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Call to Order by Chairwoman Kattih at 12:04 PM.

First Roll Call

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

Absent:

Chairwoman Kattih: With that, we have quorum and we may proceed.

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 Larkins - *Motion to approve the agenda, accepted.*

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there any objections to approving the agenda? Seeing none, the agenda is now approved. Next we have approval of the minutes. I sent out last week's minutes. Are there any motions?

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

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there any objections to approving the minutes? Seeing none, the minutes are now approved.

Open Forum

Chairwoman Kattih: Next we have open forum. Does anyone have anything to say? Seeing nothing, we may proceed.

New Business

1. Interim Budget Requests

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Chairwoman Kattih: Next, we have new business. We have six interim budgets to look through. Before I talk about that, we do have Ms. Katherine Burkhard, Senate President Shyam Patel, Masha Galchenko from ASBO, and Stacy our Senate secretary, and Adam Aldridge, our Senate Pro-Tempore. Let's get started. This is

the budget that we saw last week, the American Society of Civil Engineers. Just to refresh your memory, we had question about how much of the ASCE Southeast Competition, the National Steel Bridge Competition and the Steel Bridge competition was funded. So the organization was kind enough to send me a list of all the funds that have been donated, all the funds that have already been purchased, and all the funds that are still required to be bought. If you scroll down, you see these are the amounts still required for the canoe construction. The totals are right here, actually. \$1,132.82 is still required for the canoe construction. The work platform is included in the concrete canoe. So the way they have broken this down, actually, they have everything for the—just kidding. Scratch that. For the concrete canoe, they have three categories that still need to be purchased. The safety category, their work platform, and their main canoe construction.

Senator Abraha: That comes out to \$2,038.38.

Chairwoman Kattih: \$2,038.38 for the concrete canoe. Is that including the tools...?

Senator Abraha: Give me one second.

Chairwoman Kattih: ...they have not already purchased?

Senator Romero: Can you move down to where it talks about the percentages of everything? I think it's further down. It talks about the color coding as well.

Chairwoman Kattih: This is for a different competition. This is for the steel bridge competition.

Senator Romero: I was talking about for the report. Is that just for the steel bridge or for is that for everything?

Chairwoman Kattih: I think they've broken it down by competition. This one is for the concrete canoe, this one is for the steel bridge, and they have include the other thirteen competitions as well. I would suggest we do this by competition. Starting with the concrete canoe competition, they require \$2,038.38 plus—

Senator Abraha: Plus (inaudible). \$2,163.38.

Senator Larkins: Is that all three of those categories added on?

Chairwoman Kattih: \$2,163.38. I'm going to go back to their request. \$2,163.38 in terms of materials. We can also calculate the additional categories, then we'll come back and decide exactly how much you guys are willing to fund this. The next one...would you guys like to see the "need to buy" included with the "have but need to be replaced", or would you guys like them to be two separate categories?

President Patel: What are the logistics of them sharing these? Right now, across the street we have a student garage which is where SAE builds their cars. I'm assuming they have duct tape, cutting blades. I believe also the Society—that's the Society of Automotive Engineers. There's the American—Chemical Engineers use the back, I think a lot of them use the same garage—mechanical engineers. I'm just trying to see if there's a functional way to have some of these things combined so we don't have to keep buying everybody new tanks of gas when they can fill up the old one, buying them all drill bit sets when you just need one set of drill bits, then when they break, you all talk about how you're going to get new ones. But there's no need to buy a specific set of drill bits. Especially not when they need specific ones, sometimes you need diamond tips and carbonate tips. There are different ones you'll need. I don't see the point of buying multiple of the same thing.

Senator Abraha: Well, what if they are building these at the same time?

President Patel: They could be building at the same time, but you still are not drilling at the time everyone else is drilling. You only drill for a certain period of time. Then you're trying to retrofit into the piece where someone is not drilling.

Senator Abraha: What if the organizations don't get along?

President Patel: That's their own fault. That's just like saying--

Chairwoman Kattih: Let's calculate the amount first, then we can go into a discussion about how much we want to fund. Mr. Patel's point can come into play then.

Senator Abraha: The "need to buy" is \$878, and "have but needs to be replaced" is \$750.

