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- MINUTES -

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance:

[Gavel]

Patel: I call this meeting to order at 6:06pm on October 1st. First item on the Agenda is the Pledge of Allegiance. Can I have everyone stand please?

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, down the agenda the first thing is first roll call.

Unknown Senator: Meow.

Patel: Thank you, is that everybody? **Alright then with that we have 34 people present today and we're going to move down the Agenda.**

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

Patel: The next item is additions/deletions and/or clarifications to the orders of the day. Can I have a motion, if there are any motions, or we can sit here in awkward silence. Senator Kattih.

Kattih: *Motion to approve the orders of the day.*

Patel: Any objections? Seeing none, we will now proceed with this agenda.

Additions/Deletions and/or Changes to the Minutes:

Patel: Addition/deletions and/or changes to the minutes that were sent out. I believe two sets of minutes were sent out. They were from July 16th and May 21st. Senator Abraha.

Abraha: *Motion to approve May 21st and July 16th Minutes.*

Patel: Any objections to approving both sets of Minutes? Seeing no objections they have been approved.

Legislative Branch Report:

Patel: On to Legislative Branch Report. Senator Antar.

Antar: Alright, so we had a really light week. Ugh didn't have any pressing business items so didn't have a meeting scheduled, gave my Committee the week off. I sent them in advance some SOPs to review, hope they did that. I also requested that umm we go ahead and start reviewing Statutes. Not the way we use to but umm just you know try and find out any little holes that may exist here or there, and we can talk about them in our meeting. We also have our College of Medicine Allocation Committee to handle, so we'll handle that as well for this upcoming week, Thursday at 6pm. Not necessarily the College of Medicine this week but anyway we're going to have work this week. Okay, I'm done.

Patel: Any questions? Seeing none, thank you sir. Senator Aziz.

Aziz: Alright, yesterday we had JEC, we had four confirmations. We had the two Coordinators for Programming and Traditions Nicole and Eliana, which were confirmed. And today we also had the Chief Justice and the Attorney General, which were confirmed in the Committee and which you will see before you tonight, they would have to be confirmed by Senate as well. That's it; do you guys have any questions?

Patel: Seeing no questions, thank you. Senator Kattih.

Kattih: Okay umm in Committee this week we saw five interim budgets, 3 of which are going before you today. Next week we have 8 scheduled, or I think we have 5 scheduled and 3 off campus requests. Umm so look forward to that, more fiscal budgets. The other thing is audits, we have a lot of audits coming in, so I'm so proud of all you guys, especially my Committee. Umm so keep those coming. Umm the other thing is ASRC will be on October 4th at 2pm in the Chambers, so if you guys want to come out for our first meeting to kind of learn how ASRC is and all that stuff. Any questions?

Patel: Senator Cocco.

Cocco: Will there be food?

Kattih: There will not be food at the meeting, there will be learning.

Cocco: Yummy.

Kattih: Any other questions?

Patel: Thank you, Senator Alqasemi.

Alqasemi: Alright, this week in Committee we allocated or kind of allocated 7 grants. Each of the Committee members presented a Homecoming Grant in front of the Committee and we discussed the grants and made allocations based on that. Umm next week we have seven more and we're going to make our final allocations there, (inaudible) the...money that we have. And if not we will be good to go and then we will send out those allocations. Umm we're going to get started with Homecoming...or Expo, Engineering Expo soon. So that will be on the list, along with more travel grants. So yeah, that's it, anything else, questions? Okay.

Patel: Thank you ma'am. And Senator Cocco.

Cocco: Hello, happy Tuesday, happy Tent Day. What a great Tent day today, shout out to the Tent Day members. (Inaudible), Ms. Lee, Mr. Hartmann, Mr. Canton, Mr. Hassan and Mr. Cano props to you all for

engaging the students on what matters and for ugh recording those videos, and for getting the news out there. I don't know if you guys saw we got Channel 10 out there and we got WUSF, University Beats, so we did work today. Okay here we go, thank you. A little shout out, Mr. Hassan are you here? No, that's cool. Good vibes, that's what we want to do, so congratulations on that. We registered 5 voters, so that's great. I want to thank Exec for giving us a shout out on the Tweeter and the Facebook, and also working with the Secretary of Student Success on that Bulls to Blitz program to get ugh our students out to the business communities more, and get these cool internships. In addition tomorrow I have a meeting with the Ethics and Integrity council to discuss academic cheating and why that's bad and all that good stuff. And umm, I believe that's it. Our next Tent Day will be in about 2 weeks, and be aware of the Halloween Tent Day; you guys should be in costumes. Maybe Adam will give you some points for that. Umm ugh the Brown/Morejon Tent Day for Blood for Bulls or Bulls for Blood Burgers or whatever, so good vibes to that. Any questions? Oh there you are Mr. Hassan, my bad I didn't see you there. Yeah, shout out to you man.

Patel: Any questions? Seeing none, Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Alright, ugh I think three things I wrote something down beforehand so it won't take 10 minutes. First SenEx met yesterday even though it was September 30th it was the end of the day so we went ahead and decided on the Senator of the Month member. So if we can get a round of applause for Senator Cano. Congratulations.

Cano: That was why you kicked me out of the SenEx meeting.

Aldridge: What? Oh well yeah. So keep working for it umm I know a lot of Chairs have been saying a lot of good things about different Senators so keep it in the work. Second thing is on the Bucs update, I know the one issue that I heard was about the promo code. The code is USF, so once you login, when you get your NetID you go to the page, it will say organizational code USF. You have to log in and/or create an account, or create an account with the Bucs. So that's how you get on to the website. From there I believe everything else is smooth. Umm I think everything that was sent out yesterday in reference to the Bucs should be clear, but that's the two big things. You have to type in USF, lowercase no caps. I don't know if it's case sensitive, I was just making a joke anyways. Second part of it is that you have to either login or create an account. So that should be everything about the Bucs. And the third thing in SenEx in addition to meeting to discuss Senator of the Month, umm we discussed ROPs. But we'll also have, what should be a Senate Social towards the end of the Month, of October, around Homecoming. So maybe Homecoming/ Halloween themed. We'll let you know when it comes closer to time, but should be about it. So.

Patel: Thank, are there any questions for Adam?

Aldridge: And go ahead and spread the word, I know I said it twice but go ahead and spread the link around everyone. We'll have graphics for the Bucs up soon, but go ahead and spread the word now since the game is in a month and 10 days.

Patel: Yeah the contract says 2 weeks before the actual game day is when we pretty much owe them the difference. So like we pay \$24,500, the total comes out to \$34,500, we owe them the difference in that much money when people don't buy them. So we're trying to sell them, sell them hard. You guys are all...remember fundraisers in elementary school they made you sell those candy bars. (Inaudible)

Cano: How many tickets did we buy?

Patel: We bought 700 sir.

Cano: No, no how many person?

Patel: You can buy up to 10. That's per account, so like I'm not stopping you from making multiple accounts.

Cano: Hey man, sorry to get out of order. Everyone buy ten tickets and sell them that will motivate you.

Patel: But you can't...I'm pretty sure it's going to get sold out guys. It's on Labor Day at night on ESPN and you get \$10 of food, so like you can't complain for a \$20 ticket. But umm let's see here. Oh first thing, I wish Senator Canton was here, but we have next week we'll have a presentation from the green energy...the people who are called Green Energy ...no...yes...next week we'll have people that are called Green Energy to me, they are actually the College of Sustainability...Global Sustainability, the Patel Building that really nice building. It has like really cool things in it, it's a building. But like there is a giant tank underneath it that catches all the rain and like reuses it in the bathrooms and like there's solar panels all around the campus. They are going to talk about all of it. So they are coming, prep your questions, ask your friends, hide your mom, you know that whole thing. And then we have a week afterwards Ms. Sandy Lovins is coming. So next meeting where someone comes in and presents and then a week after that is someone coming in to present, so y'all are getting stacked. If you guys have any more requests, we do have a turnaround that we do obviously are performing. So just throw them at us, we will see what we can do, see who we can find. Again not that you guys really care about your Deans apparently because I don't really...at least none of y'all want to talk to them I guess. Apparently there are Senators that are making things happen like at the gym, so like just start...just come in the office and request things and we will see what we can do to serve the students. Any more questions, essentially like we try to hustle along the meeting for people who need to leave. Cool.

Executive Branch Report:

Patel: Executive Branch Report. Ms. Pagan.

