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Committee on Appropriations and Audits
FALL SESSION
October 28, 2013

Call to Order by Senator Abraha at 12:02 PM.

First Roll Call

Present: Abraha, Kattih, Lopez, Odeh, Oliver, Rodriguez, Hernandez, Romero, Fernandez

Absent: Larkins (excused)

Senator Abraha: In the gallery, we have Masha Galchenko from ASBO, we have Chairman Abdool Aziz, we have David Housman our CFO, we have our Pro-Tempore Adam Aldridge and we have Katherine Burkhard from SGATO. And Stacy.

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

Senator Abraha: Are there any motions to approve the agenda?

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

Senator Abraha: Any objections? Seeing none, the agenda is approved. Are there any additions or deletions to the agenda? There were no minutes sent out, so if I could have a motion to postpone?

Senator Rodriguez - *Motion to postpone approval of the minutes, accepted.*

Senator Abraha: Are there any objections? Seeing none.

Open Forum

Senator Abraha: Open forum. Does anyone have anything to say?

Chairwoman Kattih: I want to welcome all of you new senators. Thank you for coming to the committee meeting on time. I really appreciate that. I hope you guys enjoy your first day here. Or second.

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: Two things, one the social is tomorrow night. It will be at 5 o'clock in the office with the bathrooms on backward, so if you can bring something, that's great. If you can't bring something, bring yourself and come early at 5 o'clock. There should be a lot of food. That will just translate into the Senate meeting. Tomorrow we'll be having a presentation from the people from the Student Green Energy fund, so

I guess come, dress professionally, get ready some questions and initiatives that you would maybe like to see. The second thing is the composite photos are a week from tomorrow. I believe everyone here signed the signup sheet last week, but if you didn't, just make sure you go by Adam Kowalski, who is the other assistant with SGATO. His desk is right over here. Just go by after the meeting and make sure to sign up. That's it.

Senator Aziz: Rocky is 8-0 in the Capitol One Bowl. We're at 89% against University of Arizona. Keep voting until Sunday so we win.

Senator Abraha: Does anyone else have anything to say in open forum?

New Business

1. Budget Transfer

SAFE Team

Senator Abraha: With that, we will move into new business. We're going to have a presentation from our CFO, David Housman, in regards to SAFE Team Budget transfer.

Mr. Housman: I made some charts for everyone. They are nice and big and entertaining. Basically, this budget transfer is for SAFE Team to get new golf carts. Their carts, most of them are about six years old now, and they run six to eight hours each day. With the large amount of hours put on them, the maintenance cost keeps rising, as you can see there. It kind of doesn't make sense to keep running these carts at that level and spending that much on maintenance. So it would be better to purchase new carts. That way, offset the maintenance cost and start a cycle. The maintenance cost—as you see last year, they were \$15,000. You could buy two new golf carts. I went to three of the major golf cart vendors in the area. I got quotes. They all came out here, looked at our current fleet. They all gave me trade-in values so we could determine the best price we'd get from our existing carts, and then from there we also customize them to make sure they have everything they need to operate on campus and so that is what this is for. This is for eight carts, including trade in values by reducing the size of our fleet. The source of this funding should be from payroll. SAFE Team—this year, they were funded for fifty-five total positions, and they do not plan to fill all those positions this year because they see it as unnecessary. That is why this is coming out of their payroll. They only currently have thirty employees out of the fifty hired. They have plenty of money to transfer that. In their annual they plan on decreasing the number of employees to reflect that they no longer need all of those positions.

Senator Abraha: Does anyone have any questions? Are you finished, Mr. Housman? Does anybody have any questions?

Chairwoman Kattih: Was this problem thought of during the ASRC process in the 2013-2014 year? My question is why did they ask for so much payroll and why did they not consider the fact that they would need to update the carts?

Mr. Housman: There are two main reasons. Past administrations haven't put as much thought or detail with working with the agencies, so pretty much things were pushed through as-is. In the same idea, the previous directors didn't really care that much. With this administration and new directors, they really want to make SAFE team more efficient, reduce the payroll to a more appropriate amount during the funding cycle.

