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Committee on Appropriations and Audits
FALL SESSION
September 16, 2013

Call to Order by Chairwoman Kattih at 12:03 PM.

First Roll Call

Present: Kattih, Devivo, Abraha, Larkins, Myers, Romero, F. Fernandez, Lopez

Absent:

Chairwoman Kattih: We do have quorum and we can proceed. In the gallery, we have Ms. Masha Galchenko from ASBO, we have Katherine Burkhard from SGATO and we do have two guests from USF Hillel. Can you guys please state your names for the record?

Ms. Wolf: I'm Linda Wolf. I'm the Assistant Executive Director from USF Hillel.

Mr. Kalmowicz: And I'm Michael Kalmowicz. I'm the Treasurer of Hillel.

Chairwoman Kattih: Thank you. Oh, and we do have Adam Aldridge, our Pro-Tempore, and Stacy Dolan, our Senate Secretary.

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

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

Senator Romero - *Motion to approve the agenda, accepted.*

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there any objections? Seeing none, the agenda is approved. Next item on the agenda is approval of the minutes. Minutes from September 9th were sent out. Are there any changes?

Senator Romero - *Motion to approve the minutes, accepted.*

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there any objections? Seeing none, the minutes have been approved.

Open Forum

Chairwoman Kattih: Next on the agenda is open forum. Mr. Aldridge, do you have anything to say?

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: No. Oh, yes. Make sure that tomorrow's Senate meeting, food will be at the Chambers at 5:30 and it will be the time that Mark Danish arrives. We hope he arrives at that time. So please come early. You can have something to eat beforehand and a meet and greet with the representative. Then we'll start at 6:00, and he'll be the first thing on the agenda, presentation and question and answer.

Chairwoman Kattih: If there's no more open forum business...

New Business

1. Interim Budget Requests

Women's Federation for World Peace

Chairwoman Kattih: We will move onto new business. We have seven interim budgets on the agenda. Hopefully we get to all of them. The first one on the agenda is Women's Federation for World Peace. This organization has requested \$1,431 and they were allocated \$540.60, with a 25% deduction for \$405. My recommendations, their Week of Welcome event has passed, so it cannot be funded. For their Thanksgiving Turkey Drive, they requested \$100 for food, which was allocated for them. Their annual international community service trip, they did not request any—that was moved to the travel grant, because that is not under our purview. Then we have Women's Day. They requested \$100 for food for fifty students. That amount of money was allocated. Their banquet, they expect 770 people to show up, so I did \$3 per head for a total of \$210 for food, \$100 for materials—because that amount was not requested previously—for a grand total of the amount you see above. Are there any questions? We can scroll through this slowly.

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: The first event, I know that the event passed, but did the organization want materials... they said shirts, banners and posters...?

Chairwoman Kattih: We can go ahead and change that if you guys think it's necessary. I did give out standard sheets. It is standard for us to fund \$150 for banners, and we have been funding \$5 per shirt, up to a certain amount, of course. We can go ahead—if there are any motions to fund them for a banner and shirts?

Senator Abraha – *Motion to fund banners and shirts.*

Senator Abraha: How many people?

Senator Romero: It would be over \$500.

Senator Abraha: The thing is 100 are the people attending, not the people they need shirts for.

Chairwoman Kattih: It is \$5 per head per shirt. However, it's up to committee to decide how many shirts they would like to allocate. We have been going off of what student organizations request. Let the record state that Mr. Fernandez walked in at 12:03 as did Mr. Lopez. The maximum for shirts is \$500.

Senator Larkins: On here, it's \$7 per shirt.

Chairwoman Kattih: That is the maximum. Our standard has been \$5 just this year, based on ASRC in 2013-2014. Are there any other motions?

Senator Romero – *Motion to fully fund materials for Week of Welcome.*

Chairwoman Kattih: We can do that. I would suggest specifying exactly what materials you're funding and to what extent, just for future reference and for consistency's sake.

Senator Romero – *Motion to fund \$150 for the banner and \$350 for the shirts, accepted.*

Chairwoman Kattih: So you want to fund them seventy shirts?

Senator Romero: Correct. Is it allowed, to fund more than they have put on there? Yes, right?

Chairwoman Kattih: We can in rare cases, especially because this isn't for an event. Our past precedent has been to only fund up to what they ask. Is that a formal motion?