Pagan: Good evening everyone, just bear with me my voice is kind of crummy right now. Okay so we've been kind of busy in the Exec Branch. So we currently just finished hiring five new Computer Assistants in SGCS. We finished interviews for umm Executive Clerk; we are going to be making a final decision at the end of the week. And then we have one more rounds of interviews for Deputy CFO. Umm we've also umm our Secretary of University Advancement has been working on getting the ball rolling working with Senator Cano as well as (inaudible) all the University Wide Committee. The student green energy fund council has officially been appointed. This week is also (inaudible) week, if you guys didn't know our secretary...our Secretary of Student Success has been working hard on that. So this Thursday we are actually providing students free bus transportation with our Bull Runners to Riverfront Park where they are going to be having like free canoeing and then going back and forth, just so our students without transportation could actually access that. So if you guys are available to go its Thursday 2 to 3pm...2 to 7pm, sorry. Umm our Secretary of Governmental Affairs has been working on (inaudible) National Board of Registration day. And also we're umm going into Student Organizations, they are going to have a pamphlet and a flyer where they could go and work on parliamentary procedures that way their organization can work more efficiently, more effectively, know Roberts Rules of Orders and things like that, so that's pretty cool. Also our different departments, our Marketing Department has out implementing a new marketing request form, which I will be passing it along to Adam and Shyam. So they can send it out to you guys, there's a new process, deadlines to meet. They are actually going to be coming in next week to present to you guys our new marketing request form that way it will just be better for them internally and with everyone so everyone knows what they want, there will be better communication and that way all of our events and any (inaudible) that we have can be effectively promoted. The Communication Department has currently been working on our Website and basically they will be launching a website and they are looking at October 14th, if everything works out nicely. So that's going to be new so that we don't have this old you know website. And then Programming is currently working on Homecoming and ABX, Homecoming...ABX is going to be November...No Homecoming is going to November 1st, so I'll actually send out a Calendar invite to you guys so you can participate. So if you guys are interested in participating in our float, definitely come to me, myself, you guys can be on it, walking in the parade. Our theme this year is going to be beach theme, we're asking that everyone wears their

polos...and student government (inaudible) shirt and kind of decorate it with green and gold floaties and kind of beach attire but you know, keep your SG on. And then lastly we're working on getting the Exec Branch Safe Zone certified and that's going to be October 18th at noon. And if anyone, if you guys want to actually be Safe Zone certified go ahead and contact me, because I can get you guys in on that. Any questions?

Patel: Seeing none, thank you.

Pagan: Thank you guys.

Judicial Branch Report:

Patel: Judicial Branch Report.

Hamed: Good evening Senate. So what's new with the Court is that last week we had our first Ad-Hoc meeting for the trip planning Committee and we've decided that we will be going to Jacksonville to visit the University of North Florida Student Government, meeting with them. We'll also be trying to go to UCF and see what they do as well and meet with their Student Government. Last week Bull Market was rained out so it was a sad day for everyone. But we'll be there tomorrow morning bright and early; you are all welcome to come. Aldridge may give you some points. Also this Friday we have our Parking Forum from 12pm to 2pm, it's downstairs in the Marshall Student Center so if you guys want to come to that too, you are more than welcome. Umm last week we had our second run through of ugh implementing the Attorney General and Solicitor General into our parking appeals. And that went really well so umm tomorrow at our General Meeting we'll probably be sitting down and talking about drafting a proposal to go over and meet with Parking and Transportation Services. And ugh that's all, does anyone have any questions?

Patel: Thank you. The recycle bin is in the back.

Hamed: Oh.

Open Forum:

Patel: Open Forum. Ms. Morgan.

Morgan: Hello everyone, haven't seen you all in a few weeks. I am on the International Festival planning Committee which is an International Festival on the 14th, but I just wanted to open it up if anyone wants to volunteer for iFest or has a student organization that would like to performance or host a table, you can email me or come see me after the meeting, I would love to get many of you as involved as we can. And as we get closer to the event I'm sure I'll have Adam send out information about volunteering but if you have a student group that would like to perform or have a table please.

Patel: Thank you ma'am. Mr. Hassouneh.

Hassouneh: Hey guys, it's been a while, like a week. Anyways tomorrow we're going to have our umm at Bull Market we're going to have a table that's going to redirect people to the amphitheater where we'll have our Candidate Mixer, there will be chicken nuggets there. Right, see...so come on down and meet the perspective candidates and let them know what you guys do. That way they can help improve Senate retention, you guys will get to speak to them and see how it's going to be, let them know what they are going to have to end up doing and their responsibilities. From people that actually do things, not from me like I've never been in Senate. So I'm not the most accurate in describing you guy's jobs. That way you guys to get there, speak to them, speak to other students, see what they want to know, and get free food. And positive points, one per hour, am I correct?

Aldridge: On the 8th and 9th.

Hassounah: No for the candidate mixer.

Aldridge: Oh yeah. I have a point of inquiry. Is it from 10am to 2pm that you said?

Hassounah: Yes sir.

Aldridge: Okay we'll go with a point per hour.

Hassounah: Also here is the...I'm going to pass these sheets around again. Just sign-up for volunteers for the polls. Just in case you may want to change anything, or anybody else want to volunteer because some of you guys didn't. You're missing out on a great opportunity to...

Patel: Bulls with two L's.

Hassounah: It doesn't have to be.

Patel: Senator Cocco.

Cocco: I want to congratulate all of you for working so hard getting together in preventing our shut down here at USF. Congratulations y'all made it, we're still functioning. And for those who are interested, the Sun Dolls have come out with a new poster, so it's down stairs by the information desk, so go Sun Dolls and support our cheerleaders.

Patel: Actually really quick we're also going to try and see what we can do to partner with the Bucs to have their...I think they are called the Squash Bucklers and Captain Fear, they are going to come here to help us promote tickets. And then Senator Aziz...Ms. Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: Can we have the actual football players come help?

Patel: No. They have contracts that prevent them from signing things during the season because they have to practice.

Alqasemi: We don't need their signature.

Patel: The Bucs cannot use their backups right now they are 0 in 4, please. Senator Burr.

Burr: We'll help them practice.

Patel: Senator Aziz.

Aziz: Umm speaking of 0 and 4, Rocky is 4 and 0. Just keep sharing the link and make sure that we win.

Patel: Senator Aldridge. Guys, just really quick let's just finish this up

Aldridge: Okay, umm two things that I didn't mention a moment ago. The Senate Secretary interviews, we interviewed two, we were going to interview a third one yesterday but the person sort of backed out, so we're going to interview one more tomorrow. Hopefully we'll have the final result to you by the next Senate meeting if not sooner than that. Umm and then for the people who were here...who were not here during the summer we're going to have pictures. I know for the ones for the summer you guys had to go through taking pictures. But it's not necessarily for the composite photo with everyone in Student Government, it's

for the website, so that people can be able to see who their Senators are, what they're doing and be able to contact if they have questions. So that's going to happen next week before the Senate meeting just right in here with the seal and stuff like that. So the ones who have not...were not here during the summer get their pictures taken for the website, I guess just be ready...please come a little bit earlier that would be great, and I guess be ready for a quick picture. So.

Patel: Also, I think you can retake it again as well if you guys think (inaudible).

Aldridge: Sure.

Patel: Senator (Inaudible)

Unknown Senator: Can you repeat when that is again.

Aldridge: It's going to be before Senate.

Unknown Senator: Before Senate.

Aldridge: So 5:30.

Patel: Senator Kattih.

Kattih: Okay so I kind of wanted to go over the audit form, I just sent you the link do you think we can do that?

Patel: Umm.

Kattih: It will take like 2 minutes.

Patel: Sure, because like we just have to work in with (inaudible). Who confirmed this? Oh. Yeah, just, okay can you just send it to me, thank you? Anything else? We'll come back to this after the confirmations. Senator Cano.

Cano: Just wanted to give you guys a quick post event report for the Tent Day. Umm today we collected over 50 emails from (inaudible) students, so we'll have (inaudible) dedicated to help us out, with whatever is going out with the legislature, we'll send an email out, a phone call, help us do a protest of sit-in whatever we need. In addition we recorded 13 videos; we worked with the Exec Branch Marketing in trying to get those (inaudible). The 13 videos range anywhere from 10 seconds to a minute, so we got plenty of videos to edit. And ugh news came out and did interviews, so we definitely will get the press coverage for it. Oh and our state representative called and told us we were in session, so it's nice to give that back to him, but ugh I think...I think ugh it was a good event. So thank you to everyone that came out, all hands on board and thank you to UCGA, but not just UCGA, to all those Senators who weren't on the committee who came out and have a (inaudible). Thank you, appreciate you, saw you on the news doing your think, (inaudible). But ugh thank you guys make sure you guys help out with ugh Evan and ugh Blood for Bulls, what you guys got going on next time. And ugh let's make it happen.