Chairwoman Kattih: So if this request were to be approved we should expect the request in ASRC to be significantly decreased in terms of both payroll and maintenance?

Mr. Housman: They are actually funded about \$5,000 for maintenance. Last year, they went \$10,000 over that. This year, they are already at their \$5,000. That was through early September, so that might not count. The maintenance might stay the same, but they won't be going \$10,000 more over.

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: I'll clarify. I remember last year during the ASRC process, there was a priority of which things were needed to be replaced first, so they asked a request for radios that were probably in even worse shape than the golf carts were, so they didn't want to put everything on the backs. ASRC looked at that and I believe they subsidized that request, and so now that they've come back this year and see that they see an excess of payroll, they can put in requests that wasn't in ASRC last year.

Senator Aziz: Do you have a breakdown of per golf cart? Something in more detail for the committee?

Mr. Housman: Not with me, because the breakdown includes the different brands of the trade-ins and the accessories that all of the golf carts have to have, like the brush guards and—campus actually requires turning signals and horns on the carts, so between all of these ridiculous things, it comes out to \$42,000 for eight. That's a little over \$5,000 each, counting for the trade-in and considering the competitive quotes.

Ms. Galchenko: And he did show me the three quotes from the three different vendors that had the trade-in values for the carts, so the quotes were all good as far as university standpoints are concerned.

Senator Abraha: How many golf carts are there right now?

Mr. Housman: They currently have sixteen carts. Some of them aren't in great condition. What they are going to do is going to trade in twelve carts and they are going to purchase eight ones, since they don't need sixteen carts and they don't have a need for it and some of just sit there. That way, they are running mostly the new carts. The four main carts are going to be the old ones, which they can use if the new ones are in maintenance. It keeps it more balanced.

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: What is the life span of these golf carts that we plan to buy?

Mr. Housman: They are the same model as the current ones, so with proper maintenance, probably about four to six years. They do run 6-8 hours a day for every day of the year. They are only closed on university holidays.

Senator Abraha: Do we have any further questions? With that, if anyone can motion to enter discussion?

Chairwoman Kattih – *Motion to enter ten minute discussion on SAFE Team budget transfer, accepted.*

Senator Abraha: Do you want to state your grounds?

Chairwoman Kattih: It's committee.

Senator Abraha: Mr. Houseman, if you... Thank you. Ms. Kattih, if you wanted to start us off with a discussion since you motioned.

Chairwoman Kattih: For new committee members that don't know, how this works is first, they introduce what they are asking for and why they are asking for it. Next, we go into a discussion. We talk about whether we think this is a good idea or not. Ultimately, you guys are all going to be voting on this. If we still have questions, we can bring them back in and have them answered. If not, we can go into voting procedure. So to

start us off, it seems a lot of money, but it is covering eight new golf carts, which is a significant amount of material. They should be able to last us for five to six years like he said. Yes, it's a large amount of money, but I think it would help to offset the maintenance fees eventually. What do you guys think?

Senator Lopez: So four to six more years? Wouldn't it be smarter to stagger it, like do two progressively? Then once you get to that sixth year, you can add two more onto it. You're always getting new ones instead of waiting four to six years to do a big purchase like that.

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: I think this is something that sort of reflected in the request because they are still going to have four remaining golf carts that in four years, they will probably get to the point that they will need five new ones, so they can have twelve golf carts and sets of two or three years have four switch on and off. I think that's the reason why they are buying eight instead of twelve—not sixteen, because they feel they don't need sixteen. I think that may be the only reason why they are not buying more, because they are going to buy three or four more in the coming years.

Senator Romero: Point of clarification, since I came in five minutes late, these \$42,000 are requested to purchase eight new golf carts because they have—that being said, they are turning in twelve golf carts. Are they receiving any money for turning those in? How does that work?

Senator Abraha: I think it works like turning in a used car. It subsidizes the cost.