Senator Romero: It is.

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there any objections to funding this organization \$500 for materials for the fall 2013 Week of Welcome event, because they need \$150 for banners and \$350 for seventy shirts. If there are no objections, that is now in place. The grand total is now \$1070.60. After the 25% deduction, we're at \$802.95. Are there any other questions, motions, changes, recommendations?

Senator Abraha – *Motion to vote on recommended budget, accepted.*

Chairwoman Kattih: Any objections? If there are none, we are now in voting procedure.

YES: Abraha, Devivo, Fernandez, Larkins, Lopez, Myers, Romero

NO:

7-0-1, Women's Federation for World Peace budget is passed.

USF Hillel

Chairwoman Kattih: Next item on the agenda is we have USF Hillel present. We do have representatives from USF Hillel. If you guys have any questions about their request, you can direct their questions to them and I'll allow them to speak for that. The request was \$22,260. If you guys would like to get a brief statement of why that amount is the way it is, you can ask that as well. So \$22,260 was the request. Their High Holiday Program, \$3,000, Passover \$2,000, Weekly Shabbat \$13,000, Week of Welcome Program \$1,000, Jewish and Israeli Culture Program, \$2,000. That is for a total of five projects. Any questions for our representatives?

Senator Romero: I just want to see the objective of the organization.

Chairwoman Kattih: As we look over the organization's mission, are there any questions for our representatives? I do have a question. Can you kind of explain why the \$22,000 is coming from?

Mr. Kalmowicz: So essentially, the organization has been growing for the last four years. We have everything on record, from membership growth to budgeting—how much we actually spent in the past two years—and why we're requesting this. This didn't come from thin air. We've tripled our size, from twenty people four years ago to having over 100 people per week. We have at least one event a week, and sometimes two to three events a week, affecting eighty to 125 students a week. Those events do get expensive. The reason why we are requesting \$22,000 is because we are a grant-based organization as well as applying A&S funding. So we are able to sustain with the grant request we get from outside funding. So with that being said, those are depleting. As our organization expands, and as we help reach out to the student body, we require more funding. We won't be able to sustain the positive quality of our events without expanding our funding. \$1,500 or \$1,200 with the 25% deduction isn't sufficient for our needs because we have been expanding. Because that's what Student Government is there for, to help us expand. Because of Student Government we have been able to expand from twenty to now one hundred a week. Since we are providing events more than once

week, we are making a service to the students and we are providing a sincere service to our students. We can prove that with our numbers, people who come to our events and our (inaudible) for the past year. I'm sure Linda can elaborate on our budgets for the past two years.

Chairwoman Kattih: Thank you. I do have a question for you about your membership. You did say that you guys have expanding membership. In our meeting in July, I believe, with your organization I got that you guys thirty five active members. Has that number increased since then?

Mr. Kalmowicz: Well, when we said thirty five active members, it means we have thirty five active people planning events. When we reach out to students coming to our events—because Shabbat, to give a brief explanation of what Shabbat is, is a Jewish holiday of rest. It's really hard to get 120 Jewish students to register like that, because they have their own self-interests. They are not coming to register for Hillel. They are coming to enjoy a Jewish religious dinner. And that's what they had. It is open to all students. We do affect students of any religion, race, doesn't matter. And that's why it's hard to get those people to register. Thirty-five were registered in blackboard consistently are the ones helping us, cleaning, cooking, shopping for us. That's why we put thirty-five.

Chairwoman Kattih: I appreciate that. Are there any other questions for our representatives?

Senator Romero: When you put down how many people would show up to the event, I didn't see a number for any of them at all—oh, okay. I didn't see those. That's good.

Chairwoman Kattih: They are just placed in that box. The numbers are there.

Senator Romero: I didn't see that at first,

Mr. Kalmowicz: I do understand that you guys look at the past few years of A&S funding and you take that into account, which is great. I think that's how it should be. When you have an organization tripling a size in less than a year, this doesn't work, unfortunately. I understand the 25% deduction, which is fine, because we are applying for interim funding. I think \$5,000 would be acceptable to what we are requesting. What we are providing, service to the students, is something you can experience this upcoming Friday, you can see what we're talking about. There will be a big Shabbat—about a hundred students coming to this Friday night service. That's a big deal because many students aren't—as Student Government reaches out to 2% of the student body, and this is a great way to expand that, to improve student life on campus.

