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Call to Order by Chairman at 6:11 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Andy: (Gavel) I now call this meeting of the Senate to order on Tuesday Sept 9 at 611 pm. The first item on the agenda is called the order and the pledge of allegiance so may everyone please stand...and senator Guerra, if you could please lead us in the pledge of allegiance.

Guerra: You will be taking all of...*inaudible*

Group: Pledge of Allegiance

Andy: Okay the next item on the agenda is first roll call, everyone pull out their clickers.

First Roll Call

Andy: And click one oh wrong one...

Dincer: What was that?

Hasan: *inaudible*

Antar: Nothing

Andy: Okay everybody click one if you're present. Has everyone clicked in? With that today we have a count of 25 senators. Moving down with the agenda we have additions, deletions, and or clarifications to the orders of the day. Do I see any motions?

Andy: Senator Ulloa?

Ulloa: Would it be possible to move the first reading of the grant bill and procedural and legislation before ASRC please?

Andy: Are there any objections to moving the first reading of SBS 55-015 and SBP 55-012 to before the ASRC elections...seeing no objections. I will do just that. Are there any motions. Senator Malanga?

Malanga: Move to approve the agenda with amendments

Andy: Are there any objections to approving the agenda as shown...see no objections, the agenda is approved. Next item on the agenda is additions, deletions, and or clarifications to the minutes. There have been no minutes sent out yet. So do I see the...Senator Hartmann?

Hartmann: I move to postpone the minutes

Andy: Are there any objections to postponing the minute? I'm seeing no objections, so well move on. Legislative branch report, maybe we'll start, oh Senator Truong?

Truong: Umm I need to take something off the agenda

Andy: Ok

Antar: (mumbling) It's already been approved he's going to take it to thirds

Andy: Yeah it's going to, what would you like removed from the agenda?

Truong: Can you scroll down please, SBA 55-009 USF Speak

Andy: So you move to...

Truong: Strike it like take it off

Andy: Good, so we just automatically go to voting procedures

Antar: She made the motion to

Aziz: Say why

Truong: Oh because their Constitution hasn't been approved and they haven't emailed it back to me with their final approving yet

Andy: So, we'll now vote

Antar: If nobody objects to

Andy: Oh, are there any objections to striking USF Speak

Antar: Then, just do a vote

Andy: OK

Johnson: They didn't give it to you in time? *[Side chatter]*

Truong: They never emailed me back with their final approval. They didn't email me back with their final approval. *[Side chatter]*

Johnson: Just give him your Chair Report, Just give him your Chair Report. Do you want me to do it?

Truong: I'll see how it goes, but thank you.

Andy: Ok please click one, if you vote, if you vote yes, 2 if you'd like to vote no, and 3 to abstain, and this is to striking USF Speak from the agenda...With a vote of 23 to 1 to 1 with me as the abstaining vote, USF Speak will be stricken is that the correct word from the agenda.

Johnson: Struck

Andy: Struck, excuse me. Where are you upstairs? Moving on legislative branch report and I'll start with Senator Antar from the Rules Committee

Antar: All right guys, so in rules this week we went over a good number of bills we did a title 8 bill the new traditions grant which ruled us to renaming you see it on the senate agenda for tonight as well as some ROPs to accompany that bill because the grant is mentioned in our ROP's so we have to stay consistent, uh we had a title 5 bill regarding the declaratory judgment panels in increasing the time that they are mandated to meet within uh there was a little bit of a problem in meeting within the time frame that we had set so we are voting the option of extending the time we have approved them to the agenda rules uh and then title 4 we tabled it was just a piece of legislation that we considered it has uh pretty extensive amendments so I wanted my committee to have some time to read that before they passed it. And we also looked at the local fee committee bill again that was tabled once more for further information uh hopefully this week we will be able to take action on it and not just table it again. Are there any questions. Ok thank you.

Andy: Senator Johnson from Appropriations and Audits.

Johnson: Hey guys, technically it was our second meeting this week but it was our first one with everyone there which was a really great turn out we went ahead and went over uh basically what's involved in being on the committee we talked a little bit about the standards that we used and we looked at both two new positions both for bulls radio and for computer services that we both approved and then we also basically passed out assignments for next week so each senator on my committee is looking at a budget right now that they're going to practice reviewing on and hopefully they'll be giving presentations to the senate as opposed to me or Anika so that people have a better uh you know they have that skill down and uh yeah we're still, unfortunately USF Speak failed to turn in their Constitution at the last minute once again and we're going to have to put it off another week but they're probably going to have to lose an item from that so it just a heads up but thank you

Andy: Any questions for Senator Johnson?

Truong: Yes I do

Andy: Senator Truong from JEC

Truong: So this past week for the first time we had 5 confirmations and everyone passed two people joined a marketing coordinator community affairs coordinator and university affairs coordinator and so good job to everyone at the committee they asked really good questions I'm really proud of you and we've also been working on constitutions so this coming week we'll be having Vice Chair elections any questions?

Andy: Thank you. Senator Ulloa.

Ulloa: Hi everyone, the special funding committee actually met a couple hours ago, umm we went over five travel grants we went over instructions for our committee discussed all the grants that well be going through over the semester and we started we talked about homecoming grants we'll be starting on those deadlines were last Friday we'll be meeting those organizations this week and we'll be needing to allocate for them next week

Andy: Any questions for Senator Ulloa...Senator Hartmann with CGA

Hartmann: All right. Good evening everybody so last week we met and had our first meeting last [coughing] was a little [inaudible] but well fix that this week we are meeting again tomorrow at 10 am on Wednesday so if you can make it out please do so. We'll be having our vice chair elections so if you are interested in running we do take nominations up until the presentation time then also planning for our upcoming tent day which is the Wednesday after tomorrow and also doing some committee trials so things like Fed Ex and whose going to be the contact person for those number funds. Any questions

Andy: Pro tempore Aziz

Aziz: So for my report, for the past couple weeks I've been in the QEP Global FKL meeting which is the Quality Enhancement Plan for the university so it's pretty much their 5 year plan of what they want to do, and also sitting in the regular QEP meeting where everyone meets and also we have the tower ball which is Sept 24 6-830 pm in here and next Tuesday we have the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Lakeland Plaza that's 1030 am with President Genshaft and President Cocco, SG and administration will be there so if you can make it go to that umm another meeting I went to was the meeting of the first local fee meeting with Corey was there and President Cocco was there too just to I guess learn I guess to report to the senate of what local fee was doing as well umm went to a safety and contract meeting with Andy just to understand the safety contract with ep and umm I just came from the Street team kick off to help explain to Freshman students what Senate does and pass out senate applications so hopefully the people that are there will apply to be senate and hopefully by mid-term they will be your colleagues. You guys have any questions. All right thanks

Andy: ok my report is pretty short. Umm the first thing is I'd like to thank everyone who made it out to the senate retreat. I had a lot of fun I hope all you did as well. I know a lot of you were sick but I hope some of you are feeling better. Umm I did have one request though in the future if there is an event that is for the Senate held by the Senate, when you can't attend please let me know beforehand that way we don't have to pay for you and buy you food or whatever it may be umm the next thing is that I'd like to everyone knows that today is ASRC elections umm if you'd like to be nominated and you haven't already been nominated they'll be an opportunity for that later, ummm and anyone that I'll be saying this again as well anyone that is elected, we are going to have a brief meeting right after the Senate so be prepared for that umm and the last thing is next week well be having somebody from the QEP/SAX umm regime coming and presenting to the Senate so please be here on time and dress appropriately for that. Any Questions. Ok well be moving on to the Executive Branch Report. Attorney General Johnson.

Atty. General Johnson: How you doing everybody?

Audience: Good

Audience: Wonderful

Audience: Outstanding

Atty. General Johnson: All right so as far as executive branch is concerned for the past week President Cocco has recently had an event called Pastries with the President where students have had the opportunity not only to enjoy some delicious pastries but also to meet with Andy and Cocco. He also participated in an FSA conference call and the BOT has approved the USF SP strategic plan for the upcoming year. In addition USF SP has also received ten million dollars as a donation for their college of business building so if you see them give them a pat on the back and then Cocco will also be calling to order the first ASRC meeting on the 19th of September so those of you who are elected to ASRC this evening please make sure that you get in contact with Cocco because I guess he will be sending out a Doodle to find a time for that Friday that will work. Mr. Rhondel has been meeting with his agencies finally finishing up some tap rights so you'll be able to see that improvement within SAFE team fairly soon and also the in the recent week has attended a voter registration event. Chief of Staff Berkowitz obviously has been working on hiring we have our last few interviews for the Auditor General this week and also he's been working very closely with Maggie and programming department with Bulls Blitz. Myself I've been doing a lot of notary services for students that's been eating up a good chunk of my time so if you guys want to appeal to your constituents let them know that I offer free notary services for all USF students I also will be doing the Lakeland catered classroom this week and next week and I also attended the contract meeting with UP for SAFE team with Andy and Abdool. Mr. Christopher had his first legal aid session this Friday which was completely packed which umm that is good free legal aid was awesome and he has also written seven or excuse me several resolutions which you will be seeing in the upcoming weeks. Mr. Forbes he's just been working on purchasing for the agencies and for the executive as a whole. Ms. Resmondo has moved not officially moved to the programming department but has taken more responsibilities on within the programming department because of our recent resignation of our director of programming. So she's reserved a homecoming floor for student government and has also planned apartment business expos and is in the process of planning for Mr. and Mrs. USF and also she has been coordinating with Bulls Blitz and just to let you know for Saturday Bulls Blitz will be at 130 pm instead of at 1230 pm, so if you need a ride to the game don't show up at 1230. Miss Hall has been processing communication requests like national voter registration day reducing the deficits Pastries with the President Bulls Blitz and today was our street team kick off so thank you Abdool for going to that and representing the Senate. Uhh she's also been working on Bulls Market Marshal Mayhem Patio Tuesdays and planning for the fall family weekend table. Miss Garcia in our department of Government affairs has started to register students to vote via several programs like Bulls Blitz while students are getting a free ride to the game they can also register to vote which is an amazing thing. Uhh she became a member of the Real Advisory Committee and she has also met with USF legal counsel to discuss university plan concerning sexual assault prevention. Mr. Redford with community affairs has a part time job fair tomorrow in the ball room from 11-2 so if y'all are interested in that you want to let your constituents know and he will also be having a networking event with 16 business executives tomorrow from 1130 to 1230 in MSC 3708. Mr. Rutkowski with the Marketing Department has 5 attending projects and just a reminder if you request any Marketing material it will be processed as changed I'm not going to go into detail because I save you time but if you have any questions about that please just let me know. So also keep in mind the prank orders exceeding 200 will require approval from Greg. SGCS has issued a survey to improve the quality of their services within SGCS so hopefully some of you got to participate in that and they also had a new position approved in appropriations and odds for an assistant director of technology. Bulls Radio has negotiated finished negotiating the UWSF contract saving approximately 14k dollars a year for the future 5k dollars of that was for contractual fees 9k in engineering services and also Bulls Radio has made national news recently on the College music journal for our inspiring

partnership with UWSF which is or excuse me WUSF which is pretty exhilarating. And SAFE team lastly they're currently hiring new associate director two dispatchers and twelve general field staff employees and also the alert cab contract was finally signed and is now at purchasing for approval. Sorry that was a lot of information are there any questions. Go Bulls.

Andy: Thank you

Andy: Here's the Judicial branch report

Sacasas: Hi guys

Audience: Hello

Sacasas: All right so umm I just attended the street kick off as well umm it was a great success big turnout so I just wanted to give congrats to Maggie Hall and her team for putting that together so about the judicial branch, tomorrow we actually have our interviews for judicial clerk umm we are going to be interviewing 5 applicants so we should be sending a clerk to JEC pretty soon, first fall Parking appeal is going to be next Wednesday with our general leading as well so that's the 17th you guys are more than welcome to come on out to our meeting. Umm the ERC RP committee is to meet next week, we are just waiting on tile 7 to pass which I think you guys are putting up today or I think in the next couple of weeks umm our parking forum is going to be tentatively October first, we are kind of working out the kinks for that so basically we have invited pats to come out umm to answer all questions that students may have in regards to parking and any new policies that they are implementing this new year. And then we also have the SG parking, SGY summit, in which we are inviting all of the different campuses to come on out and kind of share the different initiatives they are working on umm just get to meet all the new representatives from the schools and that's going to be tentatively the third of October so please keep your calendars open for that because we really want as much support and as much representatives to make sure that they are there for that event. Also just to let you remind you guys again we did have a justice that did pass JEC Rachel Soloway, so you guys are more than welcome to make sure you guys say hello to her and welcome her to the SG family umm we should be opening her position for the new the other associate justice position soon umm yes ma'am

Truong: Rachel hasn't gone through JEC yet

Sacasas: O she hasn't gone yet, oh she's going to go through JEC, but she's been working in the office she's been coming in and out so when she does go through JEC soon along with the other potential new associate justice ill make sure to get them in here as well. Any questions from the judicial branch? All right, awesome thanks guys.

Andy: SGATO report, director Manka

Director Manka: All right one quick announcement so I can save us (mumbling) umm we are in process of hiring an assistant director we request Jessica Morgan to the New Student Connections and that process will start this week we have a committee of students and staff involved we have uh between uh a little over 45 applicants so we have a pretty good pool and well keep you updated as that process goes. Is there any questions? We're doing everything you're doing...(Mumbling) along the way that's already been said, so I don't want to say it again.

Unknown person: Cool

Andy: Thank you. Ok open forum. Pro Tempore Aziz

Open Forum

Aziz: Just a quick thing if you did not pick up a pack full and you do not have one they're in the back so when you check back your clickers at the end I'll show you back there

Andy: Also on that note, if you weren't here for the Senate retreat, you still have a shirt that you can pick up and I will run and get them immediately after the meeting. Uh Senator Hartmann

Hartmann: Uhh parking and transportation is looking to getting valet parking on campus so if you want to participate in the survey when you log in to MY USF it's in like the top left box so make sure to fill that out if you want to provide your feedback and then I just want to say that each branch was nominated for the ice bucket challenge, so fit on in

Cocco: I'm good I already did

Hartmann: You're good ya

Andy: President Cocco

Cocco: Hey, provided if you're good with this Mr. Senate President I would like to invite up Chair Mullis for our USF BOT's

Senate: Claps

Cocco: So board of evolution he's the new chair, BOT John Ramel and with the fire chair he's reached his limit and so now we have you and we're grateful for that so we wanted to honor you for your service so be it resolved the USF SG assembled whereas the SG would like to welcome Mr. Mullis as the new University BOT chairman whereas we recognize Mr. Mullis for his accomplishments as president of Trenam Kemker, the law firm in which he founded, I don't know if I pronounced that right but its ok, whereas we aspire to embody service as Mr. Mullis has exhibited for numerous leadership positions within the community including serving as the chairman of the board for the Berkeley Preparatory School, chairman of the board of Tampa general Hospital and on the board of Governor's for the greater Tampa chamber of commerce, whereas we acknowledge Mr. Mullis as a recipient of the USF Presidents distinguished citizens award in 2007, whereas we look forward to the future leadership and stewardship of Mr. Mullis as the University Bot chairman, therefore be it resolved by the Senate of the USF SG assembled that on behalf of the student body and this body offers our best assistance and sincerest congratulations to Mr. Mullis, we wish him all the best of luck on his new position

Mullis: Thank you

Senate: Claps

Mullis: I wish that I had done more to deserve this great recognition I regard it as a real privilege to have the opportunity to be to work with President Cocco and the other members of the BOT and Provost Wilcox and the leadership team here at the university, is it an exceedingly exciting place to be right now the future is bright we look forward to it and you can count on the support of your BOT to continue to use their best

efforts to press this University forward. Please remind me to tell June that we don't receive food like this in our meetings so we got some improvement to do, but thank you very much I appreciate it.

Senate: Claps

Rodriguez: How about the whole Senate you guys want to get in the photo

Senate: Side Chatter

Corey: 1, 2, 3...1, 2, 3....let me turn on the flash...1, 2, 3

Cocco: Awesome

Senate: Side Chatter

Mullis: And thanks for all that you are doing for this University. I congratulate you on assuming a leadership position in the work of the University when I know that you have coursework and plenty of other things to do so good for each of you

Andy: OK is there anything else for open forum. Seeing nothing else we are going to move into general business. The first item on the agenda is JB[R] 55-011 Dean Robert H. Bishop welcome.

General Business

Cocco: Come on down Rob

Andy: So do I see any motions?

Andy: Senator Antar

Antar: Motion to read the bill

Andy: Are there any objections to reading JB[R] 55-011. Seeing no objections. Umm

Unknown Senator: Let Cocco read it

Cocco: Awesome

Cocco: Be it resolved by the Senate of the University of South Florida Student Government assembled,

Whereas, Student Government welcomes Dr. Robert H. Bishop as the new Dean of the College of Engineering.

Whereas, we recognize Dean Bishop for his previous achievements and accomplishments as Dean of Engineering at Marquette University.

Whereas, this assembly, recognizes Dean Bishop's work with NASA on techniques for achieving planetary precision landing to support human and robotic missions.

Whereas, we acknowledge Dean Bishop's position as a Faculty Fellow at the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory

Therefore, be it resolved by the Senate of the University of South Florida Student Government Assembled, that on behalf of the student body, this body offers our best wishes and sincerest congratulations to Dean Bishop and wish him the best of luck in this new position.

Senate: Claps

Andy: Senator Antar

Antar: Motion to pass this resolution

Andy: Are there any objections. Seeing no objections this resolution passes.

