry.

Strenes: I think Cocco's concern is that they might be having two fall Week of Welcome events, but the kickoff is essentially a speaker series if you look at the description.

Cocco: Okay that helps.

Patel: Thank you Senator Strenes. Senator Aziz.

Aziz: Question for Ali and Adam, former ASRC people. Do we celebrate Christmas, like events?

Antar: Well...like...can I? Do you want me to talk about it?

Patel: Sure go ahead.

Scharon: The Campus Crusade for Christ Christmas Event.

Antar: I mean even though it's called a Christmas Event, at the end of the day it's just an end of the year dance. I mean I remember funding events last year, they were titled Thanksgiving events but at the end of the day it was a semester close out where everybody would get together and say hey alright guys, the semester is done I'll see you guys later. Bye, bye I hope you guys have fun at home. So just because it's called Christmas doesn't mean it's a Christmas thing, it means that we're funding it because it's an end of the year thing. Even though they're going to celebrate the birth of Christ, also it's pretty relevant to their aim. So, I mean the Campus Crusade for Christ, I don't see why they wouldn't celebrate Christmas. Christians.

Patel: Thank you sir, any more comments, concerns? Ms. Kattih can you please spell properly next time, I'm just kidding.

Kattih: Point of information I copied that from the organizations own...

Patel: Any motions? Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: *Motion to vote on the Bill.*

Patel: Any objections to voting? Any objections to voting? If you're talking there's no objection. Okay, cool, we're now in voting procedures. Yes, no, abstain, vote. Okay, well then. **Alright 25:01 this budget is approved.**

**d) SB [A] 54-009 Nepalese Students' Association**

Patel: Moving down this list is the Nepalese Students' Association.

Monroe: They requested \$1,660 and we gave them \$545.90 with a 25% penalty because they missed the deadline, for a total of \$409.43. Ughh they asked for three events, and we funded them for three events. And these were the allocations \$370 for food and \$145 for materials. And this is the three events that we funded, the Dashain Festival, the Meet and Greet and the Interaction Program.

Patel: Senator Cocco.

Cocco: Motion to vote if there are no objections.

Patel: Is there no questions?

Cocco: Or questions.

Patel: Can you please rescind for a question.

Cocco: I will rescind.

Patel: Thank you. Senator Priest.

Priest: I've never...I just never seen that before, they asked for a certain amount but you gave them more? Can you explain that, I just...

Patel: Go ahead, Senator Abraha.

Abraha: Yes, umm they didn't know how much AV Techs cost and they put it at like \$25 something which is unrealistic it's more like \$60, so it was for about 2 events, and we gave them more because we felt bad that they didn't know how much it cost.

Priest: Thank you.

Abraha: No problem.

Patel: And usually it is...they discuss with the orgs like say like orgs can come in and present their budgets directly to the Chairwoman they submit them to or they could submit them and I guess hope for the best. I did see them in the office. Any more questions? Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: Never mind.

Patel: Cool, Senator Romero.

Romero: How many people did they say were coming to each event, roughly?

Monroe: I don't have that information in front of me.

Patel: Any more questions? Do you know?

Romero: Just roughly.

Monroe: I think the most was like 50.

Abraha: I think it was between 30 to 50, I'm going to say.

Monroe: Yeah, 30 to 50. It wasn't more than 50, I believe for each event.

Patel: 50 for that one. 50 and then 60, anything else? Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: I personally don't think that \$370 is enough to cover food for three events. Based on my past experience with student organizations, I would like to send this back to committee for review.

Patel: Senator Kattih, do you object?

Kattih: I do object, yes.

Patel: Do you rescind?

Pelegrino: No.

Patel: Rescind means taking it back, if you don't rescind then we vote on whether we want to accept and then we send it back.

Pelegrino: Could she explain why?

Patel: Exactly, that's why you have to rescind.

Pelegrino: Okay, I rescind.

Patel: Thank you. So Senator Kattih, go ahead.

