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**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance:**

[Gavel]

Patel: Alright, I call this meeting to order at 6:05 pm on September 24<sup>th</sup>. The first item on the Agenda is the Pledge of Allegiance, can I have everyone stand please? Mr. Cox can you take us off.

Senators: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands. One nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Patel: Thank you.

**First Roll Call:**

Patel: Alright, next item is the Roll Call, if you can have your clickers out. Just click one if you're here. Is that everybody? With that we have 31. Let the record state that Mr. Antar walked in at 6:06 pm. Moving on down the Agenda.

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

Patel: Next item, additions/deletions/or clarifications to the orders of the Day. We have to add the Statutory Legislation that was sent out right here, SB [S] 54-008, Clarifying Ad-Hoc Elections. Can I get a motion to add it to the Agenda? Senator Brown?

Brown: I motion to add it to the Agenda.

Patel: Any objections to adding to the agenda, preferably after Fiscal Legislation? Seeing no objections, it will be added. Cool, we'll fix that with it. Now can I get a motion to accept the Agenda if they are no more concerns. Senator Hartmann.

Hartmann: Motion to accept the Agenda.

Patel: Any objections? Seeing none, the Agenda has been accepted.

**Additions/Deletions and/or Changes to the Minutes:**

Patel: Additions/deletions and/or changes to the Minutes. They were sent out rather late, as compared to normal. If you didn't have time to go over them I'm more than welcome to accepting a motion to postponing them. If you're comfortable with them obviously need an approval. Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: Motion to postpone the Minutes.

Patel: Any objections to postponing the Minutes that were sent out for July 16<sup>th</sup>? Seeing no objections, they are postponed till next week.

**Legislative Branch Report:**

Patel: Legislative Branch report. The Chairs are in the back today, you are more than welcome to delegate one of your Vice Chairs who are sitting in the front, or you can make your own reports. Senator Antar.

Antar: Do you want to?

Patel: Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: Hello everyone. Alright, well umm this week actually last week in Rules it was actually pretty busy. We only had one item to take care of which was SB [S] 54-008 which we will see tonight in Senate. Ms. Little is sponsoring that Statutory Bill and it has to do with Ad-Hoc Elections. Other than that umm pretty much nothing else, any questions? Alright.

Patel: Thank you ma'am. Senator Kattih. If you...Senator Abraha.

Abraha: Hi everyone. Tonight we're going to have about seven Budgets in front of you. And we've gotten our Audits in progress. You've gotten that in Mr. Aldridge's email if you read his report, the audit form is in there. Umm we have A&S events at the bottom also, so go ahead audit those and see how it goes. And umm that is all.

Patel: Thank you ma'am any questions? Seeing none, Senator Aziz.

Aziz: I don't know if Ms. Little wants to do it.

Patel: Senator Little.

Little: You want me to do it.

Aziz: Yeah.

Little: Good evening everyone. Umm last Monday in JEC we had several successful confirmations and umm a beautiful ice breaker presented by Student Body President. And we look forward for more confirmations in the future thank you.

Patel: Any questions? Seeing none. Senator Alqasemi.

Alqasemi: My Vice Chair is not here to give the report, so anybody want to volunteer and give it from my Committee? Sophia? I'll say what we did. We went over...

Colon: I'll do it.

Alqasemi: Yeah you want to do it?

Colon: Yeah sure. Umm well it's Special Funding. We approved how many, like 4...we approved 4 budgets from Student Organizations. Umm it was really interesting to see how we all worked together, actually pretty awesome Committee, if anybody else wants to joins.

Alqasemi: You want to talk about Homecoming?

Colon: Oh, so yesterday we discussed the fact that instead of having all the Homecoming Representatives who want Special Funding from Student Government to come to us, we have delegated each of us to take on one organization, talk to them, and present at next week's meeting. So if anybody wants to sit in on that, please by all means Mondays 2pm to 3pm, SG, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, should be interesting. Anything else?

Alqasemi: Umm we had 12 Homecoming Grants, or we had 15 but out of those 12 were eligible and 3 were not. Pretty good number, so we're going to have some fun allocating to them. Any questions?

Patel: Seeing no questions, Senator Cocco...Ms. Burr.

Burr: Hi everyone. So big news next week we're having our first Tent Day snaps for that. Umm it is going to be that's October 1<sup>st</sup>, on Tuesday. Set up starts at 10am, and the Tent Day is actually going to go from 11am to 1pm. And we need Volunteers to help us out from 12pm to 1pm. So if you guys are around, even if it's only for half an hour we would really appreciate your help. We're also going to be reaching out to Safe Team to see if anyone of them are available and willing them to help. It's going to be basically an info gathering Tent Day, kind of a meet and greet type thing. Let the Student Body know that we're here and that we want to be there voice. So we're going to be gathering student emails on iPads and also doing little mini interviews with students with a video camera. So hopefully we'll get that put together and you guys will be able to see it. We're going to be handing out water it. That's going to be...help me out Cocco; it's going to be over in the Cooper....

Cocco: Sessums Mall...so...

Burr: Thank you.

Cocco: Where the tropical chicken is.

Burr: So it's kind of a different location than what we we've done before, but yeah. Snaps to Senator Canton and Senator Cano for putting that together for us. Also, coming up we have on October 15<sup>th</sup>, obviously another Tuesday, Senator Hartmann and Senator Lee are putting together another info gathering kind of Tent Day. It's going to be in the Marshall Center, they are bouncing around ideas for that, so if you guys have ideas, talk to them. And October 29<sup>th</sup>, we have our Bulls for Blood ugh Tent Day, which is going to be hopefully will be collaborating with One Blood thanks to umm Senator Brown and Senator Morejon. Umm...I'm saying umm a lot sorry guys. Oh we're also thinking about adding a burgers thing to that, so we'll be working on that. As always if you guys have any ideas, please come talk to any of us. And if you're available to help out from 12pm to 1pm over in the Sessums Mall next Tuesday, we would really really appreciate it. We do have a rain location in case we have gross weather, it will hopefully be in the MSC atrium. But yeah if you guys are around please talk to Cocco, or I or any of our Committee Members. And I think that's it, excellent. Thanks guys, any questions? Cool.

Patel: Thank you. Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Ughh okay. Ugh let's see. The SG polos are going to be ordered this week, hopefully be in by...they are in the process of being ordered. I'm not sure; I've not talked to Mr. Housman yet today. That should be in by, hopefully the middle of October. I first want to thank all of you for indulging my commitment to honor handbook forms. I know it's sort of little frustrating at times, but it's important to do that. It's sort of just you know a basis that we're going to hold ourselves to a higher standard throughout the year. And so with that I think with the exception of one, I think everyone has got it done. So I appreciate your support on that. Let's see what else, there's a bunch of things. Ughh we've ugh, we've been meaning to...ugh. The only other thing I know for sure is positive points; umm I have the list as updated as up to date as I can. As it was