Dean Bishop: Thank you President Cocco I really appreciate this gesture this is fantastic. It is a great honor for me to be the dean of engineering here, and let me just say that as I look out in the world and I see a world that is being challenged, seriously challenged in water health energy education transportation, I look to engineering to play part of a role in this solution but I look to the rest of you in SG and the rest of the students here to work with me to help us find ways to addressing those challenges that are so critical and so important and so it is a great honor for me to be here in front of you and to also let you know that I do intend to continue to teach undergraduate classes as well as graduate classes and I also intend to continue the research that your president referred to as well as other research in areas that have to do with the global challenges that I talked about so if these problems are of interest to you, I hope they are, I hope you will work with me to let me know what your interests are for us to find ways to work together to help resolve some of these so congratulations on your work here and I look forward to watching how you function and the good work that you do and please if there is anything that the dean of the college of engineering can do please let me know I'm accessible I text uh I document my Twitter account so there you go, so thank you very much

Senate: Claps

Photographer: If you all want to

Senate: Side Chatter

Photographer: All right, 1, 2, 3...1, 2, 3...1, 2, 3...1, 2, 3..

Senate: Good, Go Bulls

Senate: Side Chatter

Senate: OK, moving down the agenda, the next item is SB[S] 55-013, adding ERC as a functioning, nope nope wrong one. SB[S] 55-015 the grant bill, excuse me. Senator Ulloa? Are there any motions? Senator Strong.

Strong: Motion to enter first reading of SB[S] 55-015.

Andy: Are there any objections entering first reading. Seeing no objections. We are now in first reading

Ulloa: Umm so pretty much what this legislation is changing the wording from the signature event grant to reflect the big changes the new pedal is going to be the new transition grant and the reason why we did that was because we found out that student organizations were looking towards this grant to just put on any major

event whereas the intent for the creation of this event was to create new tradition at USF so we figure a change in the name and rewriting some of the description of the grant itself in the application we would get more applications that fit the need of this grant and purpose. I think this semester we only funded about 4k dollars of the 10k that we had or something like that or I don't know something like that umm so okay so additional rules and regulations for this event so we just crossed out signature...I guess, whatever we can just do that at the second meeting...so we crossed out new tradition and put events grant, and we did that pretty much in the whole thing and then just changed SG to student government here so that it's just student government new tradition grant just in case people were unclear of what it is. So again here we changed it to umm essentially changing signature events to new tradition and then in 810.3 just put new tradition because there's no grant in that writing but changing all the rest of new tradition grants, new tradition grants, new tradition grant, new tradition grant, new traditions umm, new tradition grants, and then, next thing, new tradition grant, umm but here the other difference that we made for it was tradition and school spirit these are the categories that the grant has to fall into because it's a tradition grant in the first place tradition and school spirit just doesn't make sense anymore because all of them are supposed to be tradition so we crossed out the tradition and just made it school spirit, umm in professional/academic development, we crossed out the which may include a list of items because we wanted to give them freedom of range to be able to do academic development because it's a little harder to make a tradition out of an academic development piece so by giving them range or giving it up to the committee to decide about whether they can make this a continuing event, and that's all the changes for that. Any questions?

Andy: Senator Malanga

Malanga: Uh is this time pressing

Ulloa: Umm it is not technically time pressing but the grant is due October I think 21st so it is up to you guys to decide we can't put up the application for the grant until this goes through so it is up to you guys to decide how early you guys would like the grant come for this

Andy: Senator Colon

Colon: Can I motion to move into a second reading towards that thing?

Andy: You can do that yes

Colon: Can we do that

Andy: All right are there any objections to move into the second reading of SBS 55-015? Seeing no objections. Cory Ulloa take it away

Antar: I was going to motion to disperse the reading, do you want to read it again?

Ulloa: No go ahead

Antar: To disperse the reading yeah but we can make the amendment afterwards

Andy: Are there any objections to Senator Antar's motion to disperse the second reading? Seeing no objections. Second reading is over, Senator Antar

Side Chatter

Antar: Ok

Andy: Senator Antar

Antar: Motion to strike the word events in 804.4

Andy: Are there any objections to striking the word events from 804.4? Seeing no objections. Senator Johnson

Johnson: I move to strike the word events from 810.12

Andy: Are there any objections. Seeing none. Are there anymore? Ok Senator Malanga.

Malanga: Move to enter voting procedure

Andy: Are there any objections to enter voting procedure

Malanga: I objected my own...move to enter third reading

Andy: Are there any objections to entering the third reading of SBS 55-015? Senator Colon

Colon: I move to disperse the reading, is that ok?

Andy: Ok, well first let this motion finish

Colon: O my apologies I'm just ready to go

Laughs

Andy: Any objections? Seeing none we are now in the third reading. Senator Colon

Colon: Like to restate my motion

Andy: Are there any objections to dispersing the third reading? Seeing none the third reading has been dispersed. Senator Malanga?

Malanga: We are doing the fourth reading right

Andy: Are there any objections to enter voting procedures on SBS 55-015. Seeing no objections we will now vote, so get out your clickers. Please click one to vote yes, two to vote no, and three to abstain. With a count of 24 to 0 to 1 with me as the abstaining vote this bill passes.

Senate: Claps

Andy: The next item on the agenda is SBP 55-002 updates for the grant bill. Are there any motions. Senator Miller

Miller: Move to end the first reading of SBP 54-002

Andy: Are there any objections? Seeing no objections we are now into the first reading

Ulloa: So again this is just changing Senate Bar OP's to be aligned with umm the statute that we just changed to change the name of the signature event grant to the new tradition grant.

X: Know where it is?

Ulloa: Yeah it's in the duties of senate on appropriation uhh senate on professional funding

Side Chatter

Ulloa: All right so again in this one it's just changing signature event grant in here to new tradition grant, and I think that's the only thing. Are there any questions?

Side Chatter

Andy: Senator Hainline

Hainline: Move to enter the second reading

Andy: Are there any objections to entering the second reading of SBP 55-002? Seeing no objections we are now in the second reading, Senator Malanga?

Malanga: move to disperse the second reading

Andy: Are there any objections to dispersing the second reading? Seeing none.

Laughs

Andy: Senator Malanga

Malanga: move to enter voting procedures

Andy: Are there any objections to voting on this bill? Seeing none, we will now enter voting procedures

Side chatter

Andy: Please click one to vote yes, two to vote no, and three to abstain. With a vote count of 25 to 0 to 1 with me as the abstaining vote this bill passes. Ok the next item on the agenda are ASRC elections.

Side Chatter

Andy: Everyone please click one to mark that you are present. We have a new count of 26 senators. Moving on, we will now move into ASRC elections so the first thing I would like to do is state who has been nominated. We have Michael Malanga, Ryan Miller, Melissa Dincer, Taylor Sanchez, Jessica Vanek, Eguerraabeth Guerra, Kristen Truong, Abdool Aziz, Corey Ulloa, Brandon Hartmann, Victor Cimino, and Huzzatun Iqra did I say that right

Iqra: Close enough yeah

Andy: Ok so we'll start with Michael Malanga do you accept your nomination?

Malanga: I do

Andy: Ryan Miller do you accept your nomination?

Miller: I do

Andy: Melissa Dincer do you accept your nomination?

Dincer: I do

Andy: Taylor Sanchez do you accept your nomination?

Sanchez: I respectfully decline

Andy: Jessica Vanek do you accept your nomination?

Vanek: I respectfully decline

Andy: Eguerraabeth Guerra do you accept your nomination?

Guerra: I accept

Andy: Kristen Truong do you accept your nomination?

Truong: I do

Andy: Abdool Aziz do you accept your nomination?

Aziz: Yes

Andy: Corey Ulloa do you accept your nomination

Ulloa: I respectfully decline

Andy: Brandon Hartmann do you accept your nomination?

Hartmann: I respectfully decline

Andy: Victor Cimino do you accept your nomination?

Cimino: I accept

Andy: Iqra do you accept your nomination?

Iqra: I respectfully decline

Andy: Ok we will now open up the floor for nominations

Aziz: I guess how many people are left

Andy: There are 7 people who are nominated. Senator Johnson?

Johnson: I nominate Anika Hasan for ASRC

Hasan: I respectfully decline

Senate: So fast

Andy: Pro tempore Aziz

Aziz: I nominate Aladdin Hiba

Side chatter

Hiba: I respectfully decline

Andy: Ok Senator Cimino

Cimino: I nominate Senator Hainline

Hainline: I respectfully decline

Andy: Senator Miller

Miller: I nominate Imran Ahmed

Imran: I respectfully decline

Andy: Pro tempore Aziz

Aziz: Since it seems that the people who don't want to be in it are not going to choose to be in it so can we proceed I guess with the first instead of the election of the 7th person be the first alternate and I think its next week elect the second alternate. Seems like that's the vibe everyone's feeling

Andy: All right is anybody against doing that? All right we'll move on.

Colon: I just want to hear the repeat of what he was saying, I could hear a thing

Andy: Ok, what he said that we should do is just elect the six primary senators today and the first alternate and then next week open up nominations for the second alternate, does that make sense?

Colon: Yes

Andy: Ok, so we'll go in the order of nominations. Senator Malanga you'll be first.

Malanga: You got my presentation

Andy: I probably did ill check my email right now

Malanga: You want me to resend it or not

Andy: Yeah dude you should be good, and I'd like to ask anyone else who is not running to please exit the room

Side chatter

Gavel (5 times)

Andy: Everyone we are about to start, you have 5 minutes. At one minute I'm going to tap the gavel, thirty seconds another one, fifteen seconds one more, then I'll grab you out. Once I do that you have ten seconds

Malanga: Ok the first gavel's coming at one minute

Andy: The first gavel is coming at one minute

Malanga: Good evening senate, thanks for giving me the opportunity to speak before you tonight. Umm I am of course a nominee for the Activities and Service Recommendation Committee or ASRC cause that name is too long. Umm to start off my name is Michael Malanga, I recognize a lot of you guys from the summer got a chance to work with you and to those of you who weren't here this summer I'm looking forward to getting to meet you and to work with you on senate. Umm I think as you get to know me you'll find that I'm very passionate about this. I really think that we can do some great things here in senate, and none more so than at the ASRC committee where the 14 plus million dollars that we are trusted with is going to be distributed.

Andy: might not be

Malanga: That would definitely be a problem

Side chatter

Malanga: Anyway, all right, so a little bit of background, I'm a senator from the college of business, umm my majors are accounting and economics, so ASRC is definitely right up my, right down my path umm I've served as the rules committee vice chair under Chairman Antar for the summer semester umm very lucky to have served on Chairman Antar's committee I really feel like I've learned a lot from him he's been chairman for over a year now and I think he as an experienced chair he's really taught me a lot and uhh being on the rules committee has given me a perspective I think of all the other committees because we have looked at so many our governing statutes. And just to give you an idea of my involvement on campus. I am a provost scholar I'm a member of the business honors program where I head up the community service aspect of the organization. Umm working with charities like St. Jude and Make a wish and I'm the president of the green and gold guides so those tour guides that are always getting in your way around campus those are my guides please leave them alone they're just trying to get new bulls here. Umm so that's some of my involvements. Umm so I don't think I need to explain to anybody the importance of ASRC umm but I think it's a good place to start as far as talking about it. Umm ASRCs going to allocate this year over 14 million dollars just like they did last year and that money's going to go to a variety of different places umm some of its going to go to the over 200 student organizations that will apply for funding and that's everything from the trumpeteer's club which I believe we're seeing tonight uh to the business honors service association umm and all across campus across every discipline so it's definitely not a stretch of the truth to say that every student on campus is affected by this committee uh in some way shape or form, uh if you've gone to an organization event and gotten a free shirt or free food you've been touched by ASRC and that's what I think makes this committee so important. Talking a little bit about my vision for ASRC, I really think it starts with being accountable both on student organization side and from the committee side so Chairman Johnson has talked a lot about the audit process and how to definitely needs some work in order to be an effective process and I think that it really needs to start when we do budgeting so the way this works is that members of the committee meet with the different student organizations to get an idea of what the budget requests are for and what exactly they're trying to allocate money towards, and I think that holding them accountable right from the beginning will make the auditing process a lot easier down the road if there are mistakes made or if we do question the way

they're using their money so I think that there's definitely going to be a level of accountability that I'll expect from the organizations that I meet and with from my other committee members if I am elected to expect that they're holding those organizations to a high standard, in addition to that I think that we really need to be extremely professional umm 14 million dollars is not you know child's money, it's adult money and we need to treat ourselves as professionals and adults, and I think the committee should be as professional as Senate if not more and uh I think that no matter what we're doing we need to keep in mind the interest of the student body and the student organizations which we are really there to serve. Umm if you're like me you believe that governments really get their power of course from the people but also from the money they're able to levy via taxes, our version of taxes is that activity and student and service fee and uh if we're not allocating it properly I don't think we're using the power we're given properly. Just to talk about some of my qualifications as you can tell I'm not big on power points I like limited words and like to do a little bit of talking. Umm so again I have an accounting background which means this to me, I expect to know where every single cent is going to go of that 14 million dollars I really don't understand it have an idea of how it's going to be used to benefit students. I have attention to detail, I mentioned a lot of my involvement across campus excuse me, I'm not going to pretend that I don't have anything else on my schedule I do I like to be busy and it's because I pay attention to the details to the little things of every organization that I'm in and that's the same type of energy and detail focus that I will bring to this committee. And last but most importantly the reason we're all here is a commitment to serving the university, I've really tried to do that both you know with community service as a green and gold guide and here in senate and this is just another way for me to extend that commitment. And then I like to end these with a quote, so this is a quote I stumbled on when I was doing some research for this position, a budget should reflect the values and priorities of our nation and its people. Senator Mario Landry, thank you she's going to use her election though so that's unfortunate but she's from Louisiana and I think it's a great quote, (Gavel) uh it really speaks to how important the budget process is and making sure the people being represented get what they expect. Thank you

Claps

Malanga: Mr. Miller sir

Andy: So at one minute I'm going to give you one tap of the gavel, then again at thirty seconds and fifteen seconds, then once your time is up I will gavel it a couple times and you'll have ten seconds to finish up your last sentence.

Miller: Thank you

Andy: You may start whenever you're ready

Miller: So, I'm announcing my candidacy for the activity and service fee recommendation committee. My assets, I am an economics major I've been on well I'm just starting on special funding committee but I've been on these three over the summer so I'm just trying to get as involved as I possibly can. I'm already familiar with the appropriating system, and also reading legal texts through rules committee, judiciary and ethics committee I've hired some people if that has anything to do with this. Special funding I look forward to working with Corey some more. My liabilities and my responsibilities currently. I have 14 credit hours as you will see on my next slide, and then I will also highlight the next box where those responsibilities lie. Student Government first up there, Alpha Upsilon Pi, my fraternity, takes up some of my time, not much. I'm also working on the weekends so that shouldn't interfere with any time commitments for ASRC. Now, look at the schedule it's a little sporadic, no time here I mean nothing here umm around here uh 7 o'clock I

play bridge, big whoop. Tuesday I have special funding committee and senate, nothing here as well. Thursday, let's see I have rules committee and uh I have plenty of time to work on anything that needs to be worked on review and sort of bills or different recommendations that I need to make. My Fridays that's my, that is not my only umm responsibility on Friday, I also have a committee meeting for my fraternity, I think it's at three so umm on Saturday it's like three times for the semester and for next semester I will be more than willing to work with the schedule, the daunting schedule of ASRC. So my equity, what I'm willing to invest into this and what I've invested into myself. I work well in a team structure I was in three committees, I had to. I'm able to verbally communicate with people inside and outside of SG very well, I have been in one umm one meeting with uh with the organization for the audits and appropriations committee, uh I wish I could have done more for that committee but unfortunately my time there is done. I have read up on title 8 as much as I possibly could, the rules and on its appropriations, remembered quite a bit of it. I'm constantly in the office which is why I say I'm very persistent, umm I try to help out as much as I can I offer my services whenever to whoever needs it. Uhh patience, committee meetings are very long, I reaguerrae this, I've been told multiple times as an example I went to Vegas to play bridge not to do anything else, to play bridge for at least 12 hours a day for 8 days in a row. That's just sitting at a table and playing cards the entire time, which I find is interesting but you have to be patient for it. And my organizational skills, I have two calendars and I'm generally a neat freak so there's that and I have a few puns here, I hope I've shown my balance here, shown that I'm a balanced person with my assets liabilities and equities. Hope that peaked your interest and hope I'm worth your investment

Andy: Thank you, if you could please send in Miss Dincer. Okay that's perfect.

Side chatter

Andy: You should be good sorry about that.

Side chatter

Andy: Ohh that's not going to work.

Dincer: Why not

Andy: Because you actually have to send it to my at mail because it's a google doc and my at usf is outlook so let me log into my student email. It's andy@mail.usf.edu

Side chatter

Dincer: Sorry guys

Andy: K You're good

Dincer: It's good ok

Side chatter

Male: thin vote margin

Dincer: I'm sorry

Male: thin vote margin

Andy: It's not letting me go full screen

Side chatter

Andy: ok awesome.

Side chatter

Andy: K so you have five minutes, at one minute I'll give you a tap of the gavel umm ill give you another one at 30 seconds, another one at 15 seconds and once your time is up ill gavel you out at which youll have ten seconds to finish your last sentence

Dincer: Ok let me know when

Andy: You can start whenever you're ready

Dincer: Ok hey guys I'm Melissa, nice to see you all, I'm a political science and communication double major umm I'm on the UCGA committee here I am very politically active very politically involved so I'm the political director for Florida Young Democrats statewide board, umm I'm a photographer for the marketing communication department for housing right here on campus and I'm a campus field organizer for Bulls for Crist so I have a lot of experience with political campaigns stuff like that, a lot of experience with the funding area but mostly field work so that still you now plays into a lot of different branches on the campaign. Lot of my previous positions have taught me skills on outreach, persuasion, compromising lots of that, interpersonal skills how to really connect with people talk to them look at things from their perspective and making fast beneficial decisions for the community of course especially in field you have to make a lot of decisions about what your next kind of step will be on the campaign, so I have read title 8, so that was long so I have knowledge of the problems and financial status umm I'm very organized I'm I have the ability to focus for long hours, this is kind of a joke but like I love CSPAN it's like my favorite channel and I can watch it for hours a day so I can focus for a long amount of time without getting bored, I'm good at compromising and communicating and besides all of that I just have pure love and interest in this like this is what I want to do it feels so great just being up here even, so yeah, also I suppose this kind of helps but I have a bubbly personality I can keep people awake for the ten hours that we'll be there. My cramp is I have one class on Fridays but next semester I'll make sure that I will not since student government is one of my first priorities and I'm really really happy to be here. Umm background ok things are going to get kind of deep umm my parents divorced when I was 12 and after when my dad, my dad paid child support and stuff after I turned 18 obviously parents don't pay child support anymore so after I was cut off from him financially and emotionally I kind of had to learn budgeting really fast so budgeting is something that is relatively new to me you know as of the year but it's something that I really relate to on a very personal level and I really understand clubs and organizations when they're very passionate about something when they want funding for certain things I will do my best to understand where they're coming from. Also something to think about I know a lot of you will well a lot of us are new and you know a lot of us haven't been on ASRC before but I think it's very beneficial to nominate people who haven't done it before just so that they have a fresh start a fresh knowledge and the people who have done it before they might be graduating soon they might be leaving senate next year whatever but we'll have great mentors for the 56th term we got to think about are coming generations and that's pretty much it short and sweet thank you

Claps

Side chatter

Andy: ok.