Kattih: Okay, to explain that a little bit more. Here what we did was that for example, you see the Dashain Festival, we did take into account the fact that they do have a smaller amount of students attending, projected to attend. Moreover we take into account that ethnic food does cost more than regular American food. However, we do have standards and as I...as we have stated previously, as a Senate we subsidize, not fully fund so we expect these organizations to be able to use these funds to subsidize their events, rather than completely fund them. That being said we funded them \$3 a head for their first event and \$2 a head for their next two events. So it was kind of standard a little bit more of standard. Just for clarification.

Patel: You still have a problem with...

Pelegrino: Yes. I'd like to vote.

Patel: Alright, Senator Scharon.

Scharon: Umm question and comment? Yes?

Patel: It wasn't an actual motion, so go ahead.

Scharon: So theoretically if she sends it back, I still agree with what I originally voted on in Senate here. Does this bounce back and forth?

Patel: That's exactly what...if she says to send it back the senate could vote down here motion. If the Senate feels that this is a proper allocation, and she feels that it's not then you just...you I guess object...

Scharon: I also like to also clarify with food that's part of the reason we did fund the event \$3 a head. I was actually the one who actually said in committee they might need a little more money. But it still has to be fair, we can't say that because we think you're more ethnic you get more money for head for person than this group, that's not fair either. So for one event we did fund more but the rest we did keep the standard and that's fair, and what I voted on the first time.

Patel: Senator Strenges.

Strenges: If it goes back to committee then it's...they're not going to vote more events on this. We could only fund based on standards for what they've requested. They only requested three and we gave them extra money on the first event. So I think this is fiscally responsible and it would be unethical to fund more than standards for this org because we think the number is too low, we have to fund based on the event.

Patel: Senator Priest.

Priest: Umm kind of continuing off of what Senator was saying, is that okay, so...if we were to...like if...if with...like with her objection.

Patel: Sure.

Priest: If we as a Senate all object and it's bounced back to committee. Do they necessarily have to come up with an entirely different budget?

Patel: No.

Priest: Or what's the next process?

Patel: They can submit the...it still goes back to committee as if it never came to committee the first time. They just re...they look at it again saying that oh here's a fresh pair of eyes, okay the event is for 50 people on average we give \$2 a head, and we gave \$2 a head. Well obviously...like if it was me I would just cut it back down to \$2 a head, like if it was committee because at the end of the day it came back to me as a fresh new thing and \$2 is what we fund on average. So \$2 a head, but that's just me.

Priest: Follow up.

Patel: Go ahead.

Priest: So theoretically umm...so theoretically ugh they can actually come back with the same budget or a smaller budget?

Patel: Or more, yes. All three are possible just because brand new, you're acting like you never saw it before. Senator Abraha.

Abraha: Well I just, I had a question for the Senate Body. If you feel as though...as Committee, as Senate...Appropriations committee, if our standards are too low or if you feel like...voice that to us now so we don't have any like a load of them come back. So if you feel like our standards should be instead of \$2 or

\$3, they should be \$4 or whatever you think, we could vote on that and then when we go back to committee we could make that on our standards on what you guys think are best for students. Because we're not trying to rip them off, we're just trying to keep them fair.

Patel: Just a personal, like experience. We would run out of money instantaneously. We would only be funding food, we would never have another speaker on this campus like it would just be really hard to do other things if we just gave everyone food money. I just like...a personal like out of ASRC and everything. Umm still more points? Senator Strenges. Unless it's the same point.

Strenges: Being that it's a fiscally responsible budget, I motion to vote.

Patel: Any objections to voting? You could state your objection, I don't mind.

Pelegrino: I had one more question.

Patel: Do you rescind for her question?

Strenges: I rescind my motion.

Patel: Thank you. Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: I thought...I might be wrong, but I thought we were supposed to fund up to \$7 a head for events.

Patel: We tend to fund up to \$7 a head, that's our cap.

Pelegrino: Right.