Patel: Thank you. Alrighty, here just start presenting that.

Aziz: Here it is...I found it.

Kattih: So this is kind of what the Audit Form looks like if you guys haven't seen it before. Umm the first part is just general information about what's going on with the event. So that's going to be...it's just that I

wanted to go over the things that have been giving Senators problems and I'll umm take any feedback if you guys have suggestions, you guys are more than welcome to make them. So we have the Programming, so purpose, attendance and then how did people find out about the event. Umm and then we have the event execution kind of on a scale of 0 to 10, which makes sense to most people. Umm and then quality, so here is the part that's kind of been iffy. What food was served, and if any...if any was serve, so that goes here. Then, was the amount of food appropriate, it's on a scale of 0 to 10; does that make sense to people? Like...

Patel: Senator Brown.

Kattih: Like you're rating the amount of food on a 0 being no food, 10 being excessive amounts of food.

Patel: Senator Brown.

Brown: My problem was that was umm...so would 5 be the perfect amount of food?

Kattih: Yes.

Brown: Okay, well I put 8 or 9, so I meant 5.

Patel: Senator Alqasemi.

Alqasemi: I think what would help with that was if you took out the numbers, so then it would just be excessive/none. It wouldn't be...because like when you think of a 5, like 5 out of 10 is like mediocre, but if you took out the numbers it would just be like...

Kattih: Yeah the other suggestion I received was to change it to kind of good, poor, excellent kind of thing. Like having 3 categories or 5 categories rather than 1 through 10 or 0 through 10, would that be better for you guys? Because it makes more sense, yeah? Okay so I'll do that because that will probably be easier for us.

Patel: Senator Aziz.

Aziz: Could combine violations and additional comments into one thing, save space?

Kattih: Umm I wanted to make sure that the violations in Proviso was obvious, just because it's the most important category. Plus it's required and additional comments isn't. But...okay so that was...and then the quality of event and entertainment being on a 0 to 10 scale, does that make sense? Like 0 being poor quality and entertainment, 10 being very excellent entertainment.

Aziz: Same thing, what if they have no entertainment, what would you put?

Kattih: I would...I would think zero but...

Patel: That's poor.

Kattih: Okay, so I'll change this to 0...or to none and then...

Patel: Senator Cano.

Cano: I have to say this because I have an objection because that's a purely suggestive question. If everyone else loved the entertainment but you didn't you know I mean that's your opinion, see what I'm saying. In the interest of fairness and view point neutrality, it should be how did the crowd react to the entertainment, not necessarily how you liked it. I just wanted to put that out there.

Kattih: So you suggest that we rephrase that questions? Okay, so but other than that everything else seems pretty straightforward for those of you guys who have looked at the form?

Patel: Senator Abraha.

Abraha: A couple of things this whole audit form is from one person's point of view so it doesn't...I mean...I guess I get your idea but...that may be a little hazy. What I wanted to say for the food what if they provide pay drinks and they didn't pay for A&S, do you want it on that blank? And do you also want that scale if it's just drinks?

Kattih: So I would say for drinks, if it is out of the food budget, so I would put it under what food was serve, I'd put like water, soda, mountain dew, whatever. And then that would still be on that scale none being 0 and then ...or I guess however we changed it, but I would scale it in the same way.

Patel: We're just trying to make sure there is not like Perrier flowing from like you know the ceiling. Senator Abraha.

Abraha: And second thing I wanted to ask was since that these audits are usually going to be (inaudible), I don't think that any senator is going to stay the whole time. Should the time that the Senator attended the event be mentioned in that, not just when it took place, but when you actually went to audit it? Because beginning versus the end depending on what kind of event it is, might have a different ugh turn out.

Kattih: That's a really good point, and I think we can bring that up in Committee and discuss it and see what we can decide.

Patel: Senator Cano.

Cano: I just wanted to second her point, that's a great point right there.

Patel: Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: When you say the amount of food appropriate, is it in relation to the number of people that attended the event?

Kattih: Yes.

Pelegrino: Okay, making sure.

Patel: And just don't...try not to be subjective with it...like much as possible. Like you don't like popcorn get over it, just say the popcorn was good for the event. And when they ask you quality of food...oh sorry...when they ask you quality of food, they didn't go out and serve stake watching a movie. You know like they are sitting there cutting stake, there's a line out the window. You want pizza because tear and go, tear and go, popcorn because it's like here go go. That's the kind of concept they are asking for was it appropriate, was it rated, like was the amount of food (inaudible) but that's fine. But yeah, it's just you guys catch it and then banquets are different. Banquets, you can have like carving and stuff. Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: I was going to add on to that point as well, as well as the point that Bana touched at. I was just going to say that you guys are elected as student government to represent your people so that's the idea of sort of taking the subjectivity out of it because anyone can just (inaudible) and say this food is bad and this entertainment is bad, but sort of do it as a representative of Student Government, as the totality of the situation of what you feel like the whole crowd is thinking, that should be your own interpretation in auditing the form. If you think there is a consensus that it's a bad event and you know that the food was way too

excessive and they weren't holding an event, then say that. But that's just how you should be representing yourself as a member of Student Government.

Kattih: Alright, guys I just wanted to show you this because first of all this is a really easy form to fill out, like it takes 2 minutes, and everybody who has done the form can attest to that. Like it's really easy to fill out so no one has any excuses not to fill any of them out.

Patel: And can you scroll up really quick. The time sets are already on there...just making sure...like so if the event started...well okay. That's fine.

Kattih: Okay, thank you guys.

Patel: Thank you ma'am.

General Business:

1. Executive & Judicial Branch Confirmations

a. Mr. Bryan Buenaventura for Chief Justice

Patel: Alright, General Business. If you'd like to come and present your nominees. And just so everyone's in on the loop really quick...their...okay so he's not on the time crunch that she's on. She's going to present him, ask your questions in regards to the position to her before she has to leave the meeting. And then Scott will come in at 7:30 for the next guy, and then you can ask him for the position questions for Mr. Christopher. Good stuff? Alright.

Pagan: Alright, so good evening everyone again. So tonight I'll be presenting Chief Justice. Here with me now is Bryan Buenaventura. So we had 25 applicants and from the pool we selected the top 3 candidates and umm Mr. Buenaventura stood out the most to us, ugh his hard work, dedication, his work ethic that he's shown us in Student Government in the past. He's actually filled in for this position since the month of May as Chief of Staff...not Chief of Staff sorry...as Chief Justice. So that's one of his main qualities and skill sets, his involvement that he's had in the field. So you guys have any questions about the position?

Patel: Any questions about what he's doing, his job, who he reports to? Nothing, cool, thank you ma'am.

Pagan: Okay.

Buenaventura: Can I use the clicker.

Patel: Yes sir, it's right here.

Buenaventura: And the green thing is the laser. Alright, perfect. Five minutes correct?

Patel: Yea...yes sir.

Buenaventura: Alright, ugh good evening Senate my name is Bryan Buenaventura and I'm here today for the Chief Justice position. Okay, ugh before I get into my ugh qualifications just to let you know a little bit about myself I am a transfer student, I use to go to HCC ugh prior to USF. I have a Criminal Justice Degree and a Liberal Arts Degree in both Associates. And then ugh I'm a Senior right now for USF and I'm currently going for ugh a Bachelors in History and Applied Science with a focus on Criminal Justice. Umm I'm expected to be graduating in 2014, which is the end of this Term. Okay ugh here's my experience that I have had with the Judicial Branch. I was sworn in as an Associate Justice on February 21st, 2012 in the 52nd term. I