Side chatter

Andy: Here you go you have five minutes, at one minute I'll give you one tap of the gavel, at thirty seconds I'll give you another tap and your last tap will come and you'll have 15 seconds. Once your time is up I'll gavel you out and you'll have ten seconds to finish any last sentences you may have. So you may start whenever you're ready

Guerra: All right, so for those of you who don't know me my name is Eguerraabeth Guerra, I am a senator of the college of behavioral and community sciences. I'm running for one of the positions for the activity and service recommendation committee. A little bit about me umm I am a senior majoring in criminology minoring in leadership studies. I had an internship this past summer and that's where I really learned where I want to be in my future and that is at the department of state level wanting to combat human sex trafficking. What I'm going to bring to the table aka my strengths umm I think the first thing to start off with is that I've carried over some credits from high school I've taken summer classes umm and that allowed me to actually only enroll in 6 credits this semester so my schedule is wide open my Fridays are wide open. Umm I am an active learner I'm always asking questions I always want to research things on my own and I researched the titles and statutes for this position that I am running for too that I'll talk about a little bit later. I'm self-motivated which means that if I want something I'm going to go for it I'm going to give it my all, especially if it's going to allow me to experience new opportunities and a new skill that can carry me into my future which I believe this position will. Punctual I'm usually always on time to meetings, you can count on me for that. Inquisitive I'm not afraid to ask questions if I don't know the answer, umm after all that is how you learn especially in student government, you can't be afraid to ask questions. Communication skills, working with student organizations and Andy and Cocco and all the other senators, being able to communicate is going to be important. I'm pretty good at making sure that people are on the same page at the same time so that is going to be a strength that can be applied to this position as well. Knowing what it takes. ASRC only has a limited amount of money so being able to discern what is going to be necessary and unnecessary is going to be important when you're allocating all this money to student organizations. Umm staying unbiased and neutral on your viewpoints is going to be important even if I think an organization is silly and maybe may not be able to do this or that I have to come back to the base of ASRC's purpose which is to provide USF students the opportunity to interact and participate in various campus projects, programs, and services that are intended to enhance model and spirit the overall university experience. So staying neutral is going to be important and I know that I can do that. Umm professional as well, I know that I am not only representing myself but representing senate and the student government experience. Umm I reviewed interim budget applications gotten to know a little bit more about how they work. I read the Constitution obviously for student government and also the statutes specifically title 8 and title 6 so I'm not going into this blind umm even though I haven't been in a position like this before I think that gaining new experiences is how you learn. Umm most importantly though I want this and so I want something that you put your heart and your full effort into it and honestly I think passion is what drives is the best is what drives anything really the best drive for anything your wishing to pursue so with that I know I'm going to represent SJSA well and that is all

Andy: Can you please send in...thank you. OK here you go, you have five minutes to present, at one minutes I'll give you a tap of the gavel, I'll give you another one at thirty seconds and fifteen seconds, and then once your time is up I'll gavel you out at which you'll have ten seconds at which to make any last remarks. You may start whenever you're ready.

Truong: Hey guys sorry about my voice so if you can't hear me like just raise your hand or something. I'm Kristen I'm going for ASRC, so a little bit about me I actually changed to the pre law track so my major is in international studies with a minor in psychology. I'm also in the honors college and as most of you probably know I'm the chairwoman for JBC and something that I've been doing is the town hall which is on September 21st from 630-830 pm, so that's something that I've been planning a lot just some of my student government involvement. Umm credentials as a chairwoman, also my senior year of high school I was the Florida district treasurer and so I was solely in charge of three quarters of a million dollars, a half a million dollar conference and a twenty thousand grant program that was also in charge of twenty thousand club members so during my experience with that I had to budget do all the line items so I know how to go about doing all of that understanding when people have questions about why you put something a certain place they may not necessarily understand the information behind it so it's just educating them. So why Kristen for ASRC. So one important thing is that with ASRC everyone needs to remain neutral, you can't have any bias within it and my experience as JEC chair has definitely helped me with that. As a senator last year I was able to see the ASRC bill all the work that they put into it I read through the bill umm I have experience and I've read through title 8 so kind of a financial code, I've also as I said before have experience with budgeting as my district treasurer position in key club so I look forward to your questions, thank you.

Claps

Andy: Kristen can you please send in Mr. Aziz

Side chatter

Aziz: Hey guys

Andy: Here you go, you have five minutes, when there is one minute left I'll give you one tap of the gavel, I'll give you another one at thirty and 15 seconds. Once your time is up I'll gavel you out and you'll have ten seconds to make any last remark that you'd like to. So you may start when you're ready.

Aziz: All right thank you guys my name is Abdool Aziz and I will start out with a quote. As I grow older I pay less attention to what men say I just watch what they do. So first thing little bit about me I'm currently your pro tempore. Last year I was on ASRC as an employee member for the 54th term and the previous year for the 53rd term. Also I was JEC chair and on 53rd term I sat in on the title 8 election financial forum committee and I'm also senator of arts and sciences, most importantly. So qualifications I have been in ASRC for two terms, two years so I am great at managing personal finances budgeting of myself and I sat on corporations committee for the past term, and title 8 proficient. I've read through it and I've offered some amendments to it and I have an extensive of understand the ASRC process, pretty much understanding how it goes the timeline the calendar the expectations for a member and an extensive understanding of viewpoint neutrality which is something that is important to ASRC because you are not only dealing with student organizations but you are dealing with departments and dealing with people's jobs which I'm going to sometimes

have to decide on and people are. So qualifications and experiences again. Passionate and dedicated. I'm really passionate about the job I wouldn't be running for this position if I wasn't passionate about it, and reliable hardworking and trusted. And always available to help anyone in need. And professional and outspoken, the ability to start join and end discussions and always punctual and respectful. So these are some qualities that I have to make ASRC an ideal working environment. SO one thing is ability to start join and end discussions, ASRC is very discussion based, and you need to be able to end the discussion when its going nowhere and start a new discussion when umm things are not being said. And always to be punctual at all times because we have to meet heads of departments in ASRC and their schedules are early in the morning and we have to wake up early in the morning to match that. So why elect me. Extensive background knowledge of the ASRC budgets from this year and previous years. Umm that's the knowledge for new members, since I am the only person that is currently running that has sat on ASRC the knowledge that experience will be something good to teach the new committee members and pass along discussion points that we've already discussed in previous years to help the committee understand what they're doing. Excellent relationship with student affairs, SASSC, and ASBO, ASBO is the business office, and student affairs and campus rec, CLCE, CSI. And help make major fiscal decisions to help benefit the entire USF student body. So last year ASRC we had a decision to add career services and waive the benefits of that so ASRC you're making big decisions and I was a part of that process. So what are some recent experience in heated debates, when debates get heated you need someone to bring everything back down chill everything out so I'm good at that and streamlining meetings with student organizations. So last year in ASRC I was the first one to finish meeting with all student organizations, kept it really organized and finished before everyone else so I like using that process and I would like to standardize it. And one thing that is really big that may not be well known is last year was the first year we went to iPads, cause ASRC usually stacks the binders and we used to kill our own trees so last year I myself and the CFO figured out to use google drive to make the whole process paper free so that saved a lot of papers. And also my overall vision is to craft a budget that student government can be proud of and that reflects the means of the student body, that's overall what ASRC should be doing and what each member should have in mind. And always free on Fridays and please vote for me.

Claps

Andy: Umm can you please send in Mr. Cimino please. Victor have you already sent me your presentation.

Cimino: I sent it your USF, at USF that one.

Andy: At USF or at mail.

Cimino: Your Hotmail.

Andy: Ok

Cimino: I sent it from my mail to you

Andy: I see it. Ok you'll have five minutes to present. When there's one minute left I'll give you a tap of the gavel and I'll give you another one at thirty seconds and fifteen seconds once your time is up ill gavel you out and you'll have ten seconds to make any last remarks. So you may start whenever you're ready.

Cimino: Evening everyone, those of you that don't know who I am, my name is Victor Cimino uh senate for college of arts and sciences, I met most of you, lot of you I knew from the retreat some of you I know from outside sources and outside organizations. Those of you who don't here's a little presentation to help me out to help myself explain to you a little bit about myself. SO I'm a geology major and my minor is in general business. I have a 3.0 GPA umm in the fall I'm taking 13 credit hours right now and next semester I'll be taking 12 credit hours none of which will be on a Friday. If I do have a Friday class it's going to be from 8 in the morning to 855 in the morning umm already kind of looked at the schedule class is already up so I already took care of that if you were wondering I will not have any conflicts on a Friday. So let me tell you a little bit about my private involvement here at USF. I came in at Fall of 2012 as a first year student this is my third year here at US. I started as a founding father of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity and from there I was provided the executive board as a recruitment director of my fraternity. Spring 2013 I was part of the founding class of the fraternal honor society which was founded by Ryan Newton in the spring of 2013 were still an organization which operates today basically were a bunch of Greek men and women across the community and we discuss the values of organizations and how we uphold them in our community. To start off I was the director of administration and finance so I was in charge of starting up our bank accounts during our budgets starting up all the fiscal responsibilities and also starting up our Constitution those were all under my responsibilities in my first term. Summer 2013 I was orientation team leader under the direction of Leslie Page who is no longer with us here at the University of South Florida, umm and also I began my first year in the center for student involvement. I worked for the campus traditions board, those of you who don't know what that is we put on homecoming and USF week. I still do work for them but I started working for them in the summer of 2013. The Fall of 2013 I became the, I resigned my position as risk management director of my chapter, r resigned as recruitment director became risk management director, so my job is basically to umm make plans and action plans and uh provision plans if anything were to happen in my fraternity, if anything were to go down umm I know the stuff possible to keep us from being sued, umm also have process in place to where my brothers don't do things to get sued so make sure we have due so process in those matters. I was vice president of membership of the IFC on the executive board. I served with Cameron Hainline umm so my job is to put on recruitment for the IFC which is going on right now, I did that all, I was elected last fall and the term began in the spring of 2014 umm and through the summer I planned recruitment and we're executing those plans now, and I was program director for the homecoming ball that was my position. I worked with a 23k dollar budget to plan the homecoming ball that you might've seen the last year. I also was hired by USF housing as the 24 hour desk clerk so I'm very familiar with housing and what they do. In spring of 2014 I was elected to the 55th chair of the University of South Florida Senate, umm hi everyone, umm in the summer of 2014 I began my second year at the center for student involvement campus traditions board I was elected vice chair to special funding committee I also was I interned with my with Alpha Sigma Phi national headquarters, we had our bi annual conference this summer and I was one of 5 chosen out of 500 applicants to represent Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity as undergraduates on the national level. I got to interact with brothers from all over the country and run a conference that went on for three days. I also got to intern with a lot of our distinguished alumni and our grand council along with our grand senior president who I think is the president of all of Alpha Sigma Phi that's our grand senior president. In the fall of 2014 which is right now I am starting back up with homecoming, I am putting on the homecoming parade on October 10th hope to see you all there shameless plug it's going to be a lot of fun, student government already has the float registered for the parade thank you

Gary for that its going to be a great time so this is kind of what I want to do to end with this I just signed a 6k dollar budget but I work with, my spring commitments, Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity I do intend on continuing my leadership in my own organization. I will be in chemistry support for USF week USF week is much less of a burden than homecoming it's still 10 hours a week in the office, nothing on Fridays, all of our meetings are on Mondays, but the burden is much less than homecoming. Umm I'll be in senate this is what I see happening, I'll still be in senate in the spring and ill also still be a part of the fraternity vow society. I am very familiar with title 8 for I'm on special funding committee and I was Corey's vice chair so I did a lot of the approval of budgets, approval of travel grants and special funding grants which is now called the new tradition grants this summer, which really got me to understand title 8 I understand what it's a part of and I worked with the business office a lot also. Umm thank you for your time and Go Bulls.

Andy: At this time it will be up to the Senate how you would like to proceed so we could go into a question and answer period where we bring all the senators in and ask them all the same question and give them an opportunity to answer them. We could move straight into discussion, we could forego discussion and vote it's really up to you guys. Senator Johnson

Johnson: Can we move into a 20 minute moderated caucus with question answer for the speakers

Andy: Yes would you like to set a cap on answering time

Johnson: Umm thirty seconds each

Andy: Thirty seconds each are there any objections to a 20 minute question answer period with thirty seconds for each candidates answer. Seeing no objections. Okay so...oh yeah I'll tell you the order in a second but what we're doing is we're going to do a 20 minute question and answer period and you'll each have thirty seconds to answer questions. Uh if the order could be Malanga Miller Dincer Guerra did I say that right Truong Aziz and Cimino that'd be perfect. You guys are smart ok so you'll have thirty seconds to answer like I said and when there's ten seconds left I'll give you a tap of the gavel that sound good everyone. All right awesome, so with that Senator Johnson since you made the motion you may ask the first question.

Chris: If there's any, what's the biggest challenge you think that has separated you guys from other candidates trying to run for this position, what's something you had to overcome that makes you uniquely qualified for what you're running for

Andy: We'll start with you Senator Malanga

Malanga: Umm so I mentioned a lot about involvement on campus I took that as a personal challenge when I got the university, high school I wasn't particularly involved and uh I tried to take advantage of every opportunity I got when I got here and I think that overcoming that my inability to get involved in high school was one of my bigger challenges coming into college

Miller: As for myself I would say time management this the last semester and this current semester it really tested myself I'm talking summer semester it really tested myself with my time management skills I needed to like plan every hour of the day to make sure I was ready for senate at specific times and different courses along with all my homework which is very daunting right now

Andy: Senator Dincer

Dincer: As I said earlier budgeting is something that affects me on a very personal level and quite recently so especially lately within the past year or two I've been really interested and involved and passionate about budgeting and how money really does have quite a big effect on these organizations and their passions, and I'd really like to be a part of the committee that decides that so

Guerra: I think stepping up as a leader is really important for me like the first my freshman and sophomore year was really just like a study work routine until I started I minored in leadership and then I really learned that anyone could be a leader on step up cause everybody brings different qualities that get the ball rolling with certain things so I think stepping up as a leader really separates me umm founding a chapter of a national organization this semester as well as being a new senator so new experiences

Truong: I would say my past experience with the budget I worked with it was since I was the treasurer I was the sole person that was in charge of it, and having to present it to 60 other people, having them ask questions for why you allocated like 250k dollars for like rooms or I allocated certain amounts and you just kind of have to explain why you put certain amounts in that and I think it'd be really exciting coming back to this since I haven't worked with budgets for a year, especially with the large amount compared to the $\frac{3}{4}$ of a million I worked with before

Aziz: So on a personal level an impact that helped me understand what budgeting was, was a few years ago when my mom got sick so I had to take over the family finances temporarily and also the business finances so as a bio major and now global public health major learning financing and budgeting on your own and really having a real respect for all of that and that helps translate into making better decisions in student government and in ASRC

Cimino: I believe that one of my biggest challenges that sets me a part is the fact that I started my own fraternity. I was one of the founding fathers of my chapter, I am badge number 5 of my chapter, after this year I will be the highest pin number in my chapter, and with that being a founding father doesn't end after the first semester doesn't end after the first year, its continuous. I'm always challenging my brothers who now are in those positions I was in to continue our legacy and also starting a chapter we aren't A&S funded, so we have to create a budget to allow us to stay afloat and also I was one of the people solely responsible of our charter

Andy: Senator Ulloa

Ulloa: So in this process you're going to have to deal with a lot of different organizations, meeting with them, doing budget. How do you guys plan on keeping personal interests and personal opinions on these organizations out of the decision making?

Andy: starting with Senator Cimino?