Chairwoman Kattih: So the \$5,250 per golf cart is going to be after the trade-in.

Senator Romero: Okay.

Chairwoman Kattih: With the revenue generated from the trade-in, this is going to be the cost of eight.

Senator Abraha: Do you guys need to see price by price for each golf cart? Is that important to you all?

Senator Romero: When did SAFE Team first start? When did they first purchase golf carts? It was a while ago?

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: I know he talked about these carts being in circulation for six years.

Senator Romero: Based off of going off the chart, I thought it started in 2010. It took two years for them to need it—okay.

Senator Abraha: I think the chart shows when they started needing a large amount of maintenance.

Senator Hernandez: Just a question. Who funds the maintenance fees? Where is that money coming from?

Senator Abraha: From A&S fees.

Chairwoman Kattih: It's usually—and Adam, correct me if I'm wrong—it's usually funded in the budget for SAFE Team. It's in programming. Keeping up with the golf carts is one of their programming costs, so we fund that.

Senator Odeh: Why are we using golf carts on SAFE team? I thought they were walking people and not using the golf carts anymore? What's the purpose? That's what I know.

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: The best way to reply to that is that they did try that—I think it was last year when they started circulating that proposal. I think the problem with them is they realized that it wasn't being as efficient in terms of two people walking from one place to another. Unlike the golf cart, which took ten minutes to get all the way across campus, or even less than that, walking is almost twice as much. They are still doing that. If they are in groups of two or three, they might send one person to go walking, but I think they realized that while this is a good idea, and they would hope they will try to use it, the reality is that there is one person wanting to go to one from one side of campus to the other and one person on a golf cart is more efficient, and more cost-effective in terms of labor, than two people walking. The idea and the proposal still being used to walk people, but it's not as prevalent in what they want to show last year. Does that help explain?

Senator Odeh: I believe so, yes.

Senator Abraha: Do we have any other questions? Do we feel comfortable enough to vote on this, or would you guys like to table it until next meeting? Is there any other information you want to consider?

Senator Lopez: So this is coming from money they requested for salary? If it isn't approved, it will just sit there?

Senator Abraha: Yes. It will still be in payroll until they come up with another sort of plan.

Chairwoman Kattih: If it's not transferred from payroll and is still unused in payroll, it gets swept back with unallocated cash.

Senator Lopez – *Motion to vote on budget transfer, accepted.*

Senator Abraha: Before we get to that, let the record show—

Chairwoman Kattih: Objections.

Senator Abraha: Before we get to that. One second.

Senator Rodriguez: Can I ask a question?

Senator Abraha: Yes.

Senator Rodriguez: Can we change the amount of cars that we're going to buy?

Senator Abraha: Yes, you can.

Senator Rodriguez: Can we do five instead of eight and half how much we are spending for repair costs instead of spending \$42,000 straight away?

Senator Abraha: Yes. If you want to motion a certain number you have in mind, then we can put it into discussion with the rest of the committee members.

Chairwoman Kattih: Typically, we've been—our budget transfers are kind of all or nothing.

Senator Abraha: I thought we can alter them.

Chairwoman Kattih: We can, but it's just been our precedent to—actually, before you do that, can you either take an objection to his motion or have him rescind his motion?

Senator Lopez rescinds.

Chairwoman Kattih: Going back into our discussion--

Senator Abraha: One second. Let the record show that Mr. Romero walked in at 12:06 and Mr. Fernandez walked in at 12:09.

Senator Romero: I would offer a point. If you are going to make a suggestion or motion to change the number, also try to make a reasoning for why you did that so it's not arbitrary, the number that you're choosing. Also, I don't think the only option should be funding it all or nothing just because that's what we've done before. Standards are what we have for funding certain things, but not necessarily for passing budgets. So I don't think it applies.

Chairwoman Kattih: If you do have a suggestion on what you would prefer the budget transfer to be, I would suggest bringing in our representative to see what the projected repair costs would be more cost-effective. That would just be my opinion.