Chairwoman Kattih: Sounds good. Does that answer your question? Any other questions for our representatives?

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: If I may ask, for the weekly Shabbat, what food and materials do you usually supply for each week?

Mr. Kalmowicz: It varies. We try to have culturally Jewish food. For example, for the Week of Welcome, we had normal chicken cuscus, (inaudible), all the normally Jewish culture food. We try to change it up. Next week, we'll have brisket. Another week, we'll have falafel and pita. It's a multitude of things that we do. For the Week of Welcome, I think it was chicken cuscus. That's our biggest one. We get 125 sometimes, 150. That's when we try to go as cheap as possible without suffering the quality of the food.

Senator Abraha: Are we done with questioning?

Chairwoman Kattih: Do you have a question?

Senator Abraha: No, no.

Chairwoman Kattih: We can complete questioning first, and then we will go to discussion.

Mr. Kalmowicz: If you guys want documented proof, we have documented proof.

Chairwoman Kattih: You can give it to me and I can return it to you.

Mr. Kalmowicz: Can she email it?

Chairwoman Kattih: Yes.

Senator Romero: I had a question. You were saying you have a program one or two a week, correct?

Mr. Kalmowicz: We do have one a week for sure.

Senator Romero: And there are five programs are listed here. How many of them have—is this for the fall semester?

Chairwoman Kattih: It's both.

Senator Romero: If you have five here, and you only have one once a week, why did you not...?

Mr. Kalmowicz: If you go to Shabbat, that's a weekly Shabbat. Those are the ones we have every week. I didn't want to do that because it's going to be repetitive. I put weekly Shabbat and I put weekly (inaudible).

Lin: So there's sixteen Shabbats during each semester.

Senator Abraha – *Motion to increase weekly Shabbat food to \$2,000.*

Chairwoman Kattih: Do you want to hold off on any motions until we go into discussion?

Senator Abraha rescinds.

Chairwoman Kattih: If there are any more questions for our representatives? Thank you so much guys. I appreciate it. We can start discussions now. I can kind of go through the recommendations that I made and if you guys have any suggestions...

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: I have a point of inquiry. How much was their budget last year?

Chairwoman Kattih: Last year in the 2012-2013 fiscal years, they were allocated \$1,879, and they spent \$1,134 of that. So there was about \$700 excess that was not spent last year. From that, my recommendation is as follows. The first event was already passed, so I did not feel that we could fund it. Passover Program, they did say 125 people would attend, so I did the \$2 per head for a total of \$250 for food. For weekly Shabbat, I funded them two Shabbat days, one in the fall one in the spring because I feel that was fair. It was hitting their event twice, once in each semester. Again, we subsidize, not fully fund. For the estimated 100 people in attendance, I did \$200 for each of the Shabbats and then I did \$100 for materials for each. Moving onto the Week of Welcome program, that also had passed, so I did zero fund that as well. Jewish and Israeli Culture Program, they said that 200 people would be attending and so I did \$2 per head for \$400 for food and \$100

for materials because that was in the second semester, I believe and so I restarted the materials. So, Ms. Abraha, you have a question? Does anyone? Again, you guys are more than welcome to change the allocations that I've recommended or leave it as it is.

Senator Lopez: Would their type of food qualify as ethnic food to where they can raise it a little for that, or no?

Chairwoman Kattih: I think it does qualify as ethnic food. I also would, I guess—yes, it does.

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: I would look on this one, specifically at the event that she currently has on the projector. I would not look at the number per event that you're going to fund. You could still be applicable to standards and then if you feel like you can fund them four days instead of two days, that's a way to increase it without breaking standards.

Chairwoman Kattih: Thank you, Mr. Aldridge. For this event, I would suggest—if you guys want—we could fund them four Shabbats, we could fund them three. It's up to committee.

Senator Abraha: I think we should fund them eight. When they described these events to me, the other ones where they described their culture and all of that, the weekly Shabbat was something they have traditionally and it's one of the main things they were looking to get funded.

Chairwoman Kattih: The only caution about that is that we've been funding an organization an average of eight events. So if we were able to fund them more Shabbat events, I would caution against funding more than a total of eight events for the organization. Currently, we have one, two events funded. So we could go up to six Shabbats.

