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Student Government Fifty-Fifth Student Senate

Committee on Rules
FALL SESSION
September 4th, 2014

Call to Order by Chairman Ali Antar at 6:05 P.M.

First Roll Call

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

Gallery: Andy Rodriguez, Gustavo Lopez, Alex Johnson, Corey Ulloa.

Absent: Gary Manka.

Antar: All right, I call this meeting of the Senate committee on Rules to order at 6:05 P.M. on September 4th, 2014. First item on the agenda is roll call. I am present. Mr. Hainline?

Hainline: Present.

Antar: Ms. Hasan?

Hasan: Here.

Antar: Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: Here.

Antar: Mr. Miller?

Miller: Yo.

Antar: Mr. Rodriguez?

Rodriguez: Here.

Antar: And Mr. Williams?

Williams: Present.

Antar: All right. Pro Tempore Aziz?

Aziz: Present.

Antar: With us in the gallery, we have Senate President Rodriguez, Senator Lopez, Attorney General Johnson, and Chairman Ulloa. Just as a note, Gary Manka will not be with us today (inaudible) prior commitments, but he is normally on our committee as a (inaudible) non-voting member. (inaudible) Next item on the agenda is additions or deletions to the agenda.

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

Antar: This is the agenda. I would make a suggestion to add the title... title 5 bill regarding judicial review panels—

A. Johnson: Declaratory Judgment Panels.

Antar: Declaratory Judgment Panels (inaudible) it's a short bill and the title 8 bill is pretty short as well, so I do think we'll have adequate time. Do I see any motions? Mr., oh, I think Mr. Aziz has a—

Aziz: Yeah, I'd like to have a quick look at title 4 bill if you guys have time.

Antar: Okay.

Aziz: Just very quick, quick, quick look.

Antar: Do I see a motion from any members? Mr. Hainline?

Hainline: So moved.

Antar: Motion to approve the agenda with the title 5 bill and the title 4 bill. Are there any objections to that motion? Seeing none. They have been added. Do I see a motion to approve the agenda? Just a question from Chairman Ulloa.

Ulloa: Are you looking at the (inaudible), do you agree (inaudible), or is that going to (inaudible)?

Antar: I attached the ROP bill as well, so I guess we can clarify. I meant for it to be here. I attached the ROP bill to the e-mail, so... 'And ROPs'. There you go. Do I see a motion to—Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: Move to approve the agenda with amendments.

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. None were sent out. Mr. Miller?

Miller: I move to postpone minutes.

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

Open Forum:

Antar: Does anybody have any announcements? Attorney General Johnson?

A. Johnson: I have a fat stack of legal aid fliers...

Hasan: Self-promotion...

Antar: That was also an announcement in the last meeting, so... Senate President Rodriguez?

S. P. Rodriguez: The Senate Retreat is this Sunday, 10:00 A.M., please come. And if you can't make it for whatever reason, please inform me as soon as possible. Thank you.

Antar: (inaudible) The ropes course is no joke. All right, anymore announcements for open forum? If I am not seeing any, we are going to roll into new business.

New Business:

Antar: And the first item, as always, is our ice breaker. I'll take a motion for a ten minute unmoderated caucus. Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: So moved.

Antar: Are there any objections to that motion? Seeing none.

I call this meeting on the Senate committee on Rules back to order at 6:17 P.M. The next item on the agenda is the title 3 bill. I sent out a set of amendments as well as all the pertinent, what I saw as

pertinent documents, for the committee to review prior to this meeting because, last meeting, it was expressed that perhaps we were a little bit under prepared. But, anyway, this is the bill now. M. Johnson?

A. Johnson: Can you turn the (inaudible) changes on?

Antar: Oh man, all right.

A. Johnson: I think I've already kind of beat this to death in the last meeting, so I guess, I think, maybe it'd be better for the committee to ask any questions that they have.