served as Senior Justice, which is second in command in the Judicial Branch ugh in December and I served until May of 2013. Umm during my time as a Senior Justice I had some roles and responsibilities. I was the parking liaison who kept relationship with PATS, I made sure all the rules and regulations were getting transferred to the Judicial Branch. I was responsible for training the new Justices, all the Justices that are on Court I trained personally. And I also did the budget review for the Judicial Branch since we have one. And when this guy graduated, ugh Patrick McKean, he was a Chief Justice, he graduated in Spring of 2013, I took his place as an acting role, as an interim position. And what I've been doing since ugh I got the interim position, was ugh I began in the 54th Term, which is the beginning of this one. And ugh my first week I created an Ad-Hoc Committee for ROP revisions, which we already revised and are in effect right now. We elected new members to the Declaratory Judgment Panel, and I assigned tasks to the Justices for our Summer initiatives which we completed a lot. And ugh some of the major accomplishments that we did, obviously we were in the Tampa Bay Tribune, just pretty much telling us what we do, what services we provide and ugh we completed our parking video which is now being shown at Movies on the Lawn for all our freshman to see what services we provide. And ugh we extended our outreach efforts throughout the whole Summer and of course we completed our ROPs. One of our major accomplishments though is what we did with the other Judicial Branches from the other Student Governments. Ugh here is us when we went to Sarasota Manatee, beautiful campus, you should check it out. And this is when we had all the Student Governments from all the system, even Lakeland here discussing what we could do to further the Judicial Branches in the other campuses and work together as Student Government as a whole. And from this...before the summit happened, Sarasota Manatee only had 2 Justices, now they have a full court. St. Pete didn't have really that many umm umm Jurisdiction, now they have parking appeals. So these things have benefited us tremendously. And ugh as far as a mission statement, I got this quote from Chief Judge Robert Mann from 1973 and I read as follows: We received the Statutory Law from the legislature and its interpretation from our Supreme Court, agreeing with some, disagreeing with some, but following all because our bondage to law is the price of freedom. I feel like that is something our Supreme Court can definitely follow. It's something that no matter what our personal opinions are, if it's the law we have to make sure that we abide by it because we have to maintain the price of freedom. And some of the goals that we have umm for this semester is implement the attorney general and solicitor general in parking appeals, learn from honor courts, that's why we want to go to UNF, they have jurisdiction, not just parking appeals but they also do a conduct board kind of things. So we want to learn from them in how we can achieve that goal. And we hope to do some training workshops with the other Judicial Branches and possibly work with JEC because, one of our weaknesses as a Court is we haven't had a case in over 2 years. And we want to make sure that in the event that does ever happen, we are able to provide the services and do the best thing that we can for the Student Government. And other than that, thank you for having me today and I'm open for any questions.

Patel: Thank you sir. Senator Cocco.

Cocco: As an acting Chief Justice what is your proudest accomplishment ugh thus far?

Buenaventura: Proudest accomplishment, personally myself is I never really saw myself in a leadership position. Like I said I was a transfer student, I would also just...when I was at HCC I would just go to class and go home. Being here in Student Government, it really taught me the values of being a true leader for my colleagues and that's one of my personal ugh accomplishments that I've done. As far as being an acting Chief Justice ugh the umm visits that we've done to St. Pete and Sarasota, those ugh benefits their campuses as well as ours so we could all work together and make a better service.

Patel: Any more questions? Senator Belizaire.

Belizaire: My question is why you want to be Chief Justice.

Buenaventura: Well I'm very passionate about it. When I first came to USF, I wanted...I knew I wanted to get involved with Student Government and I saw a position for Associate Justice and I just tried it. And ever

since then I've always been really passionate about it. As you saw I got in in the 52nd Term, and ugh I worked my way up, any sort of responsibilities that the Court needed me to do, I jumped on them, and ugh to this point I feel like everything that I've done is to just continue on and pretty much make the Judicial Branch a respected Branch equal to the Executive and Legislative Branch.

Patel: Senator Aziz.

Aziz: What is the legacy you would hope to leave behind for the Court after you're gone?

Buenaventura: As far as a legacy goes, I wanted to...again I refer to making our Branch as equal to the Legislative Branch and Executive Branch. And from my personally experience when I first came in, the Judicial Branch was pretty much seen as the underdog kind of thing branch in regards to the other 2 Branches, it was overshadowed, it wasn't...no one really...even most of the Senators some of the time didn't know really what we did. And I feel now...I hope that ugh most of you guys know more of what we do through our outreach that we've been providing. And I just hope that we can be a respectable and held to...as the same standard as the other two Branches.

Patel: Senator Cano.

Cano: You know I like what you said about trying to make the Judicial Branch equal to the other Branches. You know part of the checks and balances is that they have to balance each other out. Umm what I want to ask you is do you feel that you can stand by decision if all 47 people hated you for it, but you know it was the right one.

Buenaventura: Yeah I mean, I would have to respect that. And I'm here not because I have a pre-notion that I am going to or not, I respect the decision, this is part of the checks and balances, and for whatever reason the Senate was not to accept me or any Justice in that matter, you guys are making the decision because you guys are a representative of the student. So I wouldn't have any sort of (inaudible) for anything, for any of you guys for doing that.

Patel: Senator Bolz.

Bolz: You talked about UNF and their Honor Board, do you plan on bringing something like that into USF within the next year?

Buenaventura: Thank you for that question. That's actually been...I've always looked at the archive for Judicial Branch, and it seems like a couple years ago that they tried bringing that Honor Court System here but it never really took off. I don't know why exactly, what had happened because the records don't really say what eventually came about that, that's why I want to see what UNF was able to do with it, and kind of just start that concept from the ground up again. If it's possible I would love to see the Judicial Branch here have that sort of role, but if it's something that USF has...I know they've had their Conduct Board and they've had it for a long time, and if they want to hold on to it, you know we can make that first step. I have at least one of our Justices sitting on the Conduct Board, and we're trying to build that relationship with them so possibly this can happen in the future.

Patel: Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: As you've mentioned before, you've been part of the Judicial Branch for more than 2 years now. So my question is what is one thing you would change or you would do differently this term?

Buenaventura: Umm one thing that I would ugh differently, what we have been doing differently, ugh compared to the past Judicial Branches, is our outreach that we have done. I noticed when I first came on to

the Court they were very cautious about being a little bit proactive and we are a reactive Court when it comes to things that matters, any sort of controversies anything like that. But as far as letting the students know what our services are, that is something that hasn't really been done in the past. And we want to keep continuing letting the students know that hey when you come into parking appeals you are being evaluated by peers, students just like you. Every time the student comes in I tell them I'm...we the Student Government, Supreme Court are students just like you, so they don't feel like they are being evaluated by faculty and anything like that. And that's something that we have been doing differently and we plan to keep doing that.

Patel: Senator Aziz.

Aziz: As Chief Justice how would you handle situations of internal conflict within the Justices or like unethical behavior?

Buenaventura: Ugh one way around that is basically I'm a strong believer in you know getting...sitting down and speaking with everybody. We are held to a higher standard, we have to make sure that we are professional at all times, because the time our services are needed we have to make sure that we are able to put aside our differences and make sure that we can do our due diligence to serve justice. And so a way to resolve that is to pretty much sit one on one with the person and tell them...explain to them you know we are held to a higher. We have to make sure that this isn't being reflected upon us as a Branch and sit down and see how we can work about it.

Patel: Senator Cocco.

Cocco: Could you ugh please in brevity go into umm what your involvement was and the Court's involvement was with the Judicial Summit, what was that?

Buenaventura: Sure, at first this was an idea that was tossed around when umm Patrick McKea, the previous Chief Justice was around, but he never really got around to it. It was actually when Sarasota Manatee, the Judicial Branch and them came to us and said to us hey our Government is pretty much shut down, just how it is right now. There was no sort of ugh any guidance or anything. They really came all the way from Sarasota over here and asked us what is it that we need to do, we are Justices, we went before Senate and we pretty much have no idea what to do from here. So that ugh kinda just helped us you know say hey they are USF students just like us, they are in Judicial Branch just like us. We've been around for a while and we know...we have some sort of structure here at least so why don't we try to help them out. And that's how we got to these Judicial Summits. We would first meet with St. Pete and then after that we decided let's take turn at each campus. After that we went to Sarasota Manatee where we had more of a bigger outturn...outcome of people that went because it was not just Judicial Branch people but people from other Branches that went. And then we had the really big one here in Tampa where we even invited Lakeland and we had a representative from each Branch be there and talk about how we can move forward as a Judicial Branch and Student Government as a whole.

Patel: Senator Abraha.

Abraha: *Motion to close questioning and enter discussion.*

Patel: Any objections to closing questioning and entering discussion? Seeing none, thank you sir.

Buenaventura: Thank you.

Patel: Senator Abraha, name your form.

Abraha: *Moderated caucus 3 minutes.*

Patel: With how much speaking time?

Abraha: *A minute.*

Patel: A minute speaking time. Umm Mr. Christopher could you also step out just in case these questions might just...or this discussion might actually...umm yeah 3 minutes, well you started the forum, so you're more than welcome to start.

Abraha: Alright well throughout this Summer I've seen him present and trying to outreach, outreach, outreach as they've been saying. And there's only a limited amount of things that they can do, and they've pretty much done everything. And he's going to get a lot done. I've seen them do their budgets; I've seen them fight for everything they can pretty much do, so he's a qualified candidate.

Patel: Thank you 45 seconds. That's fine, Senator Cocco.