Cimino: Umm I already have prior experience with keeping my personal interests out of the professional realm. This would be with being on special funding this summer I met with several organizations for their travel grants and for their special signature event grants, what they were named at the time regarding this and I always kept it professional and always made sure that we kept true to the statutes

that were put into place and let the variables kind of speak for themselves but really their budgets were determined by the statutes that we had as a student government

Andy: Aziz

Aziz: to do that is to always to be respectful assuming what organization and be professional. Umm what I did last year was I made a spreadsheet and sent it with a budget questionnaire and a script so I'm asking each organization the same questions and throughout all 25 organizations so each of them has equal opportunity to be heard by me and answer their questions that way you have a fair process for all organizations and another thing that's important is up front to disclose what organizations you're apart of so that there's no conflict of interest when a motion comes up

Andy: Miss Truong

Kristen: As a senator last year having to make sure that whenever we vote on something we were always I was always neutral on it not putting my advice then being elected onto JEC especially with confirmations I can't let anything personally get in the way of that, maybe if my friend was up there but you can't have any bias within that and also working with student organizations on their constitutions I've learned how to deal with the different kinds of peoples and how to work with them because each person is different and you may run into issues

Guerra: like I mentioned in my presentation it comes down to the purpose of A&S and that is to promote the university experience so you really have to keep your viewpoint of neutrality strong when it comes to things like this based on the purpose of A&S

Dincer: as I said before I'm very politically active and a lot of the political events I go to are not strictly democrat, there are, I meet republicans all over the place and I dearly love them, a lot of my friends, which are in this room even will also everything actually that part of being on the committee was the thing that intrigued me the most all of my jobs that I've done so field intern campus field organizer umm even the committee that I'm on UCGAA it's all about out reach

Miller: Uhh as for me over the summer I was a part of the audits and appropriations chair or committee and also the judiciary and ethics committee in which on a case by case basis I would just put in my two sense on very neutral stance against anyone ok. Not only that in my fraternity I put aside my personal biases to vote on members and I believe that everyone is capable of doing bigger and better things

Malanga: Umm three things first of all I think it's great that Melissa doesn't just hate all republicans that's fantastic to hear I feel the same way about democrats, I feel the same way they're great friends. Second of all I agree with Aziz a hundred percent I think that's very important that we disclose what organizations that we're in I think that's critical to the process maintaining its fairness and maintaining a level playing field for everybody and third of all having some experience working in elected officials offices both here in Tampa and on Capitol Hill this summer you will see opinions from across the political spectrum and getting a chance to articulate those to the elected representatives I think will really help me in this committee

Andy: Senator Hasan

Hasan: I would like to know your schedules for Friday for the upcoming, this semester's upcoming semester

Andy: We'll start with you senator, actually we'll start with Senator Miller and work down and then actually that doesn't make sense, we'll just start with Senator Malanga, yeah we'll keep it easy

Malanga: Umm so for fall semester I have no classes on Fridays, I do work in the office of admissions but those hours are flexible so if the hours for the meetings change I can change those hours because I do set my hours there umm as far as the spring I have no commitments as of yet and if I do get this I will not have any commitments whatsoever on Fridays

Miller: For my Fridays for this semester I have a class from 905-955 in the morning, bad idea, and I also have my social committee for my fraternity from 3-4, and that can be changed to whenever I feel is necessary because I'm in charge of that, right, and next semester I have nothing planned yet

Dincer: same with me I only have one class on Fridays this semester and next semester I will make sure I do not have a class on Friday senates my priority

Guerra: I think this semester I have no prior obligations on Fridays, this semester or next semester umm so this position would rise to the top

Truong: This semester I do have a class from 905-955 on Fridays and then all the other time on Friday I've already set aside for my office hours and student government so I'll be here already and then for the spring semester I'll keep my Friday open

Aziz: So for me I have no Friday classes, usually on Fridays I'm usually here anyway but in the spring I don't have any classes on Friday either

Cimino: On Fridays this semester I have a class that I must take for graduation if I don't take it now I can't ever take it because it's only offered in the fall umm and next fall is not an option for me due to class progression, and with that being said that is my only obligation this semester and then next semester I have already made my class schedule and I have no classes on Fridays or any other obligations

Andy: Uhh we'll do senator colon

Colon: All right so not everyone is going to have the same opinions regarding allocating budgets. How are your people skills when it comes to working with different backgrounds...and also reaguerraing when you are the one that's wrong?

Andy: So Senator Cimino

Cimino: So I can perfectly relate to that as being a part of the IFC and being on the executive board I have to deal with 14 other fraternities on a daily basis and their own personal agendas, and they always want to be on top, you know on the up and up, and so I believe to answer your question it's very easy for me to work with these people because each fraternity has a different set of values but each of these leaders want something else for the organization, it's all the same goal they all want to get there, so I have to accommodate to each of these leaders to be as equal as possible umm and I feel that's just working with all these fraternities from different backgrounds and demographics allows me to do really well working for these organizations

Aziz: So one thing is you always have to be respectful with whoever you're dealing with. So last year in ASRC I had the two largest organizations...SAE and MSA...and they're very diverse and they're very different and you have to be able to explain all that to the committee and to your fellow people and also during debates

you're going to be wrong just remember whoever is in the committee when the debate happens when you're out of the committee it stays in the committee, you have to get over it, move on with your life

Truong: Could you repeat the question

Colon: Sure, so not many people are ever going to have the same opinion during the budget allocation, how are you, let me re read this, how are you going to work with people of other backgrounds and then also how are you going to handle admitting that you're wrong

Truong: So I think it's really important is that you always need to listen to someone's other side of the story just because you may think you have the best idea but someone else might have a different idea that could be better and so that's part of working for the student government cause we're not thinking for ourselves we're thinking for the students what would be best for them and also when you're in the room with people and you're working together every Friday for really big decisions you will be wrong eventually but I mean that's why we're all here like not everybody can be right all the time just accepting that you can be wrong is ok

Guerra: I definitely see what she said umm being at USF and just having the amount of diversity that we do have has led us all to experience different people different backgrounds different values and admitting when you're wrong like she said you have to get both sides and you have to understand where they're coming from like if they'll, I think that's most important is hearing both sides and not being so close minded about how you feel

Dincer: As a communication major I literally study interpersonal communication hours a week analyzing papers books everything at how to be culturally spiritually sensitive to their needs, also I've lived in 5 different countries and my entire family lives in Eastern Europe so I'm very, very frequently dealt with different backgrounds and different opinions on culture and I can definitely totally put that beside and be sensitive towards cultural values.

Miller: So could you please repeat the question I apologize

Colon: It's like the worst question in the world I'm sorry. So you're never going to have the same opinion as someone in allocating this budget, how are you going to work with people of different backgrounds and then also how are you going to handle when you are wrong

Miller: Ok so I believe empathy and or sympathy is very necessary in this situation, in any situation that I would have to be an active listener, that being said even if I disagree with what you have to say I would defend to the death your right to say it and I believe my people skills are very keen

Malanga: so addressing the second part of your question first I'm a big believer that if you've never been wrong that means you've never stood up for anything, so I have no problem being wrong I've been wrong in the past I'm sure I'll be wrong in the future uhh I think it's about accepting when you reaguerrae you're wrong you kind of moving on from that, going back to the first part as far as working with other people on the rules committee we have a ton of different opinions and I really pride myself on waiting to hear everyone's opinion and trying to find consensus within all those different opinions.

Andy: Senator Hainline? Ok, are there any more questions? Senator Ulloa

Ulloa: Umm so how proficient are you guys with title 8 umm and that being said umm how do you think this impacts your decision making on the committee in reference to allocating for these organizations

Andy: Ok so this time what we're going to do is we're going to start with Eguerraabeth move our way down and end with Melissa, so you're going this way and ending here, then we'll go the other way

Guerra: Ok well like I mentioned in the presentation title 8 is all about the finance code so you really have to keep in mind that SG and ASRC only has a limited amount of money and there's 800 plus organizations that are trying to get funded, with that being said you have to have a good sense of discernment in allocating how much money everyone each organization gets

Andy: Kristen

Truong: I read the report and you know how I mean honestly I don't have the most vast knowledge compared to appropriations and audits but I think what's important is being able to learn and putting in the time to learn and that's what I'm willing to do especially with all of the fall that time to learn and then spring is when we really hit the ground running

Aziz: In terms of title 8 the proviso I'm very proficient in title 8. I've also written numerous changes to it last year. I've also familiar with the other statutes from title 1-10 because each one of them has different elements that interplay into title 8 and have some impact so I'm pretty good about all that

Cimino: I know a good deal of title 8 from working with Corey on special funding, with Corey gave me some student organizations to meet with by myself and report back to him with my findings from the organizations and then we would discuss it. With all of this being said I also to this day I'm still learning more about side of...before I really come up here and write some interesting things umm I think there's always room for knowledge if there wasn't room for learning or improvement we wouldn't be student leaders

Malanga: So I definitely wouldn't rank my knowledge up there with Chairman Johnson or Ulloa I'm sure they're far more proficient in it umm however being on the rules committee we have gone through it a couple of times now only to find that we don't really agree on what changes need to be made only that they're need to be changes, but I've definitely gone through it I'm well aware of how it is written and umm I'm looking forward to really understanding the practice of it as opposed to just the theory of it

Miller: As for my knowledge of title 8 I have a very good grasp on it I was on the audits and appropriations committee in the summer, I'm on special fundings now I'm in the process of memorizing the small little standards that we had in audits and appropriations, I even created, no I brought up the idea of the crafts or was it art supplies umm standard and umm I believe that's all

Dincer: I of course was not in appropriations and special fundings committee but I have read the entire title 8 it is very long but umm when I was reading it I felt pure fascination I really feel that I comprehended a lot of material and I don't know it just made me so excited

Andy: Any more question? Senator Johnson?

Chris: Can I move to end question answer and move into a ten minute moderated caucus for discussion

Andy: Are there any objections to ending question answer and entering a ten minute moderated caucus

Chris: Friendly Amendment

Andy: Senator Antar

Antar: Can we make the caucus endorsements, the endorsements format

Andy: Ok so do you accept his endorsement format

Chris: Absolutely

Andy: And one minute endorsements, thirty second endorsements

Antar: Thirty second endorsements

Andy: Ok are there any objections to a ten minute moderated or thirty second endorsements I guess it would be two per candidate.

Ulloa: Friendly amendment can you take a number

Andy: Ok are there any objections? Senator Hartmann?

Hartmann: Could we make it 7 minutes for the 7 candidates.

Andy: Sure

Hartmann: Yes sir

Andy: Well actually do you accept his amendment

Hartmann: It works out two per candidate

Antar: Sure that's fine

Andy: Are there any objections? Seeing no objections. I'd like to ask that the candidates please leave the room. Thank you you guys are all great

Side chatter

Andy: Ok, we will go in order of nominations, umm I guess we can do kind of like we did for the senate and go, nah we'll just do person by person so Michael Malanga, I see Senator Hasan and Senator Antar. Ryan Miller, Senator Hasan and ill give this one to Johnson. Melissa Dincer, Senator Johnson senator Hartmann. Uhh Elizabeth Guerra, Senator Colon and Senator Hasan. Kristen Truong. Senator Ulloa and Senator Antar. Abdool Aziz, Senator Ulloa and Senator Antar. Uh Victor Cimino, Senator Ulloa and is there anyone else that would like to endorse Senator Sanchez. Okay, so trying to think what's the fairest way to do this.

Male: You go one endorsement than one endorsement

Andy: Ok we'll do that, so we'll start with Senator Malanga and the first endorsement is from Senator Hasan. At ten seconds I'll give you a tap of the gavel and you may start whenever you're ready.

Hasan: Umm Michael Malanga is a very passionate person for starters he is an accounting and economics major so he has the good grasp of basically financial institutions and everything that correlates to it in the practical world and more over he's the vice chair of the rules committee which makes him well versed in constitutions and statutes as well. I believe he's very passionate about anything he ever does and he's really 100 percent into everything which makes him like a thorough person and I believe he'd be good for this

Andy: Next we have Ryan Miller Senator Hasan

Hasan: Ok Ryan has been in appropriations and I've seen him working with various organizations like helping out with interim budgets meeting with organizations help set up standards and he has been doing a great job while at it he has been in 3 committees over the summer so I think he deserves an applaud for that and I think he has the appropriate knowledge of everything because he has been in rules and he has been in appropriations so I believe he'd be really resourceful in ASRC as well

Andy: ok Senator Johnson for Melissa Dincer

Chris: I'm just going to say that Melissa Dincer, if we have an extra chair position she should have it she's really passionate about this job she really has a good understanding of what it means to be in a political environment how to work well with people which is something that I wish I could say I had as good as a skill of but overall she's the kind of person who's going to be a leader in future years and these are the times we empower the future leaders so

Andy: Ok so Senator Colon for Eguerraabeth Guerra

Colon: So I just met Eguerraabeth over the weekend actually at the retreat so just me standing up here and giving her an endorsement should say a lot about her character. She is an amazing amazing person who is fearless, compassionate, empathetic, sympathetic, everything you want in a person who needs to be on ASRC, she's a leader, she knows what she wants, and she's not afraid to stand up and fight for what is right

Andy: Okay Senator Ulloa for Kristen Truong

Ulloa: So Kristen's a returner so she's seen a lot of budgets she's seen budgets this year last year umm she's seen ASRC bill she's gone through and reviewed all kinds of budgets but not only that she's someone who's dedicated to the job and she's in the hours probably almost as much as Andy and Abdool sometimes because she's sits there and works and works and works, not only that but she's someone who will be able to talk to people in their organizations and be able to split their differences to make sure that she's being fair for organizations and that each person in the committee is being fair for all organizations

Andy: Thank you. For Aziz do you want to swap that way he doesn't speak to ?

Antar: Ok

Andy: So Senator Antar for Abdool Aziz

Antar: Ok, uhh Senator Aziz is the most consistent one of the most consistent I'm not going to make an absolute there I noticed it uhh is one of the most consistent workers we have there in the office and it's very important that you have somebody who is consistent and who is as experienced as Abdool on the committee so that he can guide them in times when they are really not sure where to go. When I was the chair two years

ago I had no idea what was going on some times and if Adam Aldridge wasn't there I don't think we would've made it through so I think Abdool can be their Adam Aldridge this year so ok

Andy: Senator Ulloa, Victor Cimino

Ulloa: So Victor has been my vice chair for summer going into this semester and he's really someone who's willing to work to get what needs to be done done umm he's reviewed policies so I've gone through title 8 with him I've gone through business offices with him so he knows what to do and he's really someone who's willing to learn to get through what he needs to do talk to organizations meet with these people and get done what needs to be done and I think he'd be great to be on a committee and meet with organizations and ?

Andy: All right, we're going to start back at the top now with senator Malanga. Senator Antar

Antar: All right guys senator Malanga has been my vice chair since the start of my committee uh he didn't leave for the fall so he's still my vice chair. He's already chaired a meeting for me uh I think he's chaired two, but anyway he did a really good job while he was chairing he's very reliable he was always there he was always the one asking me he was always the one asking me the most pertinent and provoking questions at least in the summer he was I don't know for sure I can vogue for that, but he's a great worker and I would thoroughly encourage you guys to vote for him.

Andy: Senator Johnson for Ryan Miller

Chris: Uh Senator Miller is a work horse, he is I mean I don't know how else to describe it. He is so busy it's unbelievable involved with student government I should say he serves on three committees as you guys already know and for each of those committees at least for mine I can't really speak for the other two I mean he works his butt off umm anything he could possibly do to help out he really took initiative in trying to learn exactly what the statutes are that set the standards are for what he did his job and I guess above all that he really is the voice of objectivity in the committee that he served on with me and umm I'm sure in the other committees he was with and that's something we're going to need on ASRC this year

Andy: Ok Melissa Dincer Senator Hartmann

Hartmann: All right in the little time that I know Melissa Dincer, I've already had like a great positive experience she always volunteers for everything so I'm sure when she's assigned her work and stuff she's going to go full on head speed and go talk to them and everything and I have full confidence that she'll do amazing things for ASRC so if you feel the same make sure to vote for her thanks

Andy: Ok Senator Antar for Miss Kristen Truong

Antar: Hey everybody it's me again umm I think it's safe to say that I am one of the people who is most sporadically in the office because I am with the college of medicine so much and their schedules are never really consistent but every time almost every time I come in Kristen is there because she's always in the office cause that's just where she happens to do her work, besides, she's a good worker, she's very consistent, I think you guys should vote for her

Andy: Ok and Mr. Ulloa for Abdool Aziz

Ulloa: So there's two people in the actual senate that I would consider grandpa's in the senate that would be Ally and Aziz cause they've been here forever and they know so much about Senate, so Aziz really knows,

he's the person who if I needed something about statutes that I don't really know I know I can go to either ally or Aziz but Aziz is the person that's been around he knows how things have been done for years and years he's the person who will get things done and I can see him as a very powerful leader in ASRC helping the committee in times when they don't know where to go helping them to come up with a statute of something they don't know so

Andy: And last but not least Senator Sanchez for Victor Cimino

Sanchez: Umm as Corey spoke earlier Victor does not have a problem going out and speaking with other organizations, he's in several organizations himself that is not an issue I worked with him over the summer and this fall for recruitment staff for IFC and his job was VP of membership so he really had to go out and work with 14 other fraternities which is not an easy task and he put his own fraternity aside and did what was best made them follow policies and set up a good recruitment and I think that characteristic will really help him in this

Andy: Thank you, ok we have no exhausted... ummm I skipped one excuse me sorry, senator Hasan for Eguerraabeth Guerra I'm..whoops go ahead

Hasan: Ok so I've known Eguerraabeth for a matter of two months and I know for a fact that she is extremely passionate in every quality like Sophia told you guys and overall she has took the time to learn from me and Abdool and everything we know not that like Abdool knows a lot but whatever I know I taught her and whatever Abdool like could she kept asking questions and she's really inquisitive and she really deserves this because she has a wide open like schedule and she's really really passionate about this so I believe that you should vote for her.

Andy: Ok now we're actually finished with endorsements, sorry about that. Do I see any motions, I saw Ulloa's hand first.

Ulloa: Motion to moving into voting procedure

Andy: Are there any objections to moving into voting procedure

Male: They vote too

Andy: Do they? I don't think they should

Chris: You don't think so?

Hasan: I don't think they should

Andy: They shouldn't vote

Chris: Why would they not?

Ulloa: Because they weren't here to listen to all the other presentations

Andy: Yeah, they weren't I don't think they should vote. Director Manka, umm do you believe that the candidates should vote? I don't think so

Side chatter

Andy: Director Manka

Manka: They haven't done it in the past so

Andy: I personally wouldn't like to start, so the way that this is going to work is you're going to circle 6 candidates, umm something that I'd like to stress to everyone is that you have to write your name on the top of the paper. This isn't a secret ballot, none of our votes are, so make sure to write your name on the top of the paper and circle your top 6 candidates. Please also do not talk because we are in voting procedures. Just hold up real quick.

Side chatter

Andy: Senator Antar will collect them. Has everyone turned in their ballot? Do you have all the ballots? Has everyone turned in their ballots? Ok I will entertain a motion for a 5 minute recess to count the ballots. Uh Senator Johnson

Chris: Motion 5 minute recess to count the ballots

Andy: Are there any objections. Seeing none we are now in a recess at 8:11 pm.

