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University of South Florida  
Student Government Fifty-Fifth Student Senate

Committee on Rules  
FALL SESSION  
August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014

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**Call to Order by Chairman Ali Antar at 6:13 P.M.**

**First Roll Call**

Present: Ali Antar, Cameron Hainline, Anika Hassan, Michael Malanga, Ryan Miller, Williams, Abdool Aziz.

Gallery: Alex Johnson, Corey Ulloa, Aladdin Hiba, Andy Rodriguez, Gary Manka.

Absent: Rodriguez (excused).

Antar: I call this meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules to order at 6:13 P.M. on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014. We will start with roll call. I am present. Mr. Hainline?

Hainline: Present.

Antar: Ms. Hasan?

Hasan: Here.

Antar: Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: Here.

Antar: Mr. Miller?

Miller: Present.

Antar: Mr. Rodriguez is excused for the moment. Mr. Williams?

Williams: Here.

Antar: All right. And Mr. Aziz, Pro Tempore?

Aziz: Here, here.

Antar: And with us in the gallery, we have Chairman Ulloa, Attorney General Johnson, and Senator Hiba, as well as Senate President Andy Rodriguez. I didn't miss anyone, right? Is Gary coming back?

Ulloa: He said he'll be back.

Rodriguez: He said he'll be back.

Antar: Well, in that case, Gary will also be in attendance, Mr. Manka, SGATO Director. Next item on the agenda is additions or deletions to the agenda...

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

Antar: ...currently stands with our usual ice breaker, so, for the new members, which for right now is just Mr. Williams, we always start our meetings with a really cool ice breaker because we're chill like that. But does anybody have any motions or points regarding the agenda? Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: Move to approve the agenda as is.

Antar: Are there any objections to that motion? Seeing none. The agenda is approved. The next item on the agenda is approval of the minutes. They haven't been sent out yet. I'll take a motion. Mr. Miller?

Miller: Move to postpone minutes.

Antar: Are there any objection to postponing the minutes? Seeing none. The minutes have been postponed. The next item on the agenda is open forum.

**Open Forum:**

Antar: Does anybody have any announcements they would like to make? Pro Tempore... Senate... (inaudible) Senate President Rodriguez?

Rodriguez: Okay, I'd like to remind everyone in this room, and I will be repeating it again during the senate meeting, that we have senator retreat coming up not this Sunday, but the Sunday after that on

September 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., we'll be doing the ropes course which should be a lot of fun. Dress comfortably, bring water, and go bulls.

Antar: As an analog, the ropes course is no joke—I've been on it and it's just not fun because I'm afraid of heights. Anyway, Mr. Aziz?

Aziz: Just have a question, I guess, for the Attorney General because, why this special session was called, because I know I see on the memo here, it says for evaluating elections for forum bill, and what we're doing is two different things that are not related.

A. Johnson: I understand. Originally, it was for the elections, but then I was informed that Andy was going to send the bill to just straight senate. So, I was fine with just canceling it, but then we had, what you'll see today, is what we had was a Local Fee committee at 2:00, and so we said, well, while, we've already called it and logistics have already been planned (inaudible). That's why we're here.

Antar: Okay. Any further announcements to open forum? Seeing none. We're going to roll into new business, and the first item is the ice breaker.

### **New Business:**

Antar: We'll make this one pretty quick because we started a little late, so I'll take a motion for an unmoderated caucus of ten minutes or so. Oh, sorry, Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: Ten minute unmoderated caucus.

Antar: Are there any objections to that motion? Seeing none. We are now in an unmoderated caucus at 6:16 P.M.

(inaudible)

Antar: I call this meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules back to order at 6:25 P.M. The next item on the agenda is the title three bill. Mr. Ulloa is the author and the natural sponsor, as such, so I will take a motion to read this bill. Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: Move to enter reading.

Antar: Are there any objections to that motion? Seeing none. We are now in the first reading. Go ahead, Mr. Ulloa.