stated the Chairs, I believe I said this last week as well. If there are positive points options that the Chairs...the Chairs know what positive point options are for, parallel for each Committee. Umm so if you do want to give positive points, if you're sitting in on meetings with them please let the Chairs know and the Chairs should be letting me know. Umm but I have a list of the standings, and I have ugh prizes for...I'll give them out throughout the rest of the meeting, but I have prizes for the Top 7. The Top 7 has at least 10 points already and I got the first tier. And as well as Ms. Abraha, has reached the second tier and will get a second set of prizes. So umm...I think they're good, I really think they are good. Trust me compared to last year; they are definitely beeter than last year. I hope it's just a good way for you guys to realize how much we appreciate the work that you've been doing. Ugh let's see, okay I'll stop talking. If you have any questions, I know there is some other things. Oh I'll go ahead and touch on the Bucs really quick. We've been able to get the link. It's in the process of being fixed and IT, I hope you know who...or what IT is. Umm they've been working on getting the NetID installed, so we have to log in to be able to be used it. A test run was given on Friday, and we thought maybe you know it would be good for us...it would be available for us today, but hopefully by the end of the week we should have that link. So if not, by the next email with the long email and report, it should be available for you guys by next week's Senate Meeting. And one additional thing, umm I know I sent out about four things, one was the Audit form, but other opportunities. What happens a lot is either Jessica Morgan, or Tammy Dixon, our Office Manager, they send umm like opportunities that get forwarded to them. So if you guys want to take advantage of those opportunities you easily can. There is one that I did not mention, let's see if I can find it really quickly. It's about umm spending a Semester at the Capitol. The... okay good, I have it. Umm there's this Capitol Semester Program, sponsored by the Fund for American Studies, and it's held each Fall and Spring, in Washington D.C. You are guaranteed an internship for at least 30 hours a week while earning 12 credits from George Mason University. Umm so if you guys are interested in sort of working in the public sector, working in Washington D.C., working in the Capital, please let me know, there's a deadline of October 1<sup>st</sup>, to apply to hopefully receive a 5% discount on tuition. So yeah I have that information if anyone's really interested about that just let me know and I can forward it to them. I felt like putting three other things on that long email was enough, so I didn't want to put a forth. I'm trying to be efficient with my emails, I promise so. And that's it, do you have any questions? No actually I have one more thing. I went to the Faculty Senate meeting on Wednesday. It's once a month meetings, where it's just like here except for members of College of Arts & Sciences faculty, College of Medicine faculty, College of Education faculty. It's all faculty here, umm so right after the President's address, which may or may not know about; they had to fill up with some questions about the budget. So just when they are asking the same...you know we had an issue with the Library and International Services over the course of this year, trust me the faculty are frustrated as much as we are. Because there are cuts (inaudible) from Academic Affairs, just like they've been cuts to some stuff in Student Affairs that we don't necessarily have prevue over. Umm so that's...I know that's sort of a ugh a very quick concept to it, it's a much longer discussion. But to just sort of...I represent the Senate each month there and so if anything else comes up I'll be able to report to you guys what's going on there, so.

Patel: Senator Cocco.

Cocco: Umm would you two be open to having the President Gregory Teague, address the Senate?

Aldridge: I'm sure that we can. I know one thing that we've been doing is kind of avoiding competitive presentations, umm so that we are focusing more on a specific location. That's why, as Shyam's been mentioning, we're trying to contact Sandy Lovins to come and talk about the Master Plan. So maybe if that were to be available I'd have to talk to him but maybe sometime in late October or early November, we'll see, if so I'll be sure to let you know. Okay, thanks guys.

Patel: Thank you. Any questions for Adam? Seeing none, on to my report. So let's see here, Will and I both sit on the Vice President of Student Affairs Search Committee. So I don't know if many of you guys knew Dr. Dee Siscoe, she was like...like the curly red hair woman. She's like...so imagine Gary, she's like Gary's Boss. So like no different than like Adam is all these chairs...well not you guys, but the Chairs in the back,

he's like right above those Chairs. Like Gary would report to her essentially. So...well actually I think Dean Freeman, ahh all of you guys report to her. So she left, we did our Resolution for her, now we're in the process of finding a new person. That Committee is well under way, I mean it's not really an open Committee, so I can't really discuss other things, just know that it is under way. If you guys have any concerns, we're more than...like I can still bring them to them, so if you guys have any concerns about...I mean for those of you that knew Dee, if you guys want to say this was a good quality about Dee, bring this, we can address that in the Committee. Umm other than that it's ugh, I mean that's the thing near the Patel Building; it was actually in the Marshall Center for once. Okay regardless, we also had the Bucs meeting which was...as Adam talked about, IT is actually responding to things. I know that other people have told us that IT hasn't really...take the motion initiative. I'm getting nods, or I'm getting shakes, but they are actually moving very fast on this. So we're trying to figure out a good way to find like a contact point for IT and figure out who that person is and make sure that's our contact point. So whoever is making all these fast moves, quick pace, we're trying to make sure they're the person we're talking to. Umm we also had talks with Mr. Steve Permuth, who is like ugh...he's...I think he's been here for like 40 years, something like that. Him and Dr. Sullins, both of them are very aged people, but they're really...they've been here forever and they know pretty much everything. Like they will event like crack jokes about each other because they've both been here for like 40 years. Umm so along Cocco's lines, I've talked to them in our Committee, about talking to Senate, but I didn't want to like...make sure those are the only people like if they don't know what they want to present to us. Because we had obviously ask them...we had to come to them with something, not just...it's still knowledge but what knowledge, you know? So like I'm more than open to talking to you about it, figuring out what we want to talk to them about, even if the Senate wants to talk to them about something, they've been here forever. They are senators...like they are Faculty Senators. And one of them is the Dean of Undergraduate students, so like all of us essentially, except for like Ali. Alright then, yeah any more questions? Because like other than that if you guys actually do want anything to happen in Senate just email me, or Adam, or Ali like either of us actually. Just umm anything out of the ordinary, so I know I had a Senator approach me saying hey I want to meet the Dean of my college, I'm more than welcome to figure that out. We're trying to bridge the gap between Deans and Students all the time, well at least SG is. So you can talk to them in SG, you can talk to them as a student; however you want to talk to them. You also have so many resources that sit in the back. Gary has been here forever, Ms. Vicki has been here forever, they all know everything. Aziz has been here forever. Alright, no more questions I guess. Alright...oh Senator Belizaire.

Belizaire: What's the update of us going on a I guess campus tour to the different...

Patel: We're going to split it up into two days, that's what it's looking like because it's not going to...it's going to be very hard. It's not very ugh I guess feasible to have one day where we see everybody in action, because you don't know they're schedules, especially with these people being very busy. So we're going to split it up into two days and we'll probably do CSI on one day and then and...I guess on that day we'll do not as pronounced departments. So we might to like (inaudible), again it depends on people's schedules. But we're going to try and tackle the two, I guess, I don't want to call them more involved, because it's not something we really gauge. But I guess the two more robust ones is CSI and Campus Rec on two different days, that's way it's not like a really big meeting. Because CSI has a lot to go through and Campus Rec has a lot to go through. So we'll split those up, again we'll try to find the time that most of you guys are available to them, but we have to worry about the departments being available. We considered doing the 6 o'clock but they might not be here. So again we'll ask them, we might just cancel a Senate Meeting and walk around campus. Umm yeah I mean any other ...if you guys have any ideas or something like that I'm more than welcome to it, but that's where we are right now. We'll send out doodles and figure out when everyone's free. Seeing none, thank you.

### **Executive Branch Report:**

Patel: Alright moving down, Leg...or Executive Branch Report.

Aldridge: I have it.

Patel: Thank you sir, Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Mr. Warmke couldn't make it so here you go. Student Government will be tabling again tomorrow at Bull Market. I know the Court has also been heavily involved with that and they've been great in that effort. Umm so if you want to stop by and say hi, you know, be involved with that. This week, Will ugh Secretary, Mr. Berkowitz, and Senator Cocco, will be meeting to appoint members to the University Wide Committees. I know it was brought up in Cocco's Committee, today about that. Okay, this week, this Friday they are going to go to Lakeland to begin the allocation process for interim funding for the Lakeland Student Organizations. I believe there are about 4 or 5 of them, and they're going to sit in on that. Umm this weekend is another meeting of the Florida Student Association, so I believe Will and umm Emily Schwab, the Secretary of Governmental Affairs, will be going, umm discussing some initiatives about higher education. Umm yesterday obviously JEC confirmed the other secretaries, Gregory Berkowitz ugh Cameron Fernandez and Nia Jackson. As well as a Coordinator for Public Relations Communications, Michaela Foronda. Next week they're going to see the nominee for Chief Justice, for Attorney General and the other two Coordinators for Programming and Traditions. And so the Chief Justice and the Attorney General, if approved will be by...assuming they will be up here next week. Another opportunity is that the Orientation Bag Stuffing Party will be on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Which is a week from Friday from 10am to 2pm, umm it's helping to prepare the bags for incoming students in the Spring, free lunch will be provided. Let Joseph Michalsky know if you would like to attend. We're going to do ugh...a positive point per 2 hours. So umm it's also a positive point opportunity as well. And if you have any other questions, feel free to contact Will. So.

Patel: Senator Aziz.

Aziz: Did you mention about the Secretary hiring in your report?

Aldridge: Yes, yesterday they confirmed Michaela Foronda for Programming...

Aziz: Senate Secretary.

