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

[Gavel]

Patel: I call this meeting to order at 6:12pm on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. First item on the agenda is the Pledge of Allegiance. Can I have everyone stand please? Thank you. Mr. Canton can you take us off.

Senators: 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, moving quickly down the Agenda. We have First Roll Call which is your clicker right here, kind of like the ones you use in class. Umm just click one to say you're present. And you'll see your name on the screen just I guess look for your name and make sure it goes away. Is that everybody? With that we have 40 present.

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

Patel: Moving down the Agenda, additions/deletions and/or clarifications to the Orders of the Day. The first think I want to recommend is to strike the confirmation of the Assistant Supervisor of Elections just because we put it on there assuming it would be enough time. But it was just yesterday the person was just confirmed and it was too short notice for them to be able to make it to this meeting. So that's one thing and if there are anything else anyone else wants to add or move around the agenda. If not I'll take a motion for whatever. Senator Canton.

Canton: *Motion to strike the confirmation of the Assistant Supervisor of Elections from the Agenda.*

Patel: Any objections to striking? Any more motions? Senator Lopez.

Lopez: *Motion to approve the Agenda.*

Patel: Any objections to approve the agenda as it stands? Seeing none, thank you.

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

Patel: Moving down, additions/deletions and/or changes to the Minutes of the day...or to the Minutes. The minutes were sent out from...the 16<sup>th</sup>? From the 16<sup>th</sup>, are there any motions for those minutes? Senator Morejon.

Morejon: *Motion to approve the Minutes.*

Patel: Any objections to approving those Minutes? Seeing none, those minutes are approved.

### **Presentation of SB [R] 54-010 In Recognition of Willie Folks:**

Patel: Alright, now to the reason we are all here. Presentation of SB [R] 54-010 in Recognition of Willie Folks. If I can have the person presenting, Adam, and Mr. Folks come down please. And you have to read it.

Aldridge: Alright, well for all those new Senators. The last Senate meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup>, was brought forward Resolution in Recognition of Willie's dedication and service. I'll go ahead and read the resolution and then give it to you. Umm...To express the interests of the Student Body through their Student Government, Be it resolved by the Senate of the University of South Florida Student Government assembled, Whereas, The Student Government Senate recognizes the work Willie Folks has done for the past four years in his position as a Custodial Staff Supervisor in the Marshall Student Center here at the University of South Florida. Whereas, thanks to Willie's work, the Marshall Student Center continues to be a place of cleanliness and hospitality to every Bull and to everyone in the community. Whereas, his enthusiasm within the Marshall Center and his kindness towards the people within the Student Government Suite is extraordinary, inspirational, and resembles the type of person we want working here at the University of South Florida. Whereas, Willie's devotion to the Marshall Student Center is noticeable, and his affection and eagerness for the students and staff who work here is most recognizable. Therefore, be it resolved by the Senate of the University of South Florida Student Government Assembled, that on behalf of the student body, we recognize Willie's amazing dedication and service, thank him deeply for his continued passion to keeping the Marshall Center a pinnacle of student life here at the University of South Florida, and ask him to continue to keep up the good work.

Folks: Thank you.

Patel: Thank you everyone.

### **Legislative Branch Report:**

Patel: Alright, I guess we can leave now. Alright, Legislative Branch Report. Now what we do, the Chairs of the Committees that you all sit on pretty much present whatever they want to report that they've done for this week or even things that they are going to plan on doing, what have you. This is all for the new Senators. So umm let's see here. Senator Antar is not here, so Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: Hello everyone, my name is Masiel Pelegrino, Vice Chair of the Committee on Rules. Well last week in Committee we revised changes suggested by the ASRC, for proviso. And we also reviewed ugh an amendment a definition that will be added to Title1, due to the changes suggested for Proviso. And also we had a hearing of a statutory bill, but we didn't vote on that...I'm sorry procedural bill. And that's about it.

Patel: Thank you, any questions for the Rules Committee?

Pelegrino: Oh okay. Well the Rules Committee meets every Thursday at 6pm, from 6pm to 7pm in the conference room, the 4<sup>th</sup> floor. Umm basically what we do, we are in charge of reviewing all the statutes, ugh basically all the official documents, making sure that everything is accurate, that things are being followed

accordingly. That we have to be making sure that everything is updated and umm yeah, that's pretty much what we do.

Patel: Thank you ma'am. Moving on, Senator Kattih.

Kattih: Hi guys, my name is Zein. I'm the Appropriate and Audits Chair Woman. My Committee is 2 parts. One part we do appropriations of money, so for those people who have missed the annual deadline and for new organizations who weren't organizations before...during the annual process, we provide them with money. Umm if it's appropriate. Umm on the other hand we also do audits so events that student organizations hold, umm stuff like that. We go to the events, we check out whether they are good, bad, you know stuff like that. So that's my Committee. Umm in the past 2 weeks we have done 9 budget bills, which you'll see before you today. We are at bill number 40, which is pretty impressive if I do say so myself. Umm another thing I am, is I'm the ASRC Chair. ASRC is Activities and Services Recommendation Committee. Umm and in the ASRC we do the recommendations for the annual budget which is about \$14million at the end of the year. So in the Fall we kind of prep for the Spring semester where we make our allocations. Umm so, so far we've passed Proviso, which you'll see today, thanks to the Rules Committee. You'll...we will also discuss our standards. We've had viewpoint neutrality presentations from SGATO, Gary Manka. Umm so yeah, we're pretty busy but if you're interested in learning more, definitely ask. Umm oh yeah, my committee meets on Mondays at noon, every...I said that...every Monday.

Patel: Senator Aziz.

Aziz: Hi my name is Abdool Aziz and I'm the Chairperson for the Judiciary and Ethics Committee. And basically the committee overarching is to maintain the integrity of ethics of Student Government. And ugh activities, we do confirmations for hiring when the Executive Branch hires employees they come to JEC for confirmation, just like an interview. And some of them come to Senate for final confirmation. And the second thing we do is Constitutional Review for student organizations. When they apply for funding in Appropriations and Audits, the committee checks that umm their constitution is in compliance with our Proviso and our Rules. And the third thing we do is umm...we do grievances in case umm anyone has any issues or other problems, they submit a grievance form and our committee investigates. That pretty much sums up what JEC is. And we meet on Mondays at 4pm, in the conference room.

Patel: Thank you sir, any questions about JEC? New people don't feel shy, don't feel intimidated, we were all new at one point. Umm Senator Alqasemi.

Alqasemi: Hi guys my name is Hiba. Umm I'm Chair on...for the Committee on Special Funding. I just want to welcome all new Senators, the Chambers look so good full. Umm so we meet every Mondays at 2pm. And basically what we do is we process and fund, or allocate money to umm organizations (inaudible) the travel grant, umm the Fall and Spring signature event grant, the home...Engineering Expo and the Homecoming grants. So kind of busy due to different types of grants. And ugh ....but yeah, that's it. I'm just going to let umm Sophia over here tell you guys what we've been doing the past 2 weeks in Committee.

Colon: Welcome new Senators, I am on the Senate Committee (inaudible) I guess. And so this past week we granted five travel grants and that made it to our 60% umm money used up, so no more travel grants. Ugh so now we're going to move on to signature events and the engineering expo. By the way Signature Events due November 1<sup>st</sup>, Engineering Expo due November 8<sup>th</sup>, yeah.

Patel: Thank you ma'am. Any more questions or any questions for special funding?

Hernandez: If you can't meet on those specific days, can you join...if you can't meet on those specific times that you meet, can you still be a part of that Committee?

Patel: We ask that you don't be on the official roster just because you have to vote if you're on the roster. You're more than welcome to step into any committee...you can go in on Rules....

Hernandez: Can you meet with them on a separate time not the scheduled time?

Patel: No. Like they can have a special meeting but it's just like very pertinent business has to be required to have a special meeting. I don't know if that really answers your question though. Ms. Alqasemi.

Alqasemi: You can change committees every semester. So if there is a committee you can't make it to, usually they change, so you might be able to make it next semester. I mean committee change.

Hernandez: Okay, thank you.

Patel: Any more questions? Seeing none. Senator Cocco.

Cocco: Happy Homecoming, good vibes. It's hard I know good vibes. Umm how's eve4ryone going, shout out to the new Senators for coming in and getting ready. Aisha right? In my committee, it's good stuff. Today we met, talked about our Tent Day next Monday. Ugh the Bulls for Blood tent day with Brown...I'm sorry Tuesday. The Bulls for Blood Tent Day with Brown and Javier, so please come out to that it's from 11am to 2:30pm at the umm Crescent Hill bus loop there, where the One Blood truck normally is. Last week we had another Tent Day, so shout out to Ms. Lee and Mr. Hartmann for their efforts on that and engaging our student public opinion. In addition we are working on I know the Tent Day for November, and for those of you who are interested, for the new people, we meet 11am...Andy you are on Committee too.

Rodriguez: Yes.

Cocco: Alright, cool I just remembered. We meet at 11am on Tuesdays ugh in the conference room. And ugh we just talked about students, politics; ugh we're going to start hopefully transitioning to USF Day at the Capital for next Spring. Geared towards the end of the semester I'm going to start getting you guys ready to go up to Tallahassee to talk with our legislatures. Ugh other than that, Adam am I missing anything? The graphic...we'll have the graphic out. I think that's it, any questions? Alright.

Patel: Alrighty, Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Alright. For everyone that's been here before this is going to be a little bit longer, so I apologize in advance, because I'm scattering around 800 different things. First and foremost, ugh the 14...I think 13-14 new Senators are here, so thank you all for coming umm to the first meeting. And I know about...I said about 5-6 pending committees, before you'll be sworn in which I think will be in open forum according to Shyam. So I thank you for doing that. There was obviously no penalty umm one way or the other but it's definitely noticeable. Umm I do want to go through a couple things in your padfolio there are 3 documents. The first is the clicker policy, which is basically what you just voted on. The second is the commitment to honor; it's sort of to hold ourselves as Student Government....members of Student Government to a higher standard. And third is the handbook, the handbook is the only other thing that I will not pass out yet, which is right here, and I will do that shortly. I will not drag on for weeks for everyone who was here, has been here since may, I know I dragged this on for about two months. Yes I see snaps thank you. But so if we can try to get this done and out of the way quickly. The other thing I want...the only other thing I have is name tags, and so I'll pass it around sometime here in the meeting, I don't want to make like a big noise but. The second this is, is that the Student Government...and the Student Government Advising and Training Operations is competing against all the departments in Student Affairs to raise the most money for Dance Marathon. Umm for all the Committees on Monday, I thought it was going to be ending Monday, and I was apparently not told it was going till the end of the month. So it's going to the end of the month. As I said for the fifth time,

there is no requirement to give. But I mean first of all we want to win obviously, and second of all it's definitely for a good cause. So if you do want to donate, I'm not going to pass it around, because that will just be awkward. But I'll just put it down here or put it in the back so if you want to sometime during the recess want to come by and put some in that would be great. And the third thing and I've also been talking about this for the last week. Composite signups, its two weeks from today, November 5<sup>th</sup>. It's going to run from noon until 6pm. It's going to be somewhere in the Marshall Center. We'll give more details in terms of dress code and the room, when it gets closer to time. But I've been talking about, and every committee, except for Rules, I brought the signup sheet. So if you already signed up, don't sign up again. But if you did not sign up, look for the times, it's only 5 minute intervals. All you have to do is come in, take...I think it's usually take three or four pictures, pick which ones you like the most, and I think that's it. So I'll pass it around, please make sure you fill it out and what will happen is Adam Kowalski, the Graduate Advisor, the second Graduate Advisor other than Katherine, within SGATO will send an email out with more details. So please be sure to fill this out, because if you notice umm...I know some...almost all the new Senators...almost all the Senators in general, have seen the composite pictures that go through. It's definitely something that...you know it's one of those things it's cool to say here is my picture up on the (inaudible) representing the Student Government. And it's definitely a big thing that lines the walls of the SG suite. So definitely do it, umm obviously we also want to see a whole lot of Senate Representation on that, so I'll pass that. The fourth thing is that...someone brought to my attention that anyone that did not fill out the professional development surveys on if you want to have workshops, the time frame. What I will do is...I'll give these to Karline and she can pass them out. If you've already filled them out, I guess don't worry about it. But at the end of the day when the meeting gets done, just sort of drop it...when you check out your clickers just drop it right next to the clicker pouch that we have. So...other than that...Oh I have another thing. Umm Senate Social will be next week before Senate. It will be from 5pm to 6pm. We're talking about the logistics but at least the biggest place we're going to use it is the back cabinet, which is where the departments of Programming, Public Relations and Marketing...I didn't expand on names I apologize. But that's where the departments are in the back of the SG suite. So what we're doing is, Student Government with Gary, our Advisor will be ordering sort of like our main dish. The Court is bringing the drinks; the Executive Branch is bringing the desserts. I was...this piece of paper, I'll just put names and stuff, and we're going to bring sides. So chips, potato salad, whatever you want to bring as a side. So pass this around as well because it's a pot luck theme obviously and it would be probably...if you want to come and eat before Senate, obviously it will be a lot of good food, I can already tell but the idea would be to bring something, so you can have fun and eat there, umm because we have to give all to take some. So there is that, other than that I think that's it. I'm sorry, I apologize, it was a lot.

Patel: No you're fine.

Aldridge: Okay. Any questions?

Patel: Any questions for the Pro Tempore? Thank you.

Aldridge: Thank you.

Patel: And for my report. Umm well first, my name is Shyam Patel, pronounced Shyam. Umm let's see here they way...we did these Bucs ticket things, they all sold out. So we sold out all \$700, I think a week and a half ago at this point, maybe just a week ago. But that's all done. We have a tailgate spot at the game so who all is going to the game, look for the tailgate. Umm let's see here...oh Ms. Sandy Lovins couldn't make tonight's meeting, and so she's pushed back. So the week after next week will be Dr. Vairavamoorthy, who is...like so for the new people (inaudible), he's really cool. He's the College...he's the Dean of the College of Sustainability. He does a lot...He did the TEDx talk here on campus. He also does a whole bunch of keynote speeches across the nation, and internationally actually, about green stuff, green sustainability, like a pot that turns dirty water into clean water. And Ms. Lovins the week afterward will be, she is the Vice President of Administrative Services, which is the woman who knows everything that's going to happen on this campus

for the next 25 years. She will tell you where the stadium was going to be put...or where it was planned to be put 10 years ago, kind of stuff. So she knows everything. So she will be coming here. So for the new people dress up, everyone else keep doing what you do. What else...let's see...I forgot. Alright just come back to me. So for now we're going to move on to the Executive Branch Report, which ... oh just really quick. There are three branches to our Student Government, no different than the National and Federal Government. There is the Legislative Branch, which is you guys. You guys compose fiscal and statutory procedural legislation, making sure the money is spent properly. That's our main job, making sure the money is spent properly, and the student voice or whatever. And the Executive Branch is the one that handles all the outreach to students, handles all the I guess...they handle a bulk of the government outreach, all the big things. Like they are the...if you ever want to talk to SG it's usually you talk to the Executive Branch. And then the Judicial Branch, I don't want to undermine them in anyway; they pretty much are our checks and balances. So like you know lack of everything, it's like we're always working and the Exec is always working and then there got to be someone that is also working but their eyes are also on us, you get it? So like they are not programing, they are not doing their own thing, they can...I guess talk about parking and stuff, which they will all talk about when Judicial Branch comes around. But their main goal is to make sure we're doing our job properly and following the rules that we said.

### **Executive Branch Report:**

Patel: Good stuff, alright moving on, Executive Branch Report. And if you guys can introduce yourselves to the new people.

Pagan: So hi everyone, I'm Eskayra Pagan. I'm the Chief of Staff for Student Government. And then when with...

Michalsky: And I am Joseph Michalsky. I'm the Director of Public Relations and Communications.

Pagan: So I'm going to go ahead and give you a quick update of what we've been doing this past few weeks. Well obviously it's Homecoming, so make sure you guys go out and support all CSI events. Like I mentioned 2/3 weeks ago, we do have a Student Government homecoming float for (inaudible) parade. So if you guys are interested we are still taking Senators to come and be on the float. So contact Adam or myself and go ahead and get you guys on the float. We'll also be passing white beads and candy to student at the float. It's a beach team float so wear your SG polos, SG t-shirts and kind of just deck yourself out in like floaties, little lays and stuff like that. You know beach theme but kind of go with green and gold colors. So things that we've been working on. Tomorrow we'll be having our SGCS promo video that's going to be shot. Umm we've met with the Sun Dome student cross promotions and also offered student discounts for...they're trying to open up student discount and kind of have priority ticketing. So it's kind of like a \$5/\$10 discount, depending on whose going to be performing. So I'll keep you posted with that. So we officially have a Deputy Attorney General appointed. And we've hired our Deputy CFO and Executive Clerk. Currently our Secretary of...our yeah...Secretary of Student Life is working on hiring a Deputy Assistant, which is going to be hired on Monday hopefully. And then our Secretary on Governmental Affairs, like Cocco mentioned, is going to work on USF Day at the Capital. So keep your umm calendars open for Spring on February 12<sup>th</sup>. And then also, like I mentioned before, we had Safe zone training, but due to the trainers they actually pushed it back. So if you guys are still interested in getting Safe Zone certified it's going to be on November 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:30. So just go ahead and contact myself or Adam, he can just pass your names along. And it's going to be on Friday, it's going to be in the back cabinet. And tonight Joe will be presenting our SG website, which as launched, if you guys have taken a look at it. So I'm just going to go ahead and pass it on...wait before I pass it on do you guys have any questions for me?

Patel: Senator Scharon.

Scharon: What is Safe Zone certified?

Pagan: Okay it's basically...I don't know if you guys ever seen around campus like to be an ally...and it's a little pink triangle. It's basically how to work with the LGBT community, how to provide a safe work environment to them, how to kind of like...things that you say, watch what you're saying, how to be like a person to like approach them, like if someone is you know being offensive, how do you deal with certain situations and certain work environments, so yeah. Yes, Cocco.

Patel: Senator Cocco.

Cocco: Ugh what time do we have to be there on Friday, for the parade?

Pagan: Friday, well if we can do decorations at 4pm, I'm asking that everyone confirm with Natalie but be there by 6pm, because the parade will be kicking off. And we're going to be meeting at the parking lot by the library. But umm at 4pm we will start decorating the float if you guys want to come out. It's already decorated but we're just going to add a few additional touches, so if you guys can be there that will be awesome.

Cocco: Library you said?

Pagan: Yes sir.

Cocco: Cool.

Pagan: I'll pass that information along to Adam so you guys can go ahead and get it all up.

Patel: Senator...Senator Ulloa.

Ulloa: So if we haven't gotten our shirts from Adam, what do you want to wear if we do decide to go?

Pagan: Hopefully Adam will get you your t-shirts, if not we have general SG staff shirts, so if you just come and meet...you guys know where my desk is...it's right in the...little chief staff desk, come to me I'll get you a general staff t-shirt.

Patel: Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: FYI it's not me who is doing it, it's David Houseman. Umm so call him out right now, no I think he just put in the order. Like he actually bought them, so I think it will be in probably by the middle of November, probably 3 or 4 weeks from now. I don't know how long it takes.

