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Committee on Appropriations and Audits
FALL SESSION
October 21, 2013

Call to Order by Chairwoman Kattih at 12:06 PM.

First Roll Call

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

Absent:

Chairwoman Kattih: We have our new senator Ms. Emily Oliver present with us today. We also have Mr. Adam Aldridge, the Senate President Pro-Tempore, we have MS. Katherine Burkhard from SGATO and we have our Senate Secretary, Stacy. With that, we do have quorum.

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

Chairwoman Kattih: Moving on to additions deletions or motions for the agenda

Senator Abraha - *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. Are there any motions?

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

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there any objections? Seeing no objections, the minute are now approved. Let the record state that Mr. Fernandez walked in at 12:07 PM.

Open Forum

Chairwoman Kattih: Next, we have open forum. Does anyone have anything to say? I would like to start off by thanking Stacy for amazing work. She gets my minutes out to me within the same day, so kudos to her. Anyone else?

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: A couple things. The first thing is, as was stated in the last Senate meeting, we're doing a competition fundraising for Dance Marathon. I think the last day is actually today, so I brought the bucket by. There's no requirement to donate. There are also no positive points to donate. If you would like to donate just a little bit, whatever helps for the Dance Marathon cause and for Student Government cause

because we need to win the Student Affairs competition. The second thing is that we'll be having a meeting tomorrow, obviously for Senate, and the composite pictures will be two weeks from tomorrow. I'll bring in a list of the times—that's really the only thing. We'll fill out in Senate what times you'll be able to come by. I think it will be in one of the MSC conference rooms during the 5th of November and take your composite picture. Not for the billboard, but the big signs we have going through the Student Government suite. I can't think of what the word is. Other than that, that should be about it.

Chairwoman Kattih: Thank you Adam. Are there any additional announcements? Seeing no additional announcements I would like to welcome our one new Senator. I know I already said that, but I'm honestly so excited that you're here.

Senator Lopez: She scares them all away.

New Business

1. Interim Budget Requests

International Business Board

Chairwoman Kattih: Next item is new business. We have three interim budgets to look through. First one is International Business Board. This organization requested \$12,296. I recommended \$2,713.60. Going through their events, they have four or five events. Florida Student Summit on Global Business is a conference that will be occurring in the MSC. They think about 600 people will attend. Because it's a large attendance, I did \$1 for food, so \$600 for food. For materials I did AV Tech Fees at \$60 as per our standards. I did \$100 for materials as per our standards, and I did \$150 for speaker fees as per our standard, for a total of \$310 for materials. Next, their fall student recruitment has already occurred so I zero funded it. Their end of the year banquet, I funded \$3 per head at \$300 for food, \$100 for materials. Again, as per our standard. Then their guest speaker sessions, I funded two sessions, one for spring and one for fall. I did \$150 for food for each of the events, \$2 per head, and then I did \$50 for materials for each as per our standards. Then marketing tools, they wanted t-shirts, a banner, and an Oracle ad. From the things they requested, those were what I thought we could fund. Everything else was flyers, pamphlets, stuff they could get through Tech Smart. So t-shirts, I did up to our maximum, which is \$500 at \$5 for a shirt for 100 shirts. A banner I did \$150 and an Oracle ad for \$200. The total is \$850 for materials. Are there any questions?

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: Can you scroll to the top to the number of people in the organization?

Chairwoman Kattih: There are 371 when I met with them in October. Their average attendance to events is about 100 to regular events. To the summit, they get about 500 to 600 people from what I understood from their meeting. Are there any--?

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: I just want to ask the committee if we've ever taken the stance that funding the banner but not the Oracle ad, or funding the Oracle ad but not the banner. So if they are both there, we fund both? Okay.

Chairwoman Kattih: In the past, that's what we've done.

Senator Abraha: Why did you say \$1 per head? Sorry.

Chairwoman Kattih: It was a large number of students. I thought it would be possible for them to get the amount of food that they want with this amount of money. Are there any additional questions?

Senator Larkins: When you meet with them, are they required to say what kind of food they will have at the event?

Chairwoman Kattih: If they ask, they can. I think this was general food, like sandwiches and stuff, but I don't recall. I don't think it was ethnic food.

