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Committee on Appropriations and Audits
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October 7, 2013

Call to Order by Chairwoman Kattih at 12:07 PM.

First Roll Call

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

Absent: Devivo (unexcused), Myers (unexcused)

Chairwoman Kattih: In the gallery we have Ms. Masha Galchenko from the A&S Business Office. We also have Ms. Katherine Burkhard from the SGATO office, in addition to Adam Aldridge, our Pro-Tempore.

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.

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

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there any objections? Seeing none, the agenda is now approved. Next item is the approval of the minutes. I sent out the September 30th minutes. Thank you to Stacy. Are there any motions?

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

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there any objections to approving the minutes from September 30th? Seeing none, the minutes are now approved.

Open Forum

Chairwoman Kattih: Next item on the agenda is open forum. Anyone have anything for that? Seeing nothing, we can move on.

New Business

1. Interim Budget Requests

Animal House

Chairwoman Kattih: We have six interim budgets to look at. The last one is associated with three off-campus requests. We'll talk about that when we get there. First one, Animal House, this organization has requested \$1,060 for two events. Their Halloween social, I allocated \$120 for food for sixty people then \$160 for

materials, \$100 for materials and \$60 for AV tech fees, as per our standards. The National Pet Day event in the spring, \$200 for food because they are going to have one hundred people in attendance, as well as \$100 in materials. Actually, I'll have to change that. Because this event is a fundraiser, we can't fund it. So there's actually only one event.

Senator Abraha: Did they ask for costume money?

Chairwoman Kattih: They did not. Let me check my meeting with them. They did not ask for any costume money. Are there any questions?

Senator Romero: (inaudible)

Chairwoman Kattih: Does everyone understand why I zero funded the National Pet Day event? Just making sure.

Senator Abraha: Did they say that when you met with them, too?

Chairwoman Kattih: Yes. I mean, it's a fundraiser. I think I just missed it. So now we're—

Senator Larkins: How come that says \$296 and you have \$280?

Chairwoman Kattih: Because the subtotal is \$280, but there's overhead.

Senator Larkins: Okay.

Senator Abraha: Why didn't you fully fund materials?

Chairwoman Kattih: Why didn't I? Because we do it based on our standards, so...\$100 for materials, \$60 for AV Tech fees was our standard. The materials was the room, the prizes and decorations. We don't fund general prizes unless they are trophies.

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

Chairwoman Kattih: This organization has one hundred people, I think. That was the estimate they gave. Any additional motions or questions?

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

Chairwoman Kattih: There's a motion to approve \$296.80 for Anima House. Are there any objections? Seeing none, we are now in voting.

YES: Abraha, Larkins, Lopez, Romero

NO:

4-0-1, Animal House budget is passed.

Ner Tamid Organization

Chairwoman Kattih: Next item on the agenda is Ner Tamid Organization. This organization has requested one thousand—did I send out a copy with recommendations? Well, we can go along and do this. This organization requested \$1,330.30. So for their first event, a Rosh Hashanah celebration has already passed, so it will be zero funded. Then their archaeology connection event also passed, so we can't fund that. Their pizza

and movie night, I funded for \$60 for food and \$10 for materials, which is what they are asking for, the Chanukah event, I funded \$90 for food and \$50 for materials—and \$75 for materials, just because we do \$100, \$50, \$25 and \$25, and they are only asking for \$75, and in the first event they are only asking for \$10, so I thought it was fair to fund them what they were asking for. I treated the Chanukah event as a banquet, because they did say it was a really big event. I asked them if it was banquet-esque and they suggested it was. Then their Passover event in the spring, I funded \$90 for food and \$20 for materials, then finally their Holocaust Day of Remembrance, I funded \$150 for speakers, which is what they are asking for. The total amount we are at is \$524.70 for this organization.

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: About the Passover event, how did they describe that event?

Chairwoman Kattih: It will be kind of like a dinner-esque event. They are giving out food.

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: I would suggest because of the specific types of food, but the types of food that may be in banquet-style, the way that this event would tend to be as a banquet, so I would suggest funding it at \$3 a head.

Chairwoman Kattih: So you're suggesting funding two events as banquets?

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: Yes. Well, I'd say both between the fact that the Passover was more of a banquet-style events and that the food is not traditional pizza food.

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there any motions from committee?

Senator Romero: I have a question. These are both in the same semester, correct?