Cocco: Oh boy, I've been here for...how long have we been here Shyam? About three years? So I've had the ugh the pleasure of working with the Chief...the acting Chief umm ever since he's been here in Court. And he's right umm at those times in those administrations, the Court was overshadowed it was in that little broom closet that they had. You know dark and mysterious and now to see all of SG, you know all the Branches at times, go in the Court and talk and have conversation about Student Government, about USF is truly an inspiring moment. And I'm happy to see that as Acting Chief, Bryan has been overshadowing that and umm leading the way. So umm you know I encourage that y'all consider him for Chief.

Patel: Thank you sir. Senator Scharon.

Scharon: I find him to be very qualified candidate, not only because he has already been fulfilling the responsibilities, he's so proactive. And the thing of unity...even though he didn't use that phrasing, the thing of unity where we're all USF, whether it's St. Pete or wherever the campuses are and how a strong Student Government, all together, makes us a stronger Student Government. And there is clear evidence of just proactive outreach and really strengthening Student Government, which is what we need. We need agents who are proactive and strengthen us as a whole.

Patel: Thank you ma'am. Senator Bolz.

Bolz: *Ugh so he went through JEC yesterday, he's a great candidate that's why I'm motioning to vote. And obviously I think we are all in agreement so motion to vote.*

Patel: Motion to close discussion and enter the voting process, are there any objections? Seeing none, we're now in voting. Is that everybody? **With 35:0:1 the nominee is confirmed. Here you go.**

Hamed: As a member of the Student Government of the University of South Florida.

Buenaventura: As a member of the Student Government of the University of South Florida.

Hamed: I, state your full name.

Buenaventura: I, Bryan Buenaventura

Hamed: Do hereby affirm to uphold the office of Chief Justice

Buenaventura: Do hereby affirm to uphold the office of Chief Justice.

Hamed: To abide by the Student Body Constitution.

Buenaventura: To abide by the Student Body Constitution.

Hamed: To uphold the Statutes incorporated therein.

Buenaventura: To uphold the Statutes incorporated therein.

Hamed: And to represent the Student Body to the best of my ability.

Buenaventura: And to represent the Student Body to the best of my ability.

Hamed: Congratulations.

Patel: Alright, guys keep it down please; we're still on the record. Umm hmm...here is the fun awkward part. We don't have anyone from the Executive Branch to actually present the position. Senator Aldridge, I see a hand.

Aldridge: If...if...ugh well yes (inaudible). If Mr. Christopher could wait we can go ahead and go to maybe the Statutory Legislation and then I know Mr. Sandoval will be back about 7:15/7:20 and then...

Christopher: Yeah that's fine.

Aldridge: Is that okay?

Christopher: Yeah that's fine.

Aldridge: Okay so I'm going to motion to umm...

Patel: Well we need 2/3rd Senate Vote to change...

Aldridge: *Well I hope 2/3rd of the Senate is going to agree with me so. I move to vote to ugh move the Statutory Legislation between the Confirmations for (inaudible).*

Patel: Any objections to his motion? Seeing none, that requires the vote of Senate. So...guys stay quiet, we're about to turn on clickers. Alright one is yes, you want to move it...you want to change the Agenda. Two is no you don't believe we should change the agenda, and three is to abstain. How many people stepped out?

Belizaire: Just one.

Patel: Thank you ma'am. **34:0:1, we can amend the Agenda.** With the way that Mr. Aldridge put it, just to move this.

Aldridge: Just the Statutory Legislation.

Patel: Oh. It's okay, it just (inaudible).

2. Statutory Legislation on Second Reading

a. SB [S] 54-008 Clarifying Ad-Hoc Elections

Patel: So moving down the Agenda we're now on Statutory Legislation, good stuff. Can the presenter of the Bill please step forward? The green thing is the laser.

Little: Okay umm...

Patel: Hold on, can I get a motion. Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: *Motion to enter the third reading of SB [S] 54-008. We dispersed the second reading last week didn't we?*

Antar: No.

Pelegrino: *No? Okay second reading.*

Patel: That's fine. Any objections to entering the second reading? Seeing none, thank you. Go ahead.

Little: Good evening everyone again. I will be reading umm SB [S] 54-008 Clarifying Ad-Hoc Elections The intent of this legislation shall be to clarify the elections process for the ad-hoc committees created by the Senate. And umm begin Chapter 408.3 in Senate ad-hoc committees formed by a majority vote in Senate...I'm speaking too low, okay I'm sorry. Chapter 408.3, "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." Umm removing the following... Only ad-hoc committee members may vote in the election of a chair. The resolution creating the committee shall set deadlines for the committee. Any questions thus far? Okay. Chapter 408.4, "In Senate ad-hoc committees formed by the Senate President, he or she shall appoint both the chair and the committee members. The committee members shall set the business and deadlines of the committee."

Patel: This should read 408.4.1...

Little: Okay.

Patel: It's just not.

Little: 408.4.1, 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. And umm continuing that, 408.6 the duties of the chair of an ad-hoc committee shall be: To manage all activities within their respective ad-hoc committees, to complete committee reports after all committee meetings and to give a report at the weekly Senate meeting. And any questions?

Patel: Any questions for the sponsor? Everyone understands completely, because I know we had a little bit of confusion amongst...Senator Morejon?

Morejon: Can you just scroll down.

Patel: Senator Antar.

Antar: Can we just take a look at 408.6.3? Ugh this is just my thought I guess I would like to get everyone else's thought as well. I feel like it's kind of redundant, the Committee reports will be completed at the weekly senate meeting. And 408.6.2 gives it more leeway as to how the reports are completed. So 408.6.3 just feels a little superfluous, if everybody agrees I'll motion...

Patel: What is a Committee report?

Antar: Well this...okay alright this is the problem we had. For standing Committees we have the exact same 2, first 2 sub-clause, 408.6.1, 408.6.2. Umm the Committee reports I don't know what they use to be, maybe they use to actually have paper reports that they have to fill out, but for us our Committee reports have always just been at the weekly Senate meeting, legislative branch report where we stand up and tell you things. So that's what I assumed would be the same thing for the Ad-Hocs but I guess during deliberations we added this sub-clause but I feel like it's a little...like I just said superfluous because the weekly senate meetings were almost always the Committee reports that fulfilled that statute so.

Patel: Senator Cano.

Cano: We have an Ad-Hoc Committee right now; do they give a report to Senate tonight?

Patel: They would have but there was nothing to report. So like technically the way we should have done it was like can the Ad-Hoc Committee on Student Memorials report, and then they would say no report. And if they were any questions, they address questions. (Inaudible). Senator Abraha.

Abraha: Umm what does it say after all committee meetings?

Patel: Senator Antar.

Antar: That's what it says; I mean I guess, technically after all Committee meetings, Senate is usually after the committee meeting technically if you look at it from the right time frame. So yeah, that's why it says that...I don't...it just sounds a little weird. Maybe it's a relic of when paper reports were filled out, maybe, maybe not.

Patel: Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: I think...I think we should just umm have one sub-clause that says to complete committee reports at the weekly Senate meeting without saying after all committee meetings. Because we don't do that anymore, like you just said, we don't have a report after every weekly...I mean after every Committee meeting. So (inaudible) you guys do have a report at every Senate meeting, every week.

Antar: Okay.

Patel: Thank you. Senator Brown.

Brown: Ugh yeah, umm I know (inaudible) this meeting there was no real information to give from my committee so I think giving a report would kind of be redundant, for making that mandatory. But I understand if...I just don't know if it would be mandatory to require a quickly report for ad-hoc committees.

Patel: You would just say no report.

Brown: Right.

Patel: Senator Larkins.

Larkins: This is just a point of clarification, just asking. So after all Committee meetings, they mean the Senate Committee, they would have to report each one of their...like you guys Committee meeting?

Patel: Like the way it reads right now is to complete committee reports after all committee meetings. It's very open ended saying just complete one after it's over. And this technically is after their committee ended because if Ali's Committee is on Wednesday, he doesn't meet till next Wednesday and Senate comes before that. If Abdool's Committee is Monday he still meets right after his committee he comes here to report, and

then next Monday is a different committee, he has already reported his committee meeting to senate. That's the way it's open ended, the way they're interpreting it, again I don't know if that helps. Cool. Senator Abraha.

Abraha: Since this is only the second reading, can we motion to amend it?

Patel: Yes ma'am. Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: *I motion to strike 408.6.3 and amend 408.6.2 to say to complete committee reports at the weekly Senate meeting.*

Patel: Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Can I make a friendly amendment to say you can strike the word complete and put the word give, to give committee reports at the weekly Senate Meeting. Thank you, thank you.

Patel: Report...reports. Cool. And then do you want me to strike this entire one, or would you rather have it this way?

Cano: Change the numbers.