Chairwoman Kattih: Then finally, moving on to the thirteen competitions, their requirements for purchasing is... \$318.48, if someone could double check my math.

Senator Abraha: What did you say?

Chairwoman Kattih: \$318.48. I also, I guess want to bring to your attention the fact that they require 20% for contingencies, so I just don't...

Senator Romero: You say require what?

Chairwoman Kattih: One of their categories is contingencies, which is a total up to 20%, so that's something you may or may not fund. Going back to our current budget as it stands, they still need these amounts for these categories, and we've already funded them— or not funded them. Last meeting, we suggested that they receive \$500 for their conference registration, a total of \$450 for their annual spring banquet, a total of \$400 for their career fair, \$250 for their t-shirts, \$150 for their advertisement for their banner, and finally \$450 for their spring semester social and \$300 for their annual fall turkey luncheon. Keeping in mind our precedent of funding eight items, I would suggest looking into maintaining that. So if you want to fund their materials for these three competitions, then we can decide which ones they have placed as less priority. Staring with the conference competition, are there any motions?

President Patel: Are you counting for contingencies in this when you talk with them?

Chairwoman Kattih: No. It's going to be up to committee whether they want to account for that in paying.

President Patel: Just kind of talk toward it, when you're doing a big project, and contingencies are concerned—if you could scroll up, how much they are requesting for contingencies. If you could scroll up, because this is random events. Right there, you want to look that their biggest item is that they could possibly mess up on. If you're carving out a piece of wood, the most expensive thing you could possibly mess up is the lumber. You're not going to mess up on an axe, you're not going to mess up on gloves. You're going to mess up the lumber. So that's the only thing you can consider, if it's above or below of that. If they are requesting two (inaudible) already, that's already on them. If you think about it, if you're going into professional or civil engineering, you're going to have something else to practice on before you use the wall. When I paint my house, I paint on a piece of cardboard before I paint on the wall. You're going to have other

things you are going to experiment on before you use the project item. Consider all of those things when you consider contingencies.

Chairwoman Kattih: When they ask for contingencies, they've asked for—in this case, in the competition is 20%, a total of \$1,221.60, and for the first one, the concrete canoe, they've asked for \$983.13. Would you guys like to include some funds for contingencies as well, and the numbers that we've discussed for the budget?

President Patel: There's not many places that you can mess up on stuff. If you look at their list of things they submit. For the cement. What, are you going to dump a bag on the ground on accident? Those are something you have to consider from competition to competition. See if there's as much room for messing up.

Chairwoman Kattih: Let's go back to our budget and considering the thirteen competitions first. Would you guys like to motion toward funding that, or we can not fund it? They do only have \$318.48 remaining. What you guys can do is look toward funding half of materials, which we've done in the past for other organizations. It will be just up to you guys which events, which competitions.

Senator Abraha: So you want to keep eight. How many do you have so far?

Chairwoman Kattih: We have seven items funded currently.

Senator Abraha: That's including the registration?

Chairwoman Kattih: Yes.

Senator Abraha – *Motion to fully fund canoe competition plus contingency.*

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there...?

Senator Larkins: That seems like a large amount that they want. I would suggest at least funding a portion of the things they asked for.

Senator Abraha: She said we can only do eight of them. Unless you're going to do more of them, then half-half.

Chairwoman Kattih: You can choose not to fund, for instance, t-shirts in lieu of funding the concrete canoe event.

Senator Abraha: But you don't want to fund this and still cut the other one?

Chairwoman Kattih: She suggested funding it by half.

Senator Larkins: Half of what they ask.

Chairwoman Kattih: Ms. Larkins is suggesting that we fund this one thousand...

Senator Abraha: But why though?

Senator Larkins: Instead of funding the whole thing, because if we fund the whole thing, that's going to be large budget for them. So at least they are giving them half the money.

Senator Abraha: But it's two thousand versus the ten. And they are not asking for random things. These are stuff they actually need. I know they said they can share and things like that. My argument for that—

President Patel: We can do that in the future. SAE, the Student Automotive Engineers, we give them \$60,000, but they bring in \$150,000 of their own. So we subsidize. So even if you look at that big budget, we're still only subsidizing.