Senator Abraha: Do we want to call back Mr. Housman?

Senator Aziz: I was going to ask, what did you mean by projected repair cost? Like if we change the amount?

Senator Rodriguez: From the chart?

Chairwoman Kattih: If there's new golf carts if there's five new golf carts, you're still repairing seven of them, which is more than repairing four. So there would be a difference in repair costs in the upcoming year, and that may influence our decision. Does that make sense?

Chairwoman Kattih – *Motion to bring back in Mr. Housman to answer further questions, accepted.*

Senator Abraha: Are there any objections? Seeing none. Mr. Aldridge? Hi, Mr. Housman. My committee member had a few questions for you.

Senator Rodriguez: What do you think the projected repair cost would be if we did five golf carts instead of eight?

Mr. Housman: It's hard to say. You don't really know what's going to go wrong with them. What happens is we take them over to Physical Plant. They have a full vehicle repair shop that services university vehicles. What drives up the cost is—they are almost vehicles. Sometimes the transmission goes on them. You don't know what to expect them because of the HMUs, so anything big can go wrong at any time, which will drive the cost up. So it's hard to say "Let me get rid of these five and hope that these are the ones that are going to have the problems." You can't really say.

Senator Rodriguez: Are they consistently the same parts having the same problems?

Mr. Housman: It's spread apart. They have their own issues. There's no car I know where they have any current problems. One week, this is wrong with it, and the next it's something else.

Chairwoman Kattih: If we were only to fund up to five carts, would they still trade in twelve?

Mr. Housman: No. They wouldn't trade in any more than that amount. They still probably want to keep that balance of carts, because they are going to be running six to eight carts a night anyway. They don't want to reduce the size of the fleet further.

Chairwoman Kattih: They want to have a sixteen-cart fleet?

Mr. Housman: Twelve. Did I do my math right? Yes.

Senator Abraha: Do we have any other questions? Motion to enter discussion again? Can I get a motion?

Senator Rodriguez – *Motion to re-enter discussion, accepted.*

Senator Abraha: Any objections? Seeing none. Do you guys have any further points to raise?

Chairwoman Kattih: My personal opinion would be that it would be a good idea for us to have them trade in twelve for eight, just because they are reducing their fleet size to twelve, so it's kind of—they are getting rid of ones that are already obsolete. It's been six years. At the same time, they are starting a new program. But if anyone thinks it's a good idea to have less replaced, and then let me hear your opinion.

Senator Rodriguez: I was thinking that we could lower the repair cost and then every progressive year, we could keep lowering it, like steps. So let's say we repair five or six, then next year we could replace two, and so on.

Senator Lopez: The only thing about that though is that going back to the whole payroll thing, they have this money available now and I'm pretty sure they are not going to get the same amount allocated next year. They are going to have to put that in whatever budget they are requesting for ASRC. Instead of it going through like this, it's going to be a whole different process, if that makes sense.

Ms. Galchenko: Since SAFE Team asks the same amount of repair costs every year, and that cost is not sufficient to keep up with the need of the repairs that are going on with the golf carts, I would suggest thinking about buying less golf carts, indicate that on the transfer request however a transfer a higher amount for the repairs that are the golf carts that still remain in the fleet. The cost for the repair is still higher than what they typically ask for. So as Mr. Housman has indicated that the cost per golf cart typically is about the same as if you were going to buy a new golf cart with the trade-in value. So it's whether you actually buy a cart or you need to just transfer the amount for the repairs for that car that you are not trading in.

Senator Romero: Who were these exact numbers—they cut \$42,000 from payroll?

Chairwoman Kattih: In the ASRC they requested payroll for fifty people, and they—fifty-five I think—they have only hired thirty of those because they don't need all of that, I guess, man force.

Senator Romero: Do you know how much they get paid?

Chairwoman Kattih: I think it varies. Eight something. \$8.15.

Senator Abraha: Are you trying to figure out how much they got last year?