Pelegrino: Strike it.

Patel: I just need to...yeah. Its fine, you guys get it. It's 408.6.2. Senator Aziz.

Aziz: I have a question, I guess for Adam. At the end of Ad-Hoc do they have to submit like a summary of recommendations? Or is it just like hey committee is over?

Aldridge: Umm usually every...well...every ad-hoc last turns in anything that they've sort of when they completed has been in the form of a bill. So that's typically how it's done. If there was ever a committee, I know there was my first year, just before I got in, that was not related to writing legislation on an issue. So if you want to say something that said once the committee is finished you know a summary should be compiled of its finding, or the committee...you know the details or the results of the committee. If you guys want to do that I think that's a good idea.

Patel: Senator Aziz.

Aziz: Motion to add umm what Adam just summarized, that...

Patel: Ms. Little.

Little: Is it appropriate for me to ask a question?

Patel: Yes ma'am.

Little: Ugh wouldn't that be umm done during the last committee report of the ad-hoc committee, in my opinion?

Aldridge: Umm let me just go ahead and...I mean the whole committees have been, Mr. Antar is exactly right it was a relic from about 3 to 4 years ago. It's been discontinued about the form in which...the paper form because think about it, you have to take the 20 to 30 minutes for each committee member...the Chair to write it, and they're trying to work on other business and so we're all going to be here at the same time so we'll be able to see it here. So we've been interpreting it in that way. That's...either interpretation is a

legitimate interpretation. You can say they can give their final committee report at the last Senate meeting which the committee is in session or you can say to have a summary where they could submit to the leadership if the leadership has not been at the meetings. So I guess the (inaudible). But I mean it's completely up to whatever way the Senate sees on this.

Patel: Senator Cano.

Cano: On the Senate (inaudible), I wonder how much of this is an actual legislative issue and how much is an actual ROPs issue. I don't know if we need to codify a statute that the committee needs to give a report at the end of the committee, it seems something more procedural to me.

Patel: Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: The reason why they are bringing it up here is because it just says in the ROPs that the duties shall be outlined as stated in Chapter 408 of Statutes. So this is why...

Cano: Okay so then we need to outline it here.

Aldridge: Yes that's the whole purpose for creating 408.6.1 and other sub-clauses.

Cano: Then we need an amendment yeah.

Patel: So Mr. Aziz, I'll accept your motion now, but if you can explain what you want.

Aziz: It will be 408.6.3, to give...no to create or...to compile a summary of findings of the committee after its completion. Can you put the word "the" between "of" and "findings".

Patel: Senator Cano.

Cano: Can I just offer a friendly amendment?

Patel: Go ahead and state your amendment.

Cano: Okay umm instead of after its completion I would say prior to dissolution because not all ad-hoc committees might complete their objectives. And you know they might not be productive since President Leadership needs to dissolve them and start off, so it would just seem right to have our backs for the future.

Patel: Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: I think the only thing that would get us...or be confused about all that is the prior prior because they need to be dissolved first before they did it so it would be...

Cano: I mean I'm just saying right there the way it's worded right now, it's saying after the completion of its objectives. How about committees may complete their objectives?

Aldridge: I understand that and I'm fine with changing it to dissolution but I just don't know which...it's not previous...it's not prior to dissolution because it wouldn't have happened yet.

Cano: I'm just saying that before we get rid of a Committee they need to give us a report before they could say that they are done with their job.

Aldridge: Okay.

Patel: They're usually dissolved guy...really quick; you usually dissolve them if they are not doing anything. If that's one of the things what report are they going to give if they didn't do anything?

Cano: But you're going to dissolve them after they complete too right?

Patel: Sure, but I mean this would just say like...okay...this would take out...see this would only be for ad-hocs because I cannot see this applying to...oh this is for ad-hoc, okay that's fine. Ms. Little.

Little: I just want to be clear, so this summary is a verbal presentation during Senate, correct? Or is it a physical copy?

Patel: It can be anything that you want to make it, like Cocco brings Sun Doll pictures.

Little: Okay.

Cocco: Be creative.

Patel: Any more questions to the presenter or about the Bill? Seeing none. Ms. Belizaire.

Belizaire: *I motion to vote on SB [S] 54-008.*

Patel: Any objections to voting on 54-008 Clarifying Ad-Hoc Elections? Seeing no objections we are now in voting procedures, please have your clickers ready. Yes ma'am. Thank you. Again one is yes you agree with the Amendment, no you don't, and three is abstain. **34:0:1, this Bill is approved.** And we still didn't spend enough time to where Mr. Sandoval came in.

Aldridge: He's coming, he's walking...

Patel: So it's up to you guys on how you guys want it. Would you guys rather take a vote and finish fiscal legislation, or would you rather have a recess until Mr. Sandoval gets here, it's up to you guys. Senator Antar, I'll just take a motion.

Antar: *I'll motion to move the fiscal legislation up.*

Patel: Any objections?

Antar: I'll motion to vote on that if we need a vote.

Patel: Right, it's a ...umm objections to his motion?

Antar: Okay.

Patel: Seeing no objections now we're going to vote on moving the Agenda around again. Alright one is yes we want to do this again, two is no, three is abstain. **33:1:1, the Agenda will be amended.**

3. Fiscal Legislation on First Reading

a. SB [A] 54-028 To Write Love on Her Arms

Patel: Alrighty moving down the agenda, now we have 54-028 To Write Love on Her Arms. Here is the...

Kattih: Umm point of information.

Patel: Yes ma'am.

Kattih: Can you open the legislation presentation because that's probably more informative?

Patel: Thank you.

Lopez: Alright umm this organization requested \$1,128.90 and were allocated \$620.10. Cuts came from standards and passed events.

Patel: Alright I'll say it. Mr. Hassouneh was right, it is not passed event...it is past events not passed events. Any questions? Senator Aziz.

Aziz: I guess can you help for the Senate...or help the Senate understand the Spring Concert being open conversation.

Kattih: Okay, so when I went over the...

Patel: Wait, really quick, do you...

Lopez: Yeah that's fine.

Kattih: Oh sorry.

Patel: That's fine. Ms. Kattih.

Kattih: When I met with the student organization they said their concerts were kind of like they will be a panel of students who were from TWLOHA and then there will be a panel of students who are there to attend the event and they kind of exchange ideas and it would be an open forum in order to promote good feelings. So it's pretty interesting.

Patel: Senator Abraha.

Abraha: Are there any questions?

Patel: Senator Cano, Senator Cocco, any questions? Okay, Senator Abraha.

Abraha: *Motion to vote on the budget.*

Patel: Any objections to voting on the budget? Seeing none, we're now in voting procedures. Thank you sir. Alrighty one is yes, two is no, and three is to abstain. **34:0:1 this Budget Bill is approved.** Moving on.

b. SB [A] 54-029 X-Labs USF

Patel: X-Labs USF. Just a side note, I believe our Proviso says it has to say at USF is the only way they can use USF. Just a side note, I think CSI should have followed that. Here's the clicker.

Larkins: Good evening everyone, this is X-Labs USF, they requested \$2,162.40 and we allocated them \$588.30 and this is with cuts from standards, 25% deductions and events that have passed...past. Umm and these are their events.

Patel: Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Can you just talk about umm sort of the way their request was structure and why it looks odd if there is \$700 of the \$740 for food...or ugh materials.

Larkins: Okie dokie. Umm this is for I think it was \$1,000 for the balloon...yep it was \$1,000 for...for this event for the balloon, that's including the balloon, a machine...oh it's on there never mind. And I believe the other \$1,000 went for...the other \$1,000 I think went for this event and it explains what they are asking for in here.

Patel: Senator Kattih you have...

Kattih: \$400 for the QuadCopter was the request. Yeah, the...

Larkins: Okay, I'm wrong.

Patel: Questions? Senator Cocco?

Cocco: Where is this balloon being launched?

Patel: Senator Kattih.

Kattih: Umm...in the...I'm assuming in the Engineer.

Patel: Well we have their budgets right here.

Kattih: I don't think that information is available there. It is available on their...

Aziz: Engineering.

Kattih: Umm...oh just kidding.

Cocco: Cool, just wondering.

Patel: Good stuff.

Cocco: If not motion to vote Mr. President.

Larkins: Someone has a question.

Patel: Any...

Cocco: Oh someone has a question, sorry.

Morejon: I have an answer to your question.

Cocco: Oh you do?

Morejon: Yeah, they launch it off of...

Patel: If you can stand, thank you sir.

Morejon: They launch it off the top of the Juniper Poplar...

Cocco: Oh the garage?

Morejon: The garage yeah.

Cocco: Okay cool.