Antar: Sure. So, here it is, there are the changes (inaudible). So, does anybody have any questions, points, motions? Mr. Aziz?

Aziz: So I guess we haven't gotten anywhere from legal counsel?

A. Johnson: I asked them before it, and unfortunately, he hasn't gotten back to me yet. But, I mean, I think, I saw the documents sent out, that Chairman Antar sent out, and I think that's sufficient enough if they were reviewed, so...

Antar: Points? Ms. Hasan?

Hasan: Like, when I looked at the Florida statute, it kind of said that the president nominates, er, sorry, appoints three people who are supposed to be USF students, right? So, when you guys are making a claim that the president gets to nominate himself because he is a USF student. So, the president also gets to appoint the CFO, right? Can the president be the CFO?

A. Johnson: Theoretically, yeah, they could, because it's in the same branch.

Hasan: And the president can be attorney general too?

A. Johnson: Yeah, theoretically, it's in the same branch.

Hasan: So, just because there are, they could do it, should they do it?

A. Johnson: Well, I'm not going to argue. I'm going to argue on the legal standing of it because I also have a ruling from the Dean of students saying that Cocco can do it. I'm not sure if (inaudible) seen that yet.

Hasan: Could the Dean of students come before the senate and explain why did he take such a decision?

A. Johnson: If you would like to ask him, he definitely can.

Hasan: I felt like (inaudible) just overwrite everything, they didn't even listen to judicial or come to us before he appointed himself.

A. Johnson: Well, I mean, the way I see it is, is that we've clearly (inaudible) in my opinion, we've clearly proven that the sub clause, at least, is unconstitutional, and is a law really a law if it's unconstitutional. In my opinion, that's (inaudible). Now, if you want to invite Dr. Freedman, by all means, I'll give you his e-mail. I have it. But, at the end of the day, Cocco's going to appoint himself whether you guys decide to scratch that sub statute or not.

Hasan: But just because he wants to appoint himself, we cannot scratch something out, because, in my head, this is not unconstitutional because, appointing himself is something that's conflict of interest, and this is a very important committee we're talking about.

A. Johnson: And I understand that, but at the same time, if you guys want to leave (inaudible), that's up to you.

Hasan: What if we keep this and what if legal counsel says that this is, it's un-, it's not, it's like breaking constitution and, but there's not, like, conflict, and what it Cocco going to do.

A. Johnson: Okay, well, he has actually spoken to legal counsel. I asked him for the opinion, unfortunately he hasn't been in the office much this week because he's had the OT duties, so I'm waiting to hear from him, however I highly doubt that Dr. Freedman did not consult legal counsel in his decision. I would be, I think it would be very absurd to say that he would just make an impulsive decision as a Dean of students, so, at the end of the day also the Dean of students has the right to overturn any Supreme Court decision regardless of any action, er, any interpretation.

Antar: Mr. Rodriguez?

S. P. Rodriguez: I've actually seen e-mails between legal counsel and one of our advisors, and legal counsel really had, was neither here nor there. So, unless Cocco has a completely different e-mail, I'm still interested in seeing it.

A. Johnson: Okay, that's fine. I mean, I, he, Cocco told me he had something and I'm just going to take his word for it because I don't have a reason to question his integrity, so I will keep on pestering him for it and, if I can get it to you, I'll get to you, but at the end of the day, the Dean also doesn't even ask on certain matters, he doesn't even need to consult legal counsel because the Dean of students can say 'I just don't like the court's decision', he actually needs absolutely no reason.

Antar: Mr. Aziz?

Aziz: In the Deans decision, right? Isn't the constitution only for external matters, is for the Dean to take care of?

Hasan: He's saying that just because the Dean took a look at it, that makes it external, but that's another loophole here (inaudible).

A. Johnson: Okay, and, at the same time, nowhere else does it define what is external and what is internal. Nowhere. And so, by the president that I'm looking at, as the attorney general, the way that I view it is, if Dr. Freedman accepts it, he's accepting it as an external matter because this is not the first time that he's also accepted an appeal of the Supreme Court.