Aldridge: Oh okay. Oh...that was going to be open forum; sure I'll bring that up too, even though it's Executive Branch Report. Right now we're hiring for a Senate Secretary, umm Stephen who was our Secretary for a couple of years, and does usually the ASRC minutes and other umm sort of any minutes that needed to be done, and he was an alternate Senator in the Summer, sort of stepped down from his position, because he is a TA, also in grad school and involved with CLCE as well. Umm so we've been interviewing candidates for the new Senate Secretary position. We interviewed one yesterday, we have one more on Friday and one more next Monday. So by the next meeting we shall also be able to report a new...or a second Senate Secretary. So this is then obviously in addition to Stacy.

Patel: Mr. Hassouneh would you like to present your...because you are part of the Executive Branch if you would like to mention... you wanted to pass around some kind of polling sign up.

Hassouneh: First and foremost guys I'm not a member of the Executive Branch, I don't know how many times I have to repeat this but I will (inaudible) all of the Senate. Secondly, I was saving this for Open Forum, but polling locations have been set up, they haven't been sent you, they have been sent to the candidates and to Senate leaders. But there will be four...four polling locations, two days, both days from 9am to 5pm, for all the polling locations. I'm going to pass around the signup sheet. You guys will be getting one positive point per hour, great opportunity. Right?

Aldridge: Yes, yes.

Hassounah: One point per hour, so you guys just need to sign up. Ugh I mean all that I know this man probably going to double to his positive points; you guys are more than welcome to join in on this, so passing it down now.

Patel: Thank you sir, any questions about the elections?

Aldridge: Does this say...

Patel: Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Does it say on there where the polling locations are going to be at.

Hassounah: No.

Aldridge: Can you just state really quickly where the polling locations are going to be at?

Hassounah: Oh yeah, okay my bad. I mean the polling locations are going to be in front of the MSC and the Argos Center. You guys know where those are at, obviously. Ugh on both days from 9am to 5pm and then on Tuesday it's going to be at Juniper Poplar from 9am to 5pm and on Wednesday Cypress Hall 9am to 5pm. But I...you guys won't get to choose where you will be, I'm going to put that based off of necessity. Because some will have more, others will have less than they need to have. Because then everybody will be at MSC.

Patel: Thank you sir, any more questions about elections? Senator Belizaire.

Belizaire: There's not a cap to positive points?

Patel: There is no cap to positive points, and that's why whoever gets the most (inaudible) gets the hoodie. You all share one hoodie; it will have all your names on it. Any more questions? Senator Alqasemi.

Alqasemi: Umm can you tell us about maybe how many there are running for each ugh...

Hassounah: For each college?

Alqasemi: Yeah for each college.

Hassounah: No not off the top of my head but I can tell you that there won't be any competition for...I'll stand up. There's 20 applicants, you guys have 18 open seats, there's going to be competition for every college except for Nursing, which as 2 people running for 4 seats. Education has 1 running for 5 seats, and Pharmacy which has 1 running for 1 seat. The rest will have competition, I think College of Arts & Sciences, has 10, depending on the last check because right now I can't tell you ...like I mean there were people that got dropped because they didn't come to candidate meetings and they are going through SGATO review right now, so these are tentative members. But there are 10 for 1 seat in College of Arts & Sciences. I believe 6 for...or 7 for Engineering and there's three seats, right. And there's 8 for what's the other one...

Senators: Business.

Hassounah: Business that right and they have three seats.

Patel: The Supervisor of Elections guys. Thank you, anymore questions? Seeing none.



## **Judicial Branch Report:**

Patel: Judicial Branch Report.

Hamed: Hope everyone's doing well. Like Adam said we're going to be at the Bull Market tomorrow from 9am to probably about 2pm. You guys are more than welcome to come and talk about Senate. Maybe Adam will throw you guys a couple of points or something, I don't know. Umm then later on at 5pm, we're having our Trip Out-planning Committee, we're going to talk about where we're going this year. Right now we're looking at North Florida, probably back to Tally again and possibly UCF as well. And then our general meetings, you all are also invited to that as well, probably won't get points for that. General meeting at 6pm, you might get points for that if you want to come to that, that will be meeting at ugh...we have our Appeals at 7:30pm and we're going to be doing our second kind of demo version of using the Attorney General and Solicitor General. So they will be both giving statements, not arguing, we'll structure it later but they will be giving statements and stuff if you guys want to come and check that out, it's here at 7:30, maybe you'll get points for that too.

Patel: What date was that?

Hamed: Tomorrow at 7:30 pm is the appeals here. So yeah, any questions?

Patel: Senator Cocco.

Cocco: When is your parking forum?

Hamed: Oh yeah thank you. Our parking forum is October 4<sup>th</sup>. It's 2 Fridays from now from 12pm to 2pm down in the MSC Atrium. You guys can get points for that too. Points for everything.

Patel: Thank you sir. Seeing no questions.

## **Open Forum:**

Patel: We're now in Open Forum, like does anyone would like to address the Open Forum body? Senator Canton.

Canton: Hey guys so umm first of all like Senator Burr said, we are looking for volunteers for the final part of umm our first Tent Day. So I wanted to reiterate that. There is also an idea that I've been looking into that I wanted to bring up in front of the Senate and maybe get people thinking on. There was talk in the last presidential elections that some of the candidates were running on for getting a lobbyist for USF. There are other colleges umm that have them, they are a large contingency. I don't think that we personally need a lobbyist that is really expensive. But there are intermediate steps between that that we can look into. I don't know if we've explored it. For instance there's...there's like this organization called Lobby Tools and basically what it does is a digital subscription that you guy and it performs a lot of the services and umm activities that a lobbyist would provide you. It does things like it tracks bills, it updates your notifications, it tell committee meeting times, it issues reports to all the members of an organization, telling them what's going on in their legislative environment. And so I think this is something that may be worth exploring, looking into different services like this, Lobby Tools is just one of them. It's really well known and well respected in Tallahassee and that's why I brought it up. But I think it might be a way for USF, at an acceptable cost, to keep better track of the legislation and the battles that we're going to have to be fighting and allow us to be more proactive. Again I don't know if SG thinks this has been brought up before.

Patel: Well I mean, I'm really happy that you are actually being very proactive. We actually do have a lobbying firm, we bought it...we...ugh...it's a consulting firm yeah. We started I think last year with them, like...I

forgot the name of it. (Inaudible) and Johnson, thank you. And their office is actually up the street at the corner of like Bears and Bruce B Downs. Let's see here we met...the girls name is Amanda, the woman's name is Amanda. She actually has meetings with Will and then it would have been me but obviously (inaudible). Umm but yeah if you have any questions for her you can go ahead and ask Cocco, if you want to push for a certain goal from them.

Canton: I do have a question. What's her last name?

Patel: We just call her Amanda.

Cocco: You probably have it actually Shyam.

Patel: Alright, any more questions. I mean it's what's it called....ugh nope.

Cocco: Go to (inaudible) and she should be there.

Patel: Oh there it is, Amanda Stewart.

Cocco: She's good.

Patel: Anything else for Open Forum. Senator Scharon.

Scharon: So I've been speaking with commuter students and they're telling me they don't feel as involved with USF. That for them there's a half hour drive here and they get here and they don't know any events that are going on and they need to know ahead of time because then it's a half hour drive back home. Umm I have been asked why we don't have more events off campus, and I explained the dilemma that we're trying to reach the most students possible. But umm they didn't...I was...it was a suggestion that possibly we could have some events more targeted towards the commuter students at possibly half way points. So I think...so most of them are half hour, 45 mins away. So like Brandon is like 15 minutes from here...does that make sense? You're giving me a weird look.

Patel: I live in Brandon.

Scharon: You live in Brandon?

Patel: I lived in Brandon.

Scharon: You lived in Brandon, okay so I've been told that was a good halfway point. But maybe this is something Cocco's Committee may want to like poll commuter students, where they live, if there's a good halfway point. I was also told that commuter students have a hard time attending USF events, because they are so late at night and it's a late drive home. So maybe...those are things to consider, because these are students who want to be involved but they're just like we don't know what's going on, we don't know when, and it's really late at night. Oh I also wanted to say, I've been telling people about the Bucs/Dolphins package thing that we are offering to students, and everyone is really excited. They are all like I'm going to buy 3 or 4 tickets and tell my friends. So that was just to add in there.

Patel: Thank you, umm Senator Aziz.