Chairwoman Kattih: One is in the fall and one is in the spring.

Senator Romero: And we are allowed to fund a banquet per semester? Is that the standard?

Chairwoman Kattih: We've been funding one per organization. But it's just—

Senator Romero: Is that because they haven't asked for more than one per semester?

Chairwoman Kattih: It's because we haven't had an instance where there have been more than two banquets. It's open to you guys to start that precedent, then we'll just have to follow it, or we can just pick one and fund that as \$3 per head. I do like Mr. Aldridge's point that this food is non-traditional, so that may be something to also consider. Are there any motions? Do you guys have any changes?

Senator Abraha – Motion to fund Passover \$135 for food, accepted.

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there any objections to that motion? Seeing none, we are now funding them \$135 for Passover for food. Any other questions, motions or changes?

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

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there any objections to voting on this budget bill, for \$572.40? This organization does receive a 25% deduction. The total is \$429.30. Seeing no objections, we are now in voting procedure

YES: Abraha, Larkins, Lopez, Romero

NO:

4-0-1, Ner Tamid Organization budget is passed.

Oushi Anime

Chairwoman Kattih: Next item on the agenda is Oushi Anime Organization. This organization requested \$2,671.20 for four events. The first event I funded \$100 for food and \$350 for materials, \$250 for costumes and \$100 for materials.

Senator Romero: They have a AV tech fee.

Chairwoman Kattih: As well as the AV tech fee. We are at \$410. First event is host club café social, \$410, \$250 for costumes, \$100 for general materials, and \$60 for AV tech fees. Then their Oushi Murder Mystery social, I did \$100 for food and then I did \$50 for materials here. They said that they could re-use a lot of their costumes that they were going to make throughout the year, so I figured I would only fund that once—or twice, once per each semester. Then their Japanese New Year social, I funded \$140 for food and then \$100 for—I'll fund the Oushi Murder Mystery social for \$100 for materials because this is the first event of the second semester, and then this one I would fund for \$50 for food. They also requested a banner for this event, so we are looking at the Japanese New Year social for \$200 for materials, \$150 for a banner and \$50 for general materials, then their last event their host club café social, I funded for \$100 for food again. Then here, I funded costumes again and AV tech fees. This will actually be \$25 for materials plus \$60 for AV tech fees for a total of \$85 for materials. I'm actually going to go back and change for the Japanese New Year social for \$250 for costumes here as well. Just because this request for this event is larger than the bottom one, and there needs to be costumes for all their events, so I feel it's more consistent to not fund an event more. So \$450 for Japanese New Year social. Questions?

Senator Abraha: New Year social and café social are on the same day.

Chairwoman Kattih: From my meeting with them, they are completely different events, so I think that is a typo. At the same time, I will double check with that organization just to make sure they are not having two events on the same day.

Senator Larkins: Or just having that as an event and using that money for it.

Senator Romero: Is it not okay to fund two events on the same day? Is an organization not allowed to have more than one event on the same day?

Chairwoman Kattih: If you just consider the fact that they are using this money to host a huge event, it's not really feasible for one organization to have two large events on one day.

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: The only thing is when they are putting in their request, obviously they could have just accidentally put the same day, but they have the flexibility to choose when—the New Year social would obviously be more specific, but the host club they could have in February, they could have it in April, they could spread it out any time during the semester. You see that date, it's more or less that they want to have it in spring. It's not necessarily based around the specific day on which they are going to have them.

Chairwoman Kattih: Never mind. Continue.

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

Chairwoman Kattih: Is everyone okay with—can you rescind your motion?

Senator Abraha rescinds.

Senator Larkins: What is the total amount they have here?

Chairwoman Kattih: Right now, they are at \$1,574.10. This is a new organization. We're at four events for \$1,574.10. Just glance through the allocations and make sure you're okay with them.

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: So they said they needed costumes for the New Year social?

Chairwoman Kattih: They said they needed costumes for all their events. I just chose to fund them for two of their events. Again, it's up to committee whether they want to fund less frequently for costumes.

Senator Romero: I don't think that it's necessary to fund the Japanese New Year social, the materials, for \$450, seeing as it's over the \$350 they asked for. Seeing as this is a new organization, and they are creating their own costumes, correct?

Chairwoman Kattih: Yes.