Ulloa: I guess I'll do the reading and then I'll, A.J., Johnson will help me later. Pretty much, the intent is just to update title three. We just crossed out two lines.

Antar: Oh, I think you have to turn on the—

Rodriguez: You got to, yeah, go to review and all mark (inaudible). No, not that one, simple (inaudible).

Malanga: There you go.

Ulloa: There we are. So, (inaudible), so the first one is 301.3.10 and it's, these are the duties of the president, I believe, the powers and responsibilities of the president. Officially present the ANS fee increase request to the University of South Florida Local Fee Committee in conjunction with the chair of the Activity and Service Fee Recommendation Committee. And then, last spring, at the very end of senate, we added this next clause—the student body president shall not be one of the three student (inaudible) appointed by the student body president to sit in the Local Fee Committee. So, last year, we had added this line, I guess this next clause to go with the first one, because it wasn't fit for the president, or ASRC tried to (inaudible) if they're presenting to the committee, so Cocco and I were talking about it with A.J. Johnson earlier this year, and we were saying that the president is someone who is supposed to be representing the students and speaking on behalf of the students, so for him to be presenting an AN—, an activity and service fee increase is just typically something that students would not want us to pay more money, so it just seemed not right for the president to be making this presentation, or the ASRC chair since they're representing students if they're in senate and the president, they're representing students, so we figured it would be better for someone in the student affairs department, whether it be the Dean of Students, the Vice President of Student Affairs to make this recommendation to the committee instead, because that way they're speaking on behalf of all their departments that are covered, so whether it be Campus Rec, OMA, SG, and all that, so someone who represents all these things instead, and so, with that being said, if the president, or the ASRC chair no longer are presenting to the committee, it makes sense that they are able to sit on the committee and listen to these suggestions and voice their opinion on these suggestions and make that recommendation. (inaudible)

Antar: Points or questions? Senate President Rodriguez?

Rodriguez: Okay, my first question is that, if you're argument is that the student body president should be representing the students, wouldn't it make sense that he would present based off, present to the local fee committee based off of what he believes that the students' wants and needs are?

Ulloa: The president is supposed to present the increase to it, it doesn't mean he agrees with it. If the department wants the increase, they ask him, he's supposed to present it to committee. And so, is what this thing says, and so, even if he doesn't want to do it, it's his job to present it if the departments want it. So, let's say SG needs this much more money, and Campus Rec needs this much money and stuff like that, they would essentially, I guess, have the president present this increase to the committee. So, even if, let's say I'm the president and they're like, hey, we need this increased, if I go and say this to the committee, it doesn't mean I agree with it, but I'm presenting on their behalf, so it just makes more sense for someone in the department.

Antar: Do you have another response to the question?

Malanga: I was just going to ask another question.

Antar: If in a natural follow up, I'll entertain Mr. Rodriguez's point and then I'll move to you. Mr. Rodriguez?

Rodriguez: Okay, this is a question for Gary then, because you would have more knowledge about this. If a department asked for an increase, the person presenting does not have a choice but to listen to their request and..?

Manka: Well, the best way to explain it, first, there's two points here, one is these things, based on state law, and things, just to be strict, it doesn't matter why they have to be strict other than we can't limit the powers of the president, and then also these go against the state law is something in general that basically we're putting a stipulation on there that goes against the nature of the intent of the law, so just for (inaudible) need to know from a perspective, these need to be taken out, as in that's what I'm advising, however, to answer your question, Andy, student affairs wants a student to present to the committee because it is the ANS fee. Student affairs doesn't feel comfortable presenting something that the students are going to make a decision on because they're the ones that pay the fee, so, I, what we've done, my recommendation would be to have a student present and you all talk about what you want presented. It doesn't have to be, and it doesn't, just because we want it doesn't mean it has to be presented. For instance, I would like a coordinator in my office, right? Just because

I want it, if, that's why groups need to get together to decide what's going to be put before the committee, and they have to be both student affairs and student generated because we're making the request, but you're voting on that request. I don't know if I'm making any sense, but...