Recess

Andy: We are now back on the record at 8:23 pm and the results for the ASRC elections have been counted. Umm our primary senators are going to be Michael Malanga, Melissa Dincer, Eguerraabeth Guerra, Kristen Truong, Abdool Aziz, Victor Cimino, and our alternate will be Ryan Miller

Claps

Andy: Please remember that I would like to meet with all of you very shortly, or briefly, whichever word you prefer, right after the senate meeting so don't go anywhere. Moving down the agenda, everything's out of order so I'm a little, we now have such storied legislation on second reading the first bill is SBS 55-012 the title 7 reform bill ummm. I will open up Aziz's...

Side chatter

Andy: Do I see any motions? Uh Senator Johnson

Chris: I move to enter first reading...second reading

Andy: Are there any objections to entering the second reading of SBS 55-012...seeing no objections. Take it away gentleman

Aziz: All right so from last week to this week. This version has an amendment that I have proposed, such as...the ones I propose are how I didn't highlight but the first one is a change that's called the voter opportunity transparency and education act other than that, I don't think Andy received any other amendments from anyone else, so if you give anything...scrolling on down, first one is adding definition of at large seat. Do you guys have any questions on that

Andy: Senator Colon

Colon: I was just a little confused last week when we talked about at large seats could you just give a brief overview once more.

Andy: Sure ok, so the thought behind an at large seat is that once applications have been turned in if there are any seats that haven't been applied for, so for example there are 4 seats in the college of education right now, umm let's say only one person applies, then there's three empty seats that no one has applied for hence no college of education students can sit on, those seats will now become at large senate seats, and the senators that have already applied to be a senator, or the people that have already applied to be a senator can opt out of running for their college and run for an at large seat as long as their college isn't one of the colleges that has at large seats now does that make sense?

Colon: mmhmm

Andy: Ok

Attorney General Johnson: So the person is to expand the senate rather than allowing those three seats to remain open its now to possibly get to us to where its 60 max

Andy: Senator Colon

Colon: so a follow up ok so those students that'd be running for an at large seat technically aren't in let's say the college of education

Attorney General Johnson: Correct

Colon: For me I ran for the college of public health because I'm public health so I feel like I can better connect with the public health students. My worry is with the at large seats can somebody say from the college of behavior science communication shenanigans could they be just as effective as I am with my public health being a public health major does that make sense? (Mumbles)

Andy: Yeah, I'll answer that question as well. The thought is that no, they probably can't represent the public health college as well as you can, but at the end of the day they still can represent more students than nobody being there, if that makes sense. Senator Truong?

Truong: So with the at large seat like you were saying for example if there was 4 education open one person running so you would have 3 at large seats, so let's say for CAS if you had like one seat open and there were two people running, but both of them wanted to go to the at large how would you choose who gets that cause there's only one seat open but there's two of them

Andy: Well right now that's pretty much up to the senate to decide on how they'd like to amend this bill, but a thought that I mean the way I would see it is if there's a total of 7 at large seats the first 14 people that request an at large seat can run for an at large seat and if like let's say there's two people running for CAS and there's only one candidate left, that candidate can no longer opt out of running for CAS, that last candidate, does that make sense.

Truong: So it would be like on a first come first serve basis for the at large seats

Andy: yes. Senator pagan actually no senator Johnson

Chris: I lost my thought process again sorry

Andy: Senator Gigante

Gigante: All right umm just a point of information last year what happened was we just filled people who left and now were trying to fill all 60 spots, or what

Andy: Ok the way that it works is that any seats that are empty right now, as it the way it currently, if you guys want to add

Aziz: I mean right now the way the midterm works like right now we don't have any people on the college of education and we have three spots open in arts and sciences. The midterm happens to fill the three spots that are left, and the 4 spots from the education, to fill, out of those 40 people we have 60 seats so there's 20 seats available so the midterm's goal is to fill those 20 seats so we have a full senate

Andy: Senator Malanga

Malanga: I had a couple questions they were pretty short though so my first question is how many seats were, after the last general election in the spring how many seats were open at that point not including resignations people that got pointed out how many seats were actually open due to not enough people running

Aziz: All right so for the general election 49 people were elected out of 60 seats

Malanga: ok so 11 seats were open. Umm my next question is to run for an at large seat you would have to choose before the election right so in other words you couldn't say oh I lost the election for my college so I'd like to be considered for an at large seat now

Attorney General Johnson well I think an important point to bring to the conversation is that this at large concept is only for midterm not for general election

Malanga: That is important

Attorney General Johnson: Does that make sense

Malanga: Yes and my third question is more of just a topic to bring up I'm curious if it was thought of, is there a concern about any one college possibly getting a large majority of the seats say arts and sciences for example they have 23 seats I think right now

Andy: 25

Malanga: 25 seats say that business didn't have enough representatives, is there concern that maybe college of arts and sciences could wind up with 35 seats or something like that. Just a point of discussion

Attorney General Johnson: If you're running for an at large seat though you're still not assigned a college so you could happen to be an individual who is in the college of arts and sciences but you're not representing the college of arts and sciences you're just representing an at large seat.

Malanga: I think that's something we should make clear to the candidates but I think that's a very good point.

Andy: Senator Johnson

Chris: this is not what I was going to ask but I still think it is an important question I think should be asked. The reason, to at least my understanding that we break up the seats by colleges is because there's different agendas more or less that different colleges want to advocate. So the college of arts and sciences senators for example might want to advocate for legislation that promotes the college of arts and sciences, and that way they kind of have a mandate. At large senators, there's no, to the best of my knowledge there's not many or there's a negligible amount of students on this campus that are not in a college, so what would be their mandate would it just be to represent the normal student body, is that kind of a conflict of interest in a way? What's your thoughts on that have you guys thought about that.

Attorney General Johnson: I think the, this is just my personal opinion, but from what ad hoc had thought about our concern was filling the senate and I think our focus was less on filling each particular college because if you take college of arts or excuse me college of education for example they have 4 seats that just typically don't get filled because those students usually have a lot of internships and what have you so umm I think that umm in a way you're right that senators should be elected to their college because they do have a particular agenda but at the end of the day filling seats for at least a portion of umm a reason is better than not putting in anybody at all because the college of education we're just sitting on 4 empty seats unfortunately so I mean getting 4 senators at least to say they're at least a senator rather than saying I'm a senator of so and so college I think is better than saying well we're just going to leave these empty chairs here.

Andy: Senator Hiba

Hiba: Uhh I have two points to make umm first one regarding the question that was proposed. I see the difference between the senators from different colleges here in the senate as much less important than the differences between the senators say in the US government or even in our council government because you can't really just tell by the arguments someone makes what college they're from we're all more or less towards the same goal and the second point can we finish reading the bill because lots of these things are covered over I know the last time we went over this I had to stop many questions so can we finish reading the bill and then open another question and answer period

Andy: That's a great point and I will do just that

Laughs

Aziz: Ok we took out beyond reasonable doubt as the standard that the university will follow because after consulting with Teen Freeman and Winston Jones, so it was these are usually for criminal cases like murder murder or something, umm we have the alternate to that is clear and convincing evidence, which is more appropriate for our usage. So campaign expansions we took out sales tax, seems like you don't really need sales tax to board or advertise but in campaign materials and for thirty items all materials must be approved by the ERC two business days in advance. Includes all of these things. For campaign materials like flyers or website to be approved by the ERC so that will avoid any type of potential grievance or something we're not having a logo a link or something on it plus it also has quality control I guess for the ERC so we know what candidates are producing, they can keep a record of that. Thoughts?

Attorney General Johnson: Sure umm keep going down we took away passive campaigning just on the basis of its number one extremely difficult to passively campaign or to prove that someone was passively campaigning and at the same time you most of I'm not sure if everyone is listed at campaign staff but I would

also consider that a form of passive campaigning that is kind of necessary if you're going to be successfully elected so it just made sense to the ad hoc to just have passively campaigning removed

Aziz: So the whole concept of passing campaigning being removed from title 7 let's say I get a, Kristen's running for student body president and she gives me a t shirt. I'm not on her campaign or anything but me wearing her t shirt could get her a grievance

Attorney General Johnson: Or if Aziz should walk into SGCS with that t shirt, should Kristen get penalized because he walked into SGCS not knowing he just got a free t shirt and a piece of pizza.

Aziz: All right this is the clear and convincing evidence as we mentioned before that's a replacement for beyond reasonable doubt. Standards accusations and question is highly and substantially more probable to be true than not.

Attorney General Johnson: And the reason I also like that is going back to those who were here from the summer, as you know I was previously a chief justice. And I just believe that that definition is is much more fair and it's also a better standard to go by whenever you need to bring something to the ERC or to the Supreme Court as a grievance because umm beyond a reasonable doubt basically if I have one question you did not meet my standard, but if you were to do clear and convincing evidence then you're most likely or you could more easily make my standard

Aziz: So moving on down it used to be the if election was called without the ERC, SGATO would take the responsibilities of the ERC, and the committee felt that it should not be Scotto since we are student government and SGATO over advises us, it should be our own self to decide what the alternate mechanism is? So the solution was forming a special joint ad hoc by the student body president and senate president tp temporary assume duties of the ERC. So the goal is to have a temporary ad hoc to assume the ERC duties.

Attorney General Johnson: And also just to add on to that Gary and his team have way too much to do anyways and if this situation were to happen that would completely throw off his schedule and his team's schedule and I also don't think it's very fair to Gary at the same time...Yeah he's snappin'. I can snap

Aziz: So for figure head we added in the merger definition from the ROP's into the statutes and so it's much better explained in the ROP's than in here. So it's any representative paid or unpaid who could not, not limited to or NCAA division 1 athletes. And this one for governing documents. Since the ERC ROP's have to go through JEC rules, if they want to make any additional documents it should follow the same set of rules. Cause you don't want ERC this could be making documents without anyone knowing what it is or the purpose of it. So this adds more quality control and accountability to that. So going down we defined what a major violation is and added an amendment for minor violation later on but umm the way we have it was minor violations are a fine system, major violations go to Supreme court, so the definition is an assessment given by the Supreme court which may be assessed to a candidate who takes part in USF elections, USF student government elections for a breach of any student government governing documents

Attorney General Johnson: And really, the intent behind that is that if you're being assessed a major violation in my eyes it should be something that has malicious intent so threatening somebody, bribing somebody, I believe or I also believe that the ad hoc agreed that you should not be kicked out of an election on the basis of technical violations but if you do do things like that, it requires a body that is independent of everyone else and that truthfully is only the Supreme court that can determine that type of malicious intent.

Aziz: So moving on down, this is the definition I added for minor violation which is it's in the fee system, so a minor violation is an assessment given by the election rules commission which may be assessed to the candidate taken writing group certified to take part in a USF student government election for violations including submitting late paper work unintentional misrepresentation of financial statements, campaign staff woes and any others outlined in the ERC ROP's

Attorney General Johnson: And again theory behind it is, we can't go to the court with everything mm so if we give the ERC a little bit of leeway with very technical aspects of the election than they can still adjudicate based on the

Aziz: The Election rules, commission...yeah...and that's amendment one, so is this a 50 percent postpone and we took out passive events in all instances and violation because we defined minor and major. This one non University of South Florida student, something small but clarifies things, and we added bureaus. Umm this is just saying that ERC ROP should be in conjunction with the original ad hoc which means like before an election happens. And then this is saying student body president to define which president, and senator moving in is supervisor with majority vote. This one clarifies office hours for the ERC so let's say you want to run for election and you come in today and no one's there, you should have someone or someone should be around to answer your questions. So this mandates that.

Attorney General Johnson: Umm taking out the umm original language from when ERC was able to adjudicate on major violations and just enumerating that they only have the ability to assess minor violations against candidates or tickets. Duties of the supervisor umm from what I was told last year the communication between the supervisor and the candidates was not very good so umm

Aziz: So these are my amendments that I added

Attorney General Johnson: Yeah

Aziz: So just adding four candidates, of rules and regulations to candidate meetings and official USF email if you don't make it specific we can just tell you the elections are happening, that can count but I didn't tell you anything else, so this makes it that you have to get it through your email. And also certified candidates and tickets approved or signed paperwork with signature and time stamp have been issued where...so if you receive a paperwork or grievance the supervisor should sign it and time stamp it letting know it was received and this one should be necessary information via hard copy, or via email or hard copy. Just to be a little transparent. And if I bring notification to inform candidates of any minor violations umm this one is just to umm say polling locations to the oracle, so it's more public. And polling location should be on SG website. And also announce cancellations of official polling stations at least 24 hours in advance when applicable, will be made. So let's say I know there's a storm's coming tomorrow and we can't do it outside the SG has to announce that it's cancelled because last election I think it was Melissa that asked the question cause like a polling station wasn't open

Dincer: Oh yeah

Aziz: Yeah

Dincer: Yeah that concerned me

Aziz: They should not be allowed to do that

Dincer: They should

Aziz: Yeah

Dincer: Wow you have good memory

Chris: That's why he's on ASRC

Dincer: I asked so many questions like how'd you

Aziz: And Alison made public there is also the general election. Cause I can announce it but I can announce it to you. Umm a terminated employee, any employee deputy two weeks after spring break, with the consent of the student body president. And also appoint assistant deputies

X: And again this is just taking away the adjudication power from what they originally had from years previous. The associate supervisor of elections, they actually I mean I don't believe they can technically fire anyone anyways so to enumerate that was essentially pointless so trying to make the title a little shorter for you guys. Umm ok I believe this one shall, could you scroll down a little bit more for me Andy. Yeah shall set up at least two official polling stations during regular business hours on voting days umm just making more polling stations so more people can vote. And then these were our amendments by Senator Shiflett, mandating that the ERC be at particular areas because these particular areas are what the ad hoc agreed to be very active areas on campus so you'll see like the library, Juniper, Bottler, Marshall center, recreation center, I think we can all agree that those are heavy traffic areas on campus and so those would be logistically the best places to put polling locations

Aziz: So this one is a continuation of at large senators' amendments. So when you run for senator you have to declare, students who have declared a major shall vote for senators of college of which they are majoring as well as at large for the mid term elections.

Attorney General Johnson: And this is again getting rid of the duty of SGATO if we were to not have it ERC. Missing some grammar

Aziz: this is about the application and the meeting is up.

Attorney General Johnson: And so putting in the meeting dates and times inside the packet because from what I have been told that had not been done years previous so that way all the candidates who are running for office know when the candidate meetings are. And also it was never really enumerated say if you had a legitimate reason why you couldn't make a candidate meeting via class, this would allow for you to set up and independent meeting with the supervisor of elections to explain everything because if you all are obviously students first so if you can't make a meeting due to class than that's really not your fault. And then presidential and vice presidential tickets...due to the nature of presidential and vice presidential elections umm there obviously much more contested and there's much more effort that goes into it, so we thought as an ad hoc that it would be good for those tickets to meet for a second time with the supervisor of elections to continue and go more in depth into the rules of the general election

Aziz: Then also during elections candidates may opt out for an at large seat, then all campaign material must be submitted to the ERC at least two business days prior that replicates the campaign materials.

Definition...any grievances shall not be accepted for materials approved by the ERC. Ok so this amendment

here slightly right now it says the week prior to the two weeks of official campaign should be reserved for SGATO checking eligibility of candidates. So what this does is, saying let's say the first day of school was august 25th, and I submit my application on the 26th. The SGATO should start checking my eligibility after I submit it instead of waiting. They probably do this already, but it's in statutes here, instead of waiting until there's a week prior that as soon as they receive an application they can start doing eligibility checks and have that done in a much better umm so that they're not crunched for time during that one week, so it spreads it out, so when you receive it it is a check so it's not all one week during the deadline then they start doing the checks. Gary, clarify I guess how that works

Manka: Well umm I just want to make sure you keep a safe guard in there because that's something that tammy does as part of her job but it all depends on your ERC and when we get those applications right, now if you get the applications on the first day of school we have yet to receive anything and I'm going to leave a clause in there that if we get everything last minute we still need that time because I don't want you to you know I just, you have to leave a clause in there that we have to have a set period of time in there to get it done but you know looking at that

Aziz: We usually have the Friday before

Attorney General Johnson: The packets are due the 19th I believe so I mean you'd still have between the 19th and the second week of October

Aziz: The week is still in there

Manka: She just needs to a week somewhere before

Aziz: So this kind of like stretches out that week to a longer period of time for her

Manka: A week's sufficient

Alex: Umm again going back to the major minor violation theory, is there a could you pull this up for me

Aziz: Since we took out passive campaigning, we clarified where you cannot campaign such as student government employees insiders can't campaign SG suite, Bulls Radio, SGCS or SAFE Team or SG employees can not actively campaign or campaign while each other's not on the clock. And poll workers not permitted to wear campaign materials

Alex: Do you want to change poll workers to assistant deputies?