Senator Romero: So it's not like they are purchasing their costumes, they are creating their own costumes, and the fact that we don't necessarily have to fund the whole costume itself. Some costumes—most costumes, especially if you're going to create it yourself, cost less than \$450 to \$250. Either way, we don't have to fund the whole costume. We can subsidize the costume.

Chairwoman Kattih: So do you have a motion?

Senator Romero – *Motion to fund \$350 for materials, accepted.*

Chairwoman Kattih: So you want to fund the costumes only \$100?

Senator Romero: Yes.

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there any objections to this change? Seeing no objections, we are now funding the Japanese New Year social's materials for \$350. So \$1,468.10, which is consistent with what we've been funding for new organizations in the past this semester.

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

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there any objections? Seeing none, we will now go into voting procedure. Let the record state that Mr. Fernandez walked in at 12:20 PM.

YES: Abraha, Larkins, Lopez, Romero

NO:

4-0-1, Oushi Anime Organization budget is passed.

ASCE

Chairwoman Kattih: Next up on the agenda is ASCE organization. This organization has requested \$59,300.64. So...let's go through these. Just keep in mind eight events per organization as we've been doing

for the past semester. Two semesters, actually—summer and fall. So their ASCE Southeast Conference registration, it's typically—we typically fund about \$500 for registration fees and/or half of what they ask for. So in this instance, I thought it was appropriate to fund \$500 for registration fees. Mr. Aldridge, does this fall under my purview?

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: They wouldn't be able to receive the travel grant because they are not going anywhere. So did the organization say it was on campus?

Chairwoman Kattih: Oh, yes. This one is on campus.

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: I would say yes.

Chairwoman Kattih: So yes. Just making sure. \$500 in materials for the ASCE Southeast Conference registration. Then for their materials, for their competition, they want materials for the thirteen competitions that are not the steel bridge or the canoe competitions. So there are thirteen competitions in addition to steel bridge and canoe. This amount, \$1,950, is for the thirteen other ones. Real quick, I can take questions if they are very specific.

Senator Larkins: For the conference, it says it only brings together twenty-five engineers, so it's not really—

Senator Romero: Twenty-five engineering programs.

Senator Larkins: Oh, okay. So it's not really for all USF students. So are we able to...?

Senator Romero: I think it is, because I might not be in engineering, but I could go to an engineering program if I choose. If they make it available to any USF student that wants to go, that's what matters.

Senator Abraha: What did you decide between the \$2,000, which would be half, and the \$500?

Chairwoman Kattih: The remainder of the budget.

Senator Abraha: Of ours?

Chairwoman Kattih: Of their budget request, made me decide to allocate them \$500 rather than \$2,000 because the rest of their budget is also a significant amount of money. Again, this is a lump sum that they receive.

Senator Abraha: Is this a new organization?

Chairwoman Kattih: No. This organization requests interim funding every year.

Senator Abraha: How much did they get last year?

Chairwoman Kattih: \$2,999 and I believe some change.

Senator Abraha: Did they use all of it?

Chairwoman Kattih: Let me see.

(inaudible)

Ms. Galchenko: What I remember about this organization is that I think they got the funding later in the year, so it was around January, February.

Chairwoman Kattih: February 26th.

Ms. Galchenko: Then they got it also for materials that they already spent the money for, so they were misunderstanding that they would be able to get reimbursed for those things, rather than we have to pay for them up front. So I think if they didn't use all the money, it was due to that more than anything else.

Senator Abraha: We can continue with the budget.

Chairwoman Kattih: So continuing with the budget, going off of what Masha said, the ASCE Southeast Conference competition I zero funded, because they have been working on this competition since September, so they have materials they have already purchased, and again, we only fund certain amounts of events. So I would suggest holding your questions until the end, just so that we go through the budget, see what I suggested we fund, and then if you have any clarifications or changes, we can go from there. So their national celebration competition, again, I zero funded. They were requesting \$19,370. The national concrete competition, again requesting \$9,424 for materials. I suggested we zero fund that. Their annual bake spring banquet I funded for \$200 for food and \$100 for materials as per standards. They have a workshop for student chapter leaders. They said that six students were attending. They would need materials for this workshop for six students. Actually, I don't know if it would be relevant for us to fund this event. Again, it's up to you guys. I suggest we zero fund it. Then their ASCE semester lecture series, I did not fund any of the lecture series because of the additional events they are requesting. Their career fair, I funded one of the career fairs \$300 for food and \$100 for materials. I did not fund the ASCE trailer for \$8,500. They are requesting to buy a thirty foot trailer to transport the twenty foot concrete and twenty-two foot steel bridge. They requested money for t-shirts, which I funded for fifty shirts for \$250. They requested one thousand. Advertising, I funded them \$150 for a banner, which is when I met with them, this is what they were asking for, banners and posters. Then fall semester social I did not fund, and their spring semester social—because that already occurred, their spring semester social I funded \$400 for food, \$50 for materials. I did not fund their office supplies. Then their annual fall turkey luncheon I funded \$300 for food for 150 people. So what I did was I funded their events. I did not suggest we fund their materials, just because to be consistent with what we've been doing in the past, we haven't been funding general materials a lot of times. We did fund the balloon, the high-altitude x4 balloon, so that could be a case to where we could fund it. At the same time, you know... I have the appendix for how much money they want and exactly where it's broken down, so we do have the option to subsidize this, but...it's up to you guys, whatever you think would be best.