Aziz: To kind of help you, there is a GA in New Student Connections that is solely in charge of transfer students or I mean commuter students, so I can give you that information, if you really want.

Patel: Thank you sir. But again, the logistics, I'm glad you actually understand the concept of why it would be off campus...or why we don't do many things off campus. That's really good that you actually explained it to them like that. Thank you. Senator Cocco actually had his hand up.

Cocco: Ugh Ms. Alqasemi if you want to go first.

Patel: Ms. Abraha then, she was before her.

Cocco: She was first?

Abraha: I don't know if she was addressing her question to her?

Alqasemi: Yeah I was.

Abraha: I'll let her answer, mine is to the lobbyist.

Patel: Thank you, Senator Alqasemi.

Alqasemi: I was just going to suggest, I think it's really important to mention commuter students because I hear that all the time. But I don't know, a lot of us here are commuters and I think you can choose, some of us not all of us, and you can choose to get more involved when you join things. So I think that's something really important that we should kind of maybe help them out with you know and say there is this and this and this that you can join. Maybe like the Note-a-bull news have a lot of events that are going on, so maybe suggest that they read that. Umm just a lot of different things to help them out kind of learn more about what campus has to offer. But I think besides kind of making a half-way point, which is a good idea, but also showing them how to find the resources that will help them you know kind of be more familiar with USF.

Patel: We can start putting them on Zein's list serve because she sends out the Audit List so they will know all the A&S funded events, and that has all the food so what else can they complain about. Questions about the commuter students? Senator Abraha.

Abraha: Do we have a contract with this lobbyist...or umm for how long?

Patel: We only do yearly, like I believe this one was actually three years...one year?

Aziz: One year, \$50,000.

Patel: Thank you. Umm and then it's...like the line item for it in the actual A&S Bill, right it is \$50,000 for here and then I believe \$20,000 more for USF Day at the Capital. So we buy out the day at the capital, and then we use her to make it the best day at the capital. You get it? Senator Abraha.

Abraha: Follow up. Ugh can we do the USF Day at the Capital without this firm and would it be more cost effective to do...to use what Senator Canton suggested since our yearly contract would be up..when actually?

Patel: I think like...the way it works overall for SG is they don't like us making contracts for the next person. So whenever you can avoid it you do avoid it. So I shouldn't be making contracts...I shouldn't be signing something that uses A&S money that the next Senate President should be signing on. So we try to refrain, but if you can't you just do it. Like there's the UP contract that's multiple years, I believe its three years. So those things you just take care of, but you don't do it for many things.

Abraha: Sorry.

Patel: Senator Abraha.

Abraha: What is...follow up. When is this one over? So you signed it on your term?

Patel: Yeah, Will and I signed it on...I think in June. I want to say in late June. Actually it's right here sorry; I should have just pulled it on. Yep, September...oh no this is the old one; It was renewed, which is right here. It's probably August 1<sup>st</sup>, because it's the only date that would be changed. I know they wanted to do a multiple year deal but we actually told them we could only do a year. It's somewhere in this legal jargon. But yeah it's only for a year. I know Senator Aziz your hand shot up then and Senator Cocco, both of you guys tag team.

Aziz: I think she's asking about lobby tool...is that your second question?

Patel: Senator Aziz.

Aziz: I think in the past we explored using it but it wasn't a service that would like really stand out to what our needs were. Like most of the Executive Branch uses it and they said not to use it.

Patel: Senator Cocco, did you have anything to add on?

Cocco: Umm what these folks do is umm, Colton touched up on it., is they schedule meetings that we have with our Legislatures in Tallahassee. So Mark Danish whoever they are the ones who schedule the meetings for us. In addition they are the ones that help reserve the Governors club, when we have our reception for USF Day at the Capital. Also, they have contacts within the business community; they have contacts within pretty much all of our majors here. So that's another avenue to explore with them to bring the people they know and then connect it to us, and to connect y'all with internships and networking opportunities. And lastly Corprin is important because he's looking to be Speaker of the House for Florida House here in about two years...or two or four years. So the fact that we have his firm as a lobbyist and he's going to be Speaker of the House puts us even closer to that aspect.

Patel: Thank you sir. Any more Open Forum announcements.

Cocco: Oh yes.

Patel: Senator Cocco.

Cocco: Capital One Mascot Challenge, I don't know if you guys know about that. Snaps to that. Umm I'll have...I'm sure Aldridge is sending out the link but umm please do that it's important. We're behind Kansas Jayhawks right now, we got to win. Two Committees are at 11am on Tuesdays if you can make it, or if you want to bring any commuter students to the Committee, we'll be glad to talk to them. And three shout out to the USF St. Pete, for having a researcher being named the Brilliant 10 in the popular science magazine, so part of the at St. Pete collaboration that we are doing. And the National Hate Prevention week is this week, for those who are free, come out.

Patel: Any more Open Forum announcements? Again guys, do that Capital One thing because that's the only thing we're going to win this week. So like...I do it while I'm driving, because like something has to happen at this school. Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: I don't have any information but I'll send it out. Next week is the Week of Wellness, it's partnered between the Student Government, Wellness, and ugh the Student Health Services. Are the new confirmed Secretary of Student Success has been working on that, Ms. Jackson. So if you can I think there is a list of

events for each day. I'll go ahead and find the flyer and send it out to you guys in a report, but keep an eye out for that.

Patel: Thank you. Senator Cocco, a question.

Cocco: Yield for a question?

Aldridge: Sure.

Cocco: Could you please send the link to the whole student affairs as well?

Aldridge: You mean a link to the Capital One thing?

Cocco: Yeah. That way they know about it too.

Aldridge and Patel: (inaudible)

Patel: Athletics sends us emails all the time.

Aldridge: We can send it up to the ladder to be sent out across the list to Student Affairs, I don't know if it'll work but I'll send it out.

Patel: That's fine, any more questions? Athletics, I'm sorry I forgot your name. Sorry. If you can just say it for the record though.

Farrell: Mike Farrell for the record.

Patel: Thank you sir.

Farrell: From Athletics. Thank you for mentioning the Capital One goal, Rocky is actually 3-0 currently. We may be a little bit behind the Jayhawk, but we have won three weeks already, so we're winning. Umm and just too...just wanted to let you guys know that we've got a date for the beginning of our basketball season. The schedule has sort of bumped up this year. The NCAA has moved up on when practice times are. So there really aren't a lot of schools doing March Madness anymore. But October 17<sup>th</sup>, we're still trying to decide a time. We're working between one other event that is going to be happening on campus, and then between our men's and women's basketball programs. It's either going to start at 6:30pm, 7:00pm or 7:30pm. So one of those three times our basketball teams will have their big kick off event. And the women are coming off of their greatest year ever, in history. I like the snaps. Umm yeah they were about 10 second away from moving into the Sweet 16, and the men are only one year removed from their best year ever. So you know they are looking to get back on track. And then obviously this weekend our football team is hosting Miami who is number 15 in the country. So, the more that you guys come out the better that support is, the easier it is for us to recruit and bring in better players and take this program to the next level that we all want to see it at. So I hope that we can see you guys there for all those events. Thank you for the time.

Patel: Are you welcome to questions?

Farrell: I'm welcomed to questions yes.

Patel: Are there any questions? Senator Cocco.

Cocco: Where...is it in the Sun Dome the kickoff?

Farrell: Yes it will be in the Sun Dome.

Patel: Senator Bolz.

Bolz: What were you saying about ugh...

Patel: If you can stand, sorry.

Bolz: Yes. What were you saying about ugh the schools not participating in March of Madness? Could you elaborate on that?

Farrell: Oh not March of Madness, I'm sorry, I apologize, I misspoke there. Not a lot of schools will be doing midnight madness this year just due to everything being kicked up a few weeks on the men's side of the practice schedule. Misspoke, my apologies.

Patel: Any more questions? Thank you I appreciate you guys coming out to our Senate meeting, it's pretty boring. Alright, anymore things for Open Forum? Seeing none, we're on to New Business.