Antar: No, it's a valid point, but before we move on, can one of you volunteer, Mr. Rodriguez, Johnson, Mr. Manka, Aziz, Ulloa, just explain how the Local Fee committee works for the purpose of the committee's understanding?

Manka: Oh, sure. Do you want to?

A. Johnson: It's up to you.

Manka: The local, the state law, the president of the university and the president of the student body of the university pick a chair from a staff, faculty staff perspective to chair the committee, the president of the university picks three faculty staff members to sit, the student body president picks three students to sit. This committee hears three types of requests, the ANS Fee increase, the Health Fee increase, and the Athletics Fee increase. And there's a certain dollar amount depending on what's stipulated by either (inaudible) the times or what's before based on what they can and cannot do by law, which is usually a dollar and something, so, so this committee has to decide, there's three entities coming before this committee to say, Athletics is going to say I want the full dollar, ANS is going to say I want the full dollar, Health is going to say I want the full dollar. If there's a dollar to give, maybe we give 25, you know, 25 to 50, something like that, so this committee has to decide that based on the merit of the presentations. And that's basically what it is. These, so, this committee, if whatever is chosen by the committee for the Health Fee automatically goes into effect, whatever's by the committee for that Athletic Fee automatically goes into effect, whatever is chosen for the ANS Fee is booked for ASRC during that process to be voted on a second time, so there's an undue, from my perspective, ANS gets this double whammy, because even though you have three students sitting on the committee making this decision on behalf of the student body, it can come before ASRC and they can say 'we don't like this, we're not going to do it', so since we promised and then we break a promise. And that's how I see the Local Fee.

A. Johnson: I think you hit it right on the nail.

Antar: Okay. Mr. Aziz?

Aziz: Doctor (inaudible) appoints people, but does she sit on the committee as well?

Manka: No.

Antar: Senate President Rodriguez?

Rodriguez: Just for my... I'm not trying to argue against the validity of the argument being brought up by the change in these statutes, but from my personal wellbeing, I would like to see which state laws these statutes break and exactly how they break them.

Antar: Mr. Johnson I think has—

A. Johnson: The answer to your question.

Rodriguez: (inaudible)

A. Johnson: I can give it to you, but if you allow me to explain it real quick, I will give you all the documentation, but allow me to explain the situation. Okay, so, Cocco brought this to my attention approximately, I would say, about two weeks ago. I did some research into it, and the particular Florida statute that we're looking at is Florida Statute 1009.24 sub section 10A, okay? So, are you pulling that up whoever is..?

Antar: Yeah, he's got it.

A. Johnson: All right, scroll down to 10, no, no...

Manka: There it is.

A. Johnson: There we go. And you're going to look, and if you see any subsequent increase in the activity and service fee must be recommended by an activity service fee committee at least one half whom are students appointed by the student body president. That particular statute makes it very clear that the only criteria for the student body president to select for his members on that committee are that they are students. Now, if you go back real quick for me...

Antar: To the bill?

A. Johnson: To the bill, yes.

Aziz: I have a quick question.



Antar: We'll just let him finish the point and then we'll get to your question, Mr. Aziz.

A. Johnson: All right, so now that we've referenced this statute, it was my, I did a legal opinion on this was well, it's actually on the website if you want to pull that up, but it's up to you guys if you want to reference that, but I did a legal opinion on it, and I believe that this sub-clause was unconstitutional because it put a restriction on the power of the student body president that's given to him by state law. Now, what I did was I went to the supreme court over it because, unfortunately, you guys were out of session, so I went to the supreme court over it from what's called a judicial review panel and challenged on a constitutional basis because, within our constitution, it states that we're not allowed to violate any federal, state, and municipal, or university regulations. Okay? Court disagreed with me. That was fine. Cocco decided to appeal the Supreme Court's decision to Doctor Freedman, which he is allowed to do. Dr. Freedman overturned the decision of the court, but not in action. He agrees with the decision that I received, or that I gave him my legal opinion, that that sub-clause is unconstitutional. Now, the clause above it is constitutional, in my opinion. However, that's just something that Cocco wants to take away. Now, when we talk in reference of this sub-statute, from the decision that I have gotten from Dr. Freedman, whether or not you scratch this or not, Cocco is allowed to sit on the Local Fee Committee. So, just, basically, the reason we kept this special session of Rules in play is because we want to give you guys the opportunity to scratch that as fast as possible. However, I mean, Cocco is allowed to sit on the Local Fee committee per Dr. Freedman, and also Cocco has gone to USF Legal Counsel over it and USF Legal Counsel has also agreed with my opinion—I can get you all that documentation for anybody that wants it.