Senator Romero: I would rather just go to four. I understand that they are having this every week, but also they said they grant money and I know that's not something of our concern, but we are on average granting organizations eight different things. Just because this organization has decided to have sixteen for whatever reason doesn't mean we have to fully fund as many as we can. We're supposed to subsidize what they want to do, not necessarily fund as many as possible.

Chairwoman Kattih: Wit that, are there any formal motions?

Senator Romero – *Motion to fund two more Shabbats, accepted.*

Chairwoman Kattih: So a total of \$800 for food for the weekly Shabbat and a total \$400 for materials. Are there any objections to that?

Senator Abraha: I object.

Chairwoman Kattih: Is this a friendly amendment?

Senator Abraha: Well, I think it should be higher.

Chairwoman Kattih: What are you suggesting? Six Shabbats?

Senator Abraha: At least make it \$1,200.

Chairwoman Kattih: Correct me if I'm wrong on the math.

Senator Romero: Do I have to accept the amendment?

Chairwoman Kattih: Let's just see. These are the numbers we are looking at. We can go into a vote on this specific—

Senator Abraha: One more point. He brought up the point of grants to say they were depleting, not adding on to their organization.

Chairwoman Kattih: We should consider past A&S funding to their organization. Even though the organization is funded by another grant, again, we are looking at past funding and ASRC allocations. Right now, we have a motion for \$800 and \$400 for materials with an objection. Do you rescind your motion?

Senator Romero: No.

Chairwoman Kattih: We're going to go into a vote. Yes is to accept the \$800 and \$400. No is not to accept it.

Senator Romero: Is there a way to make a comment now? I don't think that's really in the rules.

Chairwoman Kattih: Yes. We're not in voting yet.

Senator Romero: I understand the whole thing, but when we look back to what they spent last year, we allocated them almost \$1,800 and they only spent \$1,100. Although they are expanding, I understand that, if we gave them more than they needed and they only \$1,100—with allocation currently, how much are we giving them?

Chairwoman Kattih: With Ms. Abraha's allocation it would be \$2,227. With your allocation, it would be \$1,550.25

Senator Romero: I think \$1,500 is a good intermediate because they didn't spend the whole \$1,800, but they did spend \$1,100 and are still looking to expand. We're still providing them leeway to expand, but making sure that we don't over allocate them money they're not going to use.

Senator Abraha: Two points. One, we can't punish this year's executive board for last year's mistakes. Two, we don't know any financial obligations or problems they had last year.

Chairwoman Kattih: A point of information, we are allowed past A&S spending to determine fiscal budgets. So that is kind of something we can take into consideration. I understand your point, there are new eboard members. At the same time, it's a continuous organization. It's something we can look at. We don't have to fully fund based on that. Is your motion still on the floor? So we're now going to be in voting procedure. Yes is to...we can't do that. It has to be yes to the objection.

Senator Romero: We're voting on the objection, correct?

Chairwoman Kattih: So yes is if you agree with Senator Romero, no is if you want to go back to nothing and get a new motion on the floor.

YES: Devivo, Lopez, Myers, Romero

NO: Abraha, Fernandez, Larkins

4-3-1, Senator Romero's motion carries.

Chairwoman Kattih: They are going to be funded \$800 for food and \$400 for materials for this particular event. Our current allocation is \$1,550.25 as discussed. Are there any other motions or changes? Any motions for the entire vote?

Senator Abraha- *Motion to vote on recommended budget allocation, accepted.*

YES: Abraha, Devivo, Fernandez, Larkins, Lopez, Myers, Romero

NO:

7-0-1, USF Hillel budget is passed.

Sociology Club

Chairwoman Kattih: Next item on the agenda is the Sociology Club interim budget. This organization has requested \$943.40 and I have recommended that they get \$545.90 with a 25% deduction so they get \$409.43. Again the purpose of the organization is stated above: To establish a community that stimulates positive student development through sociological awareness. Let the record please state that Mr. Lopez left at 12:30. Their back to school ice cream social is in the spring. They expect thirty people to attend, I funded them \$60 for food and \$30 for materials, which is the amount they asked for a total of \$90 for that event. The research seminar in fall, attendance of thirty, \$60 for food and \$30 for materials for \$90 total. What to do with a sociology degree, thirty people attending, \$60 for food and \$25 for materials because we were doing \$100, \$50, \$25. We do fund them up to the maximum, so we are at \$25. I know it is a \$5 difference but just to keep with standards. Next item is a promotional event in the spring. Fifty people are expected to attend. I funded them \$100 for food and \$150 for materials because of prizes. We do have a standard for prizes. We can fund up to \$150 for trophies. That was why I funded them for that. I figured they could use the materials for their past events for the plates, napkins—the regular materials—and then the prizes. Next, we don't fund volunteering events, so that was zero funded. That was it. The total is \$409.43. Are there any questions?