## **General Business:**

### **1. Fiscal Legislation on First Reading**

#### **a. SB [A] 54-021 Pre-Veterinary Society**

Patel: First item on the agenda is Fiscal Legislation on First Reading. If someone wants to come up and use this awesome clicker think that I might have just lost. Alright, so everyone does understand this lil number right here. Interim Account balance that they keep telling you guys about but everyone gets it? Let's see... so really quick. This is our Interim Account. What we do is in ASRC is we actually allocate our self a budge. I believe its 150? 150. So we start off with 150 in the beginning in the year, which is actually July 1<sup>st</sup>, which is when the fiscal year actually starts. This has been used for orgs, like imagine you're an org that started after the ASRC application cycle. So like you want to make a brand new org right now and you still want to be A&S funded, you go through the Interim Budget because you can't really get an annual budget from the past that was already allocated. So then this is the money we use for that. We also use money for umm...Exec can request it about 60% of it I believe, for overtime. They can also pull...I believe ERC will be able to pull for it. I think that's pretty much everything it covers. It's like our own allocation for ourselves, so we can allocate to students. Good stuff, here we go.

Abraha: Good evening everyone. This is our first budget for the night, this is the Pre-Veterinary Society. Umm they requested \$869.20 and umm we allocated them \$577.70. We cut from standards and some of their passed events, like Week of Welcome stuff like that. And I will let you see the events that they will be having.

Patel: Any questions? Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: I have a motion to vote on the Bill.

Patel: Any objections to voting on the Bill? You can't object. Okay we are now in voting procedures; please have your clickers out. Unless you're part of the org you're voting. Thank you ma'am. One is yes you approve the Budget. Two is no you don't believe it should be A&S funded, and three is to abstain. Is that everybody? 32:1:1. Again if you have a reason for why you voted no, just state it because you could sway 30...you could sway about 18 votes. Ms. Scharon.

Scharon: I didn't vote no but I had a question about what happens if you do vote no.

Patel: Okay, what's your questions?

Scharon: So let's say half of the people...let's say half of the people decide to vote no and they don't get any funding. Can they come back and...there's nothing they can do they're just budget free?

Patel: We just say we're not going to fund them. Essentially that's the message you send because you just voted no as a consensus.

Scharon: For the record I didn't vote no guys.

Patel: Again, the votes are public record, they are online. So you know, you can find the person. And I don't mind you voting no, just speak out honestly because that's what this forum is here for. Here you go.

**b. SB [A] 54-022 German Culture Club**

Fernandez: This is budget for the German Culture Club. They requested a total of \$3,180; we allocated \$657 with 20 cents. They had the 25% deduction, so the total was \$492.90. They had three events. They were Oktoberfest, Winterfest and the Carnival.

Patel: Senator Belizaire

Belizaire: Hi, umm what kind of materials did they want because it's like \$400?

Fernandez: I know for one of the events they requested costumes, that's was \$150...\$150 for the costume

Patel: Senator Morejon. Senator Bolz.

Bolz: Umm what was the 25% deduction?

Patel: Here if you...

Fernandez: Yeah because they umm...they gave their request after there ugh deadlines.

Patel: So they were already funded once under the annual cycle, so they know the deadlines. That's what we would have to assume. So they missed the known deadline. So it's just like a deduction for you should have came at the right time. Senator Scharon.

Scharon: Is overhead requested or is something that happens in the committee that they allocate?

Patel: Even if they don't request it, we have still have to factor it in because overhead is still assessed to these people. So even if they only requested a \$1000, and we only gave them...like we said your event costs a thousand dollar and we give you a thousand dollars, we have to give them \$1000 and then \$60 overhead underneath that, because it would automatically be taken by ASBO. USF. Anymore questions? Senator Canton.

Canton: So I noticed that they requested \$2,000 for food and then \$1,000 for materials. But in your allocations you gave them more money for materials than for food. Is that because of past events for because of the standards or what?

Fernandez: Umm both, and also because of the costumes, was \$150 for that.

Patel: And just really quickly. For the Fiscal Presentation can you just attach the actual...the budget work. This is to Ms. Kattih. Can you attach the budget work that went through committee?

Canton: Sorry.

Patel: No that's fine. It's actually... like I know I promised it to you last time, I just...forgot to send them this one but I didn't have access to the P-drive on my laptop.

Kattih: Can I...I guess for the record. I want to say that there is a reason we do the PowerPoints and not attach the fiscal legislation because it would be very time consuming to go through every single legislation which the Committee does anyway. I mean if you guys want to look at them before, we will send them out, but I don't know if it's a good idea to look at them during Senate.

Patel: I mean we skip through them on the slide, so when I send them out to them I send out one cohesive slide to show. So that they don't have to jumble through a bunch of them, they understand this org gets this much funding. Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: I think one thing that can help answer that as well. For standards, what the committee tends to follow is \$2 a head for just regular events. And then sort of really...the amount of people was not...they...the request of food was like \$6 a head and so when there is only 30-50 people in the organization they are requesting like \$400 for food, that is sort of not even compatible. So we reduce it down to like if it's 50 people just \$100 for food. So that's how the amount for food was much more...the request was much different than the way the final looks.

Patel: Just so you have an idea this is how it looks. I'll attach them, I'll send the... (inaudible). But I'll send them. But yeah, so just so you guy...like this is all under (inaudible) but this is essentially the same...column you see here, requests, allocations and then for each tab (inaudible). Any more questions? Senator Hassan.

Hassan: *Motion to vote.*

Patel: Any objections to voting on 54-022 German Culture Club and their Budget? Seeing none. One yes, two no, three abstain. **33:0:1, this budget is approved.**

*c.* **SB [A] 54-023 Black Student Movement**

Patel: Moving on down, ma'am?

Kattih: Okay I'll be presenting the next two. We have the Black Student Movement, and they requested \$959.30 and they were allocated \$258.38, after the 25% penalty. They had two events, and they are as follows. Are there any questions?

Patel: Senator Canton.

Canton: Motion to move into voting?

Patel: Any objections to voting? Senator Belizaire, state your objection for the record.

Belizaire: Umm I didn't have time to read.

Patel: Oh. Do you rescind your motion?

Canton: I rescind my motion.

Patel: Thank you sir. Ma'am, Senator Belizaire?

Belizaire: what was the \$15 worth of materials?

Kattih: SO the \$15 for the materials was for the first...or the second event I believe and they only requested that much money. So as per standard we tend to only fund up to the amount that they requested. So it was stuff for utensils, tablecloths, so they thought they only needed \$15, so we allocated appropriately.



Patel: Senator Hassan.

Hassan: *Motion to vote.*

Patel: Any objections to voting? Seeing none. One is yes, two is no, three is to abstain. **33:0:1, this Bill is approved.**

**d. SB [A] 54-024 Improv@USF**

Kattih: Okay, next item on the Agenda. Our next one. Improv@USF they requested \$1,113 and they were allocated \$540.60 for three events. Cuts were made from standards, standards and passed events. I just really want to use the clicker. These are the Fall events, and these are the Spring events.

Patel: Senator Pelegrino

Pelegrino: Could you go back to the first...okay. So this is a new student organization right? Because they don't have a 25% deduction, correct?

Kattih: They could be new or they could have never applied for annual funding. They are new to the annual funding process.

Pelegrino: So that explains the passed events thing right?

Kattih: Passed events are events that already occurred. For example they were in August and we can't fund them because we don't reimburse.

Pelegrino: Oh okay.

Patel: Umm questions? Senator Hassan?

Hassan: It's the wrong past.

Kattih: No it's not, passed is in passed.

Patel: No, no, this means that they have already passed. Like we have passed the goal.

Hassan: You past them.

Patel: Gramatically you're wrong.

Antar: *(inaudible) keep it on the budget and vote.*

Patel: Any objections to Senator Antar's motion to vote? Seeing none, no objections to that. Thank you sir...thank you ma'am. We're now in voting procedures, please do not talk yet. One is yes, two is no, three is abstain. 33:0:1 this Bill is approved.

**e. SB [A] 54-025 Mexican American Student Association**

Patel: Next victim.

Larkins: Umm good evening everyone. This is the Mexican American Student Association. They asked for \$1,961, we allocated them \$695.63. Ugh they have three events, here is the Fall event. Good to go. Umm and these are their Spring Events. Are there any questions?

Patel: Senator Canton.

Canton: Ugh just for clarification, like so you can have...you can request a weeklong event or do you...you don't have to request it as individual events.

Patel: Senator Kattih.