Patel: The general reasoning behind why we would send it back and do that is flawed in an essence because we're saying that oh they don't have enough money but I could have said that for any other org and say hey send them back and give them \$7 a head or give them more than \$3. Do you see what I'm trying to get at? Like right now they only requested for three events, and we can't say oh poor them, like they should have requested for more events, or they should of like known our system and known how to trick us at the end of the day. That's what most orgs do, they just trick us. But it's not like we can directly say like here's more money because imagine the next org comes up and says you gave them the benefit of the doubt, but we also have the same problem, we want \$4 a head. That's the concern that we don't want to like drag on to. So right now all that is going to happen is they're going to have \$2 a head or at least \$3 a head for that event because that's...those are the special circumstances that we do accept from \$2 to \$3. \$7 is a cap because I imagine some crazy like...Obama is coming down, they probably want to give them more money, you know. Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: I also want to partially help explain this as well. Another thing is that right now as we currently stand, in Proviso it says that we will...cannot fund and they cannot spend. So if were to limit the cap, because I had this exact argument in ASRC last year which is hilarious. Anyways, if we want to bring it down, the thing is if we bring it down to like \$5 a head, while we only fund our usual \$2, the organization can only spend up to \$5. So that's why there is a big difference between the cap at \$7 and our ability of \$2. Because we can only fund \$2 because that the only amount we can fund to every other organization. If there organization chooses if they only want to fund the one event at \$7 a head, they are below... like \$6.50, that's still fine. That's why there is a big difference in the gap, so it still gives the organizations the flexibility to spend up to \$7.

Patel: Alright, Senator Canton.

Canton: *Motion to vote.*

Patel: Any objections to voting? Seeing none, we're now in voting procedures, thank you. One is yes, two is no, three is abstain. **25:0:1 this budget is approved.**

**e) SB [A] 54-010 Jewish Medical Student Association**

Patel: Here is the clicker.

Lopez: Alright, so we have the Jewish Medical Student Association. They requested \$2,040.50, they were allocated \$1,128 and they missed the deadline so they had \$25 penalty...or \$25...25% penalty and ugh all the other cuts were made from standards. And here are the events.

Patel: Wait really quickly, do you know okay...so study...so study night at Hillel, is Hillel the actual place like are they doing it...they're doing it in that...in the Synagogue? Because it's not considered on campus, like we had this argument, like Masha and I had this argument, it's off campus, like we don't own any of that church strip. We don't own the strip, USF does not own that strip and Masha argued with me to the point where none of the churches are apparently ours. That's what she told me, I don't personally know I'm just trying to see if anyone else knew. Senator Scharon.

Scharon: Is...okay I just assumed it was one of the churches next to that obscure soccer field, like right in the back...

Patel: Right that's exactly what I'm talking about.

Scharon: But it's close enough to the soccer field, it's just like right by it.

Patel: Right but close enough is also Avalon, like I could walk there. like that's what...I'm just saying like I don't...like personally I don't care where they have the event, like I don't care. But when Masha argued with me saying oh none of that is considered USF, I argued no it is USF. She was like we don't own it, none of USF owns it. Senator Antar.

Antar: If I may as a Parliamentarian. 103.54, on campus and anywhere around the USF Tampa campus, USF River Park or anywhere where USF athletics sponsored event is being held. Isn't Hillel technically on campus?

Patel: They own the land.

Antar: We don't own it?

Patel: No, they own...they...that entire ...all those churches own those pieces of land hence...

Antar: Moffitt owns its land, are we allowed to hold events in Moffitt?

Patel: I have no clue.

Antar: I mean it's in the middle of the USF Tampa campus.

Cocco: Can we move on.

Patel: Senator Alqasemi.



Alqasemi: I was going to say as long as it's within the borders. And I know that it's not that specific land, but within the borders that's still...

Patel: I'm agreeing with you guys, I'm agreeing with you I'm just like advocating for Masha because she's not here. And she's the one...not even just Masha, anybody can just say like we don't own it. Okay, I don't care, it's like what \$200. Senator Kattih.