Antar: Pro Tempore—oh, Mr. Manka, if there's (inaudible), I'll let Mr. Aziz ask his question.

Manka: (inaudible) take your time.

Aziz: If you go back to the statute. That one... No, so, is this talking about the ASRC or Local Fee? Because it's any subsequent recommended by activity and service fee committee, or are they talking about Local Fee?

A. Johnson: I don't believe this is actually the most updated one. If you could go back to Google real quick for me and go up to the first one... There you go. That's the one that I use. That's the one I use, scroll down for me to 10A.

Aziz: Okay, it says 'each board of trustees shall establish a (inaudible) activity fee on main campus'. Okay... 'any increase (inaudible) recommended by the committee (inaudible)'...

Ulloa: If I remember correctly, this whole statute is in reference to the local fee committee, so that's just referencing towards local fee committee

A. Johnson: Yeah.

Antar: It's just our practice that our activity and service fee committee is the recommendation committee.

Aziz: So, I guess once the, the beginning of the local fee then... (inaudible)

Miller: Go up for a minute. I believe it starts...

Aziz: Okay, fee, shouldn't it say 10% or something..? I see (inaudible)... And also you have the legal counsel decision.

A. Johnson: I do, well, I personally don't have, Cocco has it, but I can get it from Cocco and get it to you guys if you want it. And I can also get you the court's decision, why (inaudible) on the SG website.

Antar: Senate President Rodriguez?

Rodriguez: My next question, even though I still disagree with the entire thing, if I'm being completely honest with you, my next question is where does it say that we are not allowed to, I don't think it's putting, what's the word they use... Putting a limit? I don't see this as putting a limit on the student body president's powers, but where does it say that that is illegal or you can't do that?

A. Johnson: Okay, well, where I, the way that USF legal counsel and Dr. Freedman has interpreted this is that, because that statute specifically says that the only requirement is to be a student and the student body president is a student, to further limit anything other than that is against the law. And, I mean, we can sit here and argue it all day long and say whatever we want, but at the end of the day, Dr. Freedman has made a decision and there honestly isn't anything that's going to change it. So, I mean, for the purposes of scratching it, that's why we have this special session, but if you guys want to leave a pointless rule in statutes, then by all means, so your thing.

Aziz: I guess, for the committee, could you explain the whole Dean appeal and how that is approached in the Dean appeal?

A. Johnson: How it happened, or..?

Aziz: No, I mean the process of it and like what happens after, how the decision is reached through the process.

Antar: Mr. Johnson. Mr. Johnson, I asked for you to speak, sorry.

A. Johnson: I thought you were questioning me. So, what happens is, for our constitution, it says any supreme court decision may be appealed to the Dean. All right? There is actually not identified process. Now, there is a constitutional amendment that says that internal matters must stay within the supreme court. However, we don't define what is an internal and an external matter in any place, and from the precedence that I have gotten from two previous Dean of (inaudible) from last term is that, the way that I view it is that, by the Dean accepting the see the appeal, that he recognizes it as an external matter. That's just my opinion, it doesn't actually, you can argue it, I'm fine with it, but there is not outlying process, it's just you write up a appeal to the Dean, however format you want it, you give it to Dr. Freeman, and Dr. Freeman makes a decision. Now, if he wants to ask somebody for the other side, the other side wants to initiate giving them their side of the story, that's all up to Dr. Freeman.