Senator Abraha: We're still only subsidizing.

Chairwoman Kattih: I would take into consideration the fact that this is still what they require. We don't fund retroactively. All of the money they have already sent, it's not stuff we could have funded anyway. Don't take into consideration the total funds when considering the subsidy. Take into consideration these amounts when subsidizing the funds. Again, to make this easier, I would put in some of my recommendations and we can proceed from there. For the conference competition, I would suggest we not fund this one. For the National Steel Bridge Competition, I would suggest that we fund them...

Senator Abraha: They need about \$16,000.

Chairwoman Kattih: I would do \$800. For the National Concrete Canoe competition, I would suggest they get \$1,000. Then I would choose not to fund their advertisement.

Senator Romero: Can you go to the third event, please?

Chairwoman Kattih: The National Steel Bridge competition or the Concrete Canoe?

Senator Romero: The Concrete Canoe.

Chairwoman Kattih: So for this instance, the Steel Bridge competition, I took into consideration that they already have the material that needs to be replaced. It's still able to function. If they are not able to subsidize it on their own, they can still proceed.

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: I would like to point out one thing. I would understand the need to keep it to the maximum of eight events, but you have to realize they are going to have flexible spending, so you guys maneuvering around being able to fund eight events, but you fund them \$1,000 more, that probably isn't the best course of action to take. Do it more about you think they need it. If you think they need the \$1,000 for the concrete canoe over \$800, then that's fine but I wouldn't maneuver over the eight event threshold. If you want to go more, then you can go more, but if you don't...it looks sketchy in the construction of how we got to \$4,400, that if you reduce one event, or if you cut the advertisement, which is \$150, you can fund another event for \$800. It's not necessarily parallel.

Chairwoman Kattih: Going off of Mr. Aldridge's point, I would suggest we maintain their \$150 for a banner. Like we said, we are flexible in that. It's not really a set thing, and standards are there to kind of set a standard.

Senator Romero: Going off of what Aldridge is saying, we want to fund them what is going to be most important to them as well, the eight things we believe will be most important to them. I think they could do without the advertisement and need more of the \$318 for their third competition.

Senator Romero – *Motion to zero fund advertisement, accepted.*

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there any objections? Seeing no objections, it is zero funded here. We are still back to discussing these three.

Senator Abraha: So you zero funded that?

Senator Romero: Yes, but I said fund that.

Senator Abraha: The Southeast Conference?

Senator Romero: Yes.

Chairwoman Kattih: How would you like to fund this?

Senator Romero: Half.

Chairwoman Kattih: So \$150?

Senator Romero: Can we go back and look at the contingencies?

Chairwoman Kattih: Looking at the contingencies for the concrete canoe budget, they want \$983.13. I guess looking through the most room for error that I can see is the canoe mold construction, which has already been purchased and I'm assuming made.

President Patel: A mold is no different than a cupcake thing. You pour muffin batter into the muffin pan. I think that's what the actual mold is. So if you go down, the actual materials that they are building it with...

Chairwoman Kattih: They already bought the items for the concrete construction and the model, and that is the most significant part of the concrete canoe construction. So at this point, it's getting closer to the competition, so they may or may not have bought it. We are not going to make any assumptions, but based on the fact they have brought the mold, it may not still be an issue.

President Patel: Do we give other organizations contingencies? Just think about it. If I had an event, and I dropped all of the food outside, do we have contingencies for it?

Senator Romero: Point of information, just a question. At the same time, because we don't fund organizations, it's not our fault they didn't ask for contingencies. Is it, at the same time?

President Patel: Right. Is it good to allocate student money to maybe an accident when you could have done it on a practice first? That's still a limited source.

Chairwoman Kattih: Consider the fact that this is A&S money. Consider that we subsidize, not fully fund, when we make these suggestions or motions. Going off of that, we can continue looking at the steel bridge contingency, \$1,221.60. Here, we are looking at the steel itself and the milling. Then the next one for the thirteen competitions, it is just \$92.62 for various things. Would anyone like to add contingencies into our considerations? Okay, perfect.

Senator Abraha: Can we go back to one of the events?