Aziz: Assistant deputies is the word. So we decided to change the word of poll workers to assistant deputies. Would anyone like to motion to change this, that'd be great

Andy: Senator Malanga

Malanga: Move to change 702.4.3 to read assistant deputies excuse me instead of poll workers

Aziz: Moving down I just changed this section to make sure all campaign staff ARE promoted instead of is promoted

Alex: Ok this one was one that I added in during ad hoc and you'll also see this for later on for finance statements. The rule was from last year from what I read was that you had two business days to turn in any

campaign staff adjustments and financial statement adjustments umm however if you think about it if there are more than 60 let's just say 60 people are running for the senate and you have three executive tickets that could possibly be 63 different deadlines that may need to be met within a two to three day period being if somebody turns something in at one o'clock then they have two business days from 1 o'clock and someone does it at 130 and yada yada yada it just makes it much more simple if you were to say that all adjustments are due on Friday by close of business, so if you make a change on Monday, its due on Friday, if you make a change on Thursday, its due on Friday

Aziz: next change is as candidate campaign or listed campaign staff to remove staff of campaign and adds campaign staff and this one currently we have multiple printers across campus because they're no longer in MSC so it says that no candidate may use AMS funds with exception of the free printing that's across campus. The same 2.50 is good across campus, and also we clarify that no fee should be used in tech smart for campaign purposes included but not limited to registered student organization allocations. So for example each organization gets about 350 or so dollars, that money that's given to you is for your organization and for your growth, and you shouldn't be using it for campaigning. And election ballot is changing two business days to 48 hours

Alex: Very convincing evidence we already talked about that. Changing some things to the Supreme Court in the case of major or minor violations

Aziz: So this one that's yellow, it pretty much gives a better breakdown of when you submit a grievance what should be on it and what should not be on it. So the ERC commission pretty much will be found of the following filing information. The names of the accused grievance candidate or ticket, and only one candidate or ticket per grievance, the filers name and contact information, description, and should the grievance filed not fail to include correct information grievances shall be deemed null and void by the ERC

Alex: just scratch out, taking away that previous adjudication power of the ERC. This is going into the fee structure for minor violations. So essentially the fee structure, everyone is going to get one warning essentially, in my eyes and I think everybody that was in the elections ad hoc would agree everybody is entitled to at least one warning. Senatorial races usually do not involve as much money or resources as presidential campaigns so we delineated different fines for presidential vs. senatorial races, so if you occur a second minor violation as a senator or running for senate office then it would be 20 dollars from violations from 2-9 and then if it's a presidential ticket it would be 50 dollars from 2-9 and upon the tenth one you're that would create a major violation because if you get ten minor violations and we're thinking along the theory of a minor violation should it be something on a technical basis, if you get ten of those you're being in my eyes you're being belligerent because that means you've not turned in paperwork on time several times, you've now been fined you're very aware that you're doing something wrong and you continue to do something wrong, and then also that money will be used to defray the cost of future elections so the ERC I know from last year purchased those little gum packets and then also t shirts for those who voted so rather than having to fund that through the normal allocation process that money could be or we could allocate less money by doing this system and eventually save the students money. And also this is just again going back to a thought that I had, I honestly believe that you should not be disqualified umm on last year's system last year's system it should be it was so easy to get disqualified on technical aspects that it just seemed to me that you're just denying the students voice by saying if you turn in your paperwork late three times and there's all sorts of different deadlines that we're going to deny the students voice and you're gone, to me that just didn't

sit right, and then also that money needs to be turned into the business office via check or money order so that way cash doesn't exchange hands so it becomes easier to trace

Aziz: So no grievances should be filed after 959 am of the day after voting for the general election. And only grievances pertaining to vote count manipulations will be accepted after the deadline. And no grievances will be accepted after general results have been certified. So it's pretty much cutting down the deadline for submitting grievances, and accepting grievances for vote count manipulation to avoid the, if we have a run off, and to do like 20 grievances per candidate. So this is easy and stuff, same thing that's above, it's just for the run off

Alex: uh this is one that I'll give credit where credit's due, Gary pointed this out for us, uh the second Tuesday of this of October is also going to have the third Wednesday in the same month I believe, so the verbiage that we had before was umm during the second Tuesday and Wednesday of the month of October will be the midterms and just logistically or I mean via calendar that's impossible so just saying that the midterm election will be the second full week of October and if a run off needs to happen than it will be the third full week of October

Aziz: Ok so this is when we're getting into the umm at large seats. The week after the senate application packets are due shall reserve for SGATO eligibility check and the ERC and senate shall assess the amount of at large seats that are available. ERC shall inform all candidates about their options to run for at large seats, so this will be a point to add more detail for at large seats. So the midterm ballot senators may run for at large seats instead of for their college. And this minor violation I'm just striking passive, and same as above just for midterm, and same as above for runoffs, midterm runoffs

Alex: And then since we now give the adjudication power for major violations to the court these statutes all the way down are just null and void. And then also if you could go back up the court was previously only given two business days after the close of a trial to issue a ruling and just from serving on a court myself that's just a logistical nightmare to get like 5 and 7 people together within a 48 hour period write something up issue it it just doesn't number one logistically make sense and two it doesn't give time for proper incubation on the subject so rather than giving them two days we believed it was reasonable to give them 5 days to issue an opinion and then to release the ruling give them two days rather than three cause if we're going to give them five to incubate than they don't need the extra day to actually release it, and I think that's it actually. Well we didn't touch special elections.

Aziz: So this one the only thing to add detail to is at large at large procedure in the midterm election section

Alex: And we're also going to need to add minor don't we, or did you

Aziz: Yeah I did. I guess this whole candidacy section is up for discussion

Andy: Senator Gigante

Gigante: could you scroll down real quick, just back up to where we were, right there. So umm what that says is during midterm elections if there's let's say there's three spots in I think Nursing right now or something like that that are open is there priority for three senators or three people to run for senate that are from the college of nursing or is it just everyone is a pot luck right now

Andy: could you repeat the question?

Gigante: Is there a priority for midterm elections for people in that college or does it automatically go to at large for very first elections

Andy: So the thought is if there's four the good example is education there's four in education and one senator, one person applies to be a senator, as long as that person votes for themselves, they're automatically a senator and that one seat stays as a seat for the college of education, the other three seats that would have remained empty now become at large seats, so does that make sense, so if you want to represent your college if there's a student that feels underrepresented they still have the opportunity to run for their college and have that representation

Alex: Ok can I get a crack at your question. All right so you took nursing for example and I think there's three in nursing so those who are in the college of nursing would have first dibs on the college of nursing seats and then if they are not filled via application then they become at large seats, did I nail it there?

Gigante: Yes you got it

Andy: Senator Johnson

Chris: Umm I had a question about the two day waiting period for campaign material approval umm I don't really I wasn't in student government when the run off happened last year but if there's a two day waiting material for material to be approved, two day waiting period for material to be approved, would that stop a run off candidate from having access to proper material

Alex: as long as they, in my eyes

Aziz: If they have a two day waiting period it's going to be two days in advance, so let's say a run off happened I would submit my stuff to the ERC, two days in advance

Chris: Go back

Aziz: No up

Chris: Keep going

Aziz: Up yeah right there

Chris: All materials must be approved by the ERC two business days in advance, so then kind of a follow up to that if a senator or a candidate is trying to run for office do they then need to submit material before they know if they're in a run off in order to have material approved by the time the run off starts, just for the time frame just trying to grasp that

Andy: Senator Shiflett

Shiflett: I get what Senator Johnson is saying with exception for umm raw material saying that they either don't need to be approved or that the ERC has to return them in one day that way they can submit them Friday and by Monday morning because what he's saying is a hundred percent true they wouldn't be able to get their uhh their run off materials approved in time because the results aren't announced until Friday and the run off usually starts next week

Andy: Could you reword that into a motion

Shiflett: Sure, umm I move to what I would add a sub clause down there where we say that approved materials aren't eligible for violation

Andy: that's completely up to you

Shiflett: all right I move to add a definition for runoff campaign materials or I'm not sure...how they want to word that

Aziz: Umm I can...I'll say what would be a good I guess good time frame for approving 24 hours is that ok 24 hours not business days for a run off

Chris: I like business days too because if its 24 hours if it's done at 5:01 it has to be due back Saturday at 5:01

Aziz: So they announce the results on Friday right.

Chris: Right

Aziz: That means the run off is going to happen on Friday there's no business day advance for you to be approved so Tuesday would be the earliest that's already another day

Chris: maybe I'm just not understanding it fully so I'm running for president and it comes out on Friday that it's a runoff election now I have in my what I would want to use for materials for runoff election but I haven't yet submitted it to the ERC because I didn't know there would be a runoff election. In order for me to have materials to use on Monday when the voting starts again or when the campaigning I guess starts again when do you wanted me to have submitted the material to you.

Aziz: Uh that's why I said 24 hours before

Andy: According to this, you would have to have submitted it by Thursday in order to start campaigning on Monday or Wednesday in order to start campaigning on Friday or Saturday that's why the suggestion is to make an amendment to make an exception for runoff elections, I suggest 24 hours. Senator Johnson

Chris: Then I move to add sub clause 7 under campaign materials

Aziz: We can add on a sentence or something

Andy: Do you want to add a sentence

Chris: yeah that's fine we can just add a sentence.

Andy: You could do it right here

Chris: Ok uh reading if election materials needed for runoff election then only 24 hours advance is necessary for approval by the ERC

Andy: Could you repeat that last part

Chris: If campaign material is needed for runoff election then materials must be approved by the ERC 24 hours in advance which means the earliest they would be able to start campaigning would be Saturday at 5

Side chatter

Andy: Are there any objections to this amendment...seeing no objections then we'll move on. Senator Johnson

Chris: And this is another question I apologize if I missed this while I was out of the room, do appointees have to go through the JEC process if the chairman of ERC appoints someone

Aziz: The supervisor or we're talking about the volunteers

Chris: The deputies

Aziz: the assistant deputies or the deputy supervisor

Attorney General Johnson: I think your questions going to be addressed to the title 6 bill

Aziz: I mean all like the supervisor associate and deputies go through the JEC and senate

Chris: Ok

Aziz: But assistant deputies

Attorney General Johnson: They just sign the honor amendment

Aziz: Yeah the voluntary public that we renamed the assistant deputies they sign like a commitment to honor

Attorney General Johnson: Created by Gary and his team

Andy: Senator Cimino

Cimino: Can we go to 701.1.3.3

Andy: 701.1.3.3

Aziz: Oh the numbering is off because I added amendments

Cimino: Ok I have the location that says polling stations must be set up and operated at the following locations for these

Aziz: This one

Side chatter

Cimino: Umm question for you guys senator Cimino why we aren't choosing to also add in the Argos center is a fresh food company cause I know a lot of students won't always venture to those areas and there's a polling limits to like if it's at least one day on those locations maybe a student might not be going past the library that day but is going past the food center so like there's opportunities for students to like miss polling stations cause I know a lot of students that never go to the Marshall center, they don't live at juniper poplar, and they never go to campus rec and so like the only option for them would be the main library but sometimes they might not venture to that part of campus on that specific day

Attorney General Johnson: And that's a completely legitimate concern but we also have to think about the logistics of ERC they only have up to 4 people and possibly more poll workers and just from a management

perspective I don't think I would want to just assign poll workers at one specific polling location so while personally I don't know about the traffic at Argos or any other cause I'm from St. Pete, but you have to think about it from that perspective of this is just what we came up with to be the most I guess the biggest hot spots if you will on campus

Aziz: What I was going to say is it's at least, is just a minimum of what they could do, they can go to argue if they choose, or any other place, but these are the most populous places

Andy: Senator Shiflett

Shiflett: Um it's my amendment and I think he actually makes a great point like out of all those probably the rec center or JPH would be the best one to replace, there's a lot more students that live by Argos comparatively and all the residence halls back there and id be in favor so I guess I move to replace recreation center with Argos

Aziz: I guess I think we've had Argos polling stations and I think they didn't have much turn out so

Andy: Are there any objections to replace Senator Shiflett's motion to replace recreation center with Argos center

Colon: I just have a question

Andy: Do you rescind your motion then?

Shiflett: Yes

Andy: Could you rescind your motion for a question? All right go ahead Senator Colon

Colon: All right so as an RA I totally agree with your motion because Argos is literally the only dining hall on campus that is serving the majority of the population Andros is no longer open and champs is a 20 minute walk so my question is cant we just, my thing is like I'm not sure how ERC is logistically but I think maybe just adding adding Argos instead of taking out campus rec because people do venture there a lot of the student parking is by the sun dome umm I just think maybe adding it but if its logistically wrong then I totally agree with taking campus rec out

Attorney General Johnson: Personally I'm...I'm sorry

Andy: can I make a suggestion?

Colon: Yes

Andy: I would suggest copying this, what it says here for midterm and runoff elections, replacing it over here, and switching midterm and runoff to general elections and then switching from 2-4 that way there's 5 locations and they can pick from the 4 which 4 they'd like to...have to have that year...soo

Attorney General Johnson: Can you repeat that?

Attorney General Johnson: There's 5 options

Andy: ok so the thought would be that there would be 5 options and that the ERC would have to pick at least 4 that year. So senator Shiflett?

Shiflett: I move to replace 71.6.3.3 uh with the language from 71.3.6.4 changing 2 to 4 and midterm and runoff to general elections and then adding as a sub clause or a sub clause Argos center

Colon: You're being frustrated with me

Side chatter

Andy: Are there any objections to this amendment

Aziz: The official name is Argos right

Andy: The official name of the dining hall is the fresh food

Aziz: not the dining hall but the building

Side chatter

Aziz: I mean like we tried there

Chris: Umm we have to amend the amendment then

Andy: Do you accept his amendment, to your amendment

Chris: He did not motion for it. Point of order

Andy: Yes ok

Chris: Just change it, just do it. The robert's rule of orders god's rule smite us

Andy: Are there any objections to Shiflett's amendment? Senator Gigante

Gigante: First, is are the election booths only for one day or are they for two days

Andy: Are the election votes

Gigante: The booths

Andy: Oh

Gigante: Are they only one day or are they open for two days, both days

Aziz: So the election is from Monday to Thursday so and they like different places will have multiple booths

Gigante: So it's like one a day or something else

Aziz: Oh they can have all these like two of these open in one day, they can do more than one booth open on the same day so one of you can have all booths open on Monday or something

Gigante: Ok

Andy: So back to Shiflett's motion. Are there any objections. Seeing no objections so we'll add this amendment to the bill. Senator Hainline

Hainline: Could you please 702.4.2

Andy: 702.4.2 Right here?

Hainline: student government employees ok.

Side chatter

Aziz: just take out

Hainline: And then umm also unless I missed it I don't think minor violation is defined

Attorney General Johnson: It is, it's back up Aziz added it in there

Aziz: I added it in

Andy: Senator Malanga

Malanga: So I have serious concerns about changing the burden of proof from beyond the reasonable doubt to clear and convincing evidence and I'm sure attorney general Johnson is going to disagree with me on this so I'm looking forward to hearing what he has to say but just let me present a scenario the way I'm looking at it umm I like to look at things from what effect is what we pass going to have on the people that we're trying to pass it for umm so let's say that were running for office again next year and just a list of something of the campaign code of ethics things that they could get brought up for a violation. Threatening another member of another campaign, extortion or blackmail, providing false information, uhh attempting to bribe another member of a campaign. Those all sound like crimes to me and I hate to tell you this much uh if I was ever accused of one of those crimes I would take it very seriously not only as a matter of the election that's hit or miss to me its student government its important but which way the election goes is unimportant the honor behind it is important if I get told I bribed somebody or I committed campaign fraud I think that's serious so for me the situations in which were going to use that burden of proof, I think they're important enough to where they may not be truly criminal in the grand scheme of things but they're probably criminal enough in our situation to use beyond reasonable doubt so after we have a discussion I'm still going to move to amend amend it back to get rid of clear and convincing evidence and beyond reasonable doubt

Andy: Attorney General Johnson

Alex: Umm just from my experience on the court on using that level of proof

Andy: He didn't make the motion

Alex: Do what not

Andy: he said he's going to after the discussion

Alex: Ok

Malanga: I just want to hear the discussion

Alex: fair enough umm you're just honestly the thing that we need to understand here is at the same time we're also students we're all not lawyers with law degrees and we don't have 9 hour days to dedicate to proving something beyond reasonable doubt but at the same time even if you use the standard of clear and convincing evidence that doesn't mean that the ERC cannot when they deliberate or when the SC deliberates that does not mean that they have to only use that they can go beyond that so if I just have some evidence to say let's just say I commit campaign fraud, let's just say and somebody has some kind of evidence for it. The Supreme Court will accept the grievance because there's clear and convincing evidence but it doesn't mean that they have to use that standard necessarily when making their rule. So they can still say well you still didn't convince me, but however we accepted it because the evidence itself is still convincing

Andy: Senator, I'll let you follow up senator Malanga

Malanga: Uh totally agree with you and I would hope that the veteran rules or SC would say that this is important and we should use beyond reasonable doubt I just don't want to leave it up to a matter of opinion or the whims of whether the ERC director or justice so I move to amend to add back the definition of beyond a reasonable doubt as our standard of evidence and to get rid of the definition for clear and convincing evidence

Andy: Are there any objections? I'll pick Senator Colon

Colon: All right so I 150 percent object to this motion, umm were you at all involved with SG last year

Andy: Wait before you before you

Side chatter

X: that's not an objection. Point of order, point of order

Andy: Before you opinion, yeah before you start talking

Malanga: I rescind to question

Andy: Thank you. Senator Colon

Senator Colon: My apologies for this whole shenanigans...so did you know anything about what happened during the election, the presidential election last year

Malanga: yes

Colon: All right so then you know that the definition of beyond a reasonable beyond a reasonable doubt was very very very very very hard to prove because of what it legally means so the reason we have put this in here not we the ad hoc is because it was so hard and so muggy to use that term within the what are they called where they stood up in front of the justices appeal process whatever that was so when they did that it still it was so hard to actually get a ruling based on that definition, this is why we're doing it this way it's just going to be easier in the long run if that makes sense

Andy: Senator Aziz and then senator Malanga and then Senator Antar

Aziz: We would prefer to take Gary to I guess clarify why we are using clear and convincing

Manka: The university of student rights and responsibilities office only uses big products of evidence which is clear and convincing they don't use beyond a reasonable doubt so even if you use those standards here some of these issues will still go to students rights and then they'll get in that process over there and if you are suspended on probation and be off student government regardless so I want you to consider that umm it's what the universities what most universities use across the country is the prime use of evidence for discriminate privilege

Andy: Senator Malanga, then Senator Johnson then Senator Shiflett

Malanga: definitely respect both the opinions that I just heard umm I do know what beyond reasonable doubt means and you can correct me if I'm wrong it means 98 to 99 percent sure that that we are convinced that this crime or whatever it is that we're talking about was committed if we're saying somebody bribed somebody that's something that's going to stick with them I would think if we impeach somebody cause they bribed or if we say no one's going to elect you cause they bribed that's something that's going to stick with their reputation for a long time and I think that's pretty important so I understand what the definition means, correct me if I'm wrong on this my understanding of clear and convincing evidence is that it's about 50-60 percent sure, slightly over 50 percent which to me is not nearly enough for a situation like bribery or any of the other violations I mentioned and I totally respect what you said about student rights and responsibilities I just think that umm we're going to be the first filter before it gets to that level, and uh we should hold ourselves to a higher standard even if the university as a whole is using umm sponder sponderance

X: Preponderance

Malanga: Preponderance, I'm saying it wrong but you get what I'm saying umm I think that we should hold ourselves to a higher standard and at the point where we're still governing ourselves I think we should use beyond a reasonable doubt umm I get that there's a lot of disagreement with me I'm not going to rescind it so we can go to a vote if that's ok but I'm only hear questions

Andy: ok senator Johnson

Chris: Ok well I definitely agree in principle with senator Malanga, but I would rather defer to Mr. Johnson cause I know you also have a pretty stringent view of how we should do it although I would have to say I'm pretty against campaign regulations in general so part of me has an issue with this right but please, sorry point of inquiry to Mr. Johnson why did you decide that this was an ok thing.