Senator Romero: What they are trying to transfer from what they cut and what they are trying to transfer. If they cut \$50,000 and are transferring forty-two or if they cut forty-two and are transferring forty-two. Do you see that I'm saying?

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: I don't want to appear like I'm—but I don't understand why that's necessarily relevant.

Senator Romero: If they are being diligent to cut, maybe save us even more money than they are planning on transferring, I think that helps solidify how they are budgeting and how they are spending their money. We are supposed to fund based off of the legitimacy of their budget. If they are budgeting and spending their money wisely, that can be taken into account. That was the only reason I asked.

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: I'm not necessarily sure if they are transferring every single dollar that is available to transfer, so I'll admit that. There may be a little left over there just in case they maybe decide that they want to hire five more that they didn't realize before, or they want to have another budget transfer to another area that we didn't initially foresee, so I am sure there's probably a small amount that's I'd say five to ten thousand, if that was the case, that they are not transferring. But so they are reducing the general field staff because that's who drives the carts. So \$7.79 times eighteen times forty...

Ms. Galchenko: The (inaudible) hasn't increased anyway. If you delete 20 employees at \$8.15 each, then it comes out to be \$143,000 that you save.

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: So it's a little bit more than that—they are not transferring all of what they are saving to hire less people.

Senator Romero: Right, which is good.

Senator Abraha: Do we have any other points to raise?

Chairwoman Kattih – *Motion to vote on budget transfer, accepted.*

Senator Abraha: Are there any objections? Seeing none.

YES: Fernandez, Kattih, Lopez, Romero, Oliver, Rodriguez, Odeh, Hernandez

NO:

8-0-1, SAFE Team budget transfer is passed.

2. Interim Budget Requests

Read-a-Bull

Senator Abraha: Next on the agenda is going to be budget requests. First one is Read-a-Bull. This is the purpose of the organization. They requested for thirty-five shirts and they were allocated \$175. For their Halloween party, it was zero funded because it passed. Book club movie night, *The Outsiders*, they requested \$30, they were fully funded. *Never Let Me Go* book discussion was zero funded—do you know?

Chairwoman Kattih: They were approved nine events total. This was one of their less important events.

Senator Abraha: *Everything is Illuminated* book discussion, it was fully funded. Holiday get-together, for twenty people, \$30 for food and \$25 for materials. Founder's Day party, thirty people, they asked for \$75 and it was allocated \$60, the (inaudible) book discussion, \$20 food \$10 materials, and *Uglies* book discussion was zero

funded. *Go Ask Alice* was zero funded. *Sirens of Titan* was funded \$12, *Penelopaid* book discussion was funded \$12 *Motherless Brooklyn* was funded \$30, Easter Book Hunt was funded \$25 for food and zero funded for materials. That is all.

Senator Lopez: For those last two, were they on the same day?

Chairwoman Kattih: It's up to you guys. We can not fund it. I thought they were significantly—

Senator Kattih – *Motion to zero fund Motherless Brooklyn book discussion.*

Senator Abraha: Do we have any objections?

Senator Romero: Can you state...?

Chairwoman Kattih: Because they occur on the same day. We typically don't fund events on the same day because we don't thing organizations...

Senator Romero: Okay.

Senator Abraha: Is that okay?

Senator Romero: Yes.

Chairwoman Kattih: I would motion to zero fund the *Motherless Brooklyn* book discussion and instead fund another one of the book discussions.

Ms. Galchenko: Easter book hunt asked for donations for the books, so I would actually zero fund that one because it's fundraising. All the gift cards are zero funded already, but it's because of the fact that you are required to donate 5 books.

Senator Kattih – *Motion to zero fund Easter book hunt, accepted.*

Senator Abraha: Are there any objections? The Easter book hunt has been zero funded for materials.

Ms. Galchenko: I don't want to be a devil's advocate, but last week, you had zero funded the poetry club for their weekly or monthly poetry readings, and you are funding these monthly book discussions for this club. How is it different?