Morejon: Yeah my friend is the President so.

Cocco: Oh he is? Alright, thank you Senator.

Larkins: Any more questions?

Cocco: *Motion to vote Mr. President.*

Patel: Any objections to voting? Seeing none, thank you. One is yes, two is no, three is to abstain. **34:0:1 this budget bill is also approved.**

c. SB [A] 54-030 Primetime @ USF

Patel: And on to the last fiscal legislation for the night, which is Primetime @ USF.

Romero: Alright guys this is Primetime @ USF. They asked for \$1,971.60 and were allocated \$328.60. Umm the reason so much was cut is because of standards of obviously and some of the events had...some of the events they had asked for had already past, so we couldn't fund them. And some of the approved events, Basketball Day, Shirts and a Flag Football. Any questions on any of the events?

Patel: Senator Abraha.

Abraha: Clarify about what they wanted about the Bucs game thing?

Romero: Which event was that specifically, can you remind me?

Patel: Senator...Senator Abraha.

Abraha: Yeah that was the money that they wanted to get us where we cut down so much from materials, they actually wanted to go to the Bucs game.

Romero: Oh is that...that's one of the ones that we cut completely.

Abraha: Yeah, and they did it twice, they wanted to go twice, buy all this with A&S fees, but now they can but it from here.

Romero: I mean I think what happened was they had an event where they wanted to go to a Bucs game like Senator Abraha had stated. And I think they weren't going to invite everyone, correct? It was only going to be maybe 70 members that deserved to go or maybe the Executive members; I don't know exactly how they were going to decide. But not all members of the organization could go, or not all USF students period could go. Umm or had the ability to go, so therefor we couldn't fund it because it wasn't for all students. And on top of that umm we said we could direct them to maybe the Bucs games tickets that Student Governments subsidizing that will help them do that for their Executive Branch if they so choose to out of maybe other

funds that they raised. So that's the reason we cut a lot out of the materials budget. Umm is that all the events, yeah, okay. Can I go back?

Patel: You can click back. Senator Cocco.

Cocco: Can I look at the material allocations, possibly?

Patel: Senator Larkins.

Larkins: It was also a Rays game they were asking for on top of the Bucs game.

Cocco: Oh is that right? It's mostly shirts okay, right. Thank you.

Romero: Any questions on the shirts or anything else?

Patel: Oh Senator Cano.

Romero: Senator Cano.

Cano: I wanted to see how much they requested for their Flag Football Tournament.

Patel: This was actually attached to the email, just letting you guys know so they are...Adam had your back. Senator Cano.

Cano: *Motion to vote.*

Patel: Any objection to moving into voting procedures? Seeing none, thank you sir. One is yes, two is no, three is abstaining. **34:0:1, this budget bill is approved and that's our final fiscal legislation for the night.** Moving down the Agenda.

4. Confirmation of Mr. Daniel Christopher for Attorney General

Patel: The confirmation for Mr. Daniel Christopher for Attorney General. Senator Cano.

Cano: Just as a point of clarification...oh there he is, alright cool.

Patel: Thank you sir.

Sandoval: Hello.

Patel: And Mr. Sandoval is here to present him.

Sandoval: Hello, how y'all doing? I'm sorry I'm late...so I haven't been here in a while, I know y'all missed me. Class on Tuesday nights, graduate school you know. So here we have is ugh Daniel Christopher for the position of Attorney General. We had 63 applicants and we interviewed 3. SG may know that Attorney General is responsible for being legal counsel. They have to know the statutes; ugh they have to know how to represent Student Government in front of the Court and so forth and so on. So that's a little bit about what Attorney General is. Daniel Christopher here he will tell you about himself, he was the previous Attorney General so I'm sure he will answer all your questions. So is there any questions about the position as it is? You've all been waiting for me, have you been thinking about those questions?

Patel: Senator Larkins?

Larkins: Did you say he was previously the Attorney General?

Sandoval: He was, I'm sure he'll talk about it.

Patel: Senator Cano.

Cano: So does he represent Senate as well as the Exec Branch?

Aldridge: Yes.

Sandoval: Yes.

Patel: He represents the entirety of SG as our legal interpreter.

Sandoval: Correct so, you have your Rules Chairs they draft the legislation the statute, this gentleman here interprets them. He's the one here that acts as the legal counsel so he has to be very savvy on our statutes our constitution, so forth and so on. Okay, any questions before I go? Alright, bye.

Christopher: Alright ugh thank you. Good evening my name is Daniel Christopher and I am the appointee Attorney General. Ugh I'll just give you a little information...

Patel: Just really quick, one tap is one minute, two taps is 30 seconds, and final tap you're out.

Christopher: Alright, thanks.

Patel: You have five minutes.

Christopher: A little bit about me, I am a third year student here, Junior standing. I am a history major and this year I also decided to take on a Political Science minor. Umm for career aspirations I'm looking to going into the legal profession, more into criminal prosecution, so either working for the DA office or U.S. Attorney. Ugh my involvement here at USF has been extensive. My first year I had joined the Mock Trial Team and been on the team for 3 years, serving last year as the treasurer for the team. And being on Mock Trial Team I've had the opportunity to work as an Attorney for the team, on both the prosecution and defense, so I know both sides. Through that I was able to take testimony, evidence and compile direct cross examinations and an opening statement. Umm I served as an orientation team leader in the Summer of 2012 and that was one of my favorite opportunities and my favorite positions that I have done. And also last year I joined the then newest fraternity on campus, Alpha Sigma Pi, and became a founding father. And ever since then I've really enjoyed it, I've grown through brotherhood and seen leadership (inaudible). And also last year I started working in Student Government from August to February I served as the Deputy Attorney General, and through unforeseen circumstances the serving Attorney General had to resign and from March to the end of the year I served as the Attorney General. Umm some of my accomplishments in SG so far, this year I looked, even though the position of the Attorney General is a reactive position, I want the office of Legal Affairs to be proactive in Student Government. And I feel that ever since I was appointed about 3 weeks ago, I hit the ground running. I was able to do a legal opinion 54-001, which discussed ASRC rates for certain, members. So whether or not certain members of the ASRC ugh Council get paid by ASRC rate or by their job description rate. Umm and then as Bryan mentioned earlier in his presentation, the Supreme Court parking appeals we had the opportunity to do that. Umm as the Attorney General I've never presented Parking and Transportation, and the Solicitor General umm (inaudible) represented the student. And in front of the Supreme Court we argued parking appeals so whether or not the appeals should be upheld or overturned. And one thing that I really wanted to do last year is get a local attorney to come to USF, especially to work with students in the Student Body who are interested in the legal profession. And even

though I didn't have a lot of time to do that last year, recently I have been in contact with him and he is more than willing to come to USF and do some sort of legal workshop to discuss questions that students might have with what it takes to go into the legal profession and what kind of opportunities there are for him. So I've been in contact with him and also the pre-law fraternity and pre-law society here at USF. And both sides are really eager to get something done. Ugh so some application in SG, the experience as I said earlier, I worked in SG from the beginning of last year til now. Dedication, when I come into the office I'm given a task such as legal opinion, for example President Warmke had offered a legal opinion he wanted on the ASRC umm dilemma and he gave it to me one day, and by the next day I was able to give him a written legal opinion. Flexibility, I have 15 credit hours that I am taking right now so it gives me a lot of time to fill in my 20 hours for the position. And also I feel that SG is a professional institution and when I come to work I keep a professional atmosphere and a professional demeanor. And ugh also with the different positions that I've done in my 3 years, leadership is really big and I feel that I can bring back to the office and position of Attorney General. And with that, thank you, are there any questions?

Patel: Senator Aziz.

Aziz: You mentioned in your presentation that your position is reactive and you want the legal affairs office to be proactive, why would you like...like could you explain why you feel that your position is reactive and not proactive and the legal affairs office to be proactive and not reactive.

Christopher: Ugh good question. The position of the Attorney General is really to ugh answer any legal disputes or legal matters that members of Student Government have, so that's where the reactive position comes in. But when talking to members of the Student Body, a lot of people don't know that we have an Attorney General or what the Attorney General does. And as well as the Solicitor General. And what I mean the office of Legal Affairs; I'm including the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General and Solicitor General. What I'm looking at doing is marketing the office out to the student body so they know what we can do for them, and that they know that we're here and that we serve a significant part of student government and that we are not really here for the members of SG but also for them as well.

Patel: Senator Cocco.

Cocco: We just recently signed a contract you say for a lack of a better term, a partnership actually...that's a better term. With Stetson Law and I believe...snaps yeah that's great, we're actually getting to the law program. So what I understand, when Freshman apply they have the pre-law track, they complete their undergraduate here and they jump into the Stetson Program. So my question to you is how are you going to get that more vibrant here on campus so we can understand how...