Chairwoman Kattih: Let me just—

Senator Abraha: I'm increasing one. I would like to increase.

Chairwoman Kattih: Does it have anything to do with the contingencies?

Senator Abraha: No, I just don't think it's been funded enough.

Chairwoman Kattih: Nobody wants to add into contingencies? Okay. So now we can go back to the budget. Ms. Abraha, what is your point?

Senator Abraha – *Motion to increase funding to steel bridge competition to \$1,200.*

Chairwoman Kattih: Can you state your reasoning?

Senator Abraha: I don't think it's a sufficient amount. I know we subsidize, but when I looked at the listing it wasn't enough.

Senator Romero: Can I make a friendly amendment?

Senator Abraha rescinds.

Senator Romero: Since we've been doing half, half to me when I calculate it is \$1,081.69. So maybe \$1,090 or \$1,100 would be better. At least there is something to go off of.

Senator Abraha: A thousand what?

Senator Romero: \$1,081 is exactly what I have as half.s

Senator Abraha: So \$1,100?

Senator Romero: \$1,100 is a rounded number we could go to.

Senator Romero – *Motion to fund Steel Bridge Competition to \$1,100, accepted.*

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there any objections? Keep in mind this is a flexible spending organization. We do consider the total in the budget. Right now, we are at \$4,876. As long as you think it's necessary to fund the organization this much money, as long as you think it's beneficial to the students on this campus, then this is what we're here for. If not, then I would consider changing those numbers.

Senator Larkins: Can we scroll down to see what we've funded them so far?

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there any motions?

Senator Abraha – *Motion to vote.*

Chairwoman Kattih: Is everyone satisfied with how much we funded them for each of the competitions? It's kind of half. Everyone is satisfied with the total of \$4,876? Okay, so we will move into a voting, then.

Senator Larkins objects.

Senator Larkins: I just feel like that's a bit much.

Chairwoman Kattih: We can talk about it then.

Senator Larkins: Did we vote to fund the registration? I think I said no to fund the registration last time, but I was outvoted.

Chairwoman Kattih: Since we have funded three additional categories, you are more than welcome to go back to any one of these and reconsider how much we are funding if that's an interest.

Senator Larkins: I would consider to at least fund half of the registration.

Chairwoman Kattih: How about what we are currently funding? So \$250? For the registration?

Senator Abraha: That's for twenty five programs. So it won't be enough anyway.

Chairwoman Kattih: It's a subsidy, not a full funding. Would you like to formally motion for that?

Senator Larkins – Motion to fund registration \$250.

President Patel: It's not twenty-five programs. It's twenty-five people brought together to one event.

Senator Abraha: That's what I meant.

Senator Romero objects.

Senator Romero: I just have a point of information.

Senator Larkins rescinds.

Senator Romero: How many registrations are being asked for this?

Chairwoman Kattih: Twenty-five.

Senator Romero: Twenty-five separate registrations for one conference?

Chairwoman Kattih: No, no. It's a registration for one conference.

Senator Romero: That being said, we are only allowed to fund \$250 max for an entire organization per event?

Chairwoman Kattih: Or half of what they are asking for.

Senator Romero: That's just what's on my sheet. When I was reading through proviso, I don't remember reading the half, but I do remember reading the \$250.

Ms. Galchenko: Is it a team registration?

Senator Romero: I guess it is.

President Patel: It's national.

Chairwoman Kattih: It's like a conference, but the conference is...

Ms. Galchenko: There is nothing about membership dues, to be part of their chapter. There is no limit on it, and there is no limit on team registrations either in proviso.

Chairwoman Kattih: But we have had it as precedent to either fund \$250 or to fund half of what they are requesting. So we have a motion to fund this for \$250. Ms. Abraha objects. State your objection.

Senator Abraha: I just remember having this discussion in ASRC too, and when we were looking up registration normal for Student Government, they can go up to \$400, so I don't think this is really sufficient.

Chairwoman Kattih: I would consider the total budget. At this point, they are going to use this money wherever they best see fit and wherever it improves the organization the most. So I would just consider, is this amount fair to all the other organizations that have been funded? If it is, then, you know.