Senator Lopez: I was going to mention the same thing. I was going to ask how frequently they meet. It appears this would be their general body meeting. If you want to argue that it is open to everyone, I feel like unless they are properly advertising what books they are discussing in time, no one would really come to this unless they want to sit and listen other people talk about a book.

Chairwoman Kattih: When I met with the student organization, I asked them this question. They said that they do also hold general body meetings, which they collectively as a group meet and do fun stuff, and that's what their general body meetings are. Then they let their organization members know what books are coming up to be discussed in the future. She said the book discussions are a different type of event. The reason why I went ahead and funded it is because they also host general body meetings, which we don't fund. In terms of the poet club, when I met with them, they didn't indicate that they had anything that would be a general body

meeting besides poetry slams, and that's why in that case we felt it was appropriate to not fund them. But again, it's up to you guys to decide where to draw that line.

Senator Aziz: Can you scroll up to the movie screening? Ms. Kattih, don't they have to purchase a license to watch the movie, since it's not for home use? Did they explain it or did they talk about it or anything?

Chairwoman Kattih: I did not mention it.

Senator Abraha: It will be up to committee if they still want to fund it or if anyone has a motion to do otherwise.

Chairwoman Kattih: Just to avoid any gray area, Mr. Aziz brings up a good point. I would suggest not funding that movie night and instead funding another one of the book discussions.

Senator Abraha: any objections to that motion?

Chairwoman Kattih – *Motion to zero fund Book Club movie nights and fund Never Let Me Go book discussion, accepted.*

Senator Abraha: Any objections to both motions? None seen. Which one did you want to fund?

Chairwoman Kattih: The *Never Let Me Go* discussion.

Senator Lopez: This is a point of clarification. He was saying about the movie, the copyrights I guess, what was that you were saying?

Senator Aziz: Like, since you're not using it in your home with your friends. In our use, you have to purchase a license.

Senator Lopez: Okay.

Senator Aziz: Otherwise we're against copyright and being in trouble with the law.

Senator Lopez: Were you bringing that up for us to zero fund it, or to maybe give them more so they can request the license? Or do you not pay for a license?

Senator Aziz: I just asked a question if she asked.

Chairwoman Kattih: The fact that he brought that point up made me want to zero fund the event because the organization didn't bring that point up at all, so they didn't even think about buying the rights to the movie. They do have flexible spending, so if they do eventually decide to buy that license, they may have that flexibility.

Senator Abraha: Is the movie available in the library? I don't know how old that movie is. Is it available in the library or anything like that?

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: The organization is more than able to check the library for any of the movies that are out there, but it's not on us to look that up because we're not funding anything to it.

Senator Abraha: But if they are having the movie night, and we don't have any issues with the rights, we can still fund the food for that movie night correct? Because it doesn't violate anything.

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: I suppose the answer is yes, but if they are not, in meeting with the organization that is something that is usually asked. So if they are not—they didn't say they were going to be able to get it in the library, then that option is not available.

Senator Abraha: So my point is we don't know where they will be able to get a movie from, whether a licensing issue will be—

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: I guess if the question is not asked, then no, you don't know.

Chairwoman Kattih: My point is just to avoid that lack of clarity, I motioned not to fund it and no one objected.

Senator Romero: At the end of the day, we do our best to help these organizations. But the burden of proof is on them. It's on them to prove that they got the rights, or if the movie does have the rights according to the school. So it's our job to help them. But if we can't help them at this point, we can just make sure they stay clear.

Senator Lopez – *Motion to vote.*

Senator Lopez rescinds.

Senator Odeh: Just a point of clarification, if we were to fund the movie night, would we fund the licensing of it or would that be on them? Just for future reference.

Pro-Tempore Aldridge: A&S fees can be used for that. The problem is that the budget right now is—I think every licensing is at least \$500. I know it's always that expensive. Movies on the Lawn, for example, it's really expensive for what they do. So yes, A&S fees can be spent for that, but in this budget, the amount is probably too much.