Pagan: It takes a few weeks.

Aldridge: But I think he...I know he actually got the purchase order approved and actually bought...like submitted the thing for the company, but it's still 3 or 4 weeks. So, I'm not involved with it.

Pagan: Any other questions?

Patel: Thank you.

Pagan: Before I pass it on? Okay so I'm just going to go ahead.

Michalsky: Okay so one of the things I've been working on the past few weeks is trying to get up and running in a presentable format is the new website. Umm so kind of what you'll notice, I'm just kind of going to walk through it a little bit just to show you some of the major changes.



Patel: There is a laser here if you want it.

Michalsky: Perfect. Okay so just to kind of umm compare it with the old website, umm I've got the temporary bar over here that kind of...if you don't like the look of the new website and you want to see what it was previously, there is a link for that. So previously this is a (inaudible) website that was developed by the Department of Marketing and Communications, it was called at the time about 3 or 4 years ago. (Inaudible) is a content management system, it was right at the time (inaudible) itself and the server it was sitting on hadn't really been updated since then. So things were kind of getting out of date. And pretty much it got to the point where the server was getting a little old. And the website was getting to the point where we couldn't update things without breaking the entire website. So I've been working on redesigning that. This is...pretty much just a straight up static website; it doesn't use any content management system. So I'm editing it straight from Adobe Dreamweaver and uploading it to the server. Umm the menus have pretty much stayed the same. What I did is I got rid of Bureaus and Contact Us, I pulled Branches out of About umm and I created an Offices tab. So now under Branches umm you've got the three branches, and then when you click on them, you can expand to see other menu options. About is going to just take general about information this time. So umm Mission, one of the things that I'm going to be working on now, this is currently a blank page but I'm going to be working on getting historical information about Student Government, so that we can kind of fill in pictures, I'll be able to fill in our Facebook timeline to kind of see what SG was doing back in the day. Umm let's see Agencies, that's pretty much straight forward information on each of those. I'll be taking the SG...the SGCS website offline in a couple of weeks. So we'll be moving that under this design, since the SGCS website hasn't been updated in about a year and a half I believe. Umm services is...this was previously under...yeah Services use to be like a whole like mixed bag of everything, so Agencies was pulled out as a separate menu item. Organization funding is now under Services, so pretty much everything else is under student services here. Umm so yeah...Get Involved is pretty much what it used to be. And then Offices, I changed it from Bureaus to Offices, because there was some confusion amongst students about what a Bureau actually is and what it does. Umm from the perspective of a student organization that may have never visit the SG website before, they're probably just looking for the quickest way to get to a Grant application or something like that, so hopefully this will help to direct them a little easier. And then of course all of our contact information is at the bottom. And then one of the things that I can do now with this website is I can create, since I have direct access to the server, I can create as many redirects as I want. So for instance, right now the Legislative Branch sits at SGC...or Sg.usf.edu/branches/legislative, I can create a shortcut now so that it will just be sg.usf.edu/senate, or I can create as many redirects as I want really, within reason of course. Umm or like if I wanted to /Aldridge or something, I can have it redirect to the Senate or to the Senate President Pro Tempore page, with the approval of Shyam of course. Umm So yeah, I guess...oh and then umm another thing I'll be working on is kind of an internal information, up here in the top corner. So obviously there's a lot of people in Student Government, who kind of just all try to do our own thing and make sure that our project is getting done in a timely manner. So in there I'll be trying to put in information about Marketing Requests, Promo Requests, if you need anything done just to kind of help further your projects and the events you're putting on, kind of just point you in the right direction. So for instance you know, like if you want to submit a marketing request, you'll have the download link for the form and you'll know who to contact if you have any questions about that. Umm and that's about it, were there any questions or feedback in general?

Patel: Senator Canton.

Canton: Umm I was on the website today and I was wondering when all the legislative...when all ...because like when you go to the branches like all the tabs are empty right now.

Michalsky: Yeah right now this...

Canton: So I was wondering what the reason for that is.

Michalsky: The Legislative Branch is a work in progress because there is a lot of content. Like...pretty much...pretty much the number of...pretty much like the amount of content in the Executive Branch, there is at least 5 times as much in the Legislative Branch because there is a lot of documents. So we're kind of trying to figure out the best way to organize it. For instance if you go to the Legislative, or the Executive Branch, if you go under our Official Documents, we probably right now we have around 100. The largest section being Executive Appointments, which is like a long list. This works if you have a few files, but if you have like hundreds, which Legislative has, this doesn't work as well. So we're kind of exploring different ways to organize the content and make everything so that it's space efficient and easy to navigate as well. So yeah, we'll be filling that in within the next week or two. Umm one of the new things that we're doing, instead of uploading documents to the server, it's being uploaded to Scholar Commons, which is a service operated by the library. So it's kind of like the library's own academic database. So basically they're going to be electronically storing and archiving all of our documents from now on. So uploading it to Scholar Commons we will be able to...it will be easier record keeping on our end. We just obviously need to upload all the documents up until today to that. So pretty much have to start from this term and work back, as far as we have documents in them and eventually get them digitized and uploaded. So yeah.

Patel: Senator Cocco.

Cocco: Will you have like a calendar of events, is there a calendar on there.

Michalsky: Yes.

Cocco: There is a calendar on there? Okay cool.

Michalsky: Yeah, on the home page right now we do have in our...in our student governments Gmail account, we've got several calendars. I just broken it up by branch, so you can kind of see what each branch is doing. Obviously legislative is the fullest.

Cocco: We're busy.

Michalsky: Oh yes.

Cocco: Alright, thank you.

Michalsky: So you can see legislative is up. Yes...

Cocco: Will you have like a suggestion box or anything like that.

Michalsky: Yeah if at any time...I mean it's not necessarily called suggestions but if you want you can always hit the email us in the bottom corner. It used to be our general email address; I just changed it to mine so I'll see it faster.

Patel: Senator Hartmann.

Hartmann: Will this (inaudible) mobile devices?

Michalsky: Fantastic question. Yes this is one of the new things, or one of the things I am the most pleased with. So if I were to shrink this, this is probably kind of the width you'll see on an iPad, this is probably what you'll see on a iPhone, probably closer to that on an iPhone. So if you would compare, let's go back to the old website. That's the old website on an iPhone, so this is umm keeping in line with the design of the main USF

website, umm it's all fluid with design so umm regardless of the device that you're on, it will load quickly and it will look relatively pleasant.

Patel: Any more questions? Senator Aziz.

Aziz: In case one day you're sick and somebody needs to make a change on the website or something needs to be done, who's like your second in command or third?

Michalsky: Maggie Hall is the Assistant Director of Public Relations and Communications. Umm when I was in...in fact when I was working on the official documents for the Executive Branch, she was the one actually converting that to webpage format. So she was the one editing that file and getting it up and running. And so she'll probably be the next best person. Umm I'm also working with the IT to try to get additional content creator accounts set up for Senator Aldridge, for the Legislative Branch, and then Judicial (inaudible), for the Judicial Branch.

Patel: Cool, seeing no more questions, thank you sir.

Michalsky: Thanks.

### **Judicial Branch Report:**

Patel: Alrighty then, Judicial Branch Report.

Hamed: Good evening Senate, my name is Sammy Hamed I'm from the Court. Welcome to all the new Senators and congratulations on winning your seats, that's pretty cool. Umm so tomorrow we'll be at Bull Market, we encourage y'all to come as always, and talk to some students. We have our trip planning meeting at 5pm...oh sorry...What we do, ugh we do parking appeals, and any controversies within SG, the trials, impeachments and things like that. So we focus on that stuff. So tomorrow...oh our parking appeals are every other Wednesday at 7:30pm in here, so if you guys want to come out and see them, you're more than welcome to. So tomorrow we have Bull Market, our Trip Planning Committee at 5pm, and our General Meeting at 6pm. And in our general meeting we'll be talking about our proposal for PATS so we just drafted it up with the Attorney General and Solicitor General, so we'll be having a meeting with PATS soon, just to get that underway. Also we're having our VOC of our Senior and Ranking Justice, we have a Judicial Summit coming up, November 1<sup>st</sup>. So now that we're getting into Judicial Summit at USF St. Pete so we'll be meeting with Sarasota's Branch, our Branch and St. Pete's Branch.

Patel: Can you just clarify...you just said the VOC.

Hamed: The VOC thing, we do that after every time we have a court leadership elections, I don't know why. It never really goes wrong or anything. At least I hope not, I don't know we'll find out tomorrow. You guys (inaudible). Also we recently got a request for a trial, so we'll be discussing that tomorrow in our general meeting on voting whether or not we'll accept it.

Patel: Thank you, Senator Scharon.

Scharon: What is a VOC now that you're bringing it up?

Hamed: VOC is a vote of confidence. Usually it happens I guess when people aren't doing their jobs, you can VOC them out of their position. Hope that's not happening tomorrow, I don't think it will be so.

Patel: It use to happen in Senate, like everyone use to be...everyone use to go for VOC at the beginning of each semester I believe. And umm so every chair would be like, does senate still feel that this person is

competent in their job, do you have confidence in this person. And now we just took that out of there because it was just kind of...if you really had a problem with them, they would probably have been removed by now. Like that was the whole mentality behind all of it. Senator Hartmann.

Hartmann: Can you give us some more details regarding the trial?

Hamed: Umm we're not to talk about it...I'm not allowed to talk about it until we've reviewed it as a Court because we just received it like an hour ago so we have to talk about that tomorrow. You're more than welcome to come.

Patel: Thank you sir. Any more questions for the Court? Senator Abraha.

Abraha: So after...before you decide to take the case or not then we're allowed to see...after you decide to take it or...?

Hamed: That's when...well we're not allowed to talk about it because we haven't looked at it as a Court yet so...

Abraha: But after...before you reach your decision then we can...

Hamed: Yeah after the decision, after the hearing.

Abraha: After the hearing.

Hamed: Then we'll publish something to everyone.

Patel: Thank you sir, any more questions while he's walking away? Seeing none, thank you.

### **Open Forum:**

Patel: Okay now we have Open Forum. Open Forum is this thing where we allow a time for the gallery or whoever else that might be here as you can see none of your friends like you very much, they are not here. But they usually come every now and then. Like when Mr. Folks had his thing, the entire staff is back there. One person I do want to introduce you all to is Gary Manka. He's our Director of SGATO. If you could just introduce yourself.

Manka: Hi I'm Gary Manka; I've been here since 2008. I'm also Alum of the Graduation of USF in 1977. (Inaudible). Ugh welcome... (Inaudible) full house here is really nice. But I just wanted to share this with the Senate this evening; I got it around 5 o'clock. But it's from the Office of Parent and Family Programs regarding Fall Family Weekend and they sent a certificate of appreciation for the co-sponsorship that the USF Student Government has offered that weekend in getting the word out and making the parents and their sons, daughters, children under their guardianship, nice and happy. And (inaudible).

Patel: Thank you sir. And then also...go ahead...Senator Colon.

Colon: Are we still in Open Forum, can I talk?

Patel: Senator Colon.

Colon: Okay. So hi again, umm just wanted to shout out to Cory Ulloa. He has been like the solid math wizard in our Special Funding Committee, like no calculator needed when Cory is in the room. So we got through a lot of the travel grants with his help on the math part, so good job Cory.

Patel: Senator Morejon.

Morejon: Alright, so this upcoming Tuesday is the Tent Day, Bulls for Blood. Um I have a signup sheet here, positive points?

Aldridge: Yes, yes.

Morejon: So you do get positive points. For the new senators, positive points gets you free merchandise and stuff, it's really cool. So I'm going to pass this around, just sign up whenever you can. And you might not even have a job if we have too many people, but just being there and you bringing people out is going to do a lot, so.

Patel: Senator Cocco.

Cocco: Just want to wish the Court and our Senate President, a Happy Birthday. They had Birthdays last week, so happy birthday.

Patel: Ugh Senator Brown.

Brown: Ugh I didn't get a chance earlier, but I'm the Ad-hoc Chair for the Student Memorial. And I just...I just wanted to say that we're going to have a Committee meeting this week on Thursday at 4:30 and we're going to have I think some representatives from Veteran Services there, to kind of discuss...

Patel: Senator Cocco.

Cocco: Are you open for questions?

Brown: Yes.

Cocco: Can you explain what the Committee is for the new folks?

Brown: Okay. Umm we are...our committee is basically based on trying to ugh...revamp the current student memorial or if necessary find a new location. I'm not sure if any of you new senators are aware of where our current student memorial is or not. But it's right in front of the fountains in front of the Marshall Center. It's like some bricks with some names on it, and a few concrete branches. Umm it's not really up to par with memorial standards in my opinion. So we're trying to...

Patel: Senator Scharon.

Scharon: Umm what progress has your committee made on student memorials?

Brown: We've laid out our purpose for our...umm we're trying to take it slow here because this isn't something that you rush into and...

Scharon: I see.

Brown: Yes. The past two weeks my committee has been umm on recess I guess you can say to research what other Universities have done, talk to the Alumni Association. But yeah we're going to try and start laying the ground work of what we actually need, or want as well as what student input is. So umm you're all welcome to come by Thursdays at 4:30 if you have any ideas or input in that.

Patel: Thank you. Senator...how do you pronounce your last name?

Odeh: Odeh.

Patel: Odeh.

Odeh: Yeah, umm I have two questions. One what does SGATO stand for and I don't know if that's how you say it, and the second is, what is positive points, can you explain that and the whole process of it.

Patel: Alright, SGATO. So right now we're all in Student Government, SG. Umm SGATO, Student Government Advising, Training and Operations, they're pretty much our advisors, so like in an org you would have an advisor, some staff, some faculty whatever. Gary is ours. He has two GAs and an Assistant Director. And so you'll see them all, they're always around. They have all their offices right there in the same suite as us. They make sure we don't do dumb things. They also make sure like, because they have...like imagine I've only been here for 3 years right, but Gary has been here since 2008. He has the knowledge of all the other people who have been here before us, and he knows like they already tried that, you might want to talk to this person or we've already tried that, you can't do it. You know, like he knows pretty much like everything. So he's pretty much like our go to, he's also like...he's just really...he's very...See I don't want to...I don't want to get you guys confused, he doesn't tell us what to do but he advises us on what to do. You get it? Good stuff.

Cocco: He's like the Gandalf of Senate.

Patel: I've never seen (inaudible), thank you. But yeah, that's SGATO. And then positive points...guys let's keep it down like one person at a time, because she can only type pretty much me. Positive points, those are...so right now you have Chairs who get paid. So you have 1, 2,3,4,5 Chairs, Adam and myself. We all get paid for everything we do; Senators on the other hand do not. And so because of that we wanted to do this thing that just says like we appreciate everything you guys do day in and day out. You guys do come to Senate meetings with us, you guys go to your Committees, and on top of that...on top of those basic requirements you guys go above and beyond, so we wanted to recognize those people. Positive points are like if you go to a Tent Day, UCGA has or whichever Senators are actually hosting it, you get like a point for every hour that you're there talking to students, doing your thing. If you go to imagine the polls, like where all of you guys were voted in, those same elections. Senators who are already in the colleges were able to work the polls and they got positive points for it. So essentially they do work outside of what they are already doing and they get positive points. Positive points then transfers to a tier system that gets you free stuff. There's bottles, the top of...okay we're not going to worry about (inaudible). But there's like really cool things at the very top, the top 5 people will get hoodies, so like I know you new people it sucks to be new, but like people pick up 12 points in a day if you really put your effort into it. There's like a poll station that's open for 12 points. Oh you also have peoples face on the website. But yeah, so like the positive points do allow for you because like (inaudible). But yeah you will see their faces umm...oh great they took em down.

Pelegrino: Oh no.

Patel: Dang you got to fire Joseph. But that's fine...usually...well there faces were up there. And so what it does is the top 5 people are put on the banner, it says like you're doing the most work for your College or however you want to word it. Everyone in here is blood thirsty for positive points, I can tell you right now they will do whatever they can to ask for them whenever they can. And audits...yes you can get positive points for audits. Audits are when you go to anything that's SG or A&S funded and you pretty much review it. So imagine an org took \$1,000 saying that 10,000 students were going to come to this event, and it's him and his mom, you're going to be like no, there is only 2 people at this event. And then that gets brought backed, and when they ask for the same money next year, you are like you didn't have 10,000 people, you had 2, and one of them wasn't even a student. So it's like one of those things where we try to like...just look over

because we take our students word for it because at the end of the day that's who we serve, if they like that's on them. Umm so we just want to make sure we're doing the most responsible thing with our money because that's...like Senate has the power of the purse. I know it's kind of like a weird thing...all you guys are like there is no purse. But like there's a purse and it has \$14 million in it. But yeah that's positive points. I go on rants all the time. Any more questions? Senator...Senator Aziz.

Aziz: Alright, so for the Capital One Mascot Bull Rocky is (inaudible)-0. We're ranked number one, we're the only mascot that hasn't lost. So we're at 52% against 48% for (inaudible). So keep voting, it ends on Sunday.

Patel: Also the homecoming game if you haven't request your ticket, they are still available. You can probably (inaudible) but go to the game, it's going to be fun, regardless of what you guys are doing. And then if there's nothing...oh Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: Umm I just wanted to thank everyone who came out last Thursday to the event. It was actually a great success. Thank you Mr. Patel for that wonderful opening speech, and thanks to Student Government for all their support. The Executive Branch did a wonderful job, so thank you guys.

Patel: Senator Ulloa.

Ulloa: I have two things, one umm props to my Committee who sat through all the umm grants and finished out all the funding for Fall. And also all the Homecoming grants that we had to go through, so props to all of you. And two congrats to Sophia who got RA of the month, last month, for September.

Patel: Thank you guys. And really quick is there anything else for open forum? Senator Hartmann.

Hartmann: I would just like to give you guys a quick review of the Tent Day. We were able to survey about 200 students, so it was a good success. The main issues were we had parking and food we'll be probably creating a report and producing that within the ugh upcoming weeks and also providing that information to dining. And I just want to thank Sammy from the Court, and Cano, Canton, Lee, Brown and Morejon for you know being there and making (inaudible) student opinion. Thank you.

Patel: Alright, Mr. Hassouneh if you would like to...I don't have a spot for you on here, you're not a branch. So if you can just present who you are and then talk about whatever happened with the elections so that new people know.

Hassouneh: Alright hey guys, my name is Sayf Hassouneh, I'm with the ERC. Give me a second, I'll walk there. Alright guys my name is Sayf Hassouneh, Supervisor of Elections for the ERC. You should have all met me. Hey guys, nice to see new faces that I brought in. But so we had a grievance against the Student Body Senate Constitutional Amendments, 9, 11 and 12 from the Referendum that was submitted. Actually I sent you an email if you want to put it up.

Patel: Cool, I mean if you want to explain to them who you are first.