Senator Abraha: Can we go up to the annual banquet?

Chairwoman Kattih: This is for the steel bridge competition. This is for the concrete canoe competition. Going back to our budget, going up to the spring banquet...

Senator Abraha – Motion to fund spring banquet \$300, accepted.

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there any objections to funding them \$300 for \$3 per head because this is a banquet? Seeing no objections, they are now funded \$300 for food for the annual spring banquet. Are there any additional motions or changes?

Senator Larkins: Can we go back to the other page? Did you want anything for their plaques?

Chairwoman Kattih: I did not. We can add that in there. They can be considered trophies. Do you want to fund them for \$50 as they are asking for?

Senator Larkins – *Motion to fund \$150 for materials for annual spring banquet, accepted.*

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there any objections? Seeing none.

Senator Romero: I'm not objecting to that.

Chairwoman Kattih: Seeing no objections, they are now funded \$150 for their annual spring banquet for materials.

Senator Romero: So these, when we were looking at the line items that they had provided you, those items are being used specifically for what purpose?

Chairwoman Kattih: So what they are doing is there's a conference, I think it's in February or March—actually, I think it's in March, where they take all of these materials, compile it into a steel bridge, type of architecture, then they present it at this conference. Whoever has the best item wins. This one's kind of—it's called the steel bridge competition, and this one is the concrete canoe competition. From what I remember, this organization for the concrete canoe thing, they make the canoe, they see if it works, then they present it.

Senator Romero: So what is the reasoning for why we fund organizations like SAE? I know they ask for around \$50,000 and it's to compete, correct? They build some sort of a formula one race car and they compete? And we give them money for materials for their car, correct? So what are their reasons for funding them and not funding this?

Chairwoman Kattih: The reason I didn't fund this—it's okay to fund materials for a competition. My reasoning is the dates they've put up on here is kind of when they would begin construction of these things. Last year, when they presented in February, when they were funded in February, they had already begun and almost completed their construction. So they have already begun their construction. Even when I met with them, maybe two months ago, they had already begun construction of their competition things. So it's possible to fund some things, but it's just because I don't know whether this money will be used toward this material, or whether they've already used it. What we can do, I can contact the organization and ask how much they've already spent on each of these competitions, then maybe we can fund them half of what they have left, or however much you guys see fit of what they have left in terms of materials.

Senator Abraha: I have a couple questions. You said they asked for money two months ago? You spoke with them two months ago?

Chairwoman Kattih: Yes. They hadn't submitted their constitution until recently, so they can't be processed until now.

Senator Abraha: But the competition takes place in March?

Chairwoman Kattih: I think so, yes.

Senator Abraha: I feel like it's enough time that we can fund them—maybe not all of it—but we can give them at least half the money.

Senator Romero: Did they have time to submit a regular budget as an organization back in...?

Chairwoman Kattih: They missed the deadline.

Senator Romero: Did they miss the deadline, or did they not miss the deadline?

Chairwoman Kattih: No, because they submitted their interim budget in February. They submitted their interim budget for 2012-2013, and now they are submitting an interim budget for 2012-2013 on time.

Senator Romero: And Masha did explain that they—has it been clarified to them before that we can't reimburse them for things that they--?

Chairwoman Kattih: At the meeting, it was clarified that they don't get reimbursed.

Senator Romero: At this meeting, or previously in other meetings?