Senator Abraha: I would just like to point out that this specific group has put out a lot of work and they have showed they have done much more. They have done ten times as much than organizations.

Chairwoman Kattih: We don't take into consideration that when we fund them.

Senator Abraha: But at least they've shown us everything.

Chairwoman Kattih: We take into consideration how many people are affected, how many students are affected and the events themselves. We don't consider how much their credibility is or their effort. We don't really consider that.

Senator Larkins: I feel like that's a large room to buy things. I'm pretty sure what they put on there, they are not going to buy the full amount of what they put on there. Say they put they are going to buy four boards. They are probably going to go out and buy two, then if they mess up on those two, then they will probably go buy two more. That amount is really flexible based on what they put.

Senator Abraha: So the registration? Are we going to vote on that?

Senator Romero: There was a motion and there was an objection.

Chairwoman Kattih: She withdrew her motion. Right now, the problem is that the total amount of this budget is not satisfactory to the committee. With that, I would consider which—choose a competition that you think would be sufficient to fund a fewer amount. Suggest that, and then we can—

Senator Abraha: Can we vote on the whole? Not as a budget, but if all of those are okay. I don't think all of us have a problem with the lumber. Only one person has a problem. Just we have a lot of budgets on the table.

Chairwoman Kattih: We can table them, it's fine. Nothing is rushed. It's more important to be satisfied with one budget than a lot.

Senator Abraha: Would we be able to vote on that number then?

Senator Abraha – *Motion to vote, accepted.*

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there any objections?

Senator Larkins: I just really feel like that's a large number to give one student organization.

Senator Romero: You can object and we can vote.

Chairwoman Kattih: You're more than justified to object. This is why we're here. This competition, this dialogue. There is an objection to moving into voting. We're going to vote on whether or not we're going to move into voting. Yes is to move into voting, no is to go back into discussion.

YES: Abraha, F. Fernandez, Romero

NO: Larkins,

3-1-1, Budget will go into voting procedure.

Chairwoman Kattih: We are now in voting procedure with the grand total. Are there any objections? Seeing no objections, we are now voting.

YES: Abraha, F. Fernandez, Romero

NO: Larkins

3-1-1, ASCE budget is passed.

Debate & Forensics @USF

Chairwoman Kattih: Next we have the Debate and Forensics @ USF organization. This organization requested \$19,603.64. Their annual dues I funded them for \$250. Their practice materials for their weekly meetings, I did not fund because we tend not to fund office supplies and such things. Their special one-time materials of portable hot-spots as well as Samsung Chrome book 550s, surge protectors, portable laptop stands, et cetera, I did not fund, because I felt that this organization could receive it from Center for Student Involvement or another place. They could rent them out. I let the organization know of this availability. Their portable hotspot service. I did not fund this. This is for internet to take along everywhere they go. I believe they could request this through the travel grant if they require it per event. Potentially, this could be bought through Center for Student Involvement I guess and they could rent it out if necessary. That way, it would impact more students. Their annual local high school invitational tournament I did not fund because it does not benefit USF students. Their annual college invitational tournament I funded \$500 for food, \$100 for materials. Their recruitment meeting in the fall has already occurred, so I did not fund it. They have a recruitment meeting in the spring. I funded \$100 for food and \$100 for materials. Then finally their end of the year meeting was a general body meeting that I chose not to fund as per proviso. With that, we have \$1,113. Are there any questions or motions?

Senator Abraha: And in your meeting, they specified it was a general body meeting?

Chairwoman Kattih: Yes, when I met with them.

President Patel: What are the materials outside of plates and table cloths for \$100 in the recruitment meeting? I've never bought a plate for \$100.

Chairwoman Kattih: It's been our precedent to fund materials as \$100 for plates and napkins, and then we've gradually decreased the funding. We figured they could use that money for materials for the rest of the year if required.

Senator Aziz: Could you scroll back up to the college invitational?

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: How did you determine to fund them \$500 for food?

Chairwoman Kattih: Based on the 250 students in attendance.

President Patel: It's a three day event. Does that matter?

Chairwoman Kattih: It could matter. In this instance, I don't know if I funded...

President Patel: You have a point. You have a big point.

Chairwoman Kattih: It would be up to...