Kattih: So the way they explained this to me, was that all of the funds would be used at the same time. Which is why I allowed it to be one event, umm when I met with them. Simply because they weren't exactly sure when each thing... (inaudible) was going to be used. But it was for Outreach for their organization. So that's why I accepted it. So If you guys have a problem with that, you can come to talk to me and discuss more a line item, and itemized. But...

Patel: Senator Canton.

Canton: I mean my only concern with this is like, if it's...if their not going to be a specific event that they are having each day, I feel like we're just kind of funding their general outreach efforts instead of their events. Which I guess its fine under the A&S Fee, I just had that small concern I wanted to clear out.

Patel: Senator Aziz.

Aziz: I'll give it to Bana.

Patel: Senator Abraha.

Abraha: Oh I just wanted to clarify; it's when they do the MASA week, or LASA week, whatever. It's umm for this one specifically it's going to be Mexican, it's probably going to go around their heritage, so it's not going to be like a general body meeting thing outside. It's specifically ...it's like Black Heritage Month, stuff like that. So it's going to be geared towards that if you have ever been to any of their events. SO it's not like money wasted, is what I'm trying to say. So they will have events in mind when they use this.

Patel: Senator Antar.

Antar: Let me just verify. I think his concern wasn't that it would be wasted, it was instead of funding line item events, we're funding general efforts like just giving them general funds to use it for whatever they want. Umm that was his point was, not that it would be for their general body meeting. I would think, correct me if I'm wrong Mr. Canton.

Canton: He said it much better than I did.

Patel: Senator Kattih.

Kattih: Okay so umm, I guess how I interpreted it, and I understand your point, was the fact that this would all be kind of one event. Like Ms. Abraha was saying, it is one theme, one effort. And so ugh simply because they also didn't request additional events, which was highlighted for you. In the case where they requested money for every single day of the week, it would be a little bit different. But they did kind of give just a breakdown of things that may or may not be...I mean it was flexible so.

Patel: How much out of it was for that week. Out of the \$695? Or actually the allocation before that so \$995.

Kattih: Do you want to pull up...

Patel: Sure. Any more other questions why this is loading? Senator Aziz.

Aziz: I was going to save for the arguments that I guess Canton made about the like spending for outreach. All of the orgs...they still have flexible spending, so they can spend it on anything they desire. (inudible). Like MASA week is kind of their thing for the org, so.

Patel: So if you look at the budget they were allocated \$300 for 100 students, you just roughly say that \$3 a head for outreach purposes I think that's kind of...it's almost...excuse me. For outreach purposes it is still under within its...it's underneath our Proviso of \$7 and close to our standards of \$2. So like we would fund thing like outreach...like t-shirts are considered outreach to us. Like we give them t-shirt money so that they can bring in new members. Personally I think this is a normal event, split up into multiple days. If I had extra food left over I would just throw another event. Senator Scharon...or I mean Senator Antar, if it's still on the same point.

Antar: It is. I think the concern isn't the amount of money that we are giving; it's the precedent we are giving. Our concern isn't that they can spend on whatever they want, it's the concern is the precedent we're setting as to our justification we have written down in our paper trail as to why we gave them that money, that's the concern. The concern isn't the amount of money we gave them, I'm fine with the amount of money, I'm just saying is it alright that we give them this without a concrete date set. Even if they don't end up having it on that same date, according to what we're saying we're just giving it to them without even a concrete line item. Like we're just saying here go spend it all on a period of time.

Patel: I understand as well. Senator Scharon is it along the same?

Scharon: It is.

Patel: Go ahead.

Scharon: You guys said that it's freestanding, they can decide on what they want to do with it. We can also put up an audit, if we give them money for MASA week and they just decide that they just want the money.

Patel: The audit actually serves to still make sure they follow Proviso and they also don't...when you ask them...like okay imagine we funded them for like MASA week and we can see on the budget we funded them for MASA week, you are more than welcome to ask them, why is there no MASA week when we did fund you for that. Even if they don't know...they will know this year, because we'll be sending them this. SO you can ask them why there isn't this, and they should be able to somehow explain why or else it doesn't show structure or stability in an org because they can't plan an event that they're getting money for. Like if SG said they were going to do something and then we didn't have USF Day at the Capital or we use it on something else, it doesn't show stability in us because we can't say what we're doing.

Scharon: So they don't have flexible spending?

Patel: They do have flexible spending because I can't micromanage everything they are doing. Neither can any of you actually, it takes forever. And it will be (inaudible) in that sense. Senator Kattih, real quick.

Kattih: Kind of to address Mr. Ali's point first of all. Flexible spending is there within Proviso, so there are rules but within the amount we give you, within the rules that we already set forth in our Statutes there are limits. So that's kind...there are rules but you're flexible within the rules. The second point is I understand the concern for MASA week, and I understand the concern of the precedent for week long events. Umm however, the cost and the scope of this event seemed like one single events worth of materials, of food, of people, so that's why it was funded as a single line item. That was my justification.

Patel: What I would recommend, because there are two sides for this, you can make a motion to send it back to Committee, to have this thing resolved or you make a motion to vote. Like those are the two standing options to solve this dilemma. Senator Rum.

Rum: Motion to vote.

Patel: Any objections to voting on this Budget Bill? Senator Antar, state your objection for the record.

Antar: *I would like to send it back to committee?*

Patel: Any...or do you rescind your motion? Thank you. So his motion is now standing. Sending it back to Committee, any objections to sending it back to Committee? Senator Abraha, state your objection for the record.

Abraha: Ugh yes I object. I believe that this is umm satisfactory.

Patel: Thank you, do you rescind Mr. Antar?

Antar: Nope.

Patel: We are now in voting procedures. Would you like to vote on...what we vote on is do you want to send it back to committee because this was a standing...this was a standing motion. So yes is send it back to committee, no is it stays right here, we don't vote on it but it just stays right here.

Abraha: Do I stay right here?

Patel: You can grab your clicker. You can stand here.

Kattih: Wait can you clarify...

Patel: Alright, again we're in voting procedures, no talking. So yes is we're sending it back to committee to be readdressed in a point that Senate is not comfortable funding a week as an event because there is not a real...there is no specific I go on this day and I see this item...or like this is just taking flexible spending and justifying it. Or this is being justified through flexible spending. It's kind of like a loophole that we're letting them do. And voting no means we are comfortable as a Senate with this Budget and the way...like just MASA week is our only problem I guess for the reason for sending it back to committee. So we're comfortable with MASA week and the way it stands. Questions? Ms. Scharon.

Scharon: umm is there any way that the organization can be contacted to maybe...

Patel: Well right now we're in...you can only...since we're in voting procedures; you can only ask procedural questions. I'm sorry.

Scharon: But that will determine which way I vote. Okay, it's fine.

Patel: We can contact the...okay so right now the only two things we need to worry about is sending it back to committee, who will then contact the org or whatever, or taking it in front of Senate as it stands. Mr. Antar did you have a procedural question? Guys we are still in voting, please don't be talking to each other. Did you have a procedural question Mr. Antar?

Antar: No.

Patel: Okay, you just raised your hand so I just wanted to get you. Umm alright, one is yes send it back to committee. Remember one is yes send it back to committee. Two is no leave it in Senate and three is to abstain. So yes one is send it back to committee, two is no leave it here and three is to abstain. With a...I don't know...**12:24:1, your motion has been declined sorry.** Alright so we're back in the Budget Bill. Any questions about the Budget Bill? Senator Aziz.

Aziz: Are we doing questions or are we doing motions?

Patel: I mean are there any more questions still, like we can move into motions if there are any more problems...if there are no more problems. Senator Aziz.

Aziz: So like there actually...we've done this in the past for like events that haven't been on the budget, so there really isn't no precedent of looking into the details. *So other than that I motion to vote.*

Patel: Any objections to voting? Seeing none. One is yes we approve the budget, two is no it should not be A&S funded, and three is to abstain. Or it's not just A&S funded you just don't... you're not comfortable with it. Thank you ma'am. **That's everybody? 34:0:1 this Bill is approved, moving on.**

*f.* **SB [A] 54-026 Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Interest Group**

Lopez: Alrighty, I have the Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Interest Group. They requested \$1,102.40 and we allocated \$400 or \$466.40. Cuts were made from standards and passed events. Do you want me to go back, No? No, okay. Oh sure, are you good?