Patel: That's not really related to him, it's like if I'm in Arts and Sciences how am I going to market Biomedical Sciences. Like he is....

Cocco: Outreach Stetson Law...Attorney General.

Patel: He's not marketing lawyers, he's marketing Attorney General.

Cocco: But yeah he want to bring in lawyers to talk so I'm saying if we have a partnership with Stetson why can't we bring in lawyers from them to talk about how the program works.

Patel: You mean the reverse. So not marketing Stetson Law.

Cocco: Not marketing Stetson Law but bringing those people into USF so we can understand the partnership with the law program.

Patel: Do you get his question?

Christopher: I'll answer his question, that's more of an academic ordeal talking about whether or not what kind of track you should do with law school. Ugh that's more of an academic thing, so the position of Attorney General it wouldn't really be applicable to my position so I couldn't really answer that for the students.

Cocco: Alright, so let me ask another question.

Patel: Senator Cocco.

Cocco: Alright, thank you. So what's the day in the life like of an Attorney General, what do you do?

Christopher: Well umm I've just started for 3 weeks, so it's you know getting involved into the new term. But lately what I've been doing is really looking at my initiatives, so I've been in contact with ugh ugh some other members of SG, looking for those little opinions. One thing I'm actually doing right now is trying to find a way to reorganize how the legal opinion submission process can be more formalized. So instead of coming up and saying hey I need this done, and then listing off a long line of questions and concerns, I'm looking to find a way with Marketing and Communications to find a way to put it into a more formal system in a way to have a template that you can fill out and send it to me and I can read it from there. Also, I'm keeping up to date with the parking regulations and working with the Solicitor General and that, so in a couple of weeks when our next round of parking appeals happen ugh we will be ready for that. So for right now to really you know looking into that regulation, looking into what I can do to lay the ground work. And I'm also looking with President Warmke to set the standards to find a Deputy Attorney General.

Patel: Senator Abraha.

Abraha: A couple questions, first one did you say you were working as a Legal Aid right now?

Christopher: As legal aid?

Abraha: Yeah.

Christopher: I don't work as Legal Aid; the Solicitor General is the one that acts...well he's the one that does Legal Aid. But what I'm doing in the legal aspect is the working for...on behalf of parking and transportation when it comes to parking appeals.

Abraha: I think you misunderstood my question, I mean outside of the University.

Christopher: Oh no.

Abraha: My second question is for 54-001, you said you had a legal opinion that pertained to ASRC, can you give me a brief description about that.

Christopher: Sure there are some positions that serve on ASRC such as the President, the Chief Financial Officer, and the big concern was whether or not when they serve on ASRC, are they paid by the volunteer ASRC rate during that time or are they being paid by their job description. And through looking through statutes and actually looking at the job description it does mention they are to serve on the ASRC, so the way I interpreted that, because it's part of their job description they should be paid...when they are acting as part of ASRC they should be paid by their job description.

Patel: Senator Aziz.

Aziz: Part of your job is to be knowledgeable about Student Government Statutes, with the election coming up how familiar are you with the revisions of the election statutes that we've passed.

Christopher: Well ugh with the election statutes the last time I really looked at it was last year, so I am looking at the revisions with Title 7 seeing what will umm what will happen for when the Elections come up. So right now I'm really just looking at where the revisions are seeing...building back that foundation into the statutes of Title 7.

Patel: Senator Cano.

Cano: Umm more of a question I guess about the position but I know that a Student Body President can ask you for a legal opinion, but can any individual Senators ask you for one as well?

Christopher: Sure ugh last year that actually did happen. I had a legal opinion on whether or not umm Senate Secretaries could serve as alternate senators in the summer term. And that was actually brought to me by a Senator, so.

Patel: Any more questions? Alrighty then, any motions? Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: *I motion to close umm questioning and move into discussion, 3 minutes.*

Patel: Any questions to moving into questioning...or moving into discussion? Seeing none.

Christopher: Thank you very much.

Patel: Could you state your forum Ms. Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: *Moderated caucus.*

Patel: Moderated Caucus with 3 minutes?

Pelegrino: 3 minutes.

Patel: With how much speaking time?

Pelegrino: *1 minute.*

Patel: And you're first.

Pelegrino: Okay. Well umm I actually met umm Mr. Christopher right, before I...when I was elected as a Senator last term, before I even took office, I took a tour...a tour of the office and I met him. The fact that he was already an Attorney General, he already has experience and the knowledge and the skills necessary to ...ugh basically just take the position to the next level. I believe he is a great candidate and he will do a great job.

Patel: Thank you, anybody else? You have...2 and a half minutes left. Senator Cano.

Cano: *Motion to close discussion and move into voting.*

Patel: Any objections to moving into voting procedures? Seeing none, guys quiet we are in voting procedures. Alright one is yes, two is no, and three is to abstain. Is that everybody? With a vote of...who else abstained...

Zituni: I abstained.

Patel: Send me an email.

Zituni: Okay.

Patel: Can you state your objection or abstention for the record?

Zituni: I was gone while he presented so...

Patel: You can't abstain for that reason. You can vote yes or no.

Zituni: So I can't abstain if I was absent...

Patel: No, because you still have...the reason why you were elected was to have a voice.

Zituni: What's a voice that's not informed?

Patel: That's just the way our statutes read, you can only abstain if you have a personal conflict. So for the record, yes or no.

Zituni: Umm yes.

Patel: Thank you. Let the record state that Mr. Homam votes yes for Mr. Daniel Christopher. **So 33:0:1.**

Patel: Raise your right hand, you probably know it. As a member of the Student Government of the University of South Florida.

Christopher: As a member of the Student Government of the University of South Florida.

Patel: I, state your full name.

Christopher: I, Daniel Christopher.

Patel: Do hereby affirm to uphold the office of.

Christopher: Do hereby affirm to uphold the office of Attorney General.

Patel: To abide by the Student Body Constitution.

Christopher: To abide by the Student Body Constitution.

Patel: To uphold the Statutes incorporated therein.

Christopher: To uphold the Statutes incorporated therein.

Patel: And to represent the Student Body to the best of my ability.

Christopher: And to represent the Student Body to the best of my ability.

Patel: Thank you sir.

Christopher: Thank you.

Patel: We're still in the meeting guys. Alrighty do we have any announcements, anything cool going on. Seeing...Senator...or you're not even a Senator...Mr. Sandoval.

Sandoval: Walk a Mile in Her Shoes is on Thursday.

Patel: Anything else, how are the Rays doing. Okay, alrighty then, I'll take a motion. Ms. Colón.

Colón: Choose a better word this week, so if you know anybody. It was already at Andros it's going to be at JP and anywhere else...Marshall Center? Tomorrow night at the amphitheater it's all about choosing a better word, not using the R-word, always trying to be caring to the people around you and their situation. So just so you know, spread the word, choose a better word.

Little: Can you elaborate?

Patel: Ms. Little.

Little: Not saying (inaudible) mental disabilities.

Colón: Yes it's...that's the main objective and then the other objective is to just be nice to everyone.

Patel: Senator Ulloa.

Ulloa: Just to add on to her point, it's pretty much about all racial, gender slurs that affect anyone in general based on race, religion anything.

Romero: Description of what the event actually is for people you don't know. They have a chalkboard up and you can write whichever word that you disagree with or maybe that you don't like how other people are referred by or you don't like being referred by. And so you can write it up by the chalkboard, and they also have a little card which you can write the word and then it said if you knew that I and then write an explanation of why you don't like that word. Or if you knew something that differentiated why you shouldn't use that word or not, and they are going to post that up. So it's really cool that we go out there and encourage you guys to do that.

Patel: Thank you sir. Any more announcements, anybody in an org? Alrighty then, I'll take a motion. Senator Abraha.

Final Roll Call:

Abraha: Motion for Final Roll Call.

Patel: Oh thank you, I almost forgot about that one. Just click one if you're here. Is that everybody?

Aldridge: No.

Patel: Senator Alqasemi.

Alqasemi: Motion to Adjourn.

Patel: We're not done with Final Roll Call. Guys stay quiet we're in roll call. **With 33 people present, let the record states that Mr. Cox walks in, so 34 people present.**

Adjournment:

Patel: Alright any motions? Senator Hassan.

Hassan: *Motion to adjourn.*

Patel: Any objections to adjourning? Seeing none, we're now adjourned...guys guys calm down like we're on the record. We're now adjourned at 7:50 pm.

[Gavel]

Adjournment called by Senate President Patel at 7:50 pm.

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