Hassouneh: Literally everybody...guys I supervise the elections that bring in...ugh elections pretty much...they only bring in Senate actually. I can't think of...any President and Vice President, but other than that, that's the only positions that the elections bring in. I supervise them; we also deal with student body referendums, student government officer referendums, and like the Our Shirt referendums, like things like that. Whenever there is an election that SG runs, I supervise it, unless it's within a specific branch, then I don't supervise it. Alrighty, so that's my job title. So we had a grievance filed against the student body senate constitutional amendments ugh specifically 9, 11, and 12. Ugh the grievance they submitted was that they believe that Title VII, Statute 705.5.3 was violated. Statue is right there. Ugh it says that amendments should be published with an explanation of what is being proposed, at least 5 business days prior to be voting. We

determined there was a violation, with a 1:0:1 vote. 1 voted that there was, no one voted against it, and I abstained as chair of the meeting. So that's a third to one for the second one that (inaudible). Umm this is our reasoning, a quick overview is...was left up to us to interpret the way...I mean we believed published should be followed. So we went ahead and found the definition by the Merriam Webster online dictionary, as a verb as a definition and we didn't feel that adequate measures were taken to ensure that these stipulations were met, so we didn't feel like it was published. And we...we notified all of the Referendum, pretty much. Any questions?

Patel: Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: I don't remember the number but how many constitution amendments were there in total?

Hassounah: Six.

Pelegrino: Six. So why is it only against 9, 11 and 12, if it should apply to all of them?

Hassounah: I don't question the merits of why the people submitted the grievance submitted it, not my business. My business is to see if it's right and if they have legal claim toward what they are saying. So I couldn't tell you why they submitted the grievance.

Patel: Any more questions? Senator Scharon...oh Senator Canton.

Canton: Alright, it's a point of personal (inaudible). Can you scroll up so we can read the entire (inaudible).

Patel: Senator Scharon.

Scharon: Umm I don't...I supposed because I don't know the context in which they submitted their grievance, I don't really understand the issue with...I mean as I read it, it seems fine to me so what is not being published, what is not being seen. I don't really understand the whole commotion.

Hassounah: So the amendments when they came up they weren't...published by the definition that we interpreted it as...the ERC interpreted it...Interpreted it as. And we felt because in the Constitution if you could scroll up just a little bit. 705.5.3 states that all Constitutional Amendments should be published with an explanation with what is being proposed at least 5 business day prior to being voted on by the elector, and it was not by our interpretation. One it says published, of course it means to make generally known. If you go down like the second like, there's this whole thing. It means to make generally known, make a public announcement of, to disseminate to the public. Which disseminate pretty much means to disperse to the public, generally and widely. Umm to produce or release for distribution, specifically print, which would not apply to this situation because we wanted to make sure that it would be print or electronically submitted to like video, picture, or email or anything like that. Umm (inaudible) the work of an author, again this has not been done by an author. The definition of an author is somebody who is a professional, who has work done to be published. So we didn't fit the last two, but a, b and c, as it says right there. There was no effort to make this information generally known. The only attempt to bringing this to the public, or the only way it was available to the public, was by umm the Ustream video. How many of you guys know what Ustream is? Alright, so for those of you who don't, you're being Ustreamed right now with that little camera. There is actually I think 4 cameras or 2.

Patel: There is one atop of the projector.

Hassounah: Okay. So these are actually being live streamed right now, and then they are recorded and archived immediately, if I recall correctly. And then they go on to a website called Ustream. Just search USF Student Government and it will come up by the date. But this was put on Ustream, the meeting that dealt



with constitutional amendments, but this was not made generally known. There was no attempt to let people know that, during this specific meeting people were discussing the constitutional amendments, people could not easily find it, sort of had to be in Senate to know. So that in my opinion, it was not disseminated to the public, it was not made generally known. What was the third one...wait I have the third one. And there was no public announcement of it, which these three are all virtually synonymous.

Patel: Senator Abraha.

Abraha: Could you clarify what would be defined as properly advertising this referendum...

Hassounah: It's not....sorry to cut you off.

Abraha: Or properly publishing this referendum.

Hassounah: Yeah I mean simply would have been to get it out to the public. Like let's say we had a ...if we put it on the website, or just put it even on Facebook that said like if you guys want to see it go to the Ustream, just anything to get it out to the public to know. But we had...we had really...we used no medium to actually this to the whole general public. It was pretty much only members of the student government, and even then 90% you guys didn't know what Ustream was. So 90% of you guys had no idea it was available to you.

Patel: Just really quick...I'm supposed to be like completely neutral, like I answer the (inaudible) because I'm a chair, because that's just the way this Senate thing works. But like when you run for Senate, you advertise that you are running, if that makes any sense. Like you don't just sit by and see what happens if you win or not. Most of you guys try really hard to get into Senate, that's a good, enough analogy. I make a lot of analogies. Cool, alright. Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: Who is responsible in Student Government for doing this?

Hassounah: This issue hasn't really come up before, but if I were to take a guess at it, I guess it would be umm...whoever brings it up, whichever officer, whichever branch would take it to marketing I imagine, or programming. Oh sorry not programming but umm public relations, that's the only one I can think, because personally the ERC is supposed to be an independent unbiased agency. Which means we cannot actually do anything on behalf of anybody, we cannot...like I personally couldn't do anything to advertise or else I would have rightfully lost my job.

Patel: Senator Canton. I'll take two more and then we have to move on.

Canton: So at the end of this bill, you deemed the entire referendum in violation of statutes because there wasn't...on the specific grievances brought before, the same issue applied to the rest of the amendment. However if we haven't had an established procedure beforehand, wouldn't it be reasonable to conclude that all past amendments probably have probably only been available through Ustream and wouldn't that mean if...to stay consistent with the logic path this decision was made, if they haven't been, shouldn't all past constitutional amendments then be called into question.

Patel: Like we don't do retroactively...like even in the State, if they made the law and they figured out the law was interpreted it that way. They don't go back in the past and rearrest you for something you know if you're already good, you're good. So we don't do retroactively, that's not progressive in anyway. We would, however, figure out a way to have this problem not come up anymore, like that's just the...

Hassounah: We also don't want to jump to any conclusions or make any assumptions that would harm the work of others. Because I personally haven't ran through everything, and I know...I mean you could only try

so hard. But I don't have the access to the things that everybody else in that time had access to, so I wouldn't be able to set in the proper (inaudible) there.

Patel: Alright, Senator Pelegrino and then Senator Scharon.

Pelegrino: So just to wrap up, Amendments 9, 11 and 12 will not be enacted? Correct?

Patel: None of them.

Hassounah: None of them.

Pelegrino: Actually none of them.

Hassounah: Because the same clause applies to all of them...

Pelegrino: That's what I was saying.

Hassounah: Yeah it would only be fair to just eliminate all of them.

Pelegrino: Okay, and can we put this amendment in the ballot for the general election in February?

Patel: Yes. The only problem we had was that we didn't advertise.

Pelegrino: So we will make sure to advertise for the general elections? Alright.

Patel: And Senator Scharon.

Scharon: Trying to put this into context. Our Student Government, right now we're being videotaped and it's posted something online, I personally don't know where to access this. Would that be in violation of your definition of publishing then? Is it not...you see what I mean...

Hassounah: The video itself is just to put...so like I guess the analogy I would use is let's say I have a piece of information, just by me putting it on a piece of paper and then dropping it on the floor or putting it somewhere, it doesn't mean everybody knows about it. So unless you actually come across that information you would never ever know that I had documented it in any shape or form. So I don't deem that as publishing, I deem that as just putting information out there. Because as the dictionary stated I'm umm...you know I mean I don't think that's the definition, it has to be generally known, public announcement of, or to disseminate to the public. All of these have to deal with getting out...getting the information out there, disperse and to everybody, not just to select few that could come by and see it. So I would not consider that published. Unless you guys put like a Facebook post on the SG website, or Twitter, I guess whichever Social Media you guys wanted to use. If you got a way to actually reach the public and say we attempted to reach the public that would be published. This is not published in my opinion.

Patel: Alright guys this is really important. Senator Cocco.

Cocco: Did...did the ugh party that challenged this, what evidence did they have if any.

Hassounah: The burden of evidence rested on the defendant, in this case and as it usually does.

Cocco: In statutes doesn't it say that there has to be evidence presented for this?

Hassounah: Their evidence simply was an eye witness account which was completely viable. Now all that came down was the defense to just disprove the eye witness account.

Cocco: Follow up.

Patel: Senator Cocco. Guys this is not like court by the way...

Cocco: Well we're just trying to understand. Umm Senator Aldridge, you made this generally known, correct and then within 3 or 4 weeks before the election, you made announcements of the amendment, is that correct?

Patel: Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Umm I mean it was brought up before the Ad-Hoc, before Rules and before the Senate Floor. Umm so everyone knew about it, here and umm and obviously I would say that as Representatives of the Student Body, through each of the Senators, I mean that's a definite argument that I could make...that through the Senators the Student Body knows. But it was brought up through three different avenues...forums of dialogue and conversation. So if that's what you're talking about

Cocco: Yes...

Aldridge: Then that's what I'm referring...yes. I would say that.

Cocco: Thank you.

Patel: Senator...or Mr. Hassounah.

Hassounah: I do just want to make a...one point. Is that it was brought up in three avenues, but all these avenues were all part of Student Government. So regardless, it was still internal; it's not like a general knowledge. So when I say general...or when anybody...when we want to get information out to the general public, that is not a select group. That is literally everybody who is out there; we're not discriminating on who can get it.

Canton: Just a point of information.

Patel: Go ahead Mr. Canton.

Canton: When was the...what was the date of the midterm...or well can I ask to see what the actual grievance said before I ask this question? Okay what was the actual day of the election?

Hassounah: Midterm election was...yeah October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. It was (inaudible) it means that Tuesday October 1<sup>st</sup>, would have been the deadline to get it published. Umm the Ustream video happened on September 17<sup>th</sup>. But like I said just having information out there 3 weeks early...it would be two weeks actually prior to the deadline...umm isn't necessarily publishing.

Patel: Okay, good stuff. Mr. Abunamous...or Senator...

Abunamous: So based on the...

Patel: If you could stand. Everyone just stands just because it's proper if it's a real speaker, like not me but a real speaker up here like someone with stature. And also so she could hear you.

Abunamous: So based on the judgment that you guys passed in the ERC, the referendum is void now?

Hassounah: Yes, Sir, for this election.

Abunamous: So would it be published again or would it be...

Hassounah: If the general body Senate deems it necessary or wants to, they can go ahead and publish it again.

Patel: And just to lay ground, this wasn't like a do or die kind of thing, it wasn't pressing. Like we have time. Cool, any more hands? Senator Scharon.

Scharon: Umm it's more of a general procedure question. So a ruling has been made, you guys make recommendations on what should be done to avoid this or is there a fix it solution out there somewhere where it states...

Hassounah: Of course because right when we realized this the...myself, my (inaudible) Supervisor of Elections, who is an appointee at this moment, and Jessica Morgan, all sat down and worked trying to seal this little whole. Because what we want to do, and I might as well I mean, I can go ahead and tell you guys this now, my secrete. I think 703....ugh it's 703 something, honestly I can't recall atop of my head. It deals with student body referendums. And what student body referendums have to do, they just don't publish it which is a vague word and leaves...because it's one word and one (inaudible), so it leaves it completely up to the interpretation of the ERC in this situation. Ugh student body referendums actually have to advertise it and make it generally known, is what...is actually how it states. That's not verbatim, I can't recall at the top of my head one more time. It is that the summary is that it has to be advertised and made generally known to the public 5 days prior to, and not just published, which is a very vague word.

Patel: This is the last hand, Senator Cocco.

Cocco: Never mind.

Patel: Thank you sir, thank you sir. Anyone have any more questions for Senator...Mr. Hassounah. Good stuff, let's keep moving. Alright, everyone's all sad. We're going to...ugh wait anymore open forum because we're still in open forum? Mr. Manka.

Manka: I would just like to offer a (inaudible) because I hear you asking the audience to stand up when they speak and that kind of stuff. But the historical perspective of the floor, from the founding fathers to present day. When you're recognized by the chair, it's your duty to stand up and then you have the floor. And no one else can technically take it from you unless you sit back down or yield back to the chair. So that is the historical perspective of standing up and speaking in front of the group.

Patel: It's a good learning (inaudible). Mr. Cocco.

Cocco: Mr. Hassounah, if you could umm about the Courts and just Midterm, how many people voted.

Patel: Yeah that's what I really wanted to know. And then also, you ...while you're walking. When you guys leave the room you give your clicker to Karline and Karline is our Sergeant-at-Arms. Thank you. Yeah you give your clicker to her because you can't vote once you're gone, it doesn't make any sense. So you leave your clicker with her, you go out through the back door, you only come in through the back door, you don't come in through here. Good stuff alright. Sir.

Hassounah: Alrighty guys, so the number of voters for this election was 1,413...one thousand four hundred and thirteen. Umm we exceeded last year so that's a good point. Umm we had the most candidates in recent

memory with 28, there was a lot of challenge, specifically in the College of Arts and Sciences but Ms. Truong prevailed. Everybody else nice job. Business and umm engineering also had competition, so congratulations to those of you who got in. I might as well point you guys out: Brian, Carolina, Mateo, Andy...you got in uncontested Kayla, Bart...who are you pointing at? She came in uncontested as well, she's nursing so is Monicea; I got your name right this time. Oh and Andy...

Cocco: Juan

Hassounch: No Juan, that's right. They're both in Engineering. Anyways, alright, so alright. Umm 1,413 votes. Umm we got 944 votes in Arts and Sciences and 154 total votes for the referendum, 174 votes for College of Business, 40 for College of Education; we need to work on that voter turnout and we have to find a way to target these people. But to say the least when we went out and were looking for candidates it was really hard to find you guys, I'm not going to lie, I'm glad you guys applied or else no one else was going to apply. College of Engineering at 196 votes, umm College of Medicine awful voter turnout but still you got to congratulate Pinak Joshi, got in but he only had 6 votes guys so we're going to also work on finding these people. I don't know where you guys are hiding but I'm going to ask for your help to find them

Patel: Mr. Hassounch, if you could remain respectful.

Hassounch: The College of Nursing...the College of Nursing was 28 voters, Monicea and Aisha...how do you say your name ...

Alimi: Aisha.

Hassounch: Aisha, alright perfect. Aisha both got in. And for College of Pharmacy, Mr. Brian Lehrer got in with (inaudible) votes.

Patel: Alright, you're good thank you sir.

Odeh: Wait what about me.

Patel: Oh I'm sorry.

Hassounch: Oh yeah and Ms. Odeh came in from College of Public Health, 23 votes.

Patel: Perfect thank you sir. Thank you guys, congratulations to all of you. Umm but yeah, let's see. That's fine we're just going to keep moving. Oh yeah the....exactly where I wanted to go. Senator Scharon.

Scharon: Umm I have a suggestion.

Patel: Yes ma'am

Scharon: Mr. Sayf, if you turn around. Umm if you're trying to find people the best way to go about it is find the societies of said College and communicate with heads of those organizations (inaudible). I went to the (inaudible) society meeting and said hey guys, engineering elections; we need senators and people (inaudible).

Hassounch: Can I make one point? Ms. Camillia did bring in two or at least 3 actually new people from the College of Engineering. So I appreciate that, thank you.

Patel: Thank you. Alright guys, the really cool thing about today is we're also going to swear in our new Senators. So if everyone can stand that's new, everyone else can just stay seated, stay seated. But stay quiet;

you don't need to talk to stand up. I guess you do need to talk okay. Alright, is that everybody, alright let's go. Alright just raise your right hand and then repeat after me, it's on the board, it's the stuff in bold. Alright.

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

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

Patel: I, state your full name.

New Senators: (say their names all at once)

Patel: Do hereby affirm to uphold the office of

New Senators: Do hereby affirm to uphold the office of

Patel: And you are all Senators, so say Senator

New Senator: Senator

Patel: To abide by the Student Body Constitution.

New Senators: To abide by the Student Body Constitution.

Patel: To uphold the Statutes incorporated therein.

New Senators: To uphold the Statutes incorporated therein.

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

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

Patel: Thank you. Now that we have 40 senators in the room, we'll move on with statutory legislation. And if I can get a motion from Mr. Aldridge possibly.

Aldridge: *I would like to motion to amend the agenda by including SB [S] 54-011 and SB [S] 54-012.*

Patel: Any objections to taking a motion to amend the agenda, which have already been approved? Seeing none, so now what you have to do is, to amend an agenda which is like a really official thing. It takes 2/3rds vote of you guys, so pretty much you grab your clicker and you vote on whether you want to let the amend change when the meeting already started or not. So...Guys again, just because it's hard on people typing when everyone is mumbling. She has to type every little stutter. So the way this works is...the way this works is umm on your clickers you'll have 1, 2 and 3. One is yes, two is no, and three is to abstain. To abstain means you're somehow personally or however you want to say it, conflicted with this specific vote. Like if it was voting for Abdool to get a certain something, and I was married to Abdool I would be like I abstain Abdool. And it would be proper because I could not be unbiased in my judgment of what we're doing, or if I'm like the president of an org. So anyone that's in an org, if you're an e-board member we kind of suggest that you guys abstain. So like if you're like the president or the treasurer, you made that budget, you're going to say yes to it, and if it's not enough you're going to be like well I want more whatever. So like we just tell you to abstain. Senator Aziz.

Aziz: I have an inquiry, what are the student bills before we vote on them?

Patel: They were actually attached to your agenda, or actually attached to the email. They're right here, it's called Proviso with Changes, it's just Proviso, which is what we sent out. Like it's what ASRC was working on and it was sent out to all the Senate. And it's just not in Bill form, so what we'll do is we'll take the first readings, you guys will read over it and then we'll codify it. And then there's also 12 which is conforming to the changes of Proviso. Alright, cool. Everyone had a chance to read them right? Like everything we hand out...everything we send out in Senate, we expect you guys to read because that's pretty much what you guys signed on to do. But yeah if there's not more objections to this...are there any objections to moving on with this? And if not once you see this screen up, you cannot talk, like you're not allowed to talk. So yes, no or abstain. And that's everybody? With 40:3:1 we are amending the agenda, and it will stand...obviously be corrected a little bit more but it will be 11 and 12 after 9 and 10. Alright, moving on.

## **General Business:**

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

#### ***a. SB [S] 54-009 The Hiring Procedure Clarification Act***

Patel: SB [S] 54-009 which is right here. If the author of this could please come forward and here's the laser. And then now out of respect, let them talk and you guys just listen. Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: *Motion to enter the first reading of SB [S] 54-009.*

Patel: Any objections to entering the first reading? Seeing none, thank you.