President Patel: A very, very big point.

Senator Aziz: What do the last lines say? "Much of this money may be made back in the form of tournament costs and related fees."

Senator Larkins: Can't do that.

Chairwoman Kattih: Does that prevent us from subsidizing the cost of their tournament?

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: I think you could probably—I think the question would be is how many USF students are going to be at this. I don't know if you asked them that. Because if it's just for USF students to be in the tournament, obviously there wouldn't be any other outside entities. Is it for the volunteers that help prepare the tournament? Obviously, there's no materials, so it can't be to fund the tournament. Did you happen to ask them about it?

Chairwoman Kattih: When I met with them, they said 250 was the number of USF students that would be impact.

Ms. Galchenko: If there is any cost to anybody during the event, the event cannot be funded.

Chairwoman Kattih: Okay, sounds good. Going off of that, this event will be zero funded for food and materials. Our total is now \$477.

Senator Romero: Can you scroll through?

Chairwoman Kattih: Sure. Are there any motions?

Senator Fernandez – *Motion to vote, accepted.*

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there any objections? Seeing no objections, we are now in voting procedure.

YES: Abraha, F. Fernandez, Romero, Larkins

NO:

4-0-1, Debate & Forensics @USF budget is passed.

iLINC

Chairwoman Kattih: Next we have the iLINC organization. This organization is a graduate student organization in the rehab and mental health program. They want to lead, inspire and network and connect with students, faculty and staff.. That is their purpose. They have requested \$4,240. I recommended \$1,123.60. Their workshop event in February, I recommended \$260 for food, \$150 for materials, which goes to speakers, then their graduating social, for two hundred students, \$400 for food, \$250 for materials. The materials include general materials as well as \$150 for speakers.

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: How many people are in the organization?

Chairwoman Kattih: Although that should not be taken into account, this organization has fifty-six people.

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: In talking with the organization, did they say they would be able to reach two hundred people for their graduating social?

Chairwoman Kattih: Yes. Based on the fact that everybody in that department, in addition to students from other areas, attend. She said that they are expecting—that this was a low estimate. This is more their details about their first—this is the first workshop they are having. It's like a dinner. They are going to invite the dean.

President Patel: So wait. That's a speaker fee for the dean of the college that we own? They are already paid for this.

Chairwoman Kattih: She didn't say they were paying the dean, but they did require speaker fees. I don't know if I remember correctly, since it's been a while since I met with them, but she said they were going to bring in other speakers and one of them was the dean. I asked her whether or not they were paying the dean.

President Patel: Just so you know, we don't pay staff.

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: We could.

President Patel: We pay you already.

Chairwoman Kattih: I think it was additional speakers.

Senator Abraha – *Motion to vote, accepted.*

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there any objections to moving into voting on the budget for \$1,123.60?

Senator Abraha: Wait, you said these were (inaudible). What else did they request?

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

YES: Abraha, F. Fernandez, Romero, Larkins

NO:

4-0-1, iLINC budget is passed.

Italian Cultural Club

Chairwoman Kattih: Next, we have Italian Cultural Club. This organization has requested \$4,929. Bull Market materials, I funded them \$100 for food and \$150 for materials, because they needed a banner. If you read the description, they will have this at every single Bull Market hopefully, so dating this project as October 1st serves no purpose other than organizing.

Senator Romero: In the description the money will also go to fundraisers?

Chairwoman Kattih: It will not. After speaking with the organization, I made sure to tell them that is not something we fund.

President Patel: It will make them aware of fundraisers.

Chairwoman Kattih: Culture Collision I did not fund because it's one of their lesser important events. Actually, because it already passed as well. Columbus Day, it would have passed, so I did not fund them that. They requested money for an Oracle ad. I funded them for \$200, which is our precedent. Their Mazzaro social, I did not fund because it will not take place on campus. Their gelato festival, I funded them \$200 for food and \$100 for materials as per our precedent. Their film festival I funded \$140 for food. They did not request any materials. Their finals week espresso social, I funded \$100 for food \$50 for materials as per our standards. Italian festival and food tutorial, \$100 for food, \$25 for materials. Their San Valentino event, \$100 for food, \$25 for materials, and finally their film festival, \$200 for food and \$25 for materials again as per precedent.