Antar: Mr. Ulloa, do you have a point? Mr. Ulloa.

Ulloa: I was going to speak on both the statutes. So, the first statute, I actually spoke with Cocco with about, about the presentation and we decided that students typically aren't going to ask for an ANS increase because they don't want to pay more money, and so that's the reasons why, that's the reason why I crossed the first one out about who presents was because, typically, if you have an increase, it's typically because a department wants more money, and so we felt that that was fit. The second part, as much as I disagree with the present stay on the committee, because I feel like he's got enough to do (inaudible) selecting a member of the student body to sit to voice their opinion and give things as a student of the university, I did read the rule and I looked at the Dean's opinion, and he said, it was his recommendation, (inaudible) and himself that would remove it. So, just pointing that out.

Antar: Further points, questions, motions from the committee? Mr. Manka?

Manka: I tell you, because I do my research, and I did talk with Jody (inaudible) via e-mail and asked her her opinion, Cocco asked in person, and when I made that request, I verbally told her this is how I feel as advisor to the student government, that, you know, I don't think the student body should be sitting on the local feel. That's just my personal opinion based on certain things I read and, but that's not my decision to make, so I asked her how does the university see this, so, I have an e-mail I can forward you (inaudible) if you would like me to do that. Short and sweet. The question I asked is 'is he allowed to sit on the committee' and 'is it considered a conflict of interest if he does', and she said basically yes, he's allowed to sit on the committee, the state law does stipulate (inaudible), and because the student body president, as board of trustees, he wears two hats all the time, so it, there's no reason why he can't wear two hats in this case either is pretty much what she said. Now, that aside, I still think the right thing to do is for him not to sit on the committee, but, legally, there's nothing that I think we can do about that. Just my opinion.

Antar: Senate President Rodriguez?

Rodriguez: Could you go back to the...

Antar: (inaudible)?

Rodriguez: Yeah, our bill. So, legally, my question is, legally, we have to remove 301.3.10, 301.3.10.1, but not the, not this (inaudible).

Manka: That is correct.

A. Johnson: You will, the sub statute, well, I mean, technically, you don't have to remove it, but it can be disregarded if you don't move it because we have, I mean, legal counsel saying that the president can't, so...

Ulloa: It'd be best to not have a rule that people can break anyways.

Rodriguez: My, okay, so, what I'm saying is—

Antar: Senate President Rodriguez?

Rodriguez: If we don't remove 301.3.10, he's still tech—it's not going against any law.

A. Johnson: That is correct. He—

Rodriguez: And he would still technically be breaking the statute.

A. Johnson: If he didn't present it, then yes, he would be. But, I mean, that, personally, if you want to talk from my personal perspective, I don't care if he presents it or not. If you guys want to keep it, keep it, but my interest is getting that sub statute scratched because that's for my job as A.G., so...

Antar: Senate President Rodriguez?

Rodriguez: Well, I'll be honest, this is my first year dealing with Local Fee committee, but from the means that I have sat on, in the past, the Dean for students has presented for the fee increase—correct me if I'm wrong.

Manka: Just last year.

Rodriguez: Okay, just last year. And the thought process was that it would be better if a student did it and, I'm, what I'm saying is, this was put in place for a reason. It wasn't just somebody arbitrarily throwing a statute to put limitations on someone, and unless, morally, unless somebody can give me a good reason as to why the student body president shouldn't be presenting this, then I don't agree with it.

Antar: You don't agree with the scratching?

Rodriguez: I don't agree with removing 301.3.10.

Antar: Mr. Johnson?

A. Johnson: I have two points then, if I may. The first one is when I read the legislative intent of the bill when it was passed in the 54<sup>th</sup> term, it didn't address and reasons why. The only legislative intent to that bill was, literally, the wording was 'an update to title three'. It didn't give any justification behind it, so therefore legislative intent couldn't even give me any type of leeway of what was the intention of number one the committee of that term, and then also of the senate at that point, and then the second thing is, is the reason that I don't believe, or, I mean, theoretically, he could if he met this requirement, in my mind, is that maybe a student referendum was done, but from, to see if students are in support of a ANS increase. If they are in support of it, then I could justify the

student body president should because the students are in favor of it and he does represent all students, but if he doesn't meet that requirement, then, if he doesn't actually know if the students support an ANS increase, then why would he represent that opinion.