Kattih: I have two points. The first I was not aware of that. Umm and miss...not miscommunication but that debate so I will take that into consideration. Umm the second thing is Masha was in my committee meeting when we approved this budget.

Patel: That's fine, cool.

Kattih: So that's just something to think about.

Patel: Senator Priest.

Priest: Can I ask a question to the Chair?

Patel: Go ahead.

Priest: So if you had known that would you have still funded this Society study night?

Patel: Go ahead.

Kattih: To answer your question, I likely would have first told the student organization that this may be considered off campus. In which case I would have defer the student organization to tell me a different event they would place in line in order as their top events. And then that case I would have funded that event over the study night. But those were all...

Patel: Senator Aziz...do you have...

Kattih: Just I guess in continuation.

Patel: Senator Kattih.

Kattih: Overall, the overall amount would have varied very little because again standards, lump sum.

Patel: Senator Abraha.

Abraha: Wait...or they could move it to the Marshall Center or anything officially in the USF campus.

Patel: Right, exactly.

Cocco: Can you click on the events, was that it?

Patel: Yep.

Cocco: *Motion to vote.*

Patel: Any objections to Senator's Cocco motion to vote? Seeing none, we're now in voting procedures. Can I get the clicker please? Are you the next presenter?

Lopez: She is.

Patel: Oh thank you. One is yes, two is no, three is abstain. **25:0:1 this budget is approved.**

**f) SB [A] 54-011 The Accounting Society at USF**

Patel: We are on the Accounting Society at USF.

Kattih: Finally we have the Accounting Society at USF. They requested \$4,558 and they were allocated \$1,886.80. Cuts were made from standards, they had 7 events...or 8 events approved from a total of 12. This was there Fall events, and these are there Spring events. Are there any questions?

Patel: Senator Aziz.

Aziz: Is this a new org.

Kattih: Yes.

Patel: Senator Belizaire. Okay, perfect thank you guys.

Kattih: Again, their number falls within the range.

Patel: Any more questions? Oh I know you like to read, go ahead, hang on. It is good you guys are reading these, because we had to argue with Jeff to get these put on here.

Aldridge: Yes.

Patel: A lot of arguing with Jeff. Senator Belizaire. What, are you (inaudible)?

Belizaire: What? No.

Patel: Oh.

Belizaire: Could you go back to...to the umm the other Fall events? So they're having two fairs...two career fairs?

Kattih: Okay, so what this is, they're not two career fairs. The first one is a preparation where they get their umm...and I forgot to include this in the description, it's actually a preparation for the career fair that they're having. So they're preparing their members if that makes any sense. Its ughh a social kind of to prepare members for career fairs.

Patel: Is it like stuffing the bags? Like you know when we stuff bags?

Kattih: No, no, it's like...Yes, like a training.

Patel: Senator...oh Senator Strenges.

Strenges: There's a speaker in the first event.

Kattih: They're different events, I looked into it yeah. I just didn't add the...

Patel: So there's a speaker in the first...okay cool. Alright, any more questions, concerns? Oh, we'll go back to the follow up screen. Senator Myers.

Myers: *As long as they're no objections, motion to vote.*

Patel: Any objections to voting? Seeing none, one is yes, two is no, three is abstain. **25:0:1, this budget is approved.**

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

### **a) SB [S] 54-006 Title I Bill**

Patel: Alright and the last things for the day, Title I and Title VI.

Antar: Anyways so.

Patel: Senator...who is the one?

Antar: Mr. Canton, you're up. Let's go, let's do this.

Patel: Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: *Motion to enter the first reading of SB [S] 54-006.*

Patel: Thank you ma'am. Any objections? Seeing none, we're now in first reading. Would you like the laser pointer?

Canton: I would love the laser pointer, thank you. How do you use this?

Patel: It's the button on the top.

Aziz: The green...the green one.

Patel: Yep.