Chairwoman Kattih: To clarify, if it was asked for in a budget, then we would have to discuss it.

Senator Lopez – *Motion to vote, accepted.*

Senator Abraha: Are there any objections? The budget total they requested is \$796.98, and they are going to receive \$417.64. They do not receive a 25% cut.

YES: Fernandez, Kattih, Lopez, Romero, Oliver, Rodriguez, Odeh, Hernandez

NO:

8-0-1, Read-a-Bull budget is passed.

ESTEEM (Empowering Survivors Through Educational Experiences in Medicine)

Senator Abraha: Next one is going to be Empowering Survivors Through Educational Experiences in Medicine, ESTEEM. At the top, we have the mission statement of the organization. They requested \$300 for physical exams skills workshop for providers caring for victims of intimate partner violence. They were allocated \$100 for food, \$250 for materials. They asked for violence awareness in domestic violence, \$200 for food and \$250 for materials. That included shirts. That is all.

Chairwoman Kattih: To clarify for committee, I know we rarely do this, but they asked for \$50 only for their materials. They were funded \$250, because the Oracle ad we typically fund \$200, and their medical supplies,

when I met with her what she was referring to requested materials, they needed medical supplies for this event and the cost of that was \$50, which is why I funded them \$250. Just kind of why is the amount more than what they requested.

Senator Abraha: Does anyone have any questions?

Senator Romero – *Motion to vote, accepted.*

Senator Abraha: Any objections? The amount is they requested \$954 and they were allocated \$848. They do not receive a cut.

YES: Fernandez, Kattih, Romero, Oliver, Rodriguez, Odeh, Hernandez

NO:

7-0-1, ESTEEM (Empowering Survivors Through Educational Experiences in Medicine) budget is passed.

Association of Percussive Arts

Senator Abraha: Next one is going to be Association of Percussive Arts. Their mission statement is up top. They requested \$2,204.80. For their first event, they were allocated \$200 for food \$250 for materials. For their clinician, they were allocated \$150 for speakers, and the same thing for speaker fees again for \$150 and that is all they requested.

Chairwoman Kattih: To clarify with this budget, I know we've had as precedent to only fund two speaker fee events, but since speaker fees was the main component of what they were asking for, I felt it was appropriate to fund them for all three of their events. Their first event, what I funded was \$100 for general materials, which we typically fund, and then \$150 for speaker fees. The other two, they were just asking for speaker fees, so I funded that based on our standards.

Senator Romero: Did they specify—it said they were bring three to five schools from local areas. Did they specify that the eighty to a hundred people would be all USF students?

Chairwoman Kattih: They said they were all USF students from the School of Music mostly, but it was open to everyone.

Senator Aziz: Can you click on the first description? What's after "our"?

Senator Romero: Did you fund—it says two separate dates for the McCormick Marimba festival – did you fund for one day, or did you fund the \$200 for food and \$250 for materials for one day? Did you just put it between two?

Chairwoman Kattih: So the way I made my recommendation was based on this being a single event, so I treated it as one day basically. Because they only requested for \$200 for food, I don't think that really matters, but my allocation was based on an average of one hundred people for \$2 per head. So \$200 for food, to the maximum of the food they requested, and then the speaker fee, we just do that based on standards.

Senator Abraha: Does anyone have anything else?

Chairwoman Kattih – *Motion to vote, accepted*

Senator Abraha: Any objections? With that, we go into voting procedure. The final amount is they requested \$2,204.80, and they were allocated \$795. They do not receive a cut.

YES: Fernandez, Kattih, Romero, Oliver, Rodriguez, Odeh, Hernandez

NO:

7-0-1, Association of Percussive Arts budget is passed.