Antar: Just a thought, as an elected official, that's a call, or decision for him to make, that he's been trusted with that regardless of whether or not he has a direct line of their quote in a democratic system, it's he's been trusted with that to represent them in that, and if, when he speaks, he is still representing them regardless of whether or not that existing referendum directly backing up his opinion is there.

A. Johnson: And that's just my opinion, but...

Antar: That's fine. Further points, questions, motions, discussions? Mr. Manka?

Manka: The one thing I want to see happen that doesn't currently happen, I think, is to make the process fair for those persons, departments, whatever requesting increase is, is to connect the Local Fee process to the ASRC process. Part of that is, a very, very small part is we put on the Local Fee committee so that transition occurs, but the other part is the communication with the student government to make sure that everybody's on the same page when they start (inaudible) discuss these things that have already been talked about, so, to me, it is very important the student government and student affairs meet on what should in that presentation and let a student present it as an agreement by all parties. And that's what I want to throw forward. I think (inaudible) that second clause, what you do with the first one is up to you, but I want to, I would like to see that connection, that transition be done so it's fair to everybody involved, and also fair to the students who is going to pay more money.

Antar: Mr. Johnson?

A. Johnson: And now I actually just thought of a third argument. If, let's just say the student body president does nominate themselves in the future again, then, if they have to present the local fee committee about the ANS increase and then sit down and vote on it, do you really think that that's the right thing? Like...

Rodriguez: Well, what I'm saying, the right thing would be not to appoint yourself in the first place.

A. Johnson: I mean, and I'm not going to say what's right and what is wrong, I'm just saying, I mean, just think about that, in the future, that could happen because, legally, it can happen, so I think that should be taken into consideration.

Rodriguez: Okay.

Antar: Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: Is this, first of all, (inaudible), you've already say that, regardless of what we do, if Cocco wants to appoint himself, he's going to, so is this time pressing?

A. Johnson: In my opinion it is because I don't like to see pointless rules just laying around because then people get confused then terms end and then we forget, or, not we forget, but then the next people to take our place forget, and (inaudible), so, in my opinion, it slightly is, but, I mean, it's arguable.

Antar: Mr. Ulloa? He wants to add in, then I'll get back to your follow-up.

Ulloa: So, I am sitting in on the committee, so I'll let you know—our first meeting is September 5<sup>th</sup>. The appointments have been made and the first meeting is to be September 5<sup>th</sup>, Friday.

Malanga: Who's been appointed?

A. Johnson: It's him, Megan Cross and—

Aziz: Cocco.

A. Johnson: Cocco.

Malanga: (inaudible) I had it, I'm sorry—

Antar: You had asked 'is this time pressing'...

Malanga: Is it... Oh, the reason I asked that was because we've heard all the opinions for, it sounds like your three are thoroughly convinced, and I respect that you came with a solid opinion, I would like to hear somebody from our supreme court. I don't know if it's allowed, if they're allowed to present their opinion, but I'm curious at least to read their opinion and their justification. I know I

don't have much expertise in law or analyzing a statute, but I would hope that our supreme court would.

A. Johnson: If you could stay after the meeting, actually, I can forward it to you. Do you have access to your (inaudible)—

Malanga: Yeah.

A. Johnson: I can forward you the court's opinion.

Malanga: Could you? I appreciate it.

Antar: Senate President Rodriguez?

Rodriguez: We could—

Hasan: I think the court should get a fair chance to present themselves with why they made—

Rodriguez: Mr. Johnson? I think it would be best if you sent it to Ali and had everyone (inaudible).

Antar: Okay. Pro Tempore Aziz?