Chairwoman Kattih: I don't know if it was in any of their other meetings, but I know this year it was clarified that they don't get reimbursed. Keep in mind that this budget was submitted—this was the first budget that I got. It was submitted in June. Just because of their constitution, their not submitting items in a timely fashion, it hasn't been able to reach committee until now.

Ms. Galchenko: I think something similar happened last year, where they didn't apply in February, they applied way before then, it's just that they got funding in February.

Chairwoman Kattih: If you guys don't feel comfortable funding it in this state, I can contact them now and ask them for specifics of how much they've spent on each of these. Right now, what it seems to me is that we're agreeing on most of this budget, we're just having trouble with the Southeast Conference competition materials, the steel bridge competition materials, and the national concrete canoe competition materials.

Senator Abraha: And the registration too. Why can't we increase that?

Chairwoman Kattih: I mean, that's going to be up to committee to decide what to do with. Again, I would base it off of the total budgetary amount before deciding to up this to \$2,000, where this would be significantly increased.

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: Can you just do a quick skim through the budget one more time?

Chairwoman Kattih: Right now, we're at seven events as well, so they have flexibility to be funded one other thing. So you guys might want to also take that into consideration, if you guys want to not fund the event in exchange for the competition, that's also possible.

Senator Romero: I'm just trying to clarify. They haven't been previously funded in terms of...

Chairwoman Kattih: Annual funding.

Senator Romero: Because they didn't turn in all the necessary things they need to turn in, correct?

Chairwoman Kattih: They haven't been funded an annual budget because they haven't submitted an annual budget within the annual budget timeline, which is last year's January 23rd.

Senator Romero: And they did that the year before as well?

Chairwoman Kattih: I do not know about the year before, but they did not get funded in the annual budget process. It's just that last year, in 2012-2013, they submitted an interim budget, received funding in February, which was after the annual funding deadline. Now they are submitting an annual budget for this year, 2013-2014, and if they get annual interim funding right now, they would need to go through the annual funding process in upcoming January of 2014. Does that make sense? Okay.

Senator Abraha: You said they have seven. Were you counting, at the bottom, you funded them for t-shirts. Were you counting that as an event?

Chairwoman Kattih: We've been counting that as an item. We've funded eight items.

Senator Abraha: But sometimes, when they request it with an event, we sometimes just lump sum it.

Chairwoman Kattih: In the past, when t-shirts have been specified as a separate thing, we've been counting it as one event.

Senator Abraha: In their case, I feel we should fund one of their competitions. The outline of their whole organization—

Chairwoman Kattih: My suggestion would be to fund one of the other smaller events in exchange for if we were to decide that it's okay to fund the competitions for the competitions. But would you guys want to table this and maybe reconsider it next week?

Senator Romero: I think the best thing to do is just speak with the organization again and get a clear picture for what they spent, what they are going to spend... I do think it's their responsibility to get things in on time, and do ask for funding in the appropriate manner so we can fund them appropriate, but at the same time, I do understand what they are trying to do, and want them to be successful. I think to make a better decision, we need to be better informed.

Senator Romero – *Motion to table budget allocation until next week, accepted.*

Chairwoman Kattih: So we have a motion to table this until next week in order to speak with the organization and get a clearer picture of what's already been spent and we will reconsider it next week. Are there any objections to tabling this budget? Seeing none, this budget is now tabled.

Jamaican Alliance Movement

Chairwoman Kattih: Okay, next item on the agenda is the Jamaican Alliance Movement budget. This organization has requested \$1,452.20 for four events. They have the full of vibes WOW event, it has already occurred, so it was zero funded. Their lyrical vibes event has also already occurred, so this was zero funded. Actually, it's not four events. I don't know why this budget says so. Their support the troops event has also already occurred, so that can't be funded. They have a J benefit, Jamaican benefit concert, to show appreciation for (inaudible). They were allocated \$200 for food, \$60 for materials. Their (inaudible) jam fest, I allocated \$150 for food, which is what they asked for, and \$20 for materials, which is again what they asked for. Their affairs of the heart, \$50 for food, \$10 for materials, what they asked for. Rising stars, \$35 for food and \$25 for materials, just to be consistent with our standards. Diversity playhouse, \$60 for food, which is what they asked for, and \$20 for materials, again which is what they asked for. Their random acts of kindness event I did not fund because it is promotional items and we haven't been funding those, especially because this isn't really a specified event, they are just going to be handing out candy. Then their community service

event social, we don't fund community service, we don't fund that kind of volunteering, so zero funded. The sunset jam event was funded \$150 for food, which is what they asked for, and \$25 for materials to be consistent. Their end of the year banquet, I funded \$130 for food, which is what they asked for, and \$25 for materials, again to be consistent.