Canton: Hi, so anyway this is the updating definitions act for Chapter 103.

Patel: Just read the intent.

Canton: Ugh, the intent of this legislation is to update definitions within Chapter 103, to update the classification of a Capital Outlay expenditure, and to codify the term "due process" within Statutes.

Aziz: Scroll up.

Patel: No there's a blue line right there.

Antar: There's another one.

Patel: Oh there's one higher?

Antar: Yeah, oh never mind.

Canton: Alright, umm so anyway our first change was from 103.15, capital outlay. In our committee, the reason for this change is that because of the way capital outlays were defined in the original Bill or in the original Statutes...ugh...there's a lot of things that weren't...that didn't fit the spirit of what the definition was intended. So you would be classifying things that the Engineering Department was going to be using to build stuff as capital outlays, even though that wouldn't be something that the next...you know they would be able to use next year. Capital outlays are supposed to be non-consumable, durable, long lasting items that will be passed down from organization from year to year. So anyway, what we eventually ended up doing, we were going to just increase the dollar limit so that this umm this problem wouldn't happen. But what we decided was that it doesn't make sense to try and define capital outlays by how expensive they are, it's...it depends on what it's being used for and the nature of the item itself and not how expensive it is. So moving on.

Patel: Really quick, just for the record, I deleted a comment Ali made. No one cares.

Canton: Umm the next change is to 103.23. This was...thank you Senator Aziz for going through and adding this. Due process is a term that we use in several Statutes...umm several parts of different Statutes. This is just to give it a definition, which is the conduct of any proceeding wherein there is fair treatment to all parties involved and an equal opportunity to be heard. So just gives a better definition of Due Process so we can point to something. Ughh yeah, 103... we have 103.53 umm we changed it here ughh just because the Office of Student Programs, I believe no longer exists. So we changed that so we would be referring only to existing departments. Umm and you know as replaced. Umm okay here finally...what...or I think finally... is there one more? Anyway, 103.71, ugh the final part of this. Umm this...this...sorry...my bad. Ugh this account is also used to fund university entities not within the Division of Student Affairs. Obviously the Division of Student Affairs doesn't exist.

Patel: Would you like to clarify?

Aldridge: Yeah, the reason that's ugh was stricken was because we struck the exact same clause in 80...I think 801. It was one of the bills that's by...

Canton: Excuse me.

Patel: You're fine. And continuing on.

Canton: Umm the vote of re...103.80, the vote of reconsideration. We struck legislative term here because what...the intent of the vote of reconsideration is so that if you pass something in a Senate Meeting and then later someone comes up and says oh you know we accidentally just destroyed the university system, or something you can go back and change it in that session. The purpose wasn't so that you could pass something at the beginning of Fall and then in November go back and say you know what let's just strike this Bill for the record. So as it was originally defined, any point of the term you could do that so we wanted to solve that problem.

Patel: And the proper procedure is this one. You can't do a vote of reconsideration next meeting based on the need that this meeting has to be done this meeting.

Canton: Or else you could just strike clause, like...

Patel: Exactly.

Canton: Whenever you don't want to follow them anymore.

Patel: Alright, that was everything.

Canton: Ughh.

Patel: I believe so.

Canton: I believe so yes.

Patel: Alright, any questions? Again this is the first reading. Senator Cano.

Cano: Umm the due process definition, um there's nothing in there about a right to counsel and I would just think that if you're going through some type of hearing you should be able to go to the Solicitor General for help.

Patel: Well...you could just.

Cano: Part of it I guess is that due process you have the right to counsel.

Patel: Right, you don't have that counsel...in Senate like imagine you VOC Adam, which is on everyone's mind. Adam can only defend himself, do you get it? So like, we give Adam a certain amount of time to defend himself in that grievance.

Cano: Okay.