Aziz: In terms of time sensitive, realistically, if the Dean's already overruled that—

Malanga: He's going to do what he wants anyways. It isn't really time sensitive.

Aziz: And Cocco's appointed before. It even went to the court appeal, so, I mean, the rule wasn't followed to begin with if you really think about it because I think, three people were chosen before any, like, legal challenge or something happened, so, I mean, the Dean overruled it, so it could stay for as many years as we want, or we could change it next week, or we could, if you guys want, to think of an alternate, I mean, remove that, but at least think it out and get all the details. That's about... Like, the world's not going to crash.

Antar: All right. Mr. Hiba? Senator Hiba?

Hiba: Just a suggestion, could 301.3.10.1 be replaced by a sub clause stating, for example, an exception saying that, if the president is on the committee, someone else could represent the committee, someone else would present to ASRC in his place just to weed out the—



Antar: That would answer the moral... You're proposing the solution to the moral quandary, I guess.

A. Johnson: I think it's a fair compromise, actually.

Antar: So, how would you suggest wording that? That if (inaudible) the ANS request may present, because if, as it's listed, he has to present it, and if he has to present following that line, then he would never be able to sit, so we'd have to make it an 'if' if he presents. Is that possible? Mr. Manka?

Manka: I think if you were to change that, you could say officially present, and then you'd have to put at the end of the sentence 'unless serving'—

Antar: That if he chooses not to, then—

Manka: Serving a seat on the committee or something, we could have something like that for that first part. Officially present unless serving as a chosen, you understand?

Antar: Yeah, I understand, but quick question before we continue with this. Before this year, it has been the Dean for students who presented the ANS fee.

Manka: Just last year.

Antar: And the year before that?

Manka: It was various people that the departments (inaudible)...

Antar: Vice president of the student affairs?

Manka: Yeah. Let me, I've been here since 2008, and 2008 and 2009 we had the student do it because, back then, the Business Office, Masha's position reported to my position, there was no (inaudible). With the (inaudible) pulled the Business Office outside of SGATO and it created some business processes that are independent of my office now. So I always make sure that a student presented it because I thought it was important. (inaudible), some of you may know him, and I had the directors that were asking for (inaudible) to be there because the committee had more in depth questions where they get what the presenter couldn't answer, but we all got together and talked about it, what should we present.

Antar: Okay.

Manka: And so for 2008 and 2009, it was student presented, after that a basically (inaudible) would come in who was the—

Antar: (inaudible)

Manka: TFO, yeah. So, with them, present, or bring the director (inaudible) if they had a certain thing to present, and then, last year, because (inaudible) left, took another job, at the end of the campus (inaudible) so the Dean took that on his shoulders. My own personal opinion is that it's an ANS fee, it's a student fee, it's what you pay, there should be an agreement with what's being asked for and they should be presenting it, this is how I feel.

Antar: So, and for the health fee and the athletics fee, the health department, the health—

Manka: Yeah, this is for health, and Doug (inaudible) used to bring in (inaudible) that used to present.

Antar: And then athletics is just athletics?

Manka: And (inaudible), for athletics, and then health, at the time before (inaudible) became the CFO, he was the presenter for wellness and health for that part, and then we would then (inaudible) that year was Doug (inaudible) and one of his business managers, it was 2009, I think, it was (inaudible) health, and then it was Andrew (inaudible) in directors for ANS.

Antar: But there's no longer a director for ANS to present for the ANS fee?

Manka: Yeah, it changed every year. It's been something different every year. The first two years were students spearheaded by my office, the following years, up until last year, the (inaudible) of student affairs, but always with student input, and then sometimes student government doesn't have their act together, and this Local Fee moves whether you guys are on the table or not, it moves and three students are appointed, and so you don't want these fees being increased without having any informed constituency, talking about it, right? So, that's why I think the student input is so important.

Antar: Okay, all right.

A. Johnson: That is the court's opinion.

Antar: This is the court's opinion.