Aldridge: Alright, SB [S] 54-009 is the Hiring Procedure Clarification Act. The intent of this legislation shall be to clarify the formation of the hiring teams ugh and to enhance the rules with regard to Supreme Court nominations. Umm so this deals with Chapter 215, if you can go ahead and scroll down. The first change begins in 215. 3. Basically, I guess a good background would be before 215...before this Bill 215 was a lot of paragraphs of like 6 different sentences. It had 215.3, it had this one, it had this one, it had this one and it had 2 more below it. So basically what we wanted to do umm me as in the Author of this in the committee, we wanted to change opt and sort of make it ...make it flow, go from one point to another. Umm so the hiring team shall be formed for each vacancy, which shall include the minimum of the following individuals. The first sub-clause is the 215.3.1 which is the individual whom the vacant position will report to the member of the branch advertising position. So it just sort of another background on what this is, it's like umm for hiring Nadima, the Senate Clerk, umm a hiring team has to include the minimum people, at least the person who the position will report to. Nadima reports to myself, so I had to be on the committee. For any of the Executive Branch positions, Will had to be on the Committee. For...let's say it was the Associate Director of Public Relations, Joe would be in it because that person reported to him. So that's what 215.3.1 is about. The reason that there is a sub-clause there 215.3.1.1 that says Any Supreme Court vacancy is exempt from this requirement. Basically the Executive Branch or through the Student Body President, the Branch...that Branch is the one...or hires the position but no one on the Court reports to anyone in the Executive Branch. It's just that the Student Body President makes the appointments, so there was a sub-clause here that just stated any Supreme Court vacancy is exempt from this requirement because there are no...the people that are hired and appointed by the Senate for the Supreme Court, they do not report to anyone in the Executive Branch. So we'll be violating our rules and that's why that sub-clause is put in there. Going down, 215.4, is still the same thing. The head of the branch, so if it's Shyam, Will, those are the only two that advertise for vacant positions, they are responsible for creating a team and appointing a chair. 215...this clause was stricken and it's further down, so we won't worry about that. 215.4.1, basically this clarifying the hiring teams for the Justice, with the exception of the Chief Justice. So the hiring team will be composed of the Student Body President, one member of the Executive Branch and the Chief Justice. Umm sort of the logic behind this is ugh...is that the Chief Justice...will be dealing with each one of these on a more consecutive basis, and so...what also happens is that the Chief Justice is hired first, they get hired...or they are appointed and

confirmed by the Senate, usually before any other Justice. So what will happen is the Chief Justice will be able to sit on these hiring committees and give their input as to umm we feel like these are the qualities or (inaudible) that we want to see in the candidate. Further down there's still another sub-clause that references the fact that at the end of the day the Student Body President makes the final appointment, but having the Chief Justice on there still add that perspective of a person who is going to be dealing with this individual that would be appointed throughout the rest of the term. And since they are in Court, since it's for 3 terms...of for 3 years, it would be throughout a 2-3 year period. Umm 215.4.2 was added umm that says for the purposes of appointing the Chief Justice, the hiring team shall be composed of the Student Body President as chair, one other member of the Executive Branch, and one member of the Senate. This is basically word for word from 215.4.4, umm just like then when the hiring committee includes umm the student body president, if that's the person that each of these positions are reporting to...right here, it includes Student Body President, it includes one other member of the Executive Branch and one other member of the Senate. So it basically the intent for the...I mean the...the hiring team would be the exact same as in 215.4.4, and so since the Chief Justices really a very highly regard position in Student Government, we thought it was necessary to conclude that. 215.4.3, just changes the word committee to team. 215.4.5...as I stated earlier umm no one in the Supreme Court reports directly to the Student Body President, but they are like they're advertising the position so he is the...Will is the head of the branch, advertising and making the appointment. So we wanted to add a sub-clause or lil umm subordinate clause in there that said or in Supreme Court Agencies, in which case they may serve...in this case the Student Body President may serve on the hiring committee in the capacity of Chair. Sorry, next change is 215.5; I'm going back down its exactly copied and pasted from up above...from there to down there. No person applying to the position may be a member of the Hiring Team, observe the meetings of the Hiring Team, or attempt to influence the Hiring Team. Ugh this is just actually put as a sub-clause; this was the same thing as it was prior. So going further down to the next page, the last change is 215.8.1 of which I said a moment ago, for all Supreme Court nominations, the Student Body President shall be responsible for making the final appointment to the position and notifying relevant parties. So it's all within one chapter, I know it's like...there's a lot of changes, but it's sort of based on really there's two main concepts. Umm in regards to the Justices, I'm making sure that we're not basically violating the statutes every time we're hiring the Justice and then making sure that umm this...this and the stuff above it is more umm readable as opposed to a just a paragraph of dense information. So, are there any questions?

Patel: Senator Cocco.

Cocco: 215.4.2, umm who chooses the member of the Senate, is that the Senate President?

Aldridge: It's just the...it would be the Student Body President, just as it is for 215.4.4. So for here Attorney General, Solicitor and CFO will report to the Student Body President and it's the head of the branch advertising position, so as the head of the Branch, he is the one that forms the hiring committee, and so he chooses one member of the Senate.

Cocco: With...

Aldridge: For this one, this is the head of the Branch...Student Body President is the head of the Branch that appoints the Chief Justice, so he still sets the hiring committee. So he gets to pick which member of the Senate is on there.

Patel: Proper etiquette just to us, is that he would come to us and ask.

Cocco: Right.

Patel: Like he had...like it has happened.

Cocco: With each Senate of the Senate President.



Patel: It's implied just out of respect.

Cocco: I was just making sure of that.

Aldridge: I mean it is implied but also...

Patel: They don't have to ...

Aldridge: They don't have to....

Patel: They don't have to...

Aldridge: But at the end of the day you have to realize they still get confirmed here, any of those positions get confirmed here so that's why at the end of the day it's not as relevant.

Cocco: Okay.

Patel: Mr. Aziz.

Aziz: Scroll up back.

Patel: Back which way?

Aziz: You removed SGATO from the hiring...

Aldridge: Can you scroll up just a little bit.

Aziz: Is there a place anywhere else?

Cano: I think it's (inaudible), I think its 215.4.4 or ....

Aziz: Scroll back some.

Aldridge: Okay, scroll up just a little bit. Right, okay if you see right here in 215.4.1 it mentions SGATO and then 215.4.4 mentions SGATO. So basically and it was mentioned up here in this big long paragraph that was 8 sentences before, so basically I just took it out. So in the hiring committee 2 things have to be....2 people have to be mandated. One is...if you can scroll up, I don't want to misstate it. One is the individual whom the vacant position will report to with the exception of the Supreme Court vacancies. And two is the member of the SGATO. So that's why those...that's why they were stricken in the other parts of ugh 215.

Patel: Any more questions? Any motions? Senator Canton....Senator Cocco...

Canton: I withdraw.

Patel: Senator Cocco.

Cocco: So...in terms of the Justices now that the amendments have been nullified is it back to 9.

Aldridge: As of today there is....the Court is full of 9 justices.

Cocco: So once we pass this, this will go 9?

Aldridge: This...all of this is irrelevant to how many they are. It still has to be the same process if there was 7 or if there were 9.

Cocco: Okay, thank you.

Aldridge: Okay.

Patel: Senator Canton.

Canton: Motion to vote.

Patel: Any objections to...well I mean.

Aldridge: First reading.

Canton: Oh wait, yeah.

Patel You can, I mean you can choose to disperse the second reading, it's up to you, but I'll take a motion to move on to the second reading.

Canton: Motion to move...I would make a motion to disperse the first...the second reading...right?

Patel: You...well we just did the first reading, once you read through the document first it's the first reading.

Aldridge: Motion to read the document a second time.

Patel: Right.

Canton: *Okay motion to read the bill a second time.*

Patel: Any objections to...whoa, Senator Aziz.

Aziz: No, no.

Patel: Senator...okay. Any objections to reading the Bill a second time, moving to a second reading? Senator Scharon.

Scharon: Can I object and ask for a dispersal?

Patel: Well we still have to move into it to disperse it.

Scharon: We still have to read it, we can't just disperse it.

Patel: Right...well no you still have to go into the reading, to do a disperse the reading.

Aldridge: Yeah.

Scharon: Okay, (inaudible) read it.

Patel: We can disperse it.

Scharon: Okay,

Patel: Do you rescind?

Scharon: My objection rescinded.

Patel: Any objections to moving into second reading? Seeing none, we have now closed the first reading, we are now in the second reading. Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: Motion to disperse the second reading.

Patel: Any objections? Senator Aziz.

Aziz: I have an amendment.

Patel: Sure, thank you. Can you rescind please?

Pelegrino: Yes.

Patel: Thanks, she rescinded. And Senator Aziz.

Aldridge: So... I have to read this and then...

Patel: Well we had a motion to...okay.

Aldridge: My suggestion would be that she motions again and he doesn't object so that the reading would be down with and then they can make this amendment.

Patel: Sure, can you reinstate your motion?

Pelegrino: Motion to disperse the second reading.

Patel: Any objections to dispersing the second reading? Seeing none. Now the floor is open.

Aziz: So I sent it in your email.

Patel: Yes, sir you did. And just for the new people, just so they are not kind of like rush decisions, there's multiple readings, requiring multiple days. So usually the second reading happens on a different day or a later time so that it wasn't a mindset that it's not just stale. But in cases like this where there is like 3 sentences or one purpose being amended, there is no point to it. And as long as you guys consent to it, we don't mind moving on. But if you have a problem with it, just objection, there's nothing wrong with it.

Aziz: So with the amendments that I made. Some of them are repeated from Adam, so to avoid repeating, scroll to the bottom. Way, way at the bottom. Scroll down.

Patel: There's no more down.

Aziz: Up...oh wait. Yeah, 215.5 I like to add that amendment on to the new Bill.

Patel: And can you just explain the amendment.

Aziz: So it reads the hiring team shall make a reasonable effort to conduct effective reference and employment checks where applicable. So that's into bring us up to speed with how HR works at the University of South Florida, and to also add integrity to the hiring process making sure that there is a reasonable effort to check that references and employments are accurate when hiring people. And then it's mainly...

Patel: Ms. Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: How would you define reasonable, what's reasonable for you?

Patel: Senator Aziz.

Aziz: The simplest form is if they have a reference or employment, you would make an attempt to call of contact that person.

Patel: Senator Scharon.

Scharon: Umm it's a general question.

Patel: Mhmm.

Scharon: Subjective words such as reasonable are better for these types of documents because then there's interpretation allowed in it, correct and that's why you chose the word reasonable, yes, no, maybe so?

Aziz: Well not everyone has references or employment checks...so...plus you can take out reasonable or not, the point is to at least have them, but I think reasonable at least puts it in the hiring committees authority that if they try and no one responds they are still following statutes and making that attempt.

Patel: Senator Canton.

Canton: Can...you said...you said one of the purposes with this amendment is to bring us with HR at the University of South Florida, can you elaborate on that?

Aziz: Yeah, so on the HR website for the University of South Florida, there is a whole section dedicated to how to conduct reference checks and employment checks for when you're hiring candidates, so that should bring us a little closer to like USF's hiring practices and improve our practices.

Patel: Senator Canton, a follow up?

Canton: Follow up question. So is...so currently the HR process followed by the school to hire people is not something that a student government is bound to follow in our hiring regulations at all?

Patel: Right, it's no different than HR is not bound to anything that we say, we're two separate entities. It's not an overarching thing, it's part of the department. Mr. Manka.

Manka: If I can make a clarification. Umm those of you that are employed temporary student employees, it's considered OPS. And for Florida (inaudible) so there's no basic criteria for student employment. We could hire you by any rationale; we can fire you without any rationale. But what we do in student government is to have guidelines so that you are protected in our processes. And our process (inaudible) are mirrored to the University processes and approved by the University (inaudible), does that make sense? Technically we don't ...like for instance when I hired my Assistant Director, or Tammy our Office Manager, it is very strict, I have to actually put the questions down, the answer...the questions that I ask that the answer that the reference

gave, date, time all that kind of stuff. So it's very very bureaucratic, very very intense. But when it comes to student employment its very laissez faire. So the policies that they have in place are supported by the University but there is no mandate when it comes to student employment that they have to do those because students can be fired and hired as well.

Patel: Any more questions? Senator Canton.

Canton: I guess essentially the question I have here is if you feel there is a need to have greater protection for the candidates in our hiring process to ensure that they get a fair hearing, why...is there a specific reason why we wouldn't need to adhere toward to...why we wouldn't just say let's just adhere to the same guidelines as...or as our Human Resources kind of practices do. Or conversely if you don't want to do that, is it actually necessary to add this amendment, because it seems...it seems to me that maybe I'm not in the spirit of the rest of the title since this is laying down...this is trying to say what the content I guess of the hiring procedures and practices should be. Like what they should be doing in their deliberations, when the rest of the title may be just making up a process for how we're going to like select the people who will then like have free latitude within their commission. I hope that makes sense, basically I'm saying like this...this seems to me to be an amendment that doesn't really fit with the rest of what this is...of what this statute is about.

Patel: Any more points? Mr. Aldridge.

Aldridge: Yeah, sure. Umm I believe this...Senator Scharon you brought up the reasonable effort, would you want to...Like if we did say, Mr. Aziz mentioned it, but say an attempt, would you that be more of a sufficient clause to say it's not you know reasonable for me, it may be reasonable for someone...it may not be reasonable for someone else. So if you say an attempt maybe that means they actually have to call or email umm and if they don't follow up then that's, that's the only requirement there. Does that sound okay, that's hopefully more subjective than reasonable?

Patel: I still need a motion; I was just trying to make sure you guys could read it. Senator Aziz.

*Aziz: Motion to accept the changes to the amendment.*

Patel: Which read?

Aziz: The hiring team should make an attempt to conduct references and employment checks where applicable.

Patel: Thank you sir. Any more motions...or I mean do you have another amendment?

Aziz: If you can scroll back up to the top.

Patel: Uh huh.

Aziz: Here we go. And it was 215.2, the...adding the University of South Florida employment website and Student Government website. I think Adam had changed some wording on it... (inaudible) or something you added on the (inaudible).

Aldridge: Yeah we...ugh Senator Aziz had this brought this to me before. Just to clarify it. And so yeah we talked about umm more (inaudible). I think the first change was the "of" to "on". Umm...oh okay. Umm so yeah if you put a comma between "vacancy" and "and". And then after "and" you put "both" and then right there put the University of South Florida employment website both amendment...yes or...I'm sorry strike the "both", the both should be between "vacancy" and "on" or between "on" and "the". University of South Florida employment website.

Aziz: The purpose is that when we post jobs on the Student Government it goes on the USF employee website (inaudible) so it's ugh in line with what we actually do. We don't just put it on the SG website. Go back to the original file; we need a motion to accept it. Motion to...

Patel: Well I mean it's your amendment, so if I can have somebody else who supports the amendment. Senator...Senator Romero.

Romero: *Motion to accept the amendment.*

Patel: Any objections to accepting this amendment? Seeing no objection, thank you, this one will be accepted. And did you have another one?

Aziz: Yeah, fixing the Assistant Bureau, switching it around to Bureau Assistant Director.

Patel: Which one was that?

Aziz: Right there.

Aldridge 215.1...

Patel: Senator Romero.

Romero: *Motion to accept this amendment as well.*

Patel: Any objections to accepting that amendment? Seeing no objections, thank you.

Aziz: Can you go back to the original and scroll through just to make sure I didn't miss anything?

Patel: Yes sir. Senator Abraha.

Abraha: Umm I'm sorry can you go back; I just want to read 215.2 I believe. Would we be able to...does the Senate Floor want to consider increasing the day of umm days advertised for vacancies?

Patel: I'll come back to it.

Aziz: Ugh go back up I think...

Patel: Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: *Motion to accept the amendment.*

Patel: Any objections to the said amendment? To 215.8? Seeing none, it will be accepted. And then Senator Abraha, if you could just repeat your question one more time.

Abraha: Yes, in 215.2, I believe would we be able to...yes change the number of I guess 5 business days to increase umm increase the number the days advertised for the positions just so we can have....just so we can make sure students are fully aware of the positions. If they weren't involved with student government before, I mean sometimes...even just to make sure you know we're asking them to have good references and good this and make sure they have all the time in the world to do all those things. If I sign up like Monday and I only have Friday to get it maybe I'm not...I wouldn't be inclined to apply for the position so.

Patel: Senator Romero.

Romero: Senator Abraha, do you have a specific set number...set number of days in which you want to increase the number of days (inaudible).

Abraha: Ugh 10 days. Would you like me to formally motion?

Patel: Yes ma'am.

Abraha: *Motion to change the minimum of days from 5 to 10.*

Patel: And just for historical or an HR perspective, Gary how many days does HR require you guys to have it posted through this?

Manka: Umm we're given 5 days. Really depends on the position, the org...the more days you have the more applicants you'll get but more days you have it up, the slower the hiring process will become. So it's a tense time to...

Patel: Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Yeah I think it is...I agree it is a catch 22. The thing that I would say is that for the Executive Branch especially in May, like this is even stuff that they are trying to do before they actually like their term starts. Umm so I both understand where you're coming from and realize that for a lot of these cases umm there won't like...they need that 5 days so they can go straight from applicant, then they'll go straight to interviewing. So there will be 4 candidates the second Senate meeting, so it doesn't mean that it has to be only 10 days as well because like for on our behalf for the 2 secretaries, or the Secretary and the Clerk we hired this term, we probably waited 4 weeks before the initial...so 20 days before initially putting it out there and then starting to interview people so.

Abraha: Well my reasoning behind it is that in the past confirmations whenever we've asked the representatives of the Executive Branch, they all said that they only interviewed about 3 people for each position. So I thought maybe this will give them more of a pool to choose from at least. Or somehow...or even if they didn't before if they didn't have the opportunity...this will somehow...

Patel: I could just recommend that you change the number of people you want them to interview then if not that they...because this gives them timeline wise, they would not....Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: I mean because...if I could just clarify, that is a great point. For the Clerk and Secretary that we looked at over 50 and 100....I feel there is definitely...there's...everyone, every application probably had at least 30. So I think there's enough people applying, I think the point about the people they are interviewing is a very valid point; even for our Senate we interviewed each more than 3. So yeah I would say if you moved into four and five I think that's reasonable sure.

Patel: Senator...and this is overall I think...is it?

Aldridge: Yes this is (inaudible).

Patel: Senator...umm yeah....Senator Aziz...oh would you like to rescind your previous amendment?

Abraha: Ughhh...

Patel: Well I'm just seeing if she wants to.

Abraha: I will rescind for the moment.

Patel: Senator Scharon.

Scharon: I like her 10 day idea. I think it's reasonable to have something, a job posted for 2 weeks before they begin interviewing. That's just time to gather things; I like her 10 day suggestion actually.

Patel: Senator Abraha.

Abraha: *May I reinstate and vote so we can at least get the consensus?*

Patel: Are there any points of discussion that anyone else likes to make? Which is why you object to her, we'll make our discussion and then we vote. Senator Romero.

Romero: I object.

Patel: To voting?

Romero: To voting correct.

Patel: Do you rescind?

Abraha: No.

Patel: You do not rescind...so you...

Abraha: No.

Patel: Well then...we'll

Romero: Point of information.

Patel: Go ahead.

Romero: To comment...can I make a comment?

Patel: Well no the point has to be like...

Romero: Oh no nothing.

Patel: Okay, it has to be procedural at this point. So what you're going to do...and okay so this is really cool learning stuff for you new people. So the way it works is that, she made a motion right, he objected to her motion. He felt that whatever his objection was pertinent and she said I do not rescind, which means I still want this motion to be carried out. Now it's you the body the Senate, voting to see if you want to go into voting, aka do you want to continue on with hers? Or no means we just go back to being a normal floor, there is no special voting going on.