Senator Larkins: This is just a point of information. I just thought of something. Don't student organizations get a budget from TechSmart?

Chairwoman Kattih: Yes.

Senator Larkins: So can't they get their banner from there or do they use A&S fees?

Chairwoman Kattih: They use A&S fees. TechSmart doesn't print banners.

Senator Larkins: They do.

Chairwoman Kattih: Are you sure?

Senator Larkins: I recently got a banner for my student organization. Just a point of information.

Ms. Galchenko: It depends on what kind of banner they are looking for. If it's a block banner, Tech Smart does not do it as far as I understand.

Senator Larkins: But I talked to the guy and they said they recently started to do it, because they recently got the material.

Chairwoman Kattih: That's a good point that we can consider for ASRC. Previously, Tech Smart did not make banners, and so students would go through this. Good point. Any other questions?

Senator Aziz: We funded two film festivals, right?

Chairwoman Kattih: Yes.

Senator Aziz: What's the difference between the cost of one and the cost of the other? One is \$140, one is \$100.

Chairwoman Kattih: I did it based on the expected attendance, which is sixty-five versus one hundred for the other film festival. Are there any additional questions?

Senator Abraha – *Motion to vote, accepted.*

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there any objections? Seeing no objections, we are now in voting procedure.

YES: Abraha, F. Fernandez, Romero, Larkins

NO:

4-0-1, Italian Cultural Club budget is passed.

Stampede Into Bull Nursing

Chairwoman Kattih: Next item is Stampede into Bull Nursing. This organization requested nine items for \$6,095. Their first recruitment event in the fall was not funded because it already passed. Their general speaker event I funded \$200 for food, \$50 for materials. I did not consider this a general body meeting because of the way it was described to me by the organization. Their lab tour day, \$200 for food, \$50 for materials. End of semester banquet, I funded \$3 per head for the hundred students attending for a total of \$300 for food. They did not request any materials. Recruitment event for the spring, I funded \$200 for food and \$50 for materials as was requested for materials. Then they had an application question and answer event, \$200 for food, \$50 for materials. Their second lab tour day, \$200 for food and \$25 for materials. Then they had a general meeting application question and answer social, again \$200 for food and \$25 for materials. Then their end of the semester banquet, \$300 for food. No materials were requested. The grand total is \$2,173. Scroll through these events slowly.

Senator Abraha – *Motion to zero fund Q&A social.*

Chairwoman Kattih: Can you state your reasoning?

Senator Abraha: I felt like the social was added in last-minute. Just to show you how to work your applications.

Chairwoman Kattih: We don't zero fund events based on their purpose. We only zero fund them if they are general boding meetings.

Senator Abraha: It's a general meeting and application Q&A social. Was it this one? That one.

Kat We only zero fund it or if it's a general body meeting or if it's not directly benefitting the students.

Senator Abraha: Sounds like a general body meeting to me.

Chairwoman Kattih: Ms. Abraha would like to zero fund this event, the general meeting slash application question and answer because it sounds like a general body meeting.

Senator Romero objects.

Senator Abraha rescinds.

Chairwoman Kattih: Can you explain why you think it's not a general body meeting.

Senator Romero: Because a. you're the person who met with them, so if anyone will know if it sounded like a general body meeting, you can tell us first thing. Maybe you could clarify that. But also the fact that our definition of a general body meeting is very vague as it is now, this is to me more an event than it is just general things because applications isn't something that happens on a weekly basis. If they need information on it and make an event about it, I don't think it's up to us to stop them making an event out of people finding out how to answer a resume or whatever, or application.

Senator Abraha: They had another one right before.

Senator Larkins: They are for two different semesters. One is for the summer and one is for fall.

Chairwoman Kattih: So the application events are for two different application cycles.

Senator Larkins: Point of information. Are we able to fund this, because basically it's just for students that are applying for the nursing program, not all students?

Chairwoman Kattih: It's open to everybody. As long as it's open to everybody, you don't take into account what they are doing. If you want to attend their application Q&A, have some food, you are more than welcome to do that. That's all that matters to us. Any other questions or motions?