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: When did they submit their request?

Chairwoman Kattih: 9/13.

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: I don't necessarily have a critical point, but I would just—and I know that sounds bad, I didn't mean for it to come out that way—the point I want to make though is I would be concerned about the total amount, because it's a new organization and that's definitely probably above...

Chairwoman Kattih: It's not. They receive a 25% deduction.

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: Oh, okay.

Chairwoman Kattih: After the 25% deduction, we're at \$2,035.20. Keep that in mind.

Senator Abraha – *Motion to vote, accepted.*

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

YES: Abraha, Fernandez, Larkins, Romero, Lopez

NO:

5-0-1, International Business Board budget is passed.

Chairwoman Kattih: I apologize for that.

Boricua Student Association

Chairwoman Kattih: Next, we have Boricua Student Association. This organization requested \$1,228.90. They were recommended \$651.90. They had seven events, I believe, so let's run through them. They have a Bachata Dance event, which already occurred, so I could not fund it. Then the salsa dance event, I funded for \$50 for food and \$40 for materials, which was the maximum they requested for materials. Their dance it all, \$100 for food and \$50 for materials, again the maximum of materials which they requested. Their race around the world event, \$50 for food, \$75 for materials, again which is the maximum they requested. Then they had a travel around event, \$50 for food and \$50 for materials as per our standards. Women's Federation for World Peace event, \$50 for food, \$25 for materials as per standard. Then their softball tournament, I did not fund because they could rent out the softballs from Campus Rec. That was why they needed that material, so I couldn't fund it. Then Isla de Encanto, \$50 for food and \$25 for materials as per our standards.

Senator Larkins: Do you know the event, the Women's Federation for World Peace, that's an organization. Do you know if they are doing that event with them?

Chairwoman Kattih: When I met with them, they were not collaborating with any organizations. So I believe that this is happens to coincide with the name of another organization.

Senator Romero: One of the events above, I remember reading earlier that they were collaborating with some other organization.

Chairwoman Kattih: For—DASA, LASA, CASA.

Senator Romero: They were trying to do it with another organization. How does that play into funding this organization?

Chairwoman Kattih: How this would work is we would make sure this event hasn't been funded in the DASA and CASA budgets, so actually, let's see. I can check that right now. Do you remember who had CASA?

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: If you can go back to the spreadsheet, to 2012-2013 and click the 13-14 up to date...

Chairwoman Kattih: It was not funded in the CASA budget. It was not funded in the DASA budget. Since it wasn't funded, we can fund it as a new event. If they are collaborating, they would have to use funds allocated for a different event. Going back to the budget now, are there any additional questions.

Senator Larkins: Have they asked for funding before?

Chairwoman Kattih: They have not. This is a new organization to be funded. Any additional questions or motions?

Senator Larkins – *Motion to vote, accepted.*

Chairwoman Kattih: Seeing no objections, the total amount is \$651.90.

YES: Abraha, Larkins, Fernandez, Lopez, Romero

NO:

5-0-1, Boricua Student Association budget is passed.

The Poets

Chairwoman Kattih: Finally we have The Poets at USF organization. They requested \$1,134.20 and were recommended \$461.10. They have weekly meetings every Thursday. To me, these are very much like general body meetings, so I zero funded them. They have an erotic poetry ode to safe sex event. I funded \$100 for food and \$100 for materials as per our standard. They have the who owns the mic event, I funded \$80 for food and \$50 for materials as per our standards. I let them know that for this event, they were not allowed through A&S funds to buy a mic that they would give to the winner, because we don't do that type of prize, only trophies. Next, the off-campus shows. Because they were off-campus, I suggested that the organization submit an off-campus request for those because we don't fund those. Then we have this last thing. It's three events, but they requested \$150 for food and \$100 for materials. So I funded them as if it were one event, \$80 for food and \$25 for materials. I guess it's up to committee to decide how they want to deal with this, because it is itemized as one time. When I met with them, they did confirm it was three events. They were all taking place in the Marshall Center as well. What do you guys think? Should they be funded separately or together?

Senator Abraha: What are they doing?