Senator Abraha: And the community service event, it's not during the volunteering, it's after.

Chairwoman Kattih: Okay. Do you have any motions?

Senator Abraha – Motion to fully fund community service event, accepted.

Chairwoman Kattih: So you are funding \$30 for food and \$10 for materials, which is what they asked for. Are there any objections to funding them \$40 the community service social to discuss their community service experience? Seeing no objections, they are now funded \$40 for that event. Any questions? Masha, I actually wanted to ask you just to make sure. Their J benefit concert is to show appreciation for donations made by the Joshua Brain Tumor fund. Is that something we can fund? It's a banquet type of thing.

Senator Abraha: They have entertainment.

Chairwoman Kattih: It's open to students, it's just geared toward appreciation.

Ms. Galchenko: Are they getting donations during this event?

Senator Abraha: This is made to, not from.

Chairwoman Kattih: I'm not sure. I don't think so. When I talked to them, it wasn't like a fundraiser.

Senator Romero: It's not, because they are giving donations to it. It sounds like if anything, they might ask for donations to the Joshua Brain Tumor fund, but not...

Ms. Galchenko: Right, to the fundraiser, not for them, but for the Joshua Brain Tumor fund.

Chairwoman Kattih: From what I understood, it was a dinner to appreciate people who had given money to the fund.

Ms. Galchenko: Then it's not open to the entire population of students.

Chairwoman Kattih: For this event, I would just say to avoid any gray area, that we shouldn't fund it, just because it isn't consistent with the event types of a fundraiser. It looks like a fundraiser...

Senator Abraha: I don't think it would be restricted to the people who only—it's not worded in that way.

Chairwoman Kattih: Well, it is a banquet, and banquets...

Ms. Galchenko: To show the appreciation for donations.

Senator Abraha: But maybe all their members got together and did something and it could be for everybody. I don't think they will block out the door and be like, only people who donate will come.

Chairwoman Kattih: I think this is a gray area, and I don't want to overstep proviso, so I would suggest not funding this. Just out of the fact that it looks like a fundraiser and they are talking about donations.

Ms. Galchenko: What it seemed like from the other event they had on there is that it's a community-based organization and they got pretty well-versed on proviso, so they are trying to put it in a special way that doesn't seem like a fundraiser to you guys. But they are heavily community based and serving that community part of it. Now, showing appreciation for donations that does tell me that this was a fundraiser or is going to be a fundraiser, or it's going to be restricted just to the donors who did the donations to this particular fund.

Chairwoman Kattih: According to proviso, I don't think we can fund this. Based on that, going back up to the top, we are at \$779.10. This organization receives a 25% deduction. The total will be \$584.33. Are there any questions or motions?

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

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

YES: Abraha, Larkins, F. Fernandez, Romero

NO:

4-0-1, Jamaican Alliance Movement budget is passed.

Roller Derby Club

Chairwoman Kattih: Finally, we have the Roller Derby Club. This organization is requesting three events. This organization's goal is to raise awareness on campus and get the vibe going for roller derby, how you play the game, and how it's evolved over the past. So their whole mission is to roller derby. There's nowhere on campus for them to roller derby. They've spoken to Campus Rec, and Campus Rec has nowhere for them to roller derby. Every single one of these events is not on campus, which is why we have off-campus requests also associated with it. How this works is I told her to submit her budget, and if we were to approve an off-campus request, we would fund that money for an event in the interim budget. Does that make sense? I wanted you guys to take a look at the interim budget first, look at the off-campus request, approve or not approve those, and then based on that, we would go back to the interim budget and allocate appropriately. Sound like a plan? So Rewind Wednesday mash up, \$100 for—she said that about fifty people show up to their events in the past, and so I funded them—she estimated attendance to be over a hundred, but to be conservative, when she gave me a headcount, she said anywhere from fifty to one hundred. I gave them \$100 for food, especially since they were asking for \$105. For materials, I gave them \$100, which is what they were asking for general materials. I didn't fully fund materials because they wanted to give out goody bags, and again, we haven't been giving out those kinds of promotional items. Then they have another event in February. I gave that \$150 for speaker fees, which is all they requested. Then finally, they have the roller derby rumball event, \$100, same as the first one in fall, and \$100 for materials. So pretty consistent. Any questions about their three events? Seeing no questions, we can take a look at their—we can go ahead and approve the budget and approve the off-campus requests. Katherine, is that okay, or should we do the off-campus requests first?