Alex: Ok and umm before I touch on that I want to go back to you saying I think what you said is that you believe that there is a little bit too much discretion maybe if we use that level of standard from the ERC director and from the supreme court

Malanga: What I was referring to what you said is they could use a higher level and to me I want to make sure that there's no discretion and I want to make sure that they have to use a higher level

Alex: At the end of the day I think just from being and serving on the court in two terms I believe if you restrict if you tie somebody's hands to a point where they can't budget you're going to end up hurting yourself with technical language when really the vote of the student is may be infringed upon but at the same time let me go back to my argument of giving them a little bit leeway, that also I think comes back to the senate confirming people as a whole because if we allow that type of leeway the check that the senate has is to make sure that they put people in there who will use reasonable leeway

Andy: Senator

Chris: Shiflett was next

Shiflett: Um I'm actually for once fully agreeing with Senator Malanga on this one umm yeah these are very serious accusations umm I don't think it's something that you should be 51 percent sure about I think he makes a very valid point, if you're accusing someone of fraud or your maliciously threatening someone or destroying someone's campaign materials it can't be just its more like not to me that's too lenient that's too like it allows for too much room of misunderstanding misinterpretation and the wrong void to be made that will eventually, your argument about silencing the students voice I think that's exactly what this could lead to

Andy: Senator Colon

Colon: All right so I literally understand why you're doing this because it's been like that for ages and why mess up a good thing or so you thought but you thought wrong its bad. Ok you should stick with this amendment because of everything I just said and also the justices you're not giving enough credit to the justices who know what they're talking about, know the laws know how to go about looking at evidence correctly, in the sense that they're not like I'm not going to be on the justice league because I don't know anything about reading law or anything like that so you have to give leeway to the justices to do their job and this this gives them that leeway yes they might not they might go beyond reasonable doubt, but to tell them that they have to that's like our Atty. General said that's the hard part

Alex: and at the same time if were talking about just using I think I'm going to go back to this point, just because we use that stuff, sorry

Andy: Senator Johnson

Chris: Yeah umm before we get to name calling emotional things we said by anyone in this room my question is a completely ignorant and objective outside of this entire process is I could see how no leeway you know 99 percent of evidence has to be in favor of something would be really really stringent for a misdemeanor or for a minor violation umm is the idea that since you guys aren't treating minor violations as severely as you were last year that you only need to keep that standard for major violations now. Is that kind of the rationale behind it because I definitely sympathize with everything being said in here but I think we could use more clarification for that so, and I beg the question that we can hopefully get to a vote pretty soon

Andy: Atty. General Johnson

Alex: Umm could you rephrase that for me

Chris: yeah, so last year we had a really big issue at the ERC my understanding is because you had to have an overwhelming amount of evidence in favor of ruling against candidates even if it was a minor violation or a misdemeanor correct. But this year since misdemeanors aren't held as severely as they were last year by all the other amendments that you guys did so well, umm the idea is that you lower the standard for misdemeanors now is it really a bad idea to have a higher standard for the bigger things since those are the things that could really titanic a candidate?

Alex: At the end of the day I mean I'm not going to encourage Cocco to if you guys want to change that like if you want to like meet in the middle I guess if you want to say that we keep a preponderance of evidence or

clear and convincing evidence for minors and then beyond a reasonable doubt for majors I think that might be a fair compromise umm but at the end of the day if you do it all around the board just, if you do that, you're just not going to be able to logistically get things done in an effective manner and allow for proper incubation and really even for umm a proper decision to be made because if you literally tie the ropes so tight then you're just never going to be able to budge and you honestly don't want that just from experience I have trial experience as a justice and you don't want that

Andy: Senator Hiba

Hiba: Uhh just from a little bit of research that I just did a preponderance of evidence and clear and convincing evidence are kind of different things. A preponderance of evidence is just more than 50 percent chance that it's true that its more likely true than untrue whereas clear and convincing evidence is its substantially more likely to be true than untrue, umm clear and convincing evidence is used in the law for things like probation or child custody or people's right to die so I think that might be a strict enough standard considering the way it's being used in the legal system today for things like uh what its being described for

Andy: Senator Shiflett then Senator Malanga

Shiflett: Umm just a couple things you don't need to have a different stand for minor violations to be called minor violations this only applies to violations that come in question of whether they're with malicious intent or whether they're applicable at all umm minor violations are technical of the intent good portion of this legislation and the other point I want to make is that if we were to include this change there would be a completely different administration in office this year umm that's just a point I'd like to make so when you make the argument about silencing the students voices I just want you to remember that

Andy: Senator Malanga

Malanga: First of all thank you Senator Johnson for pointing out that maybe we should rely on facts in our arguments if not just blowing people up, I want to make it clear that my my problem with this clause has nothing to do with the good ol' days and how things were done in the past I really it doesn't make a difference to me how elections were done in the past, I base my evidence on logic and here's what my logic is behind this entire decision. Yes I agree with you, our current SC is fantastic, they are some of the greatest, some of the most committed justices I think you'll find, but we don't make statutes or really any decisions based off today or tomorrow, we make them for 5 years ten years 20 years down the road. Guess what I don't know who those justices are I don't know if they are born yet, and I have no idea if they will use a beyond a reasonable doubt when they are deciding a case like bribery against some candidate in 2040 for student body president. And senator Shiflett is right we would have a different administration whether you agree with it, whether you wanted President Cocco to win or not he did and the students voted for him

Andy: That has nothing to do with this argument

Malanga: You're right, I am reinstating my motion and I'm not going to rescind but I know somebody's going to object

Andy: Ok are there any objections to his motion to strike clear and convincing evidence and to re add beyond a reasonable doubt? Could you state your objection please?

Aziz: I object on the fact that the Winston Jones of Student Rights and responsibilities recommended this to the prior, 54th term ad hoc and we also had team for students that recommended change and I think the change makes sense for what we're trying to do, beyond a reasonable doubt was thought of as something that's even beyond what the university qualifies

Andy: Do you rescind your motion?

Malanga: No

X: May we reset forum

Andy: Yes we may, everyone get out your clickers. Please click one to mark that you are present.

Dincer: umm I used Anika's clicker on accident cause we switched seats

Side chatter

Andy: please click one to mark that you are present. I'd also like to remind senators that if you are leaving the room, you should be leaving your clicker with the sergeant in honors. Has everyone voted? We have a new count of 21 present, umm with that click one

Dincer: Wait can I read the

Andy: Click one if you agree with the motion to make beyond a reasonable doubt the standard, click two if you do not agree with the motion, click three to abstain....Has everyone voted? With that, Michael Malanga's motion passes. Moving on senator Hainline?

Hainline: Umm well for the last one you were supposed to take out by in that but also if you could go to 702.9.

Andy: 702.9?

Hainline: Yes, I personally don't think we should give ten chances for minor violations just because like that's a lot of chances that if we were to allow that then that would be irresponsible on our part to allow even if the student body liked that person like I think that we should be able to say are they going to be competent or

Andy: Is that a motion or just a point?

Hainline: That's a point then I'll amend it later

Andy: I motion to amend it how, oh you'll make it later ok got it. Senator Shiflett

Shiflett: We had discussed the possibility of having less on the committee, one of the reasons that we did settle on ten at least in my opinion well the reason that I was ok with it was that especially for larger campaigns like presidential ones you have a lot of people working for you and those minor violations can stack up rather quickly, I believe the other number we did discuss was seven if someone wants to correct if me I'm wrong and if you guys want to go for that its fine I understand what you're saying but ten minor violations go really quick and we believe that fines are a good incentive for...you shouldn't be disqualified for technical violations in our opinion because they're not malicious violations they're accidental but I also do

understand what you're saying that at some point it shows complete disregard for the rules and that was the concern we had as well and if you guys do want to change to seven I would understand that change but at the same time those ten can go rather fast with 30 or 40 people working for you

Andy: Anyone else have..senator colon

Colon: So there's a saying that says fool me once shame on you, fool me twice, shame on me, I think that's how it went, it could've been vice versa but I'm not really sure. So I agree with my fellow senator in yellow because I don't know his name that it should be a little bit less. Ten minor violations though it does seem like those are technical and that we're getting nitpicky there does need to be less because like (?) how do you say your last name.

Andy: Shiflett

Colon: Shiflett like senator shiflett said there is there can be complete disregard when it hits a number like that, I think seven would be a great number to compromise on just because tens just too much

Andy: Senator Hiba

Hiba: During the motion I completely understand that ten would seem like a lot for a person not to be punished for committing lots of minor violations over and over and over again but I think the whole ten number being the case is for a candidate not to be eliminated due to a huge number of minor violations. A minor violation doesn't come with no punishment only the first ones free after that they are given a monetary fine, and the idea of there being ten I believe what the committee broke down that larger number for is for you to have to either completely disregard it and to rack up not ten but more than ten as in you'd have to have no regard for the minor violations and just rack up a whole ton of them or worry about them a little bit and not worry about gathering too many of them besides the monetary fines

Andy: Senator Johnson

Chris: I move to amend it to 7 on the basis that we can bring it to a vote and move on

Andy: Are there any objections to amending it from 10 to 7. Senator Hiba, you object

Hiba: I just feel like we should discuss it maybe a little bit more with the people who came up with it I don't think I heard too much from the others

Andy: Do you rescind your objection. I mean your motion excuse me

Chris: no on the basis that this is senate not committee and if we have more discussion to make we should send it back to committee because there's still more business to do

Andy: Senator Hiba

Aziz: There is no committee

Hiba: If we vote yes it stays at ten if we vote no it goes to seven

Andy: If you vote yes it goes if you vote yes the vote would be if you vote yes cause we're voting in favor of his motion, if you vote yes it goes to seven if you vote no it stays at ten

Hiba: So if that's a situation then I don't believe if we don't feel like discussing it or not it would go to committee in this situation so

Chris: To clarify? The reason I said that was because we've now spent almost 45 minutes discussing this when the whole point of having the ad hoc was to discuss it and I feel like if there's legitimate points to bring about this we should send it to a committee that could spend more time on it since there is about another half an hour of business left to take care of

Andy: So is do you, you object correct? Do you rescind your motion?

Chris: yes

Andy: Thank you. Senator Hiba

Hiba: In this case we did have a committee for it, they probably didn't discuss it, and when they brought it up to us the senate we didn't exactly like listen to their judgment listen to their discussion so if we were to send it back to committee they would talk about it with or without our knowledge and bring it back to us who's to say we aren't going to make up the same points again

Andy: Senator Shiflett

Shiflett: We discussed it at committee and I gave like a gist of our argument like there's arguments made for seven and there's arguments made for ten send it to a vote like in committee we had disagreements over it but send it to a vote instead of the whole point of

Andy: Senator Truong

Truong: I think it should be changed to seven just because once you get to that point you have when you run for a position in student government you should take it seriously it's not a joke you shouldn't be playing around and if you know people are going to be working for you they need to be educated on what they can and can't do so at this point I think we should take it to a vote and my stance is that it should go to seven

Andy: Senator Sanchez

Sanchez; motion to change it from ten to seven

Andy: Are there any objections to changing it from ten to seven? Speak now or forever hold your peace, seeing no objections, changed to 7...Ok. Can you guys help me find

Laughs

Andy: It should be...

Side chatter

Chris: Point of clarification

Andy: Senator Johnson

Chris: This is the second reading right?

Andy: yes sir

Chris: So the next step would be to vote if we were to proceed the vote would be to vote on passing this

Andy: No, we would have to go through a third reading

Chris: Third reading? Ok

Andy: Yes

Chris: Can we do that tonight?

Andy: That is up to the senate, but I would recommend waiting one more week, but it is up to the senate.
Senator Hasan

Hasan: Umm is it possible to send it back to rules

Andy: Well it never went to rules in the first place but it's possible to send it to rules. I don't, I wouldn't recommend that just because this is time pressing to some extent so but you can, senator, actually I'll go pro tempore Aziz

Aziz: So I would recommend tabling it for next week, just because obviously we have some other amendments people want to think up give them more time since its requiring three readings, and also we don't even have half of the senate here to make a good decision although people may have other points, I'd rather bring it up early on the agenda for next meeting so more people would be able to engage in the discussion

Andy: Senator Hartmann

Hartmann: How time sensitive is it if you could recommend it to go next week

Andy: I mean in a perfect world, I would like to see this passed next week, just because midterm elections are around the corner but it could wait a week after that, but in a perfect world I'd like to see this passed next week. Senator Hasan

Hasan: motion to table bill until next week

Andy: Are there any objections to tabling the bill until the next senate meeting

Malanga: Just a...this will be third reading we go to next week

Andy: Yes. And, are there any objections, I'll make sure to send this out tonight or tomorrow that way you guys can have the amendments we've made and work on that instead of working on a previous edition. Umm moving on. Where are we, ok the next item on the agenda is the second reading of statutory bill 55-013 adding ERC as a functioning group, uhh do I see a motion to enter first reading? Senator Miller

Miller: I move to enter first reading of SBS 55-013.

Chris: Second reading

Miller: Second reading

Andy: Are there any objections? Seeing none we are now in second reading

Aziz: So this is in conjunction with title 7...the idea is to settle the ERC being controlled by either branch. It is to make it its own functioning group so it can operate independently without political sway from either branch, so

Andy: I'm giving, I opened the wrong version

Aziz: This one adds USF rules commission as a functioning group pretty much saying that what they are and their composition being supervisor associate and deputy and saying only four positions and the assistant deputies which is the renaming of the poll workers shall sign a commitment to honor commitment annually by SGATO and supervisor of elections shall be nominated by student body president and confirmed by JEC and Senate. And next is associate and deputies shall be nominated by supervisor and student body president and nominees must be confirmed by JEC and Senate so the highlighted thing is what I put on I mean there's a discussion about should we include student body president we could make it independent so I mean that's up for discussion for you guys I would say, so it could go either way. And this one was a point that the president brought up about true senates includes the court. We wouldn't want to put the court in any oversight of the ERC cause in case of court trials so put it under there we go the senate. Oversight should fall under Senate, saying the senate shall review expenditures of ERC and senate shall have authority to terminate supervisor just by cause of majority vote. And again adding those with consent to my president was a debate point. Some people suggested putting SGATO as the one that supervises ERC so

Andy: Are there any points, suggestions, questions?

Aziz: The goal is to make a nonpolitical ERC to operate the executive branch

Andy: Senator Hartmann

Hartmann: Nothing

Andy: Anybody else? Senator Malanga

Malanga: Point of inquiry we need three readings for this as well

Andy: no this is just two because it's only...

Malanga: So this is coming for a vote then

Andy: It doesn't have to

Malanga: So you prefer to see the table until the other ones get voted on

Chris: point of clarification

Andy: Senator Johnson

Chris: Sorry I'm getting tired what was the umm part that we were trying to offer suggestions about

Attorney General Johnson: It's whether or not

Aziz: The bottom part is the oversight of the ERC, it's who should oversee the ERC so to making it an autonomous body, or functioning

Chris: K

Andy: Senator Johnson

Chris: motion to amend, send it to SGATO

Andy: Are there any objections?

Aziz: A first of all I guess off to SGATO before we put it to SGATO

Chris: I rescind my motion

Andy: Senator, Senator Hartmann

Hartmann: My only concern with having student body president on there is if that person does choose to run for a second term he has to run again which goes through with the ERC so is there a conflict of interest or bias at that point

Chris: I don't think so

Hartmann: ok, then we're ok, good to know thanks guys

Andy: Senator Malanga had his hand up

Malanga: I just want to give it to a summary from SGATO, do you guys have an opinion on it going to you guys for oversight?

Manka: No Senator Malanga can you rephrase that

Malanga: Sorry umm for the electionables commission since we're going to make it a functionable group umm there was discussion about giving SGATO oversight since it would be impossible to predict if senators were running for reelection or if a president was running for a second term umm what's your opinion on it.

Manka: Two things, we try to be as impartial as we can and represent all student members so we represent the pros and the cons, and it's a hard thing to do but I think we do that well so I just wanted to throw that out there uhh I do think within any other area there is more of a chance of bias then there is within our area. We also deal with, because of FERPA related things we deal with a Votenet software and we do it course, pretty much anyways in terms of the technical side so we're not opposed to, I'm not going to say yeah we should or no we shouldn't but...

Malanga: Can I reinstate senator Johnson's motion up

Aziz: Can I amend it to 606.10 to say SGATO take out senate, and take out sub clauses, strike sub clauses, sub clauses.

Malanga: What is your reason?

Aziz: The top one, change this one, and cross this one out

Aziz: Because we can put in SGATO for terminating an employee, it should be the senate that decides that which is in title 7, it shouldn't be SGATO terminating employees

Andy: Are there any objections to Aziz's motion to strike senate from 606.10 replace it with SGATO and get rid of the two subsections. Senator Johnson if you could please state your objection.

Chris: Umm I'd like to instate a friendly amendment if that's all right. I don't I still think that the senate should review the expenditures of the ERC after lunching cycles just to kind of get like a closure on what happened, that's all.