Patel: Senator Belizaire.

Belizaire: I mean how am I supposed to read that.

Lopez: You good?

Belizaire: No.

Patel: Senator Rum.

Rum: Umm if this says that umm an event will take place sometime in September and we're already at the 25<sup>th</sup>. Does that count? Will they get the money in time to plan and go through an event in the next five days or so? Does that count towards their...

Patel: I'm assuming no, but I mean the Chairs are in the back, she should have talked to them and say hey September is almost ending are you guys okay with moving things around a little bit. Senator Kattih.

Kattih: Umm when I spoke this Organization they said that their dates were very flexible. And we made it a precedent of not funding events that are within the same week as being seen in Committee. Anything else is going to be funded, just to send kind of a deadline. So umm after speaking with the organization, yes this event is flexible that's why it was funding.

Patel: Any more questions about the Budget? Senator Canton.

Canton: *Motion to move into voting.*

Patel: Any objections to moving into voting? Seeing no objection, thank you. One is yes, two is no, there is abstain. Who's the other person?

Aldridge: Senator Cox.

Patel: Okay, he just stepped out. **33:0:1 this Bill is approved.**

*g.* **SB [A] 54-027 Food Activists Revolutionizing Meals**

Kattih: Okay the last one. Food Activists Revolutionizing Meals, they requested \$657.55, and they were allocated \$402.80 for three...two events and t-shirts. Cuts were made from standards.

Patel: Senator Belizaire.

Belizaire: Okay, question with the t-shirts, I just had a general question. They could request t-shirt money? I thought that was like a different...no? Okay.

Patel: They just request it here. Senator Antar?

Antar: *Motion to vote.*

Patel: Any objections to voting on this budget? Seeing no objections we're now in voting procedures. Thank you ma'am. How many clickers were out?

Belizaire: Two.

Patel: Thank you. 32:0:1 this Bill is also approved.

## **2. SB [S] 54-008 Clarified Ad-Hoc Elections First Reading**

Patel: Alright, Statutory Legislation on the first reading, 54-008 Clarified Ad-Hoc Elections. Senator Antar.

Antar: Ms. Little.

Patel: Ms. Little. You can use the laser if you like, it's up to you.

Little: Okay.

Patel: It's the little green arrow on the top.

Little: Oh. Good evening again.

Patel: Senator Antar, motion?

Antar: *Motion to read the Bill.*

Patel: Any objections to moving into first reading? Seeing no objections we are now in first reading, thank you.

Little: Good evening everyone. Today I'm presenting a Senate Statutory Amendment on behalf of the Senate Committee on Rules. This is document SB[S] 54-008. The intent of this legislation is to clarify the election process for Ad-Hoc Committees that are created by Senate, us. Umm A Senate Statutory Amendment be it enacted by the Senate of the University of South Florida Student Government assembled, that the following changes be made to the Student Government Statutes Chapter 408. Umm is it okay if I go down to clause 408.3?

Patel: This.

Little: Okay, we decided to add the following statement to basically give a more definitive description of what should be done upon the formation of the Ad-Hoc Committee. It reads In Senate ad-hoc committees formed by a majority vote of Senate, committee members shall be elected by the Senate upon formation of the ad-hoc committee. The first meeting shall be chaired by the Senate President (or his/her designee) during which a chair and vice chair for the committee shall be elected. Scratch the following. Um and again following only an ad-hoc committee member may vote in the election of the Chair. The resolution creating the committee shall set deadlines for the committee. Umm and then can we go to clause 408.6, the duties of a chair in Ad-Hoc Committee. Basically we defined that more, it was pretty vague at first and we added some sub-clauses 408.6.1 and 408.6.2. To manage all activities within their respective Ad-Hoc committees and to complete

committee reports after all committee meeting and to give a report at the weekly Senate meeting. Any questions? Cool.

Patel: This one.

Little: Oh I'm sorry. 408.4, if any appointed member of the committee respectfully declined his/her seat in the committee, the Senate President shall have the ability to appoint an additional member.

Patel: It's also 408.4.1, just so...it's written wrong.

Little: Okay.

Patel: Senator Canton.

Canton: Wait so...I guess I have two questions about this. It says that in the earlier amendment that we...it supposedly says that we elect the members of the Ad-Hoc committee, why are they now being considered...why are they termed as appointees I guess as a question of the language of the bill?

Patel: In which...in which...in this reference right here?

Canton: In 408.4, yeah. "If any appointed member of the committee", which I assume it means the Ad-Hoc Committee.

Patel: What happens is if Senate elects somebody and they don't want to be on it anymore, they can respectfully resign. In that case me or whoever the next Senate President is we just appoint someone to that Committee instead of having another formal election process in Senate. Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Point of clarification this is actually in reference to the second way a Senate Ad-Hoc Committee could be formed, and that's through the Senate President creating a memo. With that way he appoints the members. So in this way...this amendment is saying that if he signs the memorandum and creates the Ad-Hoc with said members, and one member doesn't...can't make it or chooses not to make it, he or she can decline...or decline his/her seat and the Senate President will pick another person. (Inaudible) the other type of formation of the Ad-Hoc.

Patel: Senator Canton.

Canton: That's what I thought and so I believe the intent of the amendment to allow the Senate President in all cases to...is it or is it a separate section where we're going to deal with how you deal with in a elected method.

Patel: Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: I think the logic follows that if it's an Ad-Hoc Committee that is formed by the Senate and there is no election problem, the people are going to want to run for it. So I just think that's the logic it follows. You don't need to have that clause that says if someone respectfully resigns from the Committee because they have to run for it in the first place. And so with there's only 6 people...in the case with this Ad-Hoc committee there is only 6 people created, then they have to...I mean it's sort of falls on the committee itself to create a time where all 6 members can make it.

Patel: Senator Canton...or Senator Antar.

Antar: It's a sub-clause of the clause pertaining to the Senate President Memos so I wouldn't worry about (inaudible). If it was its own clause and this came up then it would be able to be as a sub-clause but (inaudible).

Patel: Senator Canton, I still don't think this addresses your question.

Canton: I was still kind of confused as to what your answer is.

Antar: You said that you don't want to be able to appoint the people who were elected right?

Canton: Umm my concern is as its written right now is the intent of them is to allow them to...say I'm on this committee right now, and my mom dies and I'm like guys this is too much I need to resign from the committee right now. The intent of this amendment is would be to allow the president to appoint a member to replace me at certain circumstances. But right now because it says specifically appointed members I don't think that...I think the election specifically bars the Senate President from doing that.

Patel: To accomplish what you want to accomplish, you just don't make it a sub-clause you make it its own...you make it 408.5, not 408.4.1. That way it's not restricted to the one it's attached to but it encompasses the entire chapter.

Canton: (Inaudible), let's continue with the reading though.

Patel: Senator Antar.

Antar: We can talk about this afterwards I'm not sure what your concern is.

Patel: I mean it's only the first reading so obviously we have...you can...the way it works is that you can propose your first amendment on the floor second reading. So like come prepared with amendments if you guys have any changes you want to make to this. Good stuff, cool but you can continue the discussion if you have a discussion. Like I see the viewpoint you're coming from but I see the point he's coming from as well. Like I'm supposed to be unbiased. Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: I think the one thing I would say is that if you go down to 408.4

Patel: Yes sir.

Aldridge: It's...and I think umm Ali's point is that this is in reference to the previous clause. The previous clause is only talking about one specific point. So his power going about appointing is no really jurisdiction over the ones that were elected.

Patel: Senator Canton.

Canton: I mean I was going to...I just want to continue the reading of the Bill because I'm sure it's going to get addressed then. But my question is, is there a separate section that deals with what happens if an elected member...similar like...

Patel: I mean there is the entirety of it. SO this part right here is everything that has to do with the Ad-Hocs elected by Senate. So again it's...if you would like to...Sorry, if you would like to make an amendment or address that concern...yes we could in discussion...Gary?

Manka: I would like to say that precedent would be since it was an elected position protocol would be to have



another election to fill that seat in the Senate Meeting. So if it doesn't state that, that's what should happen. However you could state (inaudible) in the Statutes how you so choose.