Senator Larkins – *Motion to vote, accepted.*

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there any objections to moving into voting on \$2,173 for Stampede into Bull Nursing? Seeing no objections, we are now in voting procedure.

YES: Abraha, F. Fernandez, Romero, Larkins

NO:

4-0-1, Stampede into Bull Nursing budget is passed.

Philosophy Organization

Chairwoman Kattih: Finally, we have the Philosophy Organization. This organization requested two events. Their philosophy organization symposium in March, I funded that \$80 for food for the expected forty people attending, then their PGSO conference, I funded that for \$200 because they expected, I think it was, a hundred people to attend. Yes, one hundred people were expected to attend. At the same time, I took into consideration the fact that they were working on this with the philosophy department. Actually Masha, would we be able to fund this if they were working on the philosophy department?

Ms. Galchenko: I see no problem from the standpoint of proviso.

Chairwoman Kattih: So that's kind of why I didn't fund it as a \$3 per head banquet type thing. I figured...

Senator Abraha: Because the department would help pay for some of it?

Chairwoman Kattih: Yes. The department is hosting the event as well. Their grand total is \$296.80. They do receive a 25% deduction, so \$222.60. Any questions? Any motions?

Senator Fernandez – *Motion to vote, accepted.*

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

YES: Abraha, F. Fernandez, Romero, Larkins

NO:

4-0-1, Philosophy Organization budget is passed.

Announcements

Chairwoman Kattih: We are done with everything. Now we are in announcements.

Ms. Burkhard: Sorry, folks. I just have a quick survey for you guys to fill out. I apologize for not having passed it out in open forum. If you guys could just quickly fill it out and give it back to me.

Senator Larkins: I have a quick question about the budget from JAM last meeting. What's going to happen with that?

Chairwoman Kattih: The Jamaican Alliance Movement organization, the budget that was sent out was correct, they did receive a 25% deduction and the amount they originally had was \$600 something. Actually, we can pull it up right now just to be super clear. The bill that was sent out had \$779.10 and after the 25% deduction, it was \$584.33. It was on the legislation presentation, where there was a mistake, so it will go ahead, because it will approved as the budget form, not the legislation.

Senator Larkins: You said that they didn't request a budget last year, so...

Chairwoman Kattih: They did. We looked it up. They were funded in the 2012-2013 year, and so they do receive a 25% deduction. The budget bill as it stands is correct, it's just that the legislation was slightly off. I'll clarify that in Senate—actually, you want to clarify that in Senate tomorrow?

Senator Larkins: Sure.

Chairwoman Kattih: Perfect. The other one I wanted to ask about was who wants to sponsor each of the legislations? I meant to ask that. ASCE? Ms. Abraha. Debate and Forensics? Mr. Romero. iLINC?

Senator Larkins: I'll do the iLINC one.

Chairwoman Kattih: Ms. Larkins. Then we have Italian Culture Club.

Senator Fernandez: I'll do that one.

Chairwoman Kattih: Then Stampede into Bull Nursing?

Senator Larkins: I'll do that one.

Chairwoman Kattih: Larkins. Finally, the last one, Philosophy Organization. Who would like to do that one?

Senator Larkins: Lopez isn't here.

Chairwoman Kattih: Lopez. Sounds good.

Senator Romero: Is he going to know?

Chairwoman Kattih: Oh, yes. No, I'd rather it be one of you guys because you're present. So who wants to volunteer for that?

Senator Romero: I'll do it.

Chairwoman Kattih: Just keep that in mind. Any other announcements?

Senator Aziz: We're ranked number one on the Capitol One bowl. Keep voting so we win.

Senator Romero: We also won against UConn.

Senator Abraha: A football game? Really?

President Patel: We sold all 700 tickets to the Bucs. It's only been two weeks. Almost no advertising was done. We still haven't released the flyer that says by tickets. They are still working on it.

Senator Romero: So should we tell them to stop?

President Patel: Yes, we should probably tell them to stop.

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there any more announcements? Seeing no additional announcements, I can take a motion.

Senator Larkins – *Motion to adjourn, accepted.*

Chairwoman Kattih: Any objections to adjourning? Seeing none.

Meeting adjourned at 1:02 PM.

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