Senator Abraha – *Motion to vote on recommended budget allocation, accepted.*

Chairwoman Kattih: Let me just scroll through it one last time. Are there any objections to voting on this budget bill? We are now in voting procedure.

YES: Abraha, Devivo, Fernandez, Larkins, Myers, Romero

NO:

6-0-1, Sociology Club budget is passed.

International Studies Society

Chairwoman Kattih: Next item on the agenda is International Studies Society. They have requested \$2,082.90. They do also have a 25% deduction. My recommendation was—we can talk about that as we go. The purpose is stated up here. The first event, I did this recommendation a while ago, so the first event is no longer fundable, because it has passed—their WOW event. So that's one thing. International Studies speaker series, again that has passed, so it was zero funded. Current events speaker series, they requested \$60 for food for forty people so that number was allocated them with \$25 for materials. End of semester banquet, with fifty people attending, \$150 for food \$50 for materials, again to keep in line with our precedent, though that is open to some change. Welcome back recruitment in the spring, 150 people attending in the Amphitheater. Again, I funded them up to the full extent of what they are asking for, \$150 for food and \$75 for materials which is the extent of what they are asking for. Global events speaker series, \$80 for forty people for food, materials for \$25. Finally, then they have a keynote speaker. They requested \$200 for food, which was

allocated, then materials, I allocated \$235, \$60 as our standard tech fee, \$25 for materials and \$150 for speaker fees for a total of \$235. Finally, for shirts, I allocated them the \$150 that they are asking for. They did want thirty shirts that would put us at \$250 I think, so \$150 is less than that. It is the amount they were requesting, so I funded it to the amount they are requesting. Finally, they have their end of the semester banquet. I funded that for \$80 for food, \$25 for materials. I think I did not fund the Oracle ad because I had already funded eight events. I am open to funding the Oracle ad simply because we did cut their first two events, because they already passed. Since this organization asked for a total of ten events, their first two events are not funded because they have passed, so we can fund the Oracle ad if you guys have any motions for that. If not, we can vote on this. Any motions? Ms. Devivo, any motions?

Senator Devivo – *Motion to vote on recommended budget allocations.*

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there any motions to change anything in the budget first?

Senator Romero: I know reading through this the only advertisement we fund is the Oracle. What is the precedent of how much we fund for the Oracle?

Chairwoman Kattih: We do fund—if you look on the other side, I think it's \$200 for Oracle ads is our standard. We could fund that. Although they are asking for \$150, so you are also welcome to fund them only up to the amount they are asking. Let me take any motions for this specific event. Are there any motions about the Oracle ads?

Senator Romero – *Motion to fund Oracle ad, accepted.*

Chairwoman Kattih: So fund them \$150 for Oracle ads. Are there any objections? Seeing no objections to the Oracle ad, the Oracle ad is now going to be funded. So now our final amount is \$1,156.73. Are there any motions?

Senator Devivo – *Motion to vote on recommended budget allocations, accepted.*

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there any objections? Seeing none, we are now in voting procedure.

YES: Abraha, Devivo, Fernandez, Larkins, Myers, Romero

NO:

6-0-1, International Studies Society budget is passed.

American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists

Chairwoman Kattih: You guys are doing so well. I'm so proud. Next item on the agenda is American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists. This organization has requested \$7,524.94. They were recommended \$2,008.70. They do not have a 25% deduction. They requested twelve events, eight of them were funded. Fall Membership Drive has already passed. Sorry, forgot about that. Their Pizza and Policy night, for \$100—fifty people are expected to show up. End of semester social, 140 people are supposed to show up, \$280 for food \$50 for materials, which is what they requested. Spring membership drive, \$100 for food and \$50 for materials, again what they requested. End of the year social, \$160 for food \$25 for materials in line with our standards. Their leadership retreat, I did not feel because it was appropriate for us to fund this because it was only the executive board and it is not open to all students. Professional development speaker series, six occur per year. What I did was I funded them \$140 per event for two events, so two speaker series for a total of \$280 for food. For materials, I did speaker fees plus materials for \$25

times two, which you get \$350 and it is all present if you guys require further explanation. That is all of their events.