Patel: However you guys see fit. Senator Aziz.

Aziz: I agree with Gary, but can you go to 408.6.2. So committee reports, the people that have been like Committee Chairs for Ad-Hocs have you ever done that?

Patel: Senator Antar.

Antar: Umm this was something that was talked about in Committee, actually these two ...the first two sub-clauses there were taken directly from the sub-clauses that pertain to standing committee chairs. They have the exact same two sub-clauses and it was assumed by me that the Committee Reports were the weekly Senate Meeting reports. But again that's up to your interpretation. So Ad-Hoc Chairs do report their things...their progress at Senate Meetings, but we gave them two separate points if you want them to fill out something else as well, if you would like to address that again, we can do that. We also put a line item for the reports. It's your call.

Patel: Mrs. Scharon.

Scharon: So can we finish the first reading today, have this emailed to us and then just next week kind of have a little paper, crisscross it saying I don't like this, this or this.

Patel: Yes ma'am. It was actually emailed already. So it's in your inbox somewhere. Anybody else? Senator Aziz.

Aziz: So this was a first reading, so we have to go to how many readings? Two?

Patel: Yes sir.

Aziz: So I'm going to make a motion to postpone.

Patel: I don't know if it's considered tabled.

Antar: Yes it is.

Patel: Yah.

Aziz: Until next week so that everyone could have a chance to make there amendments and read it over. So it's not like time sensitive.

Patel: Yes sir, continue your motion.

Aziz: *Yeah, I motion to postpone it till next week.*

Patel: Thank you sir, are there any objections to postponing this Bill until next week? Seeing no objections 54-008 will be postponed until October the 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you ma'am.

### **3. ASRC Report**

Patel: And now we're going to go to the fun part of the day, the ASRC Report. Umm Senator Kattih, since you're the Chair of the Committee.

Kattih: Okay. So we met last Friday and we elected a Vice Chair, Mr. Adam Aldridge. Umm so snaps to that. Umm and I'm the Chair. Umm but anyway, what we're doing. We're planning on meeting October 4<sup>th</sup> for our first meeting. We'll have 3 to 5 meetings in the Fall and then before we start actually allocating in the Spring. So right now as for October 4<sup>th</sup>, we're going to be going over a overview of what ASRC is and we're going to go over Mock Budgets, Departmental budgets specifically and we're going to preview Proviso. The following week we will look at Proviso in more detail and clarify it, make any changes that are necessary and bring it before Senate. But other than that, I'm learning so...any questions?

Patel: Senator Lopez.

Lopez: So your first meeting will be the 4<sup>th</sup>, and there will be another one the following week?

Kattih: We will probably be meeting October 4<sup>th</sup> and then every week after that for three or four weeks.

Lopez: And then times?

Kattih: It still hasn't been decided but as soon as it has been decided I will send it out to Mr. Aldridge and Mr. Patel, and they could let Senate know. If you guys want to sit in you guys are encouraged.

Patel: Highly encouraged, it's Proviso, it's everything we do.

Kattih: Any more questions? Cool.

#### **4. Ad-hoc Committee on Student Memorials**

Patel: And Ad-Hoc Committee on Student Memorials. Chair Brown.

Brown: Alright. Hello everyone. Umm we had our first Ad-Hoc Committee meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> that was last Thursday. And we elected our Vice Chair, Mr. Cano. And I was appointed as the Chair. Umm we discussed some possible locations for the Memorial ugh but...and partnering with Veterans Services. And they're also planning on constructing a memorial for our veterans who have passed away. Ugh but really before I go any further in the report, we've kind of had some low attendance so I issued a new doodle, and I've got responses from ugh Senator Lopez and Senator Burr. So umm I'd like some...I'd like to get some attendance from the rest of the Senate for some input for our student memorial. Okay thank you.

Patel: Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: Quick question, did you say that you were appointed? You mean elected, you were elected?

Brown: Elected, excuse me.

Pelegrino: Okay just making sure because we just talked about that.

Patel: Thank you. Senator Scharon.

Scharon: I had a quick question for him about the Ad-Hoc.

Patel: That's fine.

Scharon: So you said you are looking at possibilities of moving it. Is it the most cost effective to move it (inaudible)? Rather than to leave it where it is and to just make it more...I suppose more publicity. Like I

personally didn't know what it was, I eat my lunches on those benches. If I had known I would have more respectfully have not done so. So is it more cost effective to move the entire thing is the question.

Brown: Ugh I'll let Senator Burr follow up on that.

Burr: As he said we had very low attendance so the things we were talking about are very broad. So there are a couple of things we discussed that were just bullet points. But we will definitely take that into consideration at our next meeting.

Brown: Thank you.

Patel: Senator Larkins.

Larkins: When is your next meeting?

Brown: Currently our time is on Thursdays from 4:30 to 5:30 but that may change. although from the doodles that I received, it looks like we're going to keep the same time.

Patel: Senator Bader? Any more points or questions for the Committee? Oh Senator...or I mean Mr. Berkowitz is the person that you want to and you Mr. Brown, and the Committee as a whole. Mr. Berkowitz, I talked to him in the SG workroom, just tag him in the emails. Anything else? Senator Burr.

Burr: Just one more thing, you can correct me if I'm wrong. Just because you weren't elected to the Committee, this whole Committee is about getting the whole picture of umm your input. We want you constituents input, we want your input, so if you have an idea talk to one of us, come to the committee meetings, please.

Patel: That goes for ASRC as well.

Burr: Yes.

Patel: Any more questions, comments, concerns? We'll move onto announcements if nothing.

#### **Announcements:**

Patel: Announcements, guys everyone should be going to the Miami game, because I swear if I have an empty stand this game...like it's not going to rain apparently. Umm the Rocky thing there was an email sent out it was called ebul something like that. Senator Scharon.

Scharon: Are you talking about the Dolphins-Bucs game or something else?

Patel: Well that's the USF game. The USF-Miami game is this Saturday you guys, go, just go.

Scharon: Are the tickets sold out?

Patel: The tickets are probably not sold out. Senator Abraha.

Abraha: From what I've seen from our budget reading, I know a lot of you are concerned about Student Organizations and things of that sort. I really really really ask you to please read all the PowerPoint before the reading, they are sent out in the email. And once Mr. Patel starts sending out the line by line item for food and materials, I remind you to please look over that before Senate. Because we might miss something and so

we want to...I want to...we want you to be able to see those and catch them before we even get here. So in here we can have a really good discussion about them, instead of spending time reading over them.

Patel: It wasn't an attack guys, you're all good. Umm, umm, in terms of Bucs and Dolphins guys, since we're in announcements. The Bucs are actually doing pretty well in comparison to what they look like. Like guys they lost by like 2 points, like 2 points come on. Senator Cocco.

Cocco: Ugh I spoke with the Athletics people. They said Monday they are having a Bull-b-q by the (inaudible). I swear to god this is real. They are having a Bull-B-Q on the MLK law from around 12:30 to 2:30, on Monday this upcoming Monday 12:30 to 2:30. They're calling it Bull-B-Q and they're going to have athletics out there.

Patel: Senator Scharon. Thank you sir, Senator Scharon.

Scharon: Ugh did we have any flyers or anything for the Bucs-Dolphins games to pass out. Because I would like to (inaudible), because they could be left out.

Patel: Well first thing is that we already have the flyers and stuff made, well they're designed. We're just waiting on the link to be sent to us from IT, so we can put the link on the flyers. So if they ask like oh that's a really cool thing, how do I get there, they don't know. So we're trying to solve the link issue first, add it to there and we're going to mass...we're going to expect all of you guys to be like what's his name...What's the guy, the British are coming? Paul Revere, you'll all be Paul Reveres. Any more announcements? Senator Kattih?

#### **Final Roll Call:**

Kattih: If there are no more announcements I motion to go into Final Roll Call.

Patel: You don't have to motion for final roll call, but that's fine. Alright, we're now in final roll call. Just click one if you're here, again stay seated. Is that everybody? 35 people present.

#### **Adjournment:**

Patel: Alright any motions? Senator Hasan.

Hasan: *Motion to adjourn.*

Patel: Any objections to adjourning the meeting? Seeing no objections we are now adjourned at 7:38 pm.

**Adjournment called by Senate President Patel at 7:38 pm.**

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