Odeh: Wait can you repeat that one more time?

Patel: Sure no problem. So yes means that we want to as a Senate collectively, want to follow Ms. Abraha's path on voting on adding 10 days or not, okay? No means that we do not want to follow that track yet, and



we want to do something else. And abstain means...I don't know how you're in love with a motion, so you can't really abstain. So everyone's good? Senator Romero?

Romero: Am I allowed reasoning for my objection?

Patel: Yes sir, state your objection for the record.

Romero: My objection to the 10 days minimum is the fact that the 10 days will be the minimum. Just because you have 5 days, doesn't mean you can't do 10 days. It just means you're not forcing someone to do 10 days. I think if the professional administration is okay with 5 as a minimum, then we should be okay as 5 as a minimum. It doesn't mean that we can't do more, I just think that forcing someone to do 10 might be umm extraneous especially in times of haste in terms of timing, so.

Patel: Thank you sir. Well no we're still in...like we're following procedural; I was just making sure everyone understood his objection. Everyone understands her motion as well right? Or else we can have her clarify. Okay good so we're going to vote on yes, no or abstain on moving on with her motion to vote. Alright, clickers. One is again yes, two is no, three is to abstain. That's everybody? **16:25:1 I think we're actually good. Is this...you have to be in the majority of either or, so we're going to go with no.** And Senator...actually the floor is open to do whatever. Senator Scharon.

Scharon: The reason I feel 10 days is reasonable for example I keep stuff like my social security card, birth certificate, all that good stuff at home because I move apartments every year. That stuff has to get mailed when you apply for the job, but I don't know about student government but in general...

Patel: Don't make your social security card.

Scharon: (Inaudible) go home to pick up these documents, I mean 10 days seems reasonable to me just because...and I've personally been in that predicament where I personally can't get what I need in that 5 days.

Patel: Thank you ma'am. Senator Larkins.

Larkins: Usually you only need your social security if you actually have the job; I don't think you need it when you're applying for the job.

Patel: Senator Aziz.

Aziz: I have a question for Gary. So with the 5 minimum business days, is that sufficient to get a good talent pool? Some of the hiring committees it's usually they will count how many people will apply, out of 10 like only 3 are good and the rest are junk.

Patel: Mr. Manka.

Manka: When you advertise the position, what the position is, it's up to the student body (inaudible). The 5 days is just a minimum the university will allow and you can do a lot of jobs sit up there for 30 days before we actually close the applications.

Patel: And at the end of the day you are the kind of expert sort of...so was five days enough to get them a good enough candidate to the expectations of the job description, because they all come through us. So moving on, Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Exactly, I'd like to...so if you...if that's not being approved, so we can reject that and move on to...that's what you do for insertions sorry. Go down to 215.5, I don't know what the number is...215.6

Patel: Senator Cocco, really quick

Cocco: Before we move on can we go back to that one, I just have a question. What employee website is that career center?

Aldridge: Yes.

Patel: Career Services.

Aldridge: But it changes from time to time that's why we didn't want to put career because it might not be careers in 5 years

Cocco: Okay, thank you.

Patel: Senator Alqasemi, your hand?

Alqasemi: Oh sorry, I was just...

Patel: Oh, and Senator Canton.

Canton: Umm I would like to...*I would like to motion to amend the article he was talking...215.1.6, I would like to increase that to a minimum of 6 applicants.*

Patel: Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: *Can I make a friendly amendment, just a friendly amendment to 5*, just because if you go too much umm with even...four people and I know this should make sense but it happens all the time, even with the 4 people hiring committee, it's almost impossible to meet that many times in a small period to be able to make the decision in an efficient manner. So five I think something that is not too many meetings for the hiring team to get together.

Patel: And just really quick, just so I understand your amendment, is it going to be 5 there, along with the 5 down there or less than 5...we'll it's there as well, I don't know why it's reworded but oh okay. Yeah, yeah. So...

Canton: So...

Patel: Yeah I'll just read it to you so you guys understand. The hiring team should interview the top three applicants for the position and make a non-binding recommendation to the head of the respective branch making the appointment. If the total number of applicants is less than three, in this case we move it to five so, if the total number of applicants is less than five the position shall be re-advertised for an additional 5 business days. In the event that the total number of applicants is less than 3, following the second advertising cycle...so after this happens, it will now be a total of 10 days if it was just a fluid cycle, the team may move on to interview the total number of applicants.

Canton: Point of information.

Patel: Yes sir.

Canton: It would...it's no different to amend 2 sections that it will be one; the procedure is still the same? Or...

Patel: No it's the exact same thing, you just make a motion.

Canton: *Then yes, the motion should be understood as applying to all applicants...*

Patel: All of 215?

Canton: All of 215.

Patel: .6.

Canton: Yes.

Patel: Alright. And any motions or any objections to that motion?

Aldridge: Did you approve...did he approve my...

Patel: Did you accept the friendly amendment of 5?

Canton: Yes I accept the friendly amendment.

Patel: Thank you sir. Any objections to five applicants? Seeing one. Any more points while I'm typing?  
Senator Aziz.

Aziz: Motion to accept it after you are done.

Patel: Guys I hate this laptop. Alright, so yeah umm any more motions overall? Would you guys...here's your options I guess you guys are burnt out by this. You can either choose to table this specific bill till next week, so you guys have time to I guess mull over the changes. If not you can move into third reading and then...well no because we just dispersed the second reading. So you can move into a third reading...well yeah you can just start voting on it. So yeah you can vote on it right now actually, but it's up to you guys. So Mr. Canton.

Canton: I would like to motion to table this until next meeting.

Patel: Sure any objections to tabling this specific bill?

Odeh: I object.

Patel: Ms. Odeh.

Odeh: I object.

Patel: And can you state your objection for the record.

Odeh: Yes I can formally do that, I object to tabling.

Patel: Why.

Odeh: Ugh oh why. Because I feel like we spent enough time on it, so why push it till next week.

Patel: I'm only going to snap because she is new, and like that's really cool that she stood up. Okay, alright umm...do you rescind your motion to table?

Canton: I rescind.

Patel: Thank you sir. And are there any more motions? Senator Aziz.

Aziz: *Motion to...motion to vote on SB [S] 54-009.*

Patel: Thank you sir. Any objections to moving into voting procedures? Seeing no objections we're now in voting procedures, have your clickers ready so we can do this and move on. Thank you. One is yes, you like the entire bill. Two is no, the entire...all the amendments suck and three is to abstain. Is that everybody? 39:3:2 this bill is approved and...39:3:2...who else abstained? I can't believe I just said that... did anybody else click the button three that's on this side? Alright, we'll do...I mean if I know...okay we'll just do this again then, yeah. I don't mind if you abstain, if you have a reason to abstain, it's not a bad thing. Alright, let's try this one more time. **One is yes, two is no, and three is to abstain. 39:4:1 the bill is still approved.** And just so you guys...like no pressure but all the stuff that you guys vote on...like let me just give a historical set up. So like 2 years ago it was all Nadima would pretty much read out your last names, so she would be like Romero and you would say yes. And then Lopez and you say no. and then all over, it would go down the rows and it would take forever, we moved to clickers. That doesn't mean it's still not published, we still know everyone's vote and we put it online, it's all on the SG website. Just so you guys understand what we're doing. But yeah I would like to take this special moment to introduce our special guest, Mr. Antar who decided to show up. He's actually our chairman and if you can just introduce yourself for the new people.

Antar: Hey everybody. Ugh just for information I was not skipping out, and I'm not a special thing, I'm just a Chair. I was actually at the clinic finishing up some doctoring duties, I wasn't skipping, just so you guys name. So my name is Ali, Chairman on Rules. Ms. Pelegrino probably talked to you guys already about my Committee, at least just a little bit. I hope you guys are excited, (inaudible) College of Medicine Senator, that's pretty cool. I hope I get to meet all of you and if you're in my committee I look forward to seeing you on Thursday.

#### ***b. SB [S] 54-010 Revising ASRC Voting Rights***

Patel: Alright, moving down SB [S] 54-010 Revising ASRC Voting Rights, if I can have the presenter...thank you ma'am here's your laser. And I'll take a motion from a new person, only from a new person, to enter the reading. Senator Oliver.

Oliver: Motion to enter the reading.

Patel: Any objections to entering 54-010 for the first time? Seeing no objections.

Pelegrino: Alright guys well this is SB [S] 54-00...no 54-010. Alright so the intent of this legislation is to examine the voting rights of the Activity and Service Recommendation Committee's alternate senators as outlined in Chapter 601. Ugh by the way this is basically what we do in the Rules Committee, this is a perfect example. Just really quick, some background, the ASRC...Activity and Service and Recommendations Committee is composed of 11...11 members. Out of those 11 members there are 8 Senators, they are elected here I Senate. Those 8 senators, the top 6 senators they have voting power, and then the other two senators are alternate senators which basically they have speaking power, but they only vote when there is an absence of the first 6 Senators. So we'll be referring in this single amendment, so this shouldn't take that long, to the alternate senators. So basically...so basically when we start in our first ASRC meeting we elect a Chair and a Vice Chair. 601.4.3.4 says the alternate Senators shall have the same speaking rights as the elected Senators and shall vote in the absence of the primary Senators and in the election of the chair and vice-chair of the

committee. Very simple, this amendment will give the alternate senators the power to vote for Chair and Vice-Chair. The reasoning behind this is that the alternate senators are members of the committee as well and they should have a say when it comes to electing the leaders of the committee because the decisions that these leaders will be making will impact the alternate senators as any other member of the committee whether or not they have vote or not. So it only makes sense if they are allowed to vote for the Chair and the Vice Chair of the Committee. That's about it, any questions? Does that make any sense?

Patel: Just really quick guys, I recommend we put a comma right there if anyone wants to make a motion.

Senators: There is a comma.

Patel: No I just put it there.

Pelegriano: Can I motion? *Motion to put a comma there.*

Patel: Thank you any objections? Thank you, sometimes it changes the meaning, sometimes it doesn't. In this one it didn't but I just wanted to so just so you guys know. Senator Colon.

Colon: Just a point of clarifications, we are only giving the alternate members of ASRC the power to vote on the Chairs but as long as the 6 people are in there umm they can't vote on anything else?

Pelegriano: Exactly, yeah that is the purpose of being an alternate senator. Basically this is only giving them the power to vote on the Chair and Vice Chair even when all the other 6 senators are present at the meeting in the room. Anything else?

Patel: Senator Canton.

Canton: I would like to state my disagreement with this amendment, and here's why. It's not a matter of affecting the Senators in the Committee. When ASRC was elected, the permanent members on there were elected as permanent members because those were the first choice of the Senate as a whole to represent the interest of the student body to the University of South Florida. The Chair and the Vice Chair are going to greatly influence the structure and character of that committee. When the senators are in the room, to me they are invested by the students through the instrument of the Senate with the power to make this committee's decisions. And this power is explicitly given to the primary senators. When you give the alternate senators the right to vote on the Vice Chair and Chair of the committee, it's not an issue of giving them salient or power over an issue that affects them. What you're actually doing is you're diluting the power that those students have ideally given to the permanent Senators and distributing it among alternates, who are there as a matter of practicality, not, in my opinion, not there as some...like as in an auxiliary type of Senator on the Committee. So that's my objection is basically I don't think it's a matter of it affects us on the committee or it doesn't affect us, we're just elected representatives meant to have the will of the students most fully represented through us. The ones were first elected by the Senate to express that well, should be the ones making the major decisions about the character of the committee.

Patel: Senator Brown.

Brown: I would understand that if you ran for alternate chair, but they didn't. They all ran for sort of like the same level and based as so. So I think even though they don't have the same amount of power, it still does affect them equally and they still did run for the same position. And we're there for the appointment. So.

Patel: Senator Romero.

Romero: My problem with that is the fact that the point of ASRC isn't necessarily focused on how the

delegates are affected but how the people representing the student body is voting on I guess the different organizations and different budgets that come across. So really the point of ASRC isn't to make the delegates feel like they have a choice on whose in control or not but to most effectively represent the student body as decided by the Senate, so that's why I agree with Senator Canton.

Pelegriano: I would like to say that this will actually...

Patel: Ms. Pelegriano.

Pelegriano: Yes that's me I would like to say that ugh by giving alternate Senators the power to vote for the Chair and vice Chair election, or in the Chair and Vice Chair election, will absolutely not interfere with the purpose of ASRC.

Patel: Senator Abraha.

Abraha: Well I just want to clarify a couple of things I think that Senator Canton touched on. When we refer to our alternate senators, the only thing that they can't do is vote in general. And so whenever there is a missing...there is a missing senator for that meeting, which can be quite often versus not, it just depends on the Senators that you have for ASRC, umm they do get paid, they're there...they're paid all there...anyway my point is whenever a person goes missing or there are not there anymore, the alternate senator becomes the voting senator, so their rights are still going to apply to them none the less. So at least what you can do for them is give them a choice of who their leader will be just as we chose our Senator President, same thing as ASRC. I feel like, they are going to be work for them anyway one way or another, we've already used the alternates twice I believe so for in ASRC we've only had 3 meetings, or 4, I can't...yeah 3 meetings. So we've already used our alternate senators so they are affected by the decision of the Chair, so you can't act like they're just like sitting on the side because they are participating voting members.

Patel: Senator Scharon.

Scharon: Umm point of information.

Patel: Yes ma'am.

Scharon: These alternate senators is it like people who just want to like sit in or they actually required that they are obligated to be there, I don't really understand what their role is.

Patel: Sure, remember I think...what 4 weeks ago now, we voted on ASRC members, we had like a long night where everyone was standing in a row it was like 20 of us. Of them the top 8 was put into ASRC, now then the top 6 with the most votes out of the Senate were put into ASRC primary and the other 2, well we had a runner off thing and you guys were all here, and the other 2 were put into alternate senate essentially. They all still go to ASRC, they're all still permanent members of ASRC, until we vote them out they are all obliged to go as long as they can go, and they are all paid to do so. So they are all definite dedicated members of ASRC if that, I don't know if that makes sense. Ms. Scharon.

Scharon: I have a question for Adam. Adam, can this in any way hinder the committees ability to perform unbiased and happily and all together?

Patel: Thank you, Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: I appreciate the question I really do. The only...well, I teased the author about this amendment and the bill but at the end of the day this is only in reference to the first meeting of the whole semester...or the whole term. And I bet we have 15 to 20 meetings by the end of the year. Umm so no it has no effect. Umm I

think if this were to change, I would think that the one thing we should sort of change in terms of practice would be the amount of votes that each senator has in ASRC...or each senator has for ASRC elections, because right now we only have 6. So last year and every year until this year we were 5 votes because last year there were 5 umm primary senators, this year we have 6. If we did change this, then we...which I think I mean if you want to change it I would see nothing wrong with it. The only thing I would suggest then is that we change the number from 6 to 8 and still say the top 6 for primary, the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> for alternate. But in terms of how the umm the proceedings and sort of the (inaudible) of ASRC pass the first meeting, I don't think there will be any difference to it. It won't negatively impact; it won't necessarily positively impact, because we still elect a chair regardless. I don't think it would have any umm any (inaudible) or any affect run how ASRC runs for the rest of the year.

Patel: And chairs as usual are not supposed to influence any kind of decision making, we just Chair our meeting. So I'm not trying to tell you all to vote for it I'm not trying to tell you don't, I'm just here. No different than your committees, if they start doing stuff, then throw the gavel at them. Ms. Scharon.

Scharon: Okay last question. Could the alternate senator become Chair or Vice Chair of the Committee?

Patel: No. Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: They need to be able to vote in case of a tie, if they don't have ugh the voting power, they cannot be the Chair or Vice Chair.

Scharon: Okay.

Patel: Thank you, Senator Antar.

Antar: I would like to take a second because we all seem to be hammering one point. But we'll go the counterpoint, really quickly, the point that Mr. Canton made, in diluting the powers and responsibilities of the primary Senators. If...and this is just a question, just asking. What is to differentiate the vote for a chair as opposed to like a vote for a budgeting decision? Say for instance (inaudible) \$300 or \$500 in the nature of the vote. So if that's where you draw the line with the chair and the vice chair where are you really drawing the line as to what they can vote on and what they can't vote on. Umm I mean yeah it's kind of...you can say it's pretty out there but it's still a vote. So just because this one is for the chair, why is it a different vote...it's still funding the students at the end of the day, because it's the nature of committee that you're voting on.

Patel: The first hand I saw was back there somewhere.

Colon: Umm he...sorry Colon, he stole my point.

Patel: Got cha, sorry. Umm Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Okay not to...okay I would basically say that there is a big gap between the two. The ASRC Chair elections is completely internal, it's just with the proceedings of the committee so that there is one person hopefully saying here we're going to motion for this, open up for discussion. It's all internal, the committee proceeds. Every other vote on budgets is all external, it's about the official results about the organization...the 200 organizations that we have or all the different departments we have to (inaudible) SG budgets. So I would say there is a big difference between the internal chair and vice chair vote, and the external budgeting and allocation vote.

Patel: Senator Canton.

Canton: I don't think the sanction is as clear as you make it though because in the course of our normal duties there is going to be a lot of votes that come up that draw...that straddle the line between being internal and external. And what I mean by that is tonight we had motions to disperse, you know we had a motion to disperse the first reading of this bill, you could argue that's solely an internal matter of how the senate operating procedures is going to be. But you could also argue that the order of the readings of the bills is going to have like a very salient effect on their eventual passage and therefore the effect on the entire campus. And there is going to be procedural questions that come up like that during the internal affairs of ASRC, not that specific one but similar questions that I feel like might confuse the line between purely internal matters and external matters and then Mr. Antar's point becomes very salient.

Patel: Ms. Pelegrino...Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Okay yes all those points are correct but the whole ASRC budgeting process is completely different. So all the members of ASRC could be here, I mean the Chair is on ASRC, but even Senator Larkins, and Senator Romero, you don't even have any of those motions internally to motion to read the budget of blah blah organization. You just read the organization and then you motion to fund the \$200 here, \$100 here, \$50 here, etc. etc. and then vote on the full budget. So there is not internal proceedings within the committee. It's simply here's the budget, question and answer, discussion, vote, there is not internal read a second time or anything like that. So there is no process like that in ASRC.

Patel: Senator Abraha.

Abraha: Well I was going to ask, this budget passed the rules correct?

Patel: What budget?

Abraha: I mean the...sorry this resolution.

Patel: Yes ma'am.

Pelegrino: Bill.

Abraha: The bill passed the...okay and...alrighty I'll come back.

Patel: Thank you ma'am. Senator Antar.

Antar: If that's the truth...I mean I would (inaudible) Mr. Aldridge. What about a motion to set standards, what about a motion to take (inaudible)

Aldridge: It's not a motion.

Antar: It is a motion, you do have to take it as a motion, I mean that's how we worked last year unless we were working incorrectly.

Patel: Senator Kattih.

Kattih: Okay I would like to point out to everybody the fact that...for example in the first meeting when we're voting for Chair and Vice Chair, if the primary Senator if one of them is not present then it falls on the secondary, alternate Senator to vote. So they do have some kind of opportunity to maybe voice their opinion. On the other hand umm our primary senators are the people who we have entrusted to this committee, and the alternates are there to be alternates. So when the situation calls for them to alternates, I think it's appropriate for them to voice their opinion. When the situation does not call for their vote, I don't think it is



their duty to voice that vote.