Ms. Burkhard: Start from the beginning of where your concerns are. I'm sorry.

Chairwoman Kattih: Would it be okay to approve the interim budget and then approve the off-campus requests? This may be a question for Masha. Do you think it would be fine to approve the interim budget first?

Ms. Galchenko: Yes.

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there any questions or motions?

Senator Larkins: In the description, they said the \$500 is for their traveling...is that considered a travel grant?

Chairwoman Kattih: It's to pay the speakers to travel. So it's speaker fees. It's \$500 in speaker fees, the Team USA. So again, with our standards, we only do \$150. Are there any motions?

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

Chairwoman Kattih: They are at \$583. Seeing no objections, we are now in voting procedure.

YES: Abraha, Larkins, F. Fernandez, Romero

NO:

4-0-1, Roller Derby Club budget is passed.

2. Off-Campus Requests

Roller Derby Club- Rewind Wednesday

Chairwoman Kattih: To be consistent, we will move onto the off-campus requests. This is the first event of Roller Derby Club at USF. I'll just accept the amount of A&S funds to be used and put in what we've allocated. Unless, Masha, that's not appropriate...

Ms. Galchenko: They have flexible spending, so they can reallocate within their budget.

Chairwoman Kattih: I'll leave it as-is, and it is flexible spending as Masha said. So the first event. Are there any motions? These are the same events we saw, we are just making sure we're covering all our bases because they are off-campus.

Senator Abraha: They said if the event is denied, they will still have it?

Chairwoman Kattih: They will have it at that location, but it will just be outside funds. It won't be A&S funded. Are there any other questions? Are there any motions?

Senator Romero – *Motion to vote on off-campus request, accepted.*

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there any objections? Seeing none.

YES: Abraha, Larkins, F. Fernandez, Romero

NO:

4-0-1, Rewind Wednesday off-campus request is passed.

Roller Derby Club- Team USA

Chairwoman Kattih: Next, we have the second one. Again, same thing. This one is in February. Are there any questions or motions?

Senator Abraha – *Motion to vote on off-campus request, accepted.*

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

YES: Abraha, Larkins, F. Fernandez, Romero

NO:

4-0-1, Team USA off-campus request is passed.

Roller Derby Club- Rumball

Chairwoman Kattih: We have the third one. This one is in March. It is a roller derby club rumball at Downtown Skate Center. Are there any motions?

Senator Abraha – *Motion to vote on off-campus request, accepted.*

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

YES: Abraha, Larkins, F. Fernandez, Romero

NO:

4-0-1, Team USA off-campus request is passed.

Announcements

Chairwoman Kattih: Now we are at the next thing on the agenda. Next item on the agenda is announcements. Are there any announcements?

Senator Romero: We did win one football game finally, so come out and keep supporting. It was the first AAC game, so it's the first in our division, so it's the only one that counts. So we're doing good in terms of our division. Maybe not our overall record of the season. Also, girls' soccer team is doing really well as well. They tied with University of Connecticut, which is a high level girls' soccer team, so they are doing well. Go support them as well.

Chairwoman Kattih: My other announcements is audits. Thank you to everybody who is putting in audits. If you haven't put in audits, if you haven't submitted an audit, we sent out a list of events for this week. If you could go to one of those events, or two of those events and submit one or two, that would be great. We are actually getting a lot of senators that are not in this committee submitting audits, so that's exciting. Keep it up. I did make the suggested changes for the audit form, so that's up and running.

Ms. Burkhard: Don't forget that the Student Government composite picture day is November 5th. You don't have to sign up right away, but please have that on your radar for the next couple of weeks.

Senator Romero: We sign up—in the email when I read it, we sign up at the front desk?

Ms. Burkhard: Either there or you can with Adam Kowalski. If someone's not up at the front, you go find Adam.

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there any more announcements? Are there any motions?

Senator Abraha – *Motion to adjourn, accepted.*

Chairwoman Kattih: Any objections? Seeing none.

Meeting adjourned at 1:01 PM.

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