Senator Larkins: Why didn't they get the 25%?

Chairwoman Kattih: You get the 25% deduction when you don't submit your annual budget for ASRC. If you're an organization and you've gotten previous funding in 2011 and 2012 and you didn't submit your budget in the 2013 year, you get a 25% deduction. This organization is a new organization and/or they haven't applied for annual funding for the past three or four years and so they don't get that deduction. I think in this case, this organization hasn't been funded for the past three years by A&S.

Senator Abraha: Can we go to the end of the year banquet please?

Chairwoman Kattih: It was a social, so that's why I didn't fund it for more than \$3 per head. I did not fund it \$3 per head because it is a social, not a banquet. But that is up to committee. You can fund it \$3 per head. This organization, to keep things into perspective, was funded—nothing. Just kidding. They were not funded anything. New organizations are usually funded between \$1,000 and \$2,000 so it's up to you guys.

Senator Abraha – *Motion to raise end of semester social food allocation to \$420.*

Senator Romero: Can you rescind your motion for a question?

Senator Abraha rescinds.

Senator Romero: The reason you're moving it up to \$3—were you the person to meet with this organization.

Senator Abraha: No.

Chairwoman Kattih: I met with this one.

Senator Romero: She was saying they meant for that to be a banquet. Do I have to go just off what is stated on this budget? It says social on the budget. But am I allowed to hear what you—in your contact with them? Yes. I'm allowed to take that into account?

Chairwoman Kattih: You take into consideration our meeting. You take into consideration their budget. Also, it is within our right to fund them for than end of the year banquet, social, whatever. It is within our purview.

Senator Romero: Upon you meeting with them, was this end of the semester social expressed to you that it is a banquet type situation?

Senator Abraha: We haven't funded one for this at all.

Senator Romero: Right. I was just wondering. You could just not have a banquet. I was wondering if when you talked to them, it seemed like one.

Chairwoman Kattih: To me, it seemed like an end of the semester social. Yes, just a social as it was stated. Nothing was changed from our meeting. We do still have that motion on the floor for \$420. If you guys want, we can accept it. We can vote on the motion.

Unknown Senator – *Motion to vote on the objection.*

Senator Abraha: No, if they don't want to fund it, I'm fine.

Senator Abraha rescinds.

Chairwoman Kattih: Okay, she rescinds. So, we are back to...

Senator Romero: I just want to know why...?

Senator Abraha: We've been keeping that up. With all the organizations we've done away in the summer, we've been giving them one Week of Welcome, and one social and one banquet, that's what we've been doing—

Chairwoman Kattih: We haven't funded everybody banquets. So a banquet is not required. It is available if they request it.

Senator Abraha: But most of them \$3 head at at least one of their events. I'm just trying to keep it fair.

Chairwoman Kattih: I would say about half of them from what I remember.

Senator Romero: Have we been funding the ones that have been stating they are banquets? Have just the recent ones all been banquets?

Chairwoman Kattih: I think the past two that we've seen today haven't had banquets, but the one from last week they did. So we did fund them. So when they request a banquet, we fund them \$3 per head, because that is precedent, but when they don't request it, we don't. It's up to you guys again. But if that's looking agreeable to all you guys, we're at \$1,478.70.

Senator Larkins – Motion to vote on recommended budget allocations, accepted.

YES: Abraha, Devivo, Fernandez, Larkins, Myers, Romero

NO:

6-0-1, American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists budget is passed.