Patel: Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: I would like to say that alternates still have the speaking rights. So they could voice their opinions whenever they want. They cannot vote if there ...if one of the primary senators are not there umm but they can...but they can always influence the process in one way or another because they have speaking rights. That's the first point. The second point is, I feel like you guys are missing the big picture, this only gives them the power to vote in the first meeting for the Chair and the Vice Chair. We have a case of people in a Committee, other peoples making the decisions for this two people and that they have absolutely no say in it. I mean I can even argue how is that process democratic if they don't have a point and they don't have a say. I feel like you guys are completely missing the big picture. It's only...they will be allowed to vote in the first meeting for the Chair and the Vice Chair that will be making decisions throughout the whole term that will affect this alternate one way or another.

Patel: Guys there is no need to fight each other...let me tell you exactly (inaudible). Canton said something that went up to the air and then this thing is up in the air next week okay, so you're fighting those topics, don't fight each other, there is no point in fighting each other.

Pelegrino: We're not fighting each other.

Patel: So yeah. But you said you guys and then you guys are all fighting each other. So I'll take a motion to vote because the topic is just going in this circle right here when I'm asking people. So Senator...Senator Alqasemi.

Alqasemi: Motion to vote on this Bill.

Patel: Thank you any objections to voting on....

Aldridge: Whoa...we're in the first reading

Patel: I was just going to take a motion to...okay. Senator Antar...if you can rescind.

Alqasemi: I'm sorry.

Patel: If you could rescind please, just so we can disperse this reading, or move onto second reading.

Alqasemi: I rescind my motion.

Patel: Thank you. Senator Antar.

Antar: *I would like to motion to read this bill a second time.*

Patel: Thank you any objections to moving into second reading? Seeing none. Senator Romero.

Romero: No I don't object.

Patel: No there's no...

Romero: *Can I motion to disperse the second reading.*

Patel: Yes, any objections to dispersing the second reading? Senator Sharon.

Scharon: I have a question.

Patel: Go ahead and state your question for the record.

Scharon: Okay so (inaudible) this little circle. Is there another way like a format or something that should have gone through, like motion for a discussion or...

Patel: Oh it's really lax in here.

Scharon: Just like a procedural question I'm asking.

Patel: Like we can but...I'll answer that in a second. Any objections to dispersing the second reading? Senator Brown, you have an objection?

Brown: I object.

Patel: You object to dispersing the second reading?

Brown: Yes.

Patel: For what purpose?

Brown: I would like to make an amendment.

Patel: Well you can make it after the second reading. Any objections...do you rescind.

Brown: I rescind.

Patel: Thank you sir. Any more objections to dispersing second reading? Seeing none we're now pass the second reading and now for an open I guess base. Umm Senator Brown.

Brown: I would like to make an amendment to umm 601.4.3.4.

Patel: Please state your amendment for the record.

Brown: I would like to remove the first and, because I feel like now that there is a comma there, it is not necessary, and replace it with a comma

Patel: Which and?

Brown: The first and.

Patel: Oh...this one?

Brown: Yes.

Patel: And you said replace it with a comma? That makes no sense.

Aldridge: Read it, it makes sense.

Patel: You guys, okay. [Gavel] The alternate senators shall have this same speaking rights as the elected senators, shall vote in the absence of the primary senators and in the election of the chair and vice-chair of the committee. The comma is kind of...now the comma...you don't need this comma. Thank you sir. Any more amendments...or actually can I get a motion to...are there any objections to this amendment? Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Yes it's ugh like...yes I have an objection grammatically because it's like a run on sentence umm.

Rum: But then you have to make it parallel.

Aldridge: If the alternate senators.

Rum: You have to make it parallel...put that comma back.

Aldridge: Yes.

Patel: Alright, you guys. So do you object...so you object?

Aldridge: I object

Patel: Senator Brown do you rescind your amendment?

Brown: I rescind my amendment.

Patel: Thank you sir. Any more amendments? Senator Abraha...Senator Aziz.

Aziz: *I'm going to motion to vote.*

Patel: Any more amendments...are there any objections to voting? Alright, seeing no objections, can I have the clicker please, thank you? Alright guys we're in voting procedures, one is yes you like the amendment, two is no you don't like the amendment and three is to abstain. Is that everybody?

Aldridge: No.

Kattih: No wait.

Patel: **I think that's everybody. 31:12:1 this amendment is approved.** Oh...why did that...

***c. SB [S] 54-011 Proviso with Changes***

Patel: Alright, moving on. 54-011 let's call it proviso with changes, quote on quote. And we'll codify it as soon as it is...we'll have it codified for you next week, so just know we're reading it for the first time. Ugh can I have the presenter...oh there you are.

Kattih: Thank you.

Patel: Yes ma'am. And I'll take a motion. Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Motion to enter the first reading of the bill.

Patel: Any objections to entering the first reading? Seeing none, go ahead ma'am.

Kattih: Okay guys, so as Chair of the ASRC committee I felt it was appropriate to present the changes we umm approved in ASRC last week. Umm so if you can go ahead and scroll through them. So proviso, chapter 804, for those of you who don't know 804 is kind of the rules by which student organizations abide in order to receive A&S funding and in order to spend their A&S funding. So there are just a couple of changes that we felt were appropriate for this year's ASRC committee. Okay umm so 804.2.13 we struck the four organizations umm we...it says existing telephones which have not been funding by July 1<sup>st</sup> of each new school year will be terminated by A&S fee management bureau. Umm basically umm we felt that this should include agencies not just organizations. And that's...804.2.16.8, we felt that it was appropriate to define general business meetings. Umm and so we added in for food...food for general business meetings as defined in Title 1 of SG statutes, which is also delineated in the upcoming bill after this. Next we have umm 804.5.2.3, car rentals. The maximum was changed from \$30 to \$60. Umm 804.5.2.7 maximum was changed from \$40 to \$75 and then finally 804.5.2.8; maximum was changed from \$50 to \$100. These changes were all...all of these changes are in place because we originally had a contract with Avis that allowed us to receive cars, vans, all this stuff for a discounted price. We no longer have that same contract, and so we believe that it's appropriate to fund or allow the expenditure of slightly higher numbers. Next please.

Patel: That's it.

Kattih: And that is it. Are there any questions?

Patel: Well first thing since it's not technically a well formatted properly bill, I would just say that overall we would table it till next week so you guys have a properly formatted bill to look at. But for now just discuss what you want to discuss. But yeah...So Senator Larkins.

Larkins: Can you go down please?

Patel: Yes ma'am, to which one?

Larkins: That's good.

Patel: Senator Aziz...okay Senator Abraha...who had their hand up over there guys? Alright, any more...Senator Brown.

Brown: Umm I motion to table this...

Kattih: Umm...

Patel: Go ahead.

Kattih: I would suggest if there is a way to present this in a Bill format because ASRC was hoping to meet this week and finalize its standards. And we don't feel it's appropriate to finalize our standards without proviso being approved by Senate. If there is not a way it's understandable we can...you know postpone that but we want to expedite the process.

Patel: I will take a motion from the Senate. Senator Aziz.

Aziz: So I would like to motion for a recess to create the Bill, if it's not going to take like more than 10 minutes.

Patel: I mean we can always move it to fiscal legislation for a second and someone at the back just type up the bill and move on with presentations.

Aziz: Motion to table it till the end of the meeting.

Patel: Any objections to tabling the bill to when we come back to it as a proper bill? Senator Abraha.

Abraha: I mean how much of a difference would it make if ASRC not this Friday but next Friday. Because I mean the real business does not start until January.

Patel: The only difference I can imagine is that you don't want to have that we talked about it then we miss an entire week where we don't talk about it, and then we talk about it a week later where it's like kind of like out of your mind. It's up to you...I mean honestly it's up to the Senate as a body. Senator Abraha.

Abraha: I politely object.

Patel: Alright and...do you rescind Mr. Aziz?

Aziz: I rescind.

Patel: Alright, so can I have another motion? Senator Romero.

Romero: I motion to reinstate Mr. Aziz's motion to table it to the end of the meeting.

Patel: To table it to the end of the meeting? Any objections to reinstating? We don't do this very often guys. And Senator Ulloa can you state your objection for the record.

Ulloa: Yes, I object. I feel like we should just table (inaudible) proper format. They have plenty of time until then.

Patel: Senator Romero. Actually no that's an objection...do you rescind?

Romero: No.

Patel: With that we're now in voting procedures, here we go. One is yes, you do want to table it until next...no, no. One is yes you want to postpone it later this meeting, this very meeting we'll have the bill come back. Two is no, we want to keep talking about it until we figure out how we want to move on with it. And three is to abstain, good stuff? Yeah. Yes ma'am

Pelegrino: What was two again?

Patel: Two was to not accept Senator Romero's motion to table it until later this meeting, this very meeting, and to just look at it until we figure out what it is we want to do.

Pelegrino: So that would mean table it until next week?

Patel: If that's the decision of the Senate at that point. But 2 only means we don't want to take any action on it right now, we just want to stare at it for a little more. No that's...I'm not being...okay. Alright, have your clickers...one is yes, you want to table it till the end of the meeting, two is no you want to stare at it and three is to abstain. I don't mean it in any condescending way if you want to stare at it, it would just be an open kind of floating...which is fine with me I don't mind, it's what we do anyways. Is that it? Ma'am?

Odeh: I have to vote?

Patel: Yes. You got into Senate to vote.

Odeh: I know but I don't know anything about ASRC or how to process it. I don't know how my influence would be affected, so could I abstain, technically?

Patel: No, because. Okay with the discussion that we just had, let me just break this out for you guys. With the discussion we had, your job is to object if we're going to go into voting if you don't have enough information at the time. You enter at a point where it's already in voting, you shouldn't be voting because you weren't there before the voting started. If you just got there and there was no like it was just starting to vote...guys you can't really move when we're in...like there is a screen up. There's like...go back down. So what happens is you have to vote, because that's the reason why you're in Senate and that's just...you're voicing your student opinion. So you do vote. Is that everybody? Alright, **28:11:1 so we will table this until later in this very meeting.** Alright moving on...actually we do have another.

*d. SB [S] 54-012 Conforming to Changes in Proviso*

Patel: Well... we have actually 012 is actually in proper bill format so we could move on to this unless it directly correlates to Proviso. Nope, it's just that. So I'll take the author...are you the author of this bill?

Kattih: Okay yes I'm presenting this as well.

Patel: Thank you ma'am. Okay.

Kattih: Okay umm so...

Patel: Well if I can get...I'll take a motion to enter reading.

Aldridge: *Motion to enter the first reading of SB [S] 54-012.*

Patel: Any objections to entering first reading? Seeing none.

Kattih: Okay if you would scroll...the intent of this legislation shall be to make necessary changes to Title I in accordance with the changes to Proviso. As you just saw in SB [S] 54-011, there are certain changes in proviso that needs to be accommodated by these changes. So we added in the definition of a general body meeting in 103.38. So a general business meeting shall be defined as any meeting that has as its primary purpose to plan future events, to discuss general business of the organization, or to elect officers. And this was agreed upon by the ASRC committee.

Patel: I mean that is actually all.

Kattih: And that is it.

Patel: Senator Romero.

Romero: *Motion to enter second reading*

Patel: Any objections to moving on from first reading to second reading? Seeing none, we're now in second reading. Senator Canton.

Canton: Motion to disperse the second reading.

Patel: Any objections to dispersing the second reading? Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: I object.

Patel: Ma'am state your objection for the record.

Pelegrino: I just wanted to bring...umm I just...

Patel: If you can keep going, sorry. My bad.

Pelegrino: I was just...I just wanted to bring up the point that to discuss general business of the organization, like let's say last week I went to a Latin Affairs Club meeting. And their meetings is dancing, would you consider...like that's all they do, they dance, that's their general body meeting, like how does that fit in this definition? Is that discuss general business of the organization?

Kattih: To clarify...it's up to committee to decide.

Patel: Senator Kattih.

Kattih: Thank you, Mr. Patel. To clarify that is up to committee to decide umm it gives us a little bit of flexibility in deciding on what general business is so.

Patel: Senator Romero.

Romero: You technically objected to the motion correct, to disperse the reading?

Pelegrino: I objected to the motion to disperse the reading, yeah.

Romero: If you rescind your objection, and we disperse the reading, then we can discuss correct?

Patel: Yeah.

Pelegrino: Okay.

Patel: Do you rescind your motion?

Pelegrino: Yes.

Patel: Alright, sorry, thank you for that. Are there any more objections to dispersing second reading? Seeing none, we are now on an open table. Senator Ulloa...pronounce it please.

Ulloa: Ulloa.

Patel: Ulloa, thank you.

Ulloa: Just a question, you're just clarifying what the definition of general business would mean?

Patel: That's the purpose of this bill, yes. Senator Aziz.

Aziz: Like a general business meeting, is it the same thing as a general body meeting?

Kattih: Yes, I think in our statutes we've been using the term general business meeting, but it's intended to imply general business meeting/general body meeting. We can clarify that.

Patel: How would you like me to clarify that? Senator Aziz.

Aziz: Make an amendment, business/body.

Patel: Would you like it slashed or parentheses or is this good for you?

Aziz: Slash is good.

Patel: Okay, any objections to this amendment? Senator Belizaire.

Belizaire: Umm I feel like because...I feel like general business meeting and general body meeting are two different things.

Patel: Can you speak up please.

Belizaire: Oh okay, I'm not loud enough? So general business meeting means like ugh a board meeting. General body meetings, you guys discuss with other members of the organization about topics and I guess interests that you guys share and the purpose of the meeting. And so I feel like business and body are two different things.

Patel: Senator Kattih.

Kattih: The way this is shown right here, it's implying that general business and general body meetings are the same. A&S money can't really be used on E-board meeting because they're not open to everybody unless they are made open to everybody, in which case they can use the A&S money. But for our purposes as an SG, we are defining a general business meeting and general body meeting as you see here, so the same thing.

Patel: Senator Scharon.

Scharon: Umm, never mind.

Patel: And Senator...I can't can you just tell ...

Vindel: Vindel

Patel: Vindel?

Vindel: Yeah.

Patel: Senator Vindel, if you can stand as well.

Vindel: Umm I feel like the definition is...at the very last two words it says elect officers, so we shouldn't include open that e-board, because when you're elected officers, it's generally everyone in the organization right? So not only the e-board committee, so that's why it's body and just...

Patel: Thank you ma'am. Senator Scharon.

Scharon: Is it written anywhere on how the organization has to call their meetings, whether the business of that meeting (inaudible).

Kattih: Ugh.



Patel: Senator Kattih.

Kattih: For this very reason we've defined them as business/body meeting, because it implies general body meeting, general business meeting. It's basically....I guess we can clarify any meeting of organizations members that has its primary purpose to plan future events. But that would encompass e-board meetings as well, because they are technically members.

Patel: So would you like to make an amendment? Senator Aziz.

Kattih: For my purposes this stands as...

Aziz: Don't I have to redo my amendment since someone objected, Ms. Karline?

Patel: Yes ma'am, sorry. Do you hold to your objection against slash body?

Belizaire: Yeah.

Patel: You do?

Belizaire: Yeah I just don't like it. Because I feel like okay so...what I'm thinking is...

Patel: Okay. And you do not rescind?

Aziz: No.

Patel: Yeah guys we're not usually like this; this is a very circular debate. Normally we'll have fun days where we're just like moving through stuff and meeting nice people. Guys we're still in voting procedures. And yes, no or abstain. And yes is to add/body, no is that no/body doesn't apply to this, and three is to abstain. Is that everybody?

Aldridge: No.

Patel: Who? **35:4:1, we will add /body.** And anyone that every wants to run for a chair position in any kind of legislation thing, it's so hard to bottle up all your emotions and range. Like I just want to move on, alright. Oh or actually we're on...there we go, sorry. So yeah, Senator Ulloa.

Ulloa: Motion to vote on the Bill please?

Patel: Any objections to moving on to voting procedures? Senator Aldridge, state your objective for the record.

Aldridge: Saw what you did there. Ugh...I'm not going to be one that (inaudible) since we just voted on it but, the only thing you have to do now is go back to 804.2.16.8 and actually add in body. That's why, no offense, but we don't...the reason why you put an amendment in there or that's why you put a definition is that it's also in Statutes. There is no general body meeting in statutes, that's so you'll just have to go back to 804 and add that as well. But if you're find in saying in 804.2.16.8, food for general business/body means...which is the same thing just like ASBO and...

Patel: On Bill 11...

Aldridge: Yes, that's what I mean by that. If you're fine with that which is the exact same definition but okay whatever, I won't object. I'll rescind the objection.

Patel: Senator Belizaire.

Belizaire: Okay.

Patel: Do you also have an objection; this is time where he made a motion?

Belizaire: To voting for the...

Patel: Yeah.

Belizaire: Yes, yes.

Patel: Okay, state your objection for the record.

Belizaire: Okay my objection is still on the 103.38,

Patel: Yes, that's too bad.

Belizaire: That's too bad? But like can I...

Patel: We already have a Senate consensus of what they want. So even you saying this, like I respect it, you have a voice but they're just going to vote the same way that they voted.

Belizaire: Okay, well I just have then...I just have general question then.

Patel: Yes ma'am go ahead.

Belizaire: Okay so when you guys say general business/body meeting, so say if the organization had their first meeting...

Patel: Well hold on really quick, can you rescind your motion to vote so we can answer her...

Ulloa: I rescind my motion.

Patel: Thank you sir, go ahead ask your question.

Belizaire: Okay, so say an organization has food in their meeting, their general body meeting, you're saying with this they're not allowed to have food at their meeting that's A&S funded?

Kattih: Before...

Patel: Senator Kattih.

Kattih: Before this clause was instated in Title I, they were still not allowed to have food that was A&S funded at their general body meeting. This just defined for our purposes and for the A&S Business Office purpose what a general business body meeting is. And so basically, okay you have a student organization, they want to have their first general body meeting, does ASRC fund it, yes or no? No we don't fund general body meetings, this is just for the grey area when a student organization wants to meet, it's not clear whether or not it's a general body meeting, this is what defines...if we define it as a general body meeting or not.

Patel: (inaudible) perspective, ASBO so like the way it works is ASRC will fund the org and the org has flexible spending from there on. So once they get a budget they can pretty much spend the money as they choose because of flexible spending. ASBO which is the office right there that actually....like they are the gatekeepers of the money, and they can't do anything unless our bill says they can't do that. So if we say don't give them money for general body meeting, even then they don't have a definition for general body meeting (inaudible). They have no definition for general body meeting, which is why we are putting a definition in there, and actually they can kind of have some kind of power with it. Because ASBO is just people, like they are not students so they don't have any power. Senator Scharon.

Scharon: So Adam said that now we have to go back to 804 and change that, I didn't know that before voting yes, is there a way to backtrack?

Patel: Just really quick, we have not voted on 011 which is what we're going back to at the end of this meeting. That's just...just to explain 011 is or what you votes yes on...it's this thing. Senator Antar, where is it in your folder?