Antar: Mr. Ulloa and then Mr. Malanga. Mr. Ulloa?

Ulloa: I don't sit on the committee, so I can't do that, like, say it, but I mean, do it, but I would recommend just postponing it to wait until next week to see what the official response is rather than going back and forth, is it true, is it not true... I think it's best to see what legal counsel's official opinion is and then come back to it after we have that, to decide whether we think we want to keep it or not.

Antar: Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: It's accurate that the wording, as far as appeals that go to the Dean of students is written, that only external appeals go to the Dean of students. Is that..?

A. Johnson: If you look at amendment 3 of the constitution, that does say that, however—

Malanga: It doesn't define external (inaudible) though, right?

A. Johnson: That, at the same time, you could argue, I would argue that this matter is an external matter even if we were to have a definition for that because it does not only affect the student government here, it affects the students as well, so, in my opinion, it is also an external matter.

Malanga: I'll give you that there's an argument to be had versus external or internal, that might be a, maybe for another meeting, I don't think that the logic that just because the Dean accepts it that makes it external, because, with that logic, the Dean could choose to accept any matter over anything and he just has supreme jurisdiction.

A. Johnson: And, to be totally honest, the Dean of students does have jurisdiction over everything, because the man is the Dean of students, so...

Malanga: Then maybe for, based on the way it's written, I don't think that should be the case, but you're probably right.

Antar: Mr. Rodriguez?

S. P. Rodriguez: I just want to make one point, and this is my honest opinion, I think that this statute does not go against Florida law, all it does is it limits his power. That is the one thing that it does. How it goes against, if you tell me one thing on there that opposes anything, it limits two students that he can appoint, but it doesn't go against the law in my opinion. So, I don't agree with the Dean's decision, and I'll say that on the record, and I don't agree with the Attorney General Johnson's decision, and I do agree with the Supreme Court's decision... That's just my logic and how it makes sense to me.

Antar: Ms. Hasan?

Hasan: When I looked at it, that's, I completely agree with what Andy says, and I don't feel like giving Dean Freedman the complete right to, like, say whether this is right or wrong. I mean, I feel like it's an internal matter by the topic of it. And, for example, now there's no check in balance. If you just say anything that goes on, just send it to the Dean and, I want to hear the Dean's reasoning on why he approved it.

A. Johnson: Well, I mean, if you read the opinion, there's everything included in that. Could you put, Ali, could you pull up the new form?

Aziz: I have a question.

Antar: Sure.

Aziz: So, the Dean doesn't really have a formalized appeal process of, like, he just decides and then decides how to proceed on it, right?

A. Johnson: I'm sorry, go ahead.

Aziz: So, the Dean doesn't have a formalized process where, like, all right, I received an appeal, I'll meet with parties, or not meet with parties and (inaudible) the side, or is this, like, the way he feels?

A. Johnson: There is not set process, I'll give you that. We have it in within our constitution that you can appeal it to the Dean of students, but it does not outline another process, any other process, and, at the same time, it shouldn't outline another process because the Dean of students is not a member of student government. For us to impose regulations on the Dean of students, he can just completely throw that out the window because the man is the Dean of students, he can do whatever he wants, essentially, as long as he, basically, lets Dr. (inaudible) know, but the man is, we can't, he's not a member of student government. You can make whatever process you want, but, at the end of the day, if he doesn't like it, he's just going to toss it in the trash.

Antar: Mr. Rodriguez?

S. P. Rodriguez: Okay, so, I have a question for both Attorney General Johnson and Ali Antar since you guys are more of the more like parliamentary people. His issue with the thing is that, it says, is it permissible for the student government senate to limit the duty and powers of the student body president in matters which over student government matters and (inaudible). Is it... is it permissible for the senate to limit the president's powers in terms of something that involves the university?