Chefs at USF

Senator Abraha: Our last budget bill of the day is Chefs at USF. They asked for \$1,054.70 and they were allocated \$916. They asked for \$60 for Veteran's Day, \$25 Thanksgiving dinner, \$90, \$35, \$60 for Welcome Back Social, \$5 for materials, \$60 for healthy eating, \$5 for materials. For Valentine's Day social, \$60, \$5 for materials, and for their (inaudible) they were allocated \$60 for food and \$150 for materials and \$50 for additional materials. Exploring Mexican cuisine was zero funded because that would have been their ninth event. Food around the world was \$90 for food and \$25 for materials, and spring social was \$60 for food and \$25 for materials.

Senator Aziz: Just scroll back up. For the Veteran's Day Celebration, are they planning to have it on Veteran's Day? It's an off-campus request if it's happening on Veteran's Day. School is closed on Veteran's Day.

Senator Abraha: That's why they are trying to figure it out, if they wanted to have it off-campus, they are going to submit one and see if they will be allowed to have it.

Chairwoman Kattih: I don't know if I made this clear to them, or if you did—

Senator Abraha: It won't be on that exact day, though. They are celebrating that day, though.

Chairwoman Kattih: When you are requesting money for events that are off-campus in your budget, they are typically not funded unless an off-campus request accompanies them. So they would have to submit the off-campus request before we could fund this.

Senator Abraha: They are only doing it off-campus if Dining—Dining has given them downstairs kitchen area in the first floor of the Marshall Student Center. They are only going to ask off-campus if they are unable to use—they are okaying them, but that's the only time they are using the off-campus request.

Chairwoman Kattih: Currently, there is an on-campus location?

Senator Abraha: Yes.

Chairwoman Kattih: I guess his question comes back up. Is it going to be on Veteran's day?

Senator Abraha: I don't think so. I think they are going to be celebrating it, but I don't think it will be this. You can zero fund it if you feel like it.

Chairwoman Kattih: I think as long as they've worked something out with Dining, then it's still on campus.

Senator Odeh: Can we motion to table it until further clarification?

Chairwoman Kattih: What clarification do you need?

Senator Odeh: About whether it would be held on Veteran's Day or not, and if it will be on off-campus or not, and if a request would be submitted.

Chairwoman Kattih: Ms. Abraha, maybe you can clarify that?

Senator Abraha: I don't think that will make that much of an impact, even if we zero fund it. If we don't feel comfortable, I would suggest—I don't—the exact date it wasn't 11th, but I don't want to say that.

Chairwoman Kattih: I would suggest that based on the fact that campus is closed on Veteran's Day, they won't have it on Veteran's Day, because there is no way possible, so we don't need to worry about that. And the fact that meeting with them has found out that they would have it on campus is enough of a reason for us to fund it. If it won't be funded on campus, then when they submit their off-campus request, these funds can be used off-campus if approved.

Senator Abraha: If approved by us. They would have to come back to us anyway?

Senator Rodriguez: Why are we giving \$3 per head in the Thanksgiving...?

Senator Abraha: Because it's a banquet style. We can give \$3 per banquet.

Ms. Galchenko: I remember you asked me these questions about whether they will be able to cook on campus or not, but do they carry liability insurance?

Senator Abraha: Dining worked out something. They are going to have a chef present at all times with them. They spoke to the director of Dining Services. Their first meeting is going to be on October 30th. They seemed to have worked something out. Any further questions? Any motions?

Senator Rodriguez – *Motion to vote, accepted.*

Senator Abraha: Any objections? None seen. With that, we will enter voting procedures.

YES: Fernandez, Kattih, Romero, Oliver, Rodriguez, Odeh, Hernandez

NO:

7-0-1, Chefs at USF budget is passed.

Senator Abraha: The total amount is \$916.

Announcements

Senator Abraha: Are there any announcements?

Chairwoman Kattih: Audits. The event audits have been sent out last week for this week and last week, so I'll have Mr. Aldridge send that out again to everybody. Make sure you audit at least one upcoming event in the week.

Senator Abraha: Any motions?

Senator Romero – *Motion to adjourn, accepted.*

Senator Abraha: Any objections? Seeing none.

Meeting adjourned at 12:56 PM.

Transcribed by Senate Committee Secretary, Stacy Dolan.