Patel: Like I do understand where you're coming from with the whole legal thing but like I honestly don't know how you would handle it at that point. Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: I think also the...this could mean like the word heard, I mean you can...first of all you can't... I think the way, this is parking appeals, slightly different but it's only counsel within like either a student at the university or a Solicitor General. But the word heard just means like...I mean this doesn't restrict you from using another student to help you know...

Patel: I think it refers to just via hearing.

Aldridge: Yeah.

Patel: Right, gotcha. Thank you sir. Senator Priest.

Priest: I think it's 103.54 or use to be where we're talking about the Office of Student Programs. Would that kind of be like the CSI?

Patel: Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Yes that's what...ugh in the past up until I think about 2 years ago; it was the Office of Student Organizations and the Office of Student programs that was sort of what CSI it branched out to. But we noticed with both OSO and OSP, there was not separation it was just Center for Student Involvement. SO I don't even know why this definition...if OSO is not in here I don't know why it's in here in the first place. But since it doesn't...there's not Office of Student Programs, it's all CSI.

Patel: We're making way for the Organization of Shyam Patel; I wanted to have the acronym free. Senator Antar.

Antar: I was going to say really quickly. Two sides of the department, if we defined one the department, I think Senator we defined all the other ones, and we didn't feel like doing that so.

Patel: Senator Aziz.

Aziz: Submit a motion to disperse the reading, do we do that?

Antar: You just have to enter a second reading.

Aziz: Never mind, *I'll make a motion to enter second reading.*

Patel: I mean you'll be ending the first reading still. Thank you sir. So entering the second reading, any objections to entering the second reading? Seeing no objections we're now in second reading. Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: *Motion to disperse the second reading.*

Patel: Any objections to dispersing the second reading? Seeing none we're now in tentative third reading. Senator Antar.

Antar: Motion to vote?

Patel: You don't need the third reading.

Antar: *Motion to vote.*

Patel: Any objections to voting? Seeing none, we're now in voting procedures. Please have your trigger finger on the clicker. Thank you sir. Is everyone clicked in? Yes?

Aziz: No, two people.

Patel: Good? Cool. **23:0:1.**

#### **b) SB [S] 54-007 Title VI Bill**

Patel: And the final Bill for the night. Ladies and Gentlemen, Title VI. Sorry.

Monteith: Alrighty guys, bear with me this is really short, I know it's like 11 o'clock, we'll get out of here really quick.

Patel: Senator Antar.

Antar: *Motion to read the Bill.*

Patel: Any objections to enter first reading? Seeing none, we're now in first reading.

Monteith: This is SB [S] 54-007. The intent of this legislation is to update Chapter 601 and to increase representation in the Activity and Service Recommendation Committee. Alright, so first change. Alright here 601.4.3, we changed that from 5 to 6. I'll go over why we did that in just one second. Our next change is 601.4.3.4, we just added and speaking rights umm for the Alternate Senators because while they might not be able to vote unless there's an absence of another Senator, we wanted to make it clear that he could speak at the same time. Alright, umm now the reason why we added six is right here under 601.4.1, we added the CFO

to the list of people under ASRC. We added an extra Senator because we wanted to keep the odd number of people on the Committee so that the Chair would not have to vote. There's a lesser percent of the times that he has to vote and we didn't want him to vote unless he had to. And scroll down. Alright here, 601.10 we just added umm and audits to the Senate Committee on Appropriations and Audits, because that's its full name. And uhhh then we struck this out...this clause out just because that ASRC right now does not have any ROPS, so if we had that there we would be violating this Statute, so...any questions?

Patel: Senator Romero.

Romero: Did you say you added or removed a person?

Monteith: We added another Senator right here and we also added the CFO under ASRC. And we added the extra Senator so that...okay so as you can see that the Student Body President, Senate President and then there's six uhhh voting members of the Senate, and then there's two...the Senate Committee...The Committee chairmen on the Audits and Appropriations and the CFO, they're voting so it's 10 people. One of them is considered Chair which is nonvoting, which means there is nine left so there's an odd number so there won't be a tie.

Romero: But of the six people two are Alternates?