Antar: It's in the first page.

Kattih: Point of clarification.

Patel: Which one, this right here? Yep, and so right here is what...what Adam is alluding to. Yes it would be right here, general business/body, that would be the amendment you would have to make. Senator...yes Senator Antar.

Antar: Are there any other places in the statutes where it says general business meeting? No, okay.

Patel: Thank you, Senator Kattih.

Kattih: I was going to ask that question. Also I wanted to I guess this may be a question for our parliamentarian, is it necessary to add /body because this by definition this indicates general business meeting and/or general body meeting.

Antar: I mean it can go either way, I mean does it seem necessary because it's making something seem a little more clear? But I mean how much more clearer can it be because it's a general business meeting. If it's the rule of the Senate, it's the rule of the Senate.

Kattih: Okay.

Patel: Alright, guys, I'll take another motion to vote. Senator Ulloa.

Ulloa: *Motion to vote please?*

Patel: Any objections to voting? Alright, we're now in voting procedures. We'll be voting on 12, which is happening before 11, just so you guys understand. We're just....it's hiding now. One is yes you like the bill and the way it stands, which is general/body and the entire thing. No is no you don't want to change it at all, and three is to abstain. Did you just vote? Okay.

Unknown Senator: Do I have to?

Patel: No, don't vote you weren't in the room before we started. Alright, 32:7:1, this bill is approved. So now it will just be called whatever we just voted on, I guess. And then what I would recommend to make kind of a fluid amendment would be amend it in here as well, that's just a recommendation, however you guys want to

take it as a body. And this is the proper bill so if you guys would like to entertain the....would you like to come back to this is what you want to table it....does a Senate want to come back to 011 right here, instead of the end of the meeting. Senator Antar.

Antar: Motion to reconvene our discussion on 54-011.

Patel: Any objections to entering second reading of 011, Updating Proviso? Seeing no objections.

Kattih: Okay, so...

Patel: Senator Kattih.

Kattih: Now that we have SB [S] 54-011, the intent of this legislation shall be to take into consideration the updates made to Chapter 4 by the A&S....by ASRC. The Senate Statutory Amendment, be it enacted by the Senate of the US...University of South Florida Student Government Assembled that the follow changes be made to Student Government Statutes.

Patel: Senator Aldridge...well actually let her finish first reading, go ahead finish reading. Did we enter second reading? We did, motion to enter reading....she has not finished reading the bill...guys she has to finish reading. Read the bill. Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: I'd like to motion to disperse from the second reading of the Bill.

Patel: The point of...because we haven't read the first time technically because this is a proper Bill right here (inaudible). Like this is a process that we're trying to follow, just go ahead.

Kattih: Okay, so 804.2.16.8, food for general business meetings as defined in Title 1 of SG statutes...should I continue? Umm 804.5.2.3 Car Rental \$60 per day exclusive of total gas receipts. 804.5.2.7 Minivan rental, 7 passenger, \$75 per day per van. 804.5.2.8 Bus Rental or...12 passenger vans of \$100 per day per van.

Patel: Perfect thank you ma'am. Just because he typed it up, you don't know what he could have typed. But...Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: Umm could you go to the first amendment.

Patel: Yes ma'am.

Pelegrino: *I motion to add / body right next to the business...general business/body meeting, 804.2.16.8*

Patel: That's exactly where we're at.

Pelegrino: And also the sub-clause.

Kattih: The sub-clause was actually not a sub-clause this was what was actually inserted into Title 1.

Pelegrino: Okay.

Patel: Alright.

Kattih: So 804.2.16.8 now reads food for general business/body meetings as defined in Title 1 of SG statutes.

Patel: Any more amendments? Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Umm do we need to I guess officially strike that sub-clause. So motion to strike the sub-clause for 804.2.16.8

Patel: Any insertions? No. Any objections to striking said sub-clause. Seeing none. Any more motions? Senator Rum.

*Rum: Motion to vote on this.*

Patel: Any objections to moving into voting procedures? Senator Abraha.

Abraha: Ummm...

Patel: Can you state your objection for the record.

Abraha: Yeah I object, just on the grounds that any of the new Senators should have experience with Proviso and (inaudible), not just the changes but any of the question that they have. I don't think that they've had sufficient time after they've rushed through many bills tonight. And so this is just from my...as for me, as for ASRC. It's probably really convenient to do it tomorrow. I mean for me it's really convenient, but I am considering the new Senators and everything we've been through tonight, I feel like it's too rushed but it's up to you guys.

Patel: It's actually not up to me, but do you rescind your motion Ms. Rum.

Rum: Table it till when?

Patel: Next meeting.

Rum: I do not rescind my motion.

Patel: Okay, now we're voting.

Rum: Motion to vote.

Patel: Oh yeah, I'm sorry, thank you sir. Alright, the way the motion stands, 1 is yes I want to move into voting and vote on that bill. 2 is no I want to not vote on the bill and do something else instead. And then 3 is to abstain. And i...I promise to all you new people, this is the first time this has happened. (inaudible), this really doesn't happen. 37, do I have anybody else who have not clicked in yet, just raise your hand?

**31:5:1...35:5:1 this bill is...or we will now vote on this bill.**

Kattih: 31:5:1.

Patel: Oh right, I'm sorry 31:5:1. Senator Aldridge.

*Aldridge: Can I make a motion to reestablish quorum really quickly because I know it's changed from time to time?*

Patel: Sure.

Aldridge: Okay.

Patel: And all that re-establishing quorum does is ugh kind of just tells us who is in the room again, and so when we're voting it doesn't have this skewed perception of if there were 50 people clicked in (inaudible). I'll

explain it in a second. But usually we don't say no to reestablishing quorum. Just click one; I'm sorry I should have probably elaborated earlier. Or click anything actually. Is that 37 people in the room? Senator Canton, please. Okay, is that everybody? He wasn't in the room when we started. Go ahead. Excuse me, okay if you haven't clicked in just point at them or raise your hand because they are not paying attention. Okay, alright. **38 people present.** All this does is that we have like this way of operating...excuse me? Regardless we have a way of operating in Senate, and that's we operate by majority which tells you 38, half of that is 19, plus one is 20. So when you want a majority vote count 20 people would have to have voted yes. We just need a number so we could accurately follow those procedures noting that that's what the Senate wants. Okay there we go, alright. I'll take a motion. Senator Rum...

Rum: *Motion to...*

Patel: Go ahead.

Rum: *Vote on 011 Proviso.*

Patel: Updating Proviso. Any objections to voting on 011? Seeing none, we are now in voting procedures on 011. Alright, one is yes you agree with the changes, two is no you do not, and three is to abstain. 38...alright that's 37, who else abstained. Senator Romero can you state your abstention for the record.

Romero: I wasn't in the room so I wasn't sure if we made any changes, so I didn't want to make a vote not knowing if we made a change to what was...

Patel: Okay, really quick there were no extra changes made except for /body.

Romero: Okay can I...

Patel: So would you like to state your vote for the record?

Romero: Yes, I state yes.

Patel: **Alright, so let the record state that Mr. Romero votes yes, and the proper vote count for SB[S] 54-011 Updating Proviso is 38:0:1, thank you sir.**

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

### ***a. SB [A] 54-036 American Society of Civil Engineers***

Patel: Alrighty then, to the easier more fun times. Alright, your first bill for the night is SB [S] or SB [A] is 54-036, American Society of Civil Engineers.

Kattih: Can you pull up...

Patel: Yes?

Kattih: Can you pull up the legislation (inaudible).

Patel: Yes. Senator Odeh.

Odeh: Can you state for the record why, or what we're doing now?

Patel: Yep, I'll explain it before she starts. So what she's doing now, we just went from statutory presentations, which are statutes which are just laws that we do in house and that affect it wherever it governs in SG. Now moving on in fiscal legislations...I'm sorry we should have probably had a day for you guys to learn. That's fine, so we do three different things, or five...five different things. There is Statutory stuff, Constitutional Stuff, Procedural stuff, Legislative stuff...no not legislative stuff...Fiscal stuff and Resolutions, thank you sir. So those are the five things that we do. Resolution is what we did for Mr. (inaudible), our...the janitor, he's also like the coolest guy in the building. That's a resolution, we recognize somebody and as a Senate we say our voice. Fiscal is right here, our money we're allocating it. Statutory is where we're deciding on rules. Procedural is when we're deciding on how there are procedures that are being handled, and handling those procedures. And then we have Constitutional, which we've only ever done once, and that's when we had the amendments to the constitution. So that's all of it. But yeah, thank you.

Kattih: Okay so SCA is Senate Committee on Appropriations, just so you guys could know. This is...this is an appropriations bill. Umm okay so legislation presentation. What I do as every ugh fiscal legislation that we have, I write it up in a presentation format, I present it to you guys umm in a way that shows you...thank you. Umm if you see the first example, it shows you how much money was requested, how much was allocated, the purpose of the organization, what events were funded, what we cut from, and it lists what the events are and why they were funded. So right now in the interim account we have \$100,997.53, this is from the original \$150 that is allocated by ASRC.

Patel: \$150,000

Kattih: \$150,000, thank you. \$150,000 that's allocated for the interim account. Umm so we've spent about \$50,000. So first one, we have 54-036 American Society of Civil Engineers. This organization has requested \$59,300.54 and they were allocated by the Senate Committee on Appropriations and Audits \$4,876. They had their conference registration, their conference competitions, their national (inaudible) competition, a national concrete canoe competition, a banquet, career fair, t-shirts, a spring social, and an annual fall turkey election. So when it says cuts are made from standards and events that have passed. The thing that you just saw the 804 proviso, that's where our standards come in. Based on those rules we make standards that we abide by throughout the semester, throughout the ASRC year, and upcoming fiscal year. Umm events that have past we don't retroactively fund anything, so if you had an event that was in ugh August, and you submitted your budget, and it's just now being approved, you won't get funded for that event. So I hope that clarifies some things for all the new Senators.

Patel: Senator Scharon.

Scharon: Well I had a question about the events, should I wait till she reads through or ask now?

Patel: However she would like to handle it. Senator Kattih, how would you like to handle the question?

Kattih: You can ask.

Scharon: Okay umm, two questions, first off I thought t-shirts were not funded by A&S fees.

Kattih: They are funded up to a maximum of \$500, maximum of \$7 per shirt and it's been ASRC and interim...or SCAAs ugh precedent this semester to fund them \$5 per shirt.

Scharon: And secondly, I know as in some of them have only been 8 events, there is technically 9 but is that because you considered the south east conference, the registration and the competition in one event and then clumped it together?

Kattih: Okay so for this organization we...the 8 standard umm okay so what we've been doing for this semester, we've been funding an average of 8 events for organization. In this case committee felt that it was appropriate to fund more than 8 events. And so because we do have that flexibility, because standards are flexible, we went ahead and do that. So yeah there are 9 items technically funded.

Patel: Senator Colon.

Colon: For the new Senators have any of you guys told them about the viewpoint neutrality and how it goes in to effect when they are voting on this type of...

Kattih: That is an excellent point, thank you for bringing it up. So what...

Patel: Thank you, actually hold on. We have the leisure and foremost I guess expertise in viewpoint neutrality, Mr. Manka. If you could give a quick 2 minute, to explain to them what viewpoint neutrality is.

Manka: Yeah there was two Supreme Court cases a few years ago, universities were being sued because...let me put it this way, when a school mandates (inaudible) service fee, based on those supreme court cases, they have to follow viewpoint neutrality process or their decision making is considered (inaudible) and arbitrary. So basically you have to look at every organization from a viewpoint neutral perspective. In other words, just because you fund prochoice, doesn't mean you have to fund prolife, you have to fund everything based on the events they put before you, the quality of the events, how it affects the university, how it relates to the mission statement, etc. You cannot fund organizations based on (inaudible). So there are certain standards we put into place based on that whole process. And you know it is what it is, (inaudible).

Patel: Thank you sir. So even if you hate their cause, you can't use that as your judgment, you're using your judgment as you're funding the fees that they have paid into it as well. So just make sure it's responsible. Senator Aziz.

Aziz: When you met with them, did they explain the...go back, second page...about the annual...no the Spring Banquet, about it being a fundraiser at the same time? Did they talk to you about that?

Kattih: From when I met with them there was not... (inaudible) not going to be a fundraiser which is why the committee felt it was appropriate to fund it. I don't know why I copied the wrong thing.

Patel: So it's not a fundraiser?

Kattih: It's not.

Patel: Okay.

Kattih: And the organization was made aware the fundraisers were not allowed to be funded through A&S funds.

Patel: Senator Rum.

Rum: So when they are having competitions, it's open to all the students? (Inaudible), is it open to everyone or just the engineering students?

Patel: Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Explain it this way is that...everyone in that organization is open to join that organization and through that then there...anyone is able...through joining the organization to join the competition. So



anyone can make it, and the fees are only going to USF students that are participating. So by those two parallels it's okay for something like that to happen.

Patel: Any more questions, comments? Senator Belizaire.

Belizaire: Just a quick question is this a new student organization?

Kattih: It is not, umm...it is not but previously they have applied for funding in umm February of the 2013 year, and so they were past the annual deadline of January 23<sup>rd</sup>, I believe. And so because their technically...this is the first time they will be included in the annual process, and so they don't...they don't get a 25% deduction.

Patel: Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Just to explain it further, the way that A&S budget runs, it runs from fiscal year to fiscal year. So it runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> of one year to June 31<sup>st</sup> of the next year. So when they received funding in February, they only received it for 3 months out of the year. And July 1<sup>st</sup> they started back...like they were unfunded, they weren't funded through the annual process last year. So this is their request for funding until January 30<sup>th</sup>, of 2014. And so then they'll have to submit a request in January for the fiscal year 14-15, which is July 1<sup>st</sup> of 2014, to June 30<sup>th</sup> of 2015. So that's how it works, it doesn't run from calendar year, it's different from calendar year.

Patel: Senator Cocco.

Cocco: Where is this conference at?

Kattih: It will take place at USF.

Patel: Senator Cocco.

Cocco: Vote, motion to vote?

Patel: Well I mean you still have to state your motion.

Cocco: *My motion is to vote, if there aren't any objections.*

Patel: Any objections to voting on SB 54-036 on American Society of Civil Engineers? Seeing no objections, can I have my laser please?

Kattih: Yeah sorry.

Patel: We're now in voting procedures. Let me just really quick...okay understand that one is yes we believe that this is an accurate funding. Two is no they should not be A&S funded at all, it's really (inaudible). If you vote no, they don't get money this year, that's just the way it works. And three is to abstain, maybe you're like the President or like you're the premier regular member. But if you want...imagine if that wasn't enough money for you, or that was too much money for you, you would send it back to committee before we go into voting. Just so you guys understand, so if it's too much money, I motion to send it back to committee, not vote no. Do not vote no unless you feel like it's not something that A&S money should go into. But yeah, one yes, two no, three abstain. **38:0:1 this bill is approved, moving on.**

Kattih: Umm I didn't vote.

Patel: You didn't wrote?

Kattih: Vote.

Patel: Oh.

Kattih: Oh I did, just kidding.

Patel: Okay.

*b. SB [A] 54-037 Debate & Forensics @ USF*

Patel: That's right, here you go.

Lopez: Alrighty umm we have Debate and Forensics. We approved 2 events...oh I'm sorry. They requested \$19,630.64 and we allocated them \$477. Cuts came from standards and some of the events that they requested were in the past.

Patel: And like that top part right there just explains what the org does, just so you guys aren't confused.

Scharon: Umm can you back one slide please, I'm sorry.

Patel: Sure.

Scharon: Thank you.

Patel: Senator Ulloa.

Ulloa: Motion to vote.

Patel: Any objections to voting? Senator Scharon state your objection.

Scharon: I'm not sure and I have a question.

Patel: Go ahead. Do you rescind really quick?

Ulloa: I rescind my motion.

Patel: Thank you sir. You can go ahead with your question.

Scharon: Are A&S fees to fund annual dues as they have described?

Patel: Yeah we have I believe up to \$250 for regular registration and \$500 for national in our standard. Or it's just \$250? Okay so the standard is \$250.

Scharon: Per...

Patel: Only for Nationals, so they don't do like Adam you can join, Masiel you can and then Emily you can't join, they don't do that. They say the entire org or nobody. Yeah? Okay I mean...

Scharon: It's just when I think of dues I think of sororities and fraternities, I know they don't get A&S funded. Maybe it's just the word that's throwing me off.

Patel: Well I mean the way that...the reason why we don't do sororities and fraternities is one because they are not open to everybody. So like I would have to have like a rushing process to join, and then I would still have to pay for my specific thing. So it's not like the entire Greek pays it, I paid to join that. We couldn't pay for just that week, we would have to pay for all three of them to join the org or not, (inaudible) national. Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Just think that this is organizational membership dues, versus individual membership dues which is in fraternities and sororities, that's the difference there.

Patel: Any more...

Scharon: In that case I rescind...

Patel: Thank you...well I think Senator Ulloa already rescinded. So Senator Abraha.

Abraha: *Motion to vote.*

Patel: Any objections to voting? Seeing none, we are now in voting procedures, thank you sir. Again, one is yes, two is no, three is to abstain. **36:1:1 this budget is approved.**

*c. SB [A] 54-038 Italian Cultural Club*

Patel: I don't know who the next presenter is but if they could start their way down. It is Italian Cultural Club. Senator Fernandez, yes sir.

Fernandez: So this is the budget request for the Italian Cultural Club. They requested a total of \$4,929 and we allocated \$1,605.90. They received cuts from standards and events that have past. They have 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 events.

Patel: Senator Abraha.

Abraha: If they are no questions, motion to vote.

Patel: We haven't even...I'm sorry I'm not going to accept that motion. Senator Scharon.

Scharon: Should Oracle ads be paid for by A&S funding?

Patel: We do fund them, we have standards for them. So we have been funding them for years. We only fund them because one it still stays with students. So like the Oracle is run by students and they are students, and it's all USF. So we're not counting it as a loss or any kind of payment, we're just further expanding our student services provided by students. Any more questions? Senator Ulloa.

Ulloa: Motion to vote.

Patel: Any objections to moving into voting procedures? Senator Alimi.

Alimi: Can we go back like I didn't finish reading it.

Patel: That's fine, can you please rescind?

Ulloa: I rescind my motion.

Patel: Thank you sir. So just so you guys know for the future, we send all these out, so you are more than welcome to just read them at home, but I do like the fact that you are reading them, so like I can't complain. Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: While she reads, I have a question. What sort of funding do they need for Bulls Market? They actually requested funding for Bulls Market.

Patel: Senator Kattih.

Kattih: Okay well in terms of Bulls Market we've made a precedent to fund like trifold, banners, which are in our standards. We fund like little food...not food, but like things to give out to students at Bull Market, and we've funded that across the board when asked.

Patel: Cool, any more questions? I'll take a motion. Senator Ulloa.