A. Johnson: I don't understand your question.

Hasan: He's just reading (inaudible).

S. P. Rodriguez: I'm asking if his question, if the answer to the question is yes or no.

A. Johnson: Can you rephrase the question in another way? Because I don't understand your question.

S. P. Rodriguez: Okay, I'll, this is my question: is it permissible for the student government senate to limit the duties and powers of the student body president in matters which over student government has no authority?

A. Johnson: Well, if the student government has no authority, then the senate has no authority to make regulations on that.

Aziz: Also, doesn't state law—

Antar: As the chair, I don't want to speak right now, so, Mr. Aziz?

Aziz: Also, state law does give the power for student government to self-regulate and create our own policies as long as they don't conflict or break—

A. Johnson: Yeah, that is state statute 1004.26.

Hasan: But, in my opinion, this doesn't break anything.

A. Johnson: Okay, well, we can bounce back—

Aziz: Did you include the appeal that Cocco sent to the Dean?

A. Johnson: I can give it to you if you (inaudible) on my desk.

Aziz: I think that would help (inaudible) the Dean's referring to.

S. P. Rodriguez: Could you repeat that statute?

A. Johnson: It's 1004.26. Ali, will you show the committee Cocco's appeal if I go run by my desk and send it to you real quick?

Antar: Sure. Mr. Ulloa?

Ulloa: I mean, I think at the end of the day, we're going to bounce back, even with all of these appeals, I think that the best course of action would be to get the legal opinion as to whether it is unconstitutional, I have this thing, because, what it sounds like to the committee is we're trying to decide whether it's against state statutes to do this, but if, so if legal counsel status is against state statutes, the right thing for us to do would probably be just to scratch it if it were breaking statutes because that's what we're supposed to do. We're not supposed to be interfering with state law. If

they say now, it's perfectly allowed to limit his powers this way, then I think the committee should just go how they want and if they think he shouldn't appoint himself, then he shouldn't appoint himself. I mean, I personally don't think that it's right for him to just appoint himself, so I agree, but I think at the end of the day it's going to come to legal opinion and see what's constitutional for us to do.

Hasan: But legal opinion can go both ways, right? Like, for example, two different lawyers can say—

Antar: That's the point is that we need a final decision on whether or not this is allowed to exist, and if it's allowed to exist, then if we chose to keep it, we will keep it, but if it's blatantly proven as a fact that this is not allowed to exist and stand as a statute, then it probably would be the most prudent course of action to remove it.

Ulloa: So, my suggestion would be to send the question to, was it Galachek?

S. P. Rodriguez: (inaudible)

Ulloa: I mean, maybe if Andy could do it, or Ali could do it, I think that would be the course of action rather than go back and forth arguing what's right, what's not, looking at statutes and trying to interpret it ourselves.

Aziz: (inaudible)

S. P. Rodriguez: Or you could just press escape.

Aziz: Oh, that too.

S. P. Rodriguez: Gary likes any of those requests to be processed directly to Gary. So, I will very specifically—

Antar: Can someone close the door? Thank you.

S. P. Rodriguez: As for an opinion from the legal counsel.

Antar: Okay. At this juncture, are there any further points, questions, motions from the committee?
Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: Move to table.

Antar: There's a motion to table this bill. Are there any objections to that motion? Seeing none. This bill is tabled until next week.

Aziz: (inaudible)

Antar: To the bottom?

Aziz: Yeah. Is there, like, a question or something, conclusion?

Antar: Okay.

Aziz: Okay.

S. P. Rodriguez: Okay. Could you click Chrome again, please. Scroll to the top.

Antar: Okay, with that, the bill has been tabled. We will roll out the next item of business which is the title 8 bill and the attached of these... Okay, title 8...

Aziz: Click on review.

Ulloa: It's going to be 804, there's going to be couple on 804 and there's going to be a lot in 810. I think it's 804...