Aziz: Are you ok with the other ones

Chris: Yeah we can strike the second one, that's fine, in my opinion.

Andy: Ok are there any objections to adding SGATO to 606.10 and getting rid of 604.10?

Attorney General Johnson: I don't mean to interrupt but when I'm trying to speak over here

Andy: Well in order for you to speak someone has to, but we still have a motion so before we can have any discussion he either has to rescind his motion or

Aziz: I accept your amendment so

Andy: Are there any objections to this motion? Seeing none

Aziz: Just 10.2 is correct, take it out. Other one. Yeah that one

Attorney General Johnson: Can you scroll to the bottom when you're done too

Andy: Senator Johnson

Chris: Just a point of information, Uhh Benjamin has been with us for the entirety of this going on 4 hours and I offer you my apologies for not getting you any time to speak earlier is there a way we can open up some sort of like 5 minute caucus so he can speak

Andy: You can yield your time to him

Chris: What's right now there's not a caucus to yield my time to, right now we're doing business. Well fine I mean I yield my time to Benjamin for as long as he would like

Benjamin: Thank you, I just have a brief moment, wouldn't it be more logical just to have the student body president over it unless he is going up for reelection at that point then you can have the other guys take over...that would be good so if he's not running for reelection the current student body president would be over the ERC, wouldn't that make more sense. That would be giving the president the authority he deserves

Andy: It's up to the senate. Senator Aziz

Aziz: its either you put it in as a power or you just take it out. Like we kind of took out given, to add more if he's running for reelection is it the decision of the senate do you want the ERC to be independent and not have any executive or senate control over their hiring or do you want like both joint consent

Andy: Senator Hartmann

Hartmann: Yeah I agree with that if the ERC is supposed to be a separate entity that doesn't have any connection to any of the branches that we have and be unbiased in that sense then it would be best for SGATO to oversee that just how SGATO oversees the senate and not the student body president, in that sense

Andy: Senator Johnson

Chris: This is for Abdool so why is it that in the past the president has been on the committee

Aziz: Which committee, the hiring committee?

Chris: On yes on the hiring committee

Aziz: The presidents been on the hiring committee for the supervisor but usually the supervisor election after they're hired hires their associate and deputies through their own hiring committees

Chris: And the idea is, if I may, and the idea is that the conflict of interest would be that the presidents running for reelection then he would hire someone who would hire people who are favorable for him.

Aziz: it could go either way of either you could say student body president is I guess having influence over the ERC by being in the hiring for the deputies and the goal is to remove the influence of other branches from the hiring

Hartmann: We don't go

Andy: Senator Hartmann

Hartmann: We don't have that assumption that having it that way would alleviate the risk of something like that ever happening even if it was very sneakily or you know...underground

Chris: yeah I hear

Attorney General Johnson: Could you scroll down for me, ok keep going down

Andy: Yes I can

Attorney General Johnson: OK I respectfully request that you remove my name as author. Thank you.

Andy: Any other points. Senator Miller

Miller: Could you scroll back up to 606. What is it...606.6 the supervisor of elections and the student body president, my problem with that and statement is if they have differing opinions than the person that is in question will not get on will not be an associate and a deputy supervisor so I was wondering if there would be some sort of discussion about the and statement there

Aziz: So are you motioning to strike the highlighted portion is that ok student body president because the original one we sent out last week didn't have the and

Miller: I don't know I feel like it could go up for more discussion, I don't I'm not able to make an amendment right now

Andy: Senator Sanchez

Sanchez: Motion to strike and student body president

Andy: Are there any objections to striking and student body president from 606.6. Seeing none. It's confusing, sorry guys

Side chatter

Andy: Anything else? Senator Malanga

Malanga: if there are no further amendments I'd like to move to table until next week

Andy: Are there any objections to tabling this bill until our next senate meeting?

Sanchez: One of inquiry or clarification on our meeting next week would be the third reading and that's like?

Andy: Well it, no it could, it would be a third reading, but it doesn't, it's not necessary, does that make sense?

Sanchez: Ok

Chris: So we can disperse the reading?

Imran: So we can disperse the reading?

Andy: you can disperse the reading even if it's required, if if it affects more than one chapter and a certain title, than you have to go through three readings. This one only affects one, so it only has to go through two readings but you can put it through as many you can put it through eight readings if you wanted. So does anybody object to...did I say the right word just now, to senator Malanga's motion. Seeing no objections. This bill has been tabled. The next item on the agenda is statutory legislation on first reading of statutory bill 55-014 extended time for the declaratory judgment panel.

Side chatter

Andy: Ok, take it away. O wait wait, was there a motion to enter first reading

Audience: No

Andy: do I see a motion. Senator Miller

Miller: I move to enter first reading of was it SBS 55-014

Andy: Are there any objections. Seeing no objections we are now in first reading

Aziz: All right so this is regarding the declaratory judgment panel. So this is kind of the final umm interpretation of statutes. Think of it along legal opinion by the attorney general is not binding, this is a binding interpretation of the law. So the change is the panel must meet within 5 business days of the request being made, this allows the court to logistically plan better and assemble themselves since its around 6 or 7 people that you have to that are overall in the court but the panel is three. It gives them more time so they can organize themselves to meet

Andy: Are there any questions or points. Senator Truong

Truong: So you would have ten business days after you submitted it, that'd be like the maximum until you get your answer

Andy: No if you read 504.6 the opinion of the panel umm

Truong: Oh it'd be 5 days

Andy: yeah it's still 5 days

Aziz: So just forward it to me

Andy: Any other questions? Do I see a motion? Senator Miller

Miller: Move to enter second reading

Andy: Are there any objections to entering the second reading of SBS 55-014. Seeing no objections we are now in the second reading

Aziz: As before, five replacing two

Side chatter

Andy: There is no point. Senator Malanga

Malanga: Are you done with three

Aziz: Yes

Malanga: move to enter voting procedures

Andy: Are there any objections to enter voting procedures on SBS 55-014.

Side chatter

Aziz: Vote for anything except resolution and acclimation you need vote counts for legal, and it's a piece of legislation

Andy: Ok so are there any objections to voting on this bill now. Seeing none. I recommend a forum count. Senator Senator Miller

Miller: I move to reestablish forum

Side chatter

Andy: Guys please, stop the side chatter, please click one to mark that you are present. Has everyone clicked in. the new present count is 17.

Malanga: Do we have forum.

Andy: I don't believe we do. We need half, we need half of all senators, how many excused absences do we have for today

Side chatter

Andy: Everyone please order we are still under record, and...we need

Side chatter

Aziz: We have six excused absences

Malanga: That's a 17 out of 34

Andy: We need more than 50 percent in order to have forum. How many he said 6 yeah we do have 50 percent so we do need one more person

Side chatter

Andy: I guess we can entertain a motion right now

Side chatter

Andy: I'd like to request that everyone please try to remain silent as we are still on the record, and we can't make any motions

Chris: Is there a way, point of inquiry, are we able to suspend the rules

Andy: I don't, it's not good practice

Chris: not getting orientations their money because we can't meet forum is not good practice

Andy: And that's something I plan on addressing when this meeting is ending. Is he here? So with that

Chris: look, I've got to say that like it's embarrassing that we can't meet quorum to do what would take 15 minutes, but these organizations shouldn't be punished because we couldn't get through things faster, I mean that's inexcusable.

Andy: Can, Gary. I need help. I don't know

Manka: Decide on quorum.

Andy: Yes

Manka: Again it would be your decision. Umm suspending rules is you know something you should do only when absolutely warranted all right. It being... so in certain contexts, process as important as outcome, yeah

you may pass these bills and stuff like that with the processes needed...and figure what you're trying to do. You always have to think about that make that decision one way or the other you can't say which way to go, you can't decide what's best...

Andy: Senator Johnson

Chris: We're going to be missing three events if we table if we don't proceed. We're going to have to send it back to committee

Aziz: Three events. It'll be postponed for next event

Chris: Yea but the problem is that one of the organizations iced its power, they were in senate last week but because of a hundred dollar discrepancy, we sent it back to committee and they missed an event due to that so if this happens again they're going to miss a second event

Aziz: So when is their event?

Chris: Their event is going to be on the, it was going to be on the 11th

Aziz: It takes three weeks for them to process at the business office anyway

Chris: I just it's just embarrassing and I'm the one who looks bad so it's my stuff, but that's fine.

Andy: Ok with that since we no longer have quorum

Attorney General Johnson He's coming

Claps

Side chatter

Chris: We can't we don't have quorum

Malanga: We can't even try and reestablish forum

Andy: We can reestablish quorum but there's no point in doing that right now

Malanga: Move to do it when he comes back in the room is what I'm talking about

Side chatter

Chris: Yeah if they don't show up to senate after a certain, the sergeant of arms is allowed to legally drag them into the house

Malanga: Yeah I looked it up after the house of cards

Side chatter

Attorney General Johnson: Someone open the door for him

Claps

Andy: All right guys, I move to reestablish quorum. Please mark please press one to mark that you are present. Did someone not click one?

Dincer: Sorry

Side chatter

Andy: Shhh. Anika.

Side chatter

Andy: We now have a count of 18

Claps

Chris: And that's the minimum

Andy: Moving on, we can now vote on SBS 55-014. If I can find it. Please click one if you vote yes two if you vote no and three you abstain. We're still missing one vote, someone hasn't voted yet

Side chatter

Andy: With a count of 17 to 0 to 1 this bill passes. Moving down the agenda. We now have fiscal legislation's first reading. Where's your presentation

Chris: All right so before I get started, two things, first off everyone got the email from Andy? Right? That included on there the interim budget requests from the organizations that we have been talking about tonight. Correct? Yes? You did not? Ok well then I can show you Sue if you'd like to see them. Umm second off I am not going to spend half an hour on this presentation, I'm going to spend one minute on the opening slides for each organization, give you a very brief low down and then ten seconds max on each of the following slides, with the assumption that your responsible people...and we should not be spending as much time as we have been ok

Andy: I don't see your presentation in the email

Chris: Definitely emailed it to you

Andy: oh here it is. Do you have a clicker, can you move it to the next slide

Chris: Yes.

Andy: Ok do I see a motion to enter first reading of SBA 55-010. Senator Truong

Truong: So moved

Andy: Are there any objections to entering first reading. Seeing no objections, we are now in first reading

Chris: All right uh we talked about them last week, I'm not even going to spend any time on this at all this week the only thing that we changed is we increased food allocation by 100 dollars because they asked for 200 dollars for one of the events and we only gave them a hundred dollars for a clerical mistake on my part so

does anyone have any questions pertaining to the events that happened last week, does anyone have any questions about any of the events at all that we talked about last week

Andy: Senator Truong

Truong: If there are no questions I motion to vote on SBA 55-010

Andy: Are there any objections to voting on appropriations bill 55-010. Seeing no objections we are now in voting procedures. Please click one if you vote yes two if you vote no and three to abstain. With a vote of 17 to 0 to 1 this bill passes. Moving down the agenda we have uhh SBA 55-011 Microsoft Developer's network, do I see any motions. Senator Truong

Truong: Motion to enter first to entering SBA 55-011

Andy: Excuse me

Truong: motion to enter the reading of SBA 55-011

Andy: Are there any objections to entering first reading of appropriations bill 55-011. Seeing no objections we are now in first reading

Chris: All right Microsoft Developer's Network is a student organization dedicated to teaching students about different technologies that are out there both by Microsoft and by other companies as well. They ask for 2800 dollars for food, thousand dollars for materials, 4000 dollar subtotal and for a total of 4100 dollars a little over. Due to standards issues, such as food allocations, budget allocations and stuff like that uh the dates of their events and the number of their events, our committee is recommending that we do 980 for food 65 for materials 1045 for subtotal and 1022 total. Umm the materials they asked for and just as a summary, the materials they asked for were really expensive and un-usable like un-reusable computer equipment and there's just no way we can fund that stuff, we have never done it before so. Umm and lecture series is a guest speaker series about the immergence of AI issues in the world, Raspberry pie workshop is a lecture series about the computer programming program, computer programming software called raspberry pie. The unity workshop series is a workshop program about a windows based game designing program called unity. Robotica is a robotic seminar again another guest speaker lecture series. Programming competition is a prizeless competition about basically you're getting programming kit, how fast can you create a game or a system out of this programming kit. The connect workshop is a workshop series about the connect which is a feature of our Xbox based in attraction motions it's pretty cool its using a lot of cool stuff. The windows phone lecture series is a lecture series about how to use apps and make apps for your windows phone. And the super nerd banquet is the ending of the year celebration of super nerdy stuff that has to do with Microsoft Developers Network, does anyone have any questions about any of these events

Andy: Senator Malanga

Malanga: Move to enter voting

Andy: Are there any objections to voting on this bill. Seeing no objections we are now in voting procedures. Please click one if you vote yes two if you vote no and three to abstain. Uh could the extension please state their...

Shiflett: Probably participating or helping with the number of these

Andy: That is senator Shiflett. With a vote count of 16 to 0 to 2 this bill passes. Next item on the agenda is SBA 55-012. Do I see any motions? Senator Vanek.

Vanek: I move to start the reading of SBA 55-012

Andy: are there any objections to entering first reading. Seeing no objections we are now in first reading

Chris: All right DAHSRC the Disaster and Humanitarian Relief Student Collaborative uh provides members with a unique experience by combining opportunities in research philanthropy and hands on emergency preparedness under one organization. The mission of DAHSRC is to encourage students with similar logistic collaborator work together to reach common goals through research at risk training and philanthropy. Umm we also talked about this last week, the only thing that we changed, there was a discrepancy with the materials cost uh for one of their events we decreased it by a certain amount because Corey brought up that we weren't hacking the standards. I've already gone over any of the events, does anyone have any questions about any of the events that we talked about last week

Andy: Senator Hartmann

Hartmann: Move to enter voting on this bill

Andy: Are there any objections to voting on SBA 55-012. Seeing no objections we are now in voting procedures. Please click one if you'd like to vote yes two if you'd like to vote no and three if you abstain. We're missing one vote

Dincer: Oh Annika

Andy: With a vote count of 17 to 0 to 1 with me as the abstaining vote this bill passes. Forget to do that. And the last bill of the day is SBA 55-015 and that is the chocolatier club. Do I see a motion? Senator Ahmed

Ahmed: Move to enter first reading of SBA 55-015.

Andy: Are there any objections to enter first reading of this appropriation bill. Seeing no objections we are now in first reading

Chris: All right the chocolatier club will strive to foster a community of people who all share a love and passion for chocolate. That's basically it they love chocolate they put on cool food events and they do cool things with chocolate. Uh they ask for 19.30 dollars for food, 19 for their materials, after their overhead came out to 41.02. We are recommending that you guys allocate 14.30 for food, 1.35 for materials after overhead 16.85. The giant chunk out of that is because they tried to ask for chocolate as a material, but it's an edible material so we call it food uh that's what the standards was and the dates with their events they asked for some weird dates to go with it. The first event is peace is worth a thousand words, basically it's a social umm where people get together and make our own chocolate. "Was it you" is a Halloween themed chocolate extravaganza night where they play a murder mystery game. Uh fall banquet is a fall banquet where they talk about chocolate and eat chocolate. Choco back is a week of welcome event where they basically pass out flyers and chocolate. Not so guilty pleasure is a Valentine's Day event where they eat a lot of chocolate together and talk about being single, dead serious. And their end of the year banquet celebrates the

achievements they've made throughout the year. Are there any questions about any of the events? This is not a joke

Andy: Senator Ahmed

Ahmed: I move to enter voting procedures

Andy: Are there any objections to entering voting procedures on SBA 55-015. Seeing no objections we are now in voting procedures, please get out your clickers. Click one to vote yes two to vote no and three to abstain. With a vote count of 17 to 0 to 1 with me as the abstaining vote this bill passes. Moving down the agenda we have announcements. Are there any announcements. Aziz

Aziz: Clean up all your stuff

X: You almost said it

Andy: Director Manka

Manka: I just want to commend those of you that could stay tonight. It is very important, I also want to put on the record that I'm ashamed of the senators who weren't here.

Andy: On that note I wanted to say something as well but, I'm going to say something at the next senate meeting, this is its appalling that we almost didn't have quorum, I've never heard of that in a senate meeting and its really bad, first of all we have very low senators and the senators that are here are.... Like I said I'll be saying something in the next senate meeting but please talk to the fellow senators, your fellow senators about this problem, and thank you for staying. Senator Johnson

Chris: yeah umm I was just going to say a few things really fast first off we didn't Andy didn't do it this senate but hopefully next senate we're going to be calling Adam ad hoc to be talking about the forum and the audit process. I really encourage new senators to get in on this because I'm really passionate about this because it needs to change and it's been stuck like this for a while, the second thing just kind of a positive note, I know it kind of sucks that I guess in theory 42 senators weren't at senate tonight, but I'm really proud of everyone who was here and thank you so much for sticking it out with me cause I had a pretty good time and it wasn't fun at some points but I'm so proud of us for getting through it

Andy: Atty. General Johnson

Alex: Umm I just wanted to first just remind you just of... just to let you all know I've been doing...on all of the SG employees and I will be continuing to do that, not on the basis that I don't trust the senate or I don't trust décor but we actually had an integrity violation in our branch so that has caused me to start checking everyone so I just want everyone to be aware I'm not just snooping through your stuff but I am checking and also once the ASRC employees are processed I will be checking the ASRC employees as well, umm so just want to let you all know that I am not just searching your stuff

Andy: Pro tempore Aziz

Aziz: In senate I already do those checks so

Alex: Ok I'm just letting you know for my own conscience

Aziz: Just rest assured I already looked through your time sheets

Andy: Another announcement I'd like to remind everyone that if you were elected to ASRC please stay behind it will literally take three minutes umm it's just a quick talk umm anyone knows the move down to final roll call

Side chatter

Andy: Please click one to mark that you were present. We have a final count of 18. Senator Fontaine

Fontaine: I move to adjourn

Andy: Are there any objections to adjourning. Seeing no objections we are adjourned at 10:25 pm

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 PM.

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