Ulloa: *Motion to vote please.*

Patel: Thank you. Any objections to moving onto voting procedures? Seeing none, we are now in voting procedures for 54-038 the Italian Cultural Club, have your clickers out and be ready. And here we go, one is yes, two is no, and three is to abstain. Guys no talking, only during this time is when it's crucial. Is that everybody? Okay, **36:01 this budget is also approved.**

*d. SB [A] 54-039 Stampede Into Bull Nursing*

Patel: Moving on to whomever the next presenter is, Senator Abraha.

Canton: Point of information.

Patel: Yes sir.

Canton: Considering none of...that we spend all the money in the fund right, with these budgets, these is the last of the money.

Patel: In which fund?

Canton: In the...I guess not since they (inaudible). I thought they said earlier that there is no money for organizations left to appropriate, correct?

Patel: That is a different org and a different grant all together. We're talking about...that was travel grant.

Canton: Oh okay, yeah you're right, my bad.

Patel: Just so new Senators know, I'll explain all this later. We'll figure out a time, I don't want to bother the Senators who already know. But go ahead.

Larkins: Alright, this is Stampede into Bull Nursing. They asked for \$6,900 we allocated \$2,173. Umm those are the events. (Inaudible)

Patel: Is it on?

Larkins: (Inaudible)

Patel: Just try one more time.

Larkins: Oh there it is.

Patel: Senator Scharon.

Scharon: Did they say why the needed funding for the Fall Lap (inaudible) Day, specifically?

Larkins: Umm I think they are going to be doing umm was this the event they were going to do the...I can't remember, this was two weeks ago.

Kattih: Umm this...

Patel: Go ahead, Ms. Kattih.

Kattih: The way that these events were funded, they were funded just like any other social would be. So the materials there was for general materials including, plates, cups, napkins, table clothes, etc. etc. because they were having food at that event.

Scharon: Okay.

Patel: And just for the new Senators, this is the way our like spreadsheets are broken down. So in committee they will actually deal with, let's say this is the org name up here and each boxed item is the event they want to get funded for, the description and then what we actually funded. And then like location and all that general topics. Just so right here (inaudible) what we actually funded for and then why they want it funded. Senator Canton.

Canton: *If there are no more questions I would like to motion to vote.*

Patel: Are there any objections to moving into voting procedures? Seeing none, thank you ma'am. You can leave the clicker though.

Larkins: She's next.

Patel: Oh okay, thank you. One is yes, two is no, three is to abstain. And then just procedural questions. NO different than when we ask to open the reading for Statutory Bills, Senator Antar, our Parliamentarian, if you have any questions, he's the person. No different than when we ask for procedural or ask to open a bill or to begin reading it, should we be asking to begin reading bill?

Antar: I mean...its fiscal legislation, that's only one reading, so we've never really considered the actual bill before, we always just considered the legislation presentation as accurate, because technically what you're reading there is the bill.

Patel: Thank you, just making sure. Senator Romero, just for the record your vote?

Romero: Yes.

Patel: Thank you sir. **With 36:0:1 for 54-039 Stampede into Bull Nursing.**

*e. SB [A] 54-040 Philosophy Organization*

Patel: Senator Abraha, would you like to present.

Abraha: I'm sorry next is the Philosophy Organization. They requested a total of \$848, \$800 of them were in food and they asked for materials and we allocated \$280...yeah \$280 for food. The two approved events were Philosophy Org Symposium and PGSO. Oh and they received a 25% deduction, which means that they missed the annual funding.

Patel: Senator Rum.

Rum: *If there are no questions I would like to move into voting.*

Patel: Are there any objections to moving into voting? Thank you ma'am. Seeing none, we are now in voting procedures. One is yes, two is no, three is to abstain. Senator Romero (inaudible). **With 34:2:1 this bill is also approved.** Let's just keep it...really quick guys so...I don't mind that you guys vote no or that you vote yes, as long as you can explain. And like even when you vote no, just voice it because you might be able to convince other people why you are voting no, or maybe you can point out a flaw in the whole budget and we can fix it instead of moving on...that's why even yes, like just as long as you can defend yes, I don't mind. But that's just me...however...you can vote however you want to vote.

*f. SB [A] 54-041 iLINC*

Patel: Senator Larkins.

Larkins: Alrighty and this is iLINC they asked for \$4,240 and we allocated them \$1,123. They had two events and that's...umm these are the two events.

Patel: Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Thank you. Umm how many people were at (inaudible) for these two events? How many people attend...the estimate?

Larkins: I think it was about 40...isn't this the one about the (inaudible), I think.

Kattih: I think for the first event about 100, for the second event about 200. These are averages.

Patel: Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Just a follow up. So the standards of \$2 per head were used for both of these events?

Larkins: For the Graduating social I think we used the banquet...

Kattih: If you want to pull up the excel sheet, let's see exactly what we funded.

Patel: Yes ma'am. So \$2 and \$2 so it is standard. Good stuff, alright, any more questions about said presentation? Senator...oh Senator Abunamous.

Abunamous: *I'm going to say motion to vote.*

Patel: Any objections to voting? Seeing none, thank you. One is yes, two is no and three is to abstain. **35:1:1 this bill is also approved.**

*g. SB [A] 54-042 International Business Board*

Patel: 50...or 042, International Business Board. Senator Romero. And if you can explain to the new Senators what the 25% deduction is.

Romero: Yeah the 25% deduction, just like in the last budget, is just pretty much when they ask for funding late; there is a timeline for when you should ask for annual funding. And when you don't ask within that timeline you are deducted 25% for not making that timeline or not making those dates that were required for you to make. That's why we allocated \$150,000 correct, for the interim budget for those that did not make the I guess...umm...primary date, I guess right?

Aldridge; Yes, yes, I had another point, but you're explaining correct, but I have another point.

Patel: Senator Colon.

Colon: Could you look at the total for the 25% deduction and tell me why it's \$1,000 more than the total.

Romero: Oh I didn't even look at this yet, good point.

Patel: Senator Kattih.

Kattih: Can you please pull up the actual bill.

Patel: Wait regardless of what you see on here, I still expect you guys to have read the bill, which is the proper bill which is right here. So even if you voted yes for whatever, I still only sign this thing. So like the bottom of this you will see like where it says Shyam Patel right here signing. I'm only going to sign this, so even if there is \$10,000 in the other thing, it's your job to keep it correct for this thing. Good catch.

Romero: What did it say in the other one?

Rum: It said 1713.

Romero: Okay, obviously someone just mistyped. Was that the actual budget?

Patel: Yeah this was the actual, right here.

Romero: So yeah, someone mistyped. Okay that being said umm this organization asked for \$12,296 umm we allocated them \$2,713.60, because of the 25% deduction that was just explained, it was reduced to \$2,035.20. Umm we allocated them \$1,200 for food, \$1,360 for materials with the 6% overhead. The events that they had were listed here and any other cuts were because of the standards that we have or because of the events that had already passed. Here is the description of the organization and what their main goals and objectives are. And with that I'll move onto...is there any questions on this slide?

Patel: Senator Rum.

Rum: It's not really a question, just a point of clarification for the new Senators. If you're a new organization...if you're a new organization...

Patel: Stand up.

Rum: You don't get deducted. If you're a new organization, you don't get the 25% deduction.

Patel: Thank you ma'am. Senator Belizaire.

Belizaire: How many people were they expected for like the food, because they requested like \$7,000. You know what I mean?

Romero: You can motion to pull up the budget if you have any questions about the specific numbers at any time when you do. But that being said, I think they were...what I'm guessing happened is that they requested more than we give on standards. So let's say that they said that there is going to be 100 people at the event, we usually only give \$2 a head per event, so that would be \$200. And they might have requested \$1,000 because they thought that was what as necessary.

Patel: For this first event it says 500-600 people are coming, for the next one 100-200 people, the next one 100 people, End of the year banquet, \$75 for the guest speaker and that was it.

Romero: So could you go to the first one, just to explain my point.

Patel: Yes sir.

Romero: So for the first event, they said 500 to 600, why did we fund that \$1 ahead at that point? Because that was....

Patel: Oh...so when you buy food in bulk or large quantities...

Romero: But for the other events when they said 100 and 200, we funded \$2 per head, and they asked for more than \$2 per head. Does that explain...does that explain your question?

Belizaire: Yes...yes because I was like wondering so.

Patel: Thank you. Any more points? Senator Kattih.

Kattih: If there are no more questions...

Patel: Senator Aziz.

Aziz: So question is if the organization changes their name like (inaudible) changes their purpose, do we still fund them this budget?

Patel: Excuse me?

Aziz: If...if IBB changes their name or their purpose do we still fund them if they change their name or their purpose?

Patel: Sure, we don't...we pretty much fund the name and then when we go downstairs to CSI, they won't let them...you can't change your name as an org, you have to make a brand new org and you have to kill the last org. If that's the way you want to do it, you can't change your name.

Aziz: They filed for a name change downstairs.

Patel: All I was told by Dr. Miller was that you cannot change your name, is the way that she put it. But that's fine. Umm...how about this, if their purpose stays in line with this purpose, and their name, I don't care what they name it, they can name it Shyam for all I care. The point is that as long as it stays within the same purpose (inaudible) mock budget, and as long as it stays in line with this, we will continue to fund them this...or if not...it's whatever you guys...it's just a recommendation, however you guys want to handle it.



Romero: When it comes to...for the new Senators, when it comes to the Events, that's why I pointed out to you the purpose of the organization. If the events don't follow or go in line with the purpose of the organization then umm the event is declined.

Patel: Right if they wanted to go play ski ball.

Romero: Right, I haven't gone through these events yet, (inaudible) student summit on global business, and guest speaker sessions. These were two of the events, if there are no questions on these I'll move to the next set.

Patel: Senator Canton.

Canton: Ugh I was...I'm kind of confused as to what's going on here now. So if this organization changed their org...

Romero: They submitted to be able to change their name but according to I guess...

Canton: I don't understand...

Romero: It's not going to be changed because it was not allowed in the past right?

Patel: Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: The question to be asked was Abdool, when did you find this out that they changed it? Was this like the last couple of days or?

Aziz: Yeah it was Monday.

Aldridge: Okay the way how any student organization...in regards to sort of destroying and recreating, it takes about 16 weeks to recreate a new organization, because you still have to go through the check process of any other organization. Umm so while there probably next year wouldn't have the same name, you wouldn't want to worry about that, because this funding will only go until June. And so what will happen in probably the annual process will be you know a new organization will come and say where is this organization came from, and in meeting with the org, the person could say oh we use to be the IBB now we're this organization. That's how it works.

Patel: Senator Canton, thank you sir.

Canton: *Well if there are no other questions I would like to motion to move into voting.*

Patel: Any objections to moving into voting procedures? Seeing none, we're now in voting procedures, thank you sir. Senator Aziz. **34:1:1 this budget is approved, moving onwards.**

*b. SB [A] 54-043 Boricua Student Association*

Patel: Senator Abraha.

Abraha: This is the last one?

Patel: I believe so.

Romero: There is one after this one.

Patel: Guys she's going to be a doctor, so (inaudible).

Abraha: (inaudible). No sorry never mind. Sorry my head's not here either.

Patel: No this is exactly the number from the last one, this is like copy and paste gone wrong, I think. It is, it's the exact same number. Yeah I don't see a cut on this, anyway shape or form.

Abraha: They are new.

Patel: So yeah.

Larkins: The whole thing is wrong.

Patel: The whole thing is...yeah what the heck...guys.

Abraha: Yeah you have to go to the actual...

Patel: Yeah we will just stick to this one. So just use this as your reference for how much money we are giving them, and I'll go back and forth for the events, yeah.

Abraha: Hi everyone, this is Boricua Student Association. Ugh I will look at how much they asked for, but we allocated them \$265 for materials \$315 in food and they don't get a 25% cut, the cuts were made from standards, and some of their events were past, and umm...yeah.

Patel: This all looks right though.

Abraha: And yeah, these are the events that we funded.

Patel: Here are the events. Senator Ulloa.

Ulloa: Just for a future reference can we change that passed to like past?

Patel: It's not...no, we've been over this. I feel like you were there, but you were there I think. (Inaudible). But yeah, it's events that have passed, and Mr. Hassounch was the one who corrected us so we can't do it.

Abraha: Any other questions?

Patel: Senator Belizaire.

Belizaire: So this is a new student organization?

Abraha: Yes, for (inaudible) purposes.

Patel: They've not been funded.

Abraha: Yeah.

Patel: Senator Joshi, do you have a motion?

Joshi: Umm, motion to vote.

Patel: Ugh Senator Belizaire, one second, could you rescind?

Joshi: Yes I rescind.

Patel: Thank you sir.

Patel: Senator Belizaire.

Belizaire: Umm go back to the first page.

Patel: Yes ma'am.

Belizaire: Please.

Abraha: Or this one.

Patel: This page? Disregard the...

Abraha: So you would go to the actual budget. You want the actual budget?

Belizaire: My thing was how does Woman's Federation for World Peace relate to their mission statement?

Abraha: It was...

Patel: Senator Abraha.

Abraha: Yes, this events was...I think you're umm correlating it to the organization that exists, correct...or no...no they were just creating this event to promote...it was under...it's just the name of the event, not necessarily anything that had to do with the...but you can...let me...

Patel: Senator Romero.

Romero: That's...never mind.

Abraha: Yeah it's just about woman's rights and they want to talk about that.

Patel: Senator Canton.

Canton: Okay well, could you...could you go back to the description one more time?

Patel: Oh the description of the org.

Canton: Yeah the mission statement of the organization. I mean a woman's rights are obviously extremely admirable and I'm a big supporter but that kind of doesn't seem to be in the same specific wheelhouse of the Puerto Rican Student Association or the Boricua Student Association.

Patel: Thank you, Senator Kattih.

Kattih: Okay so as long as the student organization is providing a venue and kind of a topic that could be related to their mission statement, we can't say no to their event. For example, they are going to relate their women's federation for world peace, they are going to discuss how it relates to Puerto Rico and how it's

history developed in Puerto Rico, versus other countries. So they are relating it to their mission statement, and in that way it relates to the organization's purpose.

Patel: Thank you ma'am. Senator...oh any more question. Senator Canton.

Canton: Follow up.

Patel: Yes sir.

Canton: So I guess this is actually an informational question. So when they submit these events, I guess...I guess you can judge them obviously on the discussion that you have with the student organization president, I guess my other question was because the description that they wrote down doesn't seem like if it was related to Puerto Rico specifically at all. But I guess if it was discussed and they are going to put a Puerto Rican spin on it, then I'm happy with it.

Patel: Thank you. Any more questions? Senator Vindel.

Vindel: Yeah. How would they...

Patel: If you could stand please.

Vindel: Oh sorry.

Patel: Thank you ma'am.

Vindel: How would they need funding for an information session about umm women federation? Like Is there going to be food or something that is going...

Patel: Yeah that's generally what most events and orgs want.

Vindel: Okay.

Patel: They don't do anything but feed people; I don't know how everyone isn't fat. Any more questions? Senator Aziz.

Aziz: For Chairwoman Kattih, is the Woman's Federation of World Peace a collaborative event or is it an individual event?

Patel: Senator Kattih.

Kattih: This particular event is an individual event. When events are specified to be collaborations, they were double checked with the ASRC budgets, approved, and we made sure that we didn't double dip.

Patel: Any more questions? Senator Joshi, did you have a motion you would like to make?

Joshi: *Umm sure, a motion to vote please.*

Patel: Any objections to moving into voting procedures? Seeing none, we are now in voting procedures, please have your clickers out, and here we go. One is yes, two is no and three is to abstain. **With 37:0:1 this budget is approved, moving on.**

*i. SB [A] 54-044 The Poets*

Patel: Is The Poets, I think this is the last budget for the night. And the numbers seem fine

Romero: Yes that's exactly what I was going to say, these numbers seem to be correct. That's a good start. Okay they asked for \$1,134.20, we allocated them \$683.70. Umm They asked for \$450 for food, we gave them \$420, they asked for \$620 for materials, we gave them \$225. The subtotals and overhead make up the numbers you see here. These are the events they asked for; the cuts were made from standards and the events that already passed. Any questions on this slide? What...oh...okay.

Patel: A lack of English.

Romero: Any other questions, okay no questions, okay. These are the events.

Patel: Yeah those are the events. Any questions? Any new Senator that has not made a motion yet, this is your time to make a motion. Senator Rodriguez...oh you have a question?

Vindel: No I just wanted to motion to vote.

Patel: Senator Vindel.

Vindel: What?

Patel: If you could make your motion...

Vindel: *I would like to motion if there are no more questions, to vote.*

Patel: Any objections? Seeing none, we are now in voting procedures. One is yes, two is no, three is to abstain. Guys stay quiet; I really want to leave, so let's do this. **36:1:1 this budget is also approved.**

### **3. ASRC Report**

Patel: Moving on down the agenda, there is the ASRC Report. Senator Kattih could you please report any findings or anything from the committee.

Kattih: To reiterate what I stated in my legislative report. In ASRC we looked over Proviso, we approved it, it's gone to rules, it's gone to Senate, you guys voted for it, so that's good. Next week we can start setting our standards, we already had discussions of standards. We talked about what we like, what we don't like, and what needs to be changed. So hopefully next week we can solidify our standards and we can proceed from there.

Patel: Thank you ma'am and just tell the new senators when you meet.

Kattih: Okay, ASRC meets...in the Fall we meet umm sporadically and umm in random places. Usually it's in the SG conference room. In the spring we will meet in 37000 every Friday from 9am to 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 pm, whenever. So there is lunch, it's free y'all should come out.

Cocco: Wait, when?

Kattih: In the Spring, in the spring. Not in the Fall. So it's very important and it helps you kind of put a perspective on the process so if you guys are interested in learning more about Student Government, definitely come out.

Patel: Thank you, any questions for ASRC Chairwoman? Seeing none.

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

Patel: Senator Brown if you could present really quickly about the Student Memorial.

Brown: I talked earlier about this, just come out at 4:30 pm on Thursday, (inaudible), thank you goodbye.

Patel: Thank you. Any announcements, anything that new orgs or anyone is doing? Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: No, no new orgs. For new Senators if you did ugh...not if you did, you all got the forms, if you signed them, if you have any questions let me know, but please bring them back by here. Ugh did all the new Senators get the handbook? Yes, yay, yay, okay sorry, that's it.

Patel: Senator Cocco.

Cocco: Nadima thank you, Homecoming, Capital One, don't forget.

Patel: Thank you, anymore announcements? Senator Belizaire.

Belizaire: Also the surveys that went out please give them to me when you leave.

Patel: Senator Alqasemi.

Alqasemi: Audit homecoming events, especially the ones we funded.

Patel: Any more announcements? Alright, any motions to adjourn?

Abraha: Roll Call.

Patel: Roll call.

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

Patel: Alright, final roll call. Just click one if you're here. Do not move from your chair, I swear to you I will not move on, just click one. Like because all the noise you make makes it hard for her to type, and she will...I will tie all of you down and she will just whop all of you. 37 people present.

#### **Adjournment:**

Patel: I'll take a motion. Senator Rodriguez.

Rodriguez: *Motion to adjourn.*

Patel: Any objections to adjourning? Seeing none we'll be adjourned at 9:54 pm.

[Gavel]

**Adjournment called by Senate President Patel at 9:54 pm.**

*Transcribed by Senate Clerk Nadima Ally.*