Monteith: There's two Alternates and they're...they go to every meeting but they only vote in the absence...in case there's an absence of one of the six Senators.

Romero: So they're not part of the six though?

Patel: No right the way it works right now is if 6 people show up to this table, and two extra people show up. So you have 8 Senate in the room. Let's say a Senator goes to the bathroom, that Alternate takes its place. There's seven Senators in the room but still only six vote. Cool? Sorry to steal your thunder.

Monteith: That's cool man.

Patel: Any more questions about the Bill? Senator Belizaire.

Belizaire: How would that break a tie if there's six people voting instead of five?

Monteith: Okay, like I said all together there's ten voting members, because these three members down here don't vote and the two Alternates don't vote, right. One...out of those ten people, there is a Chair that is elected between those ten people. So there's only nine voting members left, it's an odd number, there can't be a tie. It has to be 5 and 4.

Patel: Excuse me? Oh you're good. Any more questions? Senator Scharon.

Scharon: Can I motion to disperse to go into the second reading?

Patel: You're more than welcome to.

Antar: You don't have to disperse, we're already done with the first, motion for a second and then...

Scharon: Okay, *so motion for a second reading.*

Patel: Any objections to moving on to second reading? Senator...oh okay, you're good? Alright, we're now in second reading. Senator Strenges.

Strenges: *Motion to disperse the second reading.*

Patel: Any objections to dispersing the second reading? Seeing none, any other motion? Senator Larkins.

Larkins: *Motion to vote.*

Patel: Motion to vote on the Bill, any objections to voting on 54-007? Seeing no objections, now in voting procedures. One yes, two no, three abstain. Thank you sir. That was amazing, well prepared. Guys, remain seated, we still...you haven't even clicked out yet. 24 people, everyone clicked in? **With 23:0:1 this Bill is approved.** Final...

### **Announcements:**

Aldridge: Announcements? This will be very very...

Patel: Senator Aldridge, your announcements.

Aldridge: Thank you. Okay I wanted to do something because it's the last Senate Meeting. I wanted to recognize the Alternate Senators that we had over the course of the Summer. Umm because well there may be another Committee Meeting, this will be their last time participating in Senate. So umm I got some of the positive point prizes, we have a messenger bag as well as a water bottle and a stress ball. And I think they're six of them that we had this Summer, I think Senator Munroe, Senator Strenges, umm Senator Ibrahim, which I don't think he's here. Who is the other three? Oh Senator Hussein that's four, Senator Mini, which I'll give that to Senator Lopez, that's five and there was one other one. I don't remember, I had a list. There's a sixth one but I want to thank all of them for their work and so for Kylie and for Stephen, we'll give the rest out (inaudible), thank you for your work in Senate.

Patel: Thank you sir. Any more announcements? Alright, final...

Aldridge: Oh I do want to....

Patel: Yes, Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Sorry, one final thing. Umm with the exception of maybe Appropriations, depending on if they have their Audit form available; they'll be one Committee meeting each next week. So that'll be...you'll receive stuff about Senate Meeting in the Fall probably before the first week of classes. Umm so be sure to look at your emails from the Chairs, because they should be meeting next week just to wrap up maybe approval of minutes and final business and that will be it.

Patel: Can you guys please stay in your seats. Senator Priest.

Aldridge: I'm good.

Patel: Just really quick, play safe over the summer. We're not going to meet I guess till September. I don't need to loose Senators over random accidents.

### **Final Roll Call:**

Patel: We're now in voting procedures for Final Roll Call. Click one if you're here. I'm missing one person still, please. **Alright, 24.**



**Adjournment:**

Patel: Alright can I get a motion to adjourn, we still need a motion. Senator Abraha.

Abraha: *Motion to adjourn.*

Patel: Any objections to adjourning? Seeing none, we're now adjourned at 11:10 pm

[Gavel]

**Adjournment called by Senate President Patel at 11:10 pm**

*Transcribed by Senate Clerk Nadima Ally.*