Chairwoman Kattih: The one mic—let's go back to the organization's mission. Basically, they provide an open mic forum for art forms including poetry, dance, painting, et cetera. So the one mic and the stage event, it's going to be an open mic night. Again, the last dang show, kind of like that. I think this one is more focused on poetry. Then the meet and greet is just a social.

Senator Lopez: How many events do they have overall, then?

Chairwoman Kattih: If you make this three events, it's going to be five, a total of five, if we fund them separately. If we fund this as one entity, it would be three events.

Senator Romero: When you spoke with them, did they say the number of students attending would be per event or communally?

Chairwoman Kattih: I think they said per event.

Senator Larkins: It's usually a large—I'm not in the organization, but I've seen students go out. There's usually a decent amount of students that do go to these meetings and these events.

Chairwoman Kattih: The active members are about sixty and their average attendance is around forty.

Senator Larkins – *Motion to separate events, accepted.*

Chairwoman Kattih: It would be up to you to decide how much each event will be funded.

Senator Larkins: You can allocate the same.

Chairwoman Kattih: So you want to do \$80, then \$25...Are there any objections to Ms. Larkins' motion to fund these events \$25 for materials? For a total of \$105 for the three events. Is that an objection? No objections? Seeing no objections, they are now funded separately.

Senator Lopez: I just have a question. Is that going to be the new standard then? If someone requests something that's three events in one? Is that going to be the standard to break them up? I know this isn't the first time this has happened, so it would be nice to continue that.

Chairwoman Kattih: The other time this has happened, it was a weeklong event and it was one event, it was just several days.

Senator Lopez: Also for the Jewish organization, they had the multiple—every week, they had the...I forget what it's called.

Chairwoman Kattih: The social. It was the same social multiple times. It's just that this is different events just grouped together due to the nature of the materials. My suggestion would be if we ever do get an organization groups their events all together, then we have to continue what we do with this budget. It would have to be a new standard just so that we're consistent. Ms. Larkins, did you...?

Senator Larkins: I forgot what I was going to say.

Senator Abraha: If we could go to the second event...

Chairwoman Kattih: One moment. Can you add them up and make sure they're all added?

Senator Romero: Yes.

Senator Abraha: They have that one twice a year. Did we want to do one for fall and one for spring as well?

Chairwoman Kattih: That's up to committee to decide if they want to do that or not. It's just the way they described this event, it says it's around Valentine's Day, and so that's once a year. And they didn't really specify that during the meeting.

Senator Romero: Can we move down some?

Senator Fernandez: Are they a new organization?

Chairwoman Kattih: They are. This is the first time they have applied for funding.

Senator Romero: I got \$645. Plus the overhead, that makes it...

Chairwoman Kattih: Perfect. Thank you. Are there any motions or questions?

Senator Abraha – *Motion to vote, accepted.*

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there any objections to move into voting for \$683.40 for The Poets at USF? Seeing no objections, we are now in voting procedure.

YES: Abraha, Fernandez, Larkins, Lopez, Romero

NO:

5-0-1 The Poets budget is passed.

Announcements

Chairwoman Kattih: Next we have announcements. Are there any announcements?

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: I'll waste as much time as I can here. You also will have three more senators joining the appropriations committee by next week.

Senator Romero: Do you know who they are, by chance?

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: There's—yes.

Chairwoman Kattih: They are actually on our attendance list right here.

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: Yes. I sent her—you'll have two Senator Hernandez's as well as Senator Odeh in the committee. Please be able to help them in the committee if they have questions. I hope we're going to have this work in Senate where there's a new senator and two senators have been there, so that there's a dialogue that goes on to be able to let them know that the stage is not too big for people to speak up and ask questions. The ones that are in here, we have a good time, we goof around. Zein forgets Gustavo to vote, but that's beside the point.

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there any additional announcements?

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: Hold on, I have another point.

Senator Lopez: It's on the record, you being rude.

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: Actually, I don't have another point. Anyway, tomorrow, six o'clock.

Chairwoman Kattih: Are there any additional announcements? I can take a motion to adjourn.

Senator Abraha – *Motion to adjourn, accepted.*

Chairwoman Kattih: Any objections? Seeing none.

Meeting adjourned at 12:29 PM.

Transcribed by Senate Committee Secretary, Stacy Dolan.