University Student Tutor Association

Chairwoman Kattih: Next item on the agenda is University Student Tutor Association. This organization has requested \$5,399.64. I recommended they get \$1,515.80. Welcome back workshop that has passed, tutor workshop, that event has passed, tutor training... 9/20, is that this week? Yes. So we can't fund this because it falls within this week. This will likely not be done by that time. If the event is within a week of when it will be seen in committee, I'm not going to fund it. Just to make sure that it's fair across the board. If it's next Monday, that's fine. So we have professional development, sixty people, \$100 for food, \$50 for materials, tutor training one, \$120 for food, \$50 for materials. Their Marshall student question and answer forum, \$160 for food and \$50 materials. They did have eighty students attending for this event. Student outreach, \$160 for food, \$25 for materials. Student outreach—I've zero funded that they've described as less important, because I've tried to fund an equal amount across the board. They did request fifteen events. We can fund them one more event because we just did zero fund—those were already zero funded. We just zero funded the first tutor training, so we can fund one more event. We can fund student outreach if you guys see fit, two, or three which I also zero funded. Student outreach final review and feedback, \$160 for food and \$25 for materials. End of the year workshop, I did \$120 for materials and \$50 for materials, because they had about fifty-eight people showing up. I rounded that up to sixty. Tutor training two, I did not fund that because of the limit to

the events. Tutor training three, again, limit. Tutor training four, same thing. I did fund the tutor training five, \$120 for food and \$50 for materials. This was based on my meeting with them, what was important and what wasn't.

Senator Larkins: What was the next event in line that they said was important in line with what you didn't fund?

Chairwoman Kattih: Tutor training. Any, all are equally important.

Senator Larkins: And we have one event that we can fund them extra?

Senator Larkins – *Motion to fund Tutor training two, accepted.*

Chairwoman Kattih: That would be for \$120 for food... (inaudible) in this case, we would be at \$25. So we have a motion from Ms. Larkins to fund the tutor training two event for \$145. If there are no objections, that motion is now part of the budget bill. Their budget is now \$1,489.30. Are there any motions?

Senator Larkins – *Motion to vote on recommended budget allocation, accepted.*

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there any objections? Seeing none, we are now in voting procedure.

YES: Abraha, Devivo, Fernandez, Larkins, Myers, Romero

NO:

6-0-1, University Student Tutor Association budget is passed.

Ms. Burkhard: What was the amount of that again? Thank you.

Chairwoman Kattih: It is \$1,489.30.

Falun Dafa Cultural Society

Chairwoman Kattih: Finally, the last item is Falun Dafa Cultural Society. They have one event requested for \$795. I allocated them \$752.60. This organization has an event coming up in October. They requested \$50 for food, which I allocated, because the event is supposed to have 100 people. For materials, this was the breakdown: \$150 for speakers, as standard, \$150 for a banner, as standard, \$60 for AV tech fee as standard, \$200 for Oracle ad as standard, and general supplies and materials \$100 as we have been doing. That is it. Any questions?

Senator Abraha: Can we increase the food for them?

Chairwoman Kattih: We can increase the food. It is, again, up to committee. They only requested \$50.

Senator Romero: I just want to know the reasoning. Why do you think we should increase the food?

Senator Abraha: It doesn't even need to have half that amount of people showing up, they don't have enough amount of food. The projected amount.

Chairwoman Kattih: They may be able to have alternate resources that may provide food, which is why they are asking for this small amount. I would say take into consideration their budget request rather than—it is standard for us to fund \$2 per head, but that is simply a standard.

Senator Abraha: I was just throwing out an idea.

Chairwoman Kattih: I definitely like this. Know why your senators are saying what they are saying. That's why we're here, right? Are there any motions to fund them more money?

Senator Abraha: I don't want to go back and forth. So if you just want \$50, that's fine.

Chairwoman Kattih: We can put the motion up, then if you want, you can rescind.

Senator Abraha – Motion to fund \$100 for food, accepted.

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there any objections to that motion? The total would be \$805.60. If there are no objections to that... perfect. Any motions?

Senator Larkins – Motion to vote on recommended budget allocations, accepted.

Chairwoman Kattih: If there are no objections, we are now in voting procedure.

YES: Abraha, Devivo, Fernandez, Larkins, Myers, Romero

NO:

6-0-1, Falun Dafa Cultural Society budget is passed.

Announcements

Chairwoman Kattih: We are now in announcements. Anyone have anything to say? Thank you so much guys. You did amazing. Seven budgets in one meeting, and we're not past time. And we started three minutes late. I'm so proud of you.

Senator Abraha – *Motion to adjourn, accepted.*

Chairwoman Kattih: Any objections? Seeing none.

Meeting adjourned at 12:53 PM.

Transcribed by Senate Committee Secretary, Stacy Dolan.