Antar: Okay, so, Mr. Ulloa, go ahead.

Ulloa: So, I'll try doing this a little quick because I've got to go. So, we were talking about changing the name of signature event grant to the new tradition grant. Might want to edit a little bit more. I've been talking to other senators and Gary and I think the best name would be the new tradition grant rather than new tradition events grant. It's up to you guys as a committee to decide what you think too. I think new tradition grant just sounds better. But the intent this (inaudible) change the name change all these to new tradition grant. So...

Antar: You said there were more?

Ulloa: Yeah, in 810. And then there's two big things in 810. So, everything was just name changes of new tradition to signature event except for 810.11.1, I crossed out 'tradition and school spirit', because the whole entire purpose of the grant is to create a new tradition, so having a category of tradition just is repeating itself. And then in 810.11.2, professional and academic development, I

crossed it out because it's really hard to have a tradition of a lecture series because you can bounce around from topic to topic, speaker to speaker, and it doesn't really make it a tradition. It's hard to say me coming to speak about medical stuff this year and going to speak about mathematics next year is a tradition, so it's hard to regulate that as a tradition, so that's my opinion of that, but it's up to, I guess, committee, to decide.

Antar: Was that the (inaudible)?

Ulloa: That's all the changes.

Antar: Okay. Mr. Rodriguez?

S. P. Rodriguez: I have a quick question. Have you pondered any other possible categories for this grant that would be appropriate?

Antar: Mr. Ulloa?

Ulloa: I have not yet. This was just, I was just looking to what was there already and just going based off of that. I guess school spirit is up there, so technically, you could put a lot of stuff under school spirit and diversity, I mean, the grant itself requires (inaudible) organizations to work together, so you could technically use that as a diversity thing, and I think it's pretty overarching as is. We could add things if you guys wanted, but I didn't really look at it.

Antar: Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: This isn't so much a question, more of a statement of where I stand on this. I take issue with removing professional and academic development from this. More so just because, I agree that a lecture series probably isn't a tradition, but if somebody can come up with a unique event that focuses on career and development and we can make a tradition out of that, I think that'd great, I think that's a big reason why we come to school, to develop both academically and professionally and further ourselves in our career, so if we have an organization that comes up with a good idea that can make that into a tradition, I don't think we should limit them, I think that would be fantastic if we had something like that, so... While I agree with you that a lecture isn't necessarily, maybe we need to reword it, I think that the idea of professional and academic development definitely should stay in this.

Antar: Okay. Mr. Ulloa and then Ms. Hasan.

Ulloa: I'm perfectly okay with that. I just thought the wording that was done was kind of, like, iffy about what lecture series or (inaudible), but I'm perfectly okay with that. I just was going to (inaudible) in (inaudible).

Antar: Okay. Further points, questions, or motions? I'll take a motion to amend? Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: I move to amend the name in all places where exchange right now to the 'new tradition grant' as opposed to the 'new tradition event'. Is how you want it? New tradition or traditions?

Ulloa: New tradition.

Malanga: New tradition grant instead of new tradition event grant.

Antar: Are there any objections to that motion? Seeing none. I don't know how to make a blanket edit, so, I'm just going to go like that for now and we'll know that that happened. Are there any further motions? Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: Still going to have to work through this one. I move to bring back 810.11.2, but to change the wording, so that it have a category of professional slash academic event development. Any event... (inaudible) which may include, or, any event of scholastic merit which may help students to develop.... I'm working with this if anybody has any better ideas...

Antar: Ms. Hasan?

Hasan: could we scratch out lecture series from that?

Antar: What?

Hasan: It has lecture series right there.

Antar: If we just scratch this, I'm pretty sure the wording is all right. That seems to be the problem with it.

S. P. Rodriguez: You would just have to put an 'or' somewhere else.

Antar: Right here. There's a motion to scratch this. Are there any objections to that motion? 'Or lecture series'... All right.

Aziz: At least