A. Johnson: Just to reiterate, that opinion has been overturned.

Antar: Okay, I'll let you guys read. Then I would like to alert the committee that we have four minutes left in our scheduled time for this meeting. On the agenda, it stated that we would finish it by 7:00, so, with that in mind, as you read this, (inaudible) to make a motion, so... Hm? You apt to leave it so?

Malanga: Yeah.

A. Johnson: I also sent you the Dean's decision.

Antar: The Dean's decision?

A. Johnson: I sent you that a while ago, though.

Antar: I think you did, yeah. Anyway, so, Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: If somebody would like to object, feel free, I understand, but I don't feel adequately prepared to discuss this. I don't think we were given any of the information we really needed. And while I think that long term, we're going to come to the conclusion we probably do need to remove this, I'd like the time to read this all over and actually understand what I'm talking about as opposed to trying to read it this close to the screen, so I'm going to move to table this bill until our next meeting. Again, feel free to object if you disagree, but that's just my opinion.

Antar: Are there any objections to that motion? Seeing none. It's been tabled. We do have on more bill, but seeing as to how (inaudible) who had sent that to me is not present, nor I believe that there's adequate time. Mr. Aziz?

Aziz: Also, for that, usually it creates something like a counsel, or a thing, there's usually like a month of discussion on like a group decision before a bill is passed. This is kind of like reversed. I don't think we've had that discussion.

Antar: Yeah, it just sprung up on me and that's why I wanted to start the discussion here in the committee.

Aziz: Yeah, I think the bill should be at least tabled indefinitely until either on Andy's side and Cocco's side what their areas, and what you want to do with the graduate before. Like, same thing like you have your health idea, you talked about it before then you create the bill, not like create the bill and then... you know what I mean?

Antar: And then start talking about it in the senate. That's a good point. So, if there's a motion to table indefinitely or at least table until next week, seeing as to how we are pressed for time. Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: Move to table indefinitely.

Antar: Are there any objections to that motion? Seeing none. The GPSC bill has been tabled indefinitely. The next item on the agenda is announcements.

#### **Announcements:**

Antar: Prior to making any announcements, I would just like to, one, ask everybody, I'll send out the PDFs for the judicial review panel and the Dean for students decision, Mr. Hiba, you make a suggestion for an amendment, if you'd like to type up that amendment and e-mail it to me prior to the next meeting so that we could present it at the next meeting in depth, I'll just send it out with the agenda, that way we can all be fully prepared and we won't end up in the situation that we ended up in today. And that's about it for my announcement and the next meeting, so you guys keep an eye out for the e-mail.

Aziz: Other announce, er..?

Antar: Any other announcements?

Aziz: I would say, I guess, for the executive branch, if we're ever going to do a special session, be clear about what you're actually wanting, because I know it's misleading as to the committee members, and I guess for us as well, so I think we're expecting one thing and then something else is...

Antar: Mr. Johnson?

A. Johnson: I do understand the confusion and I do apologize for the confusion. Originally, it was for the adhoc and then (inaudible) I guess accidentally changed it in the e-mail, so I do apologize for that. But will do next time.

Antar: Absolutely. Okay, motions—Mr. (inaudible).

Rodriguez: And just to piggy-back off of Abdool, but I've told you this, and I'll say it for the record, in the future, could we reserve the, like, if it's something that needs to be discussed, we'll call a committee meeting, I feel like in the future like could we be involved in the conversation in terms of (inaudible)?

A. Johnson: I would have loved to have done that, but, the thing was is that, not the throw you under the bus, but you were in New York at the time, so, in future events—

Rodriguez: I was in Orlando.

A. Johnson: Oh, my apologies.

Aziz: I was in New York.

A. Johnson: But in the future, it definitely will happen.

Antar: I like Mr. Rodriguez's sentence. This was brought up to me last week and it seemed that there hadn't been a procedure that, preceded any discussion with me, so advance notice would be great. Okay, Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: Move to adjourn.

Antar: Are there any objections to that motion? Seeing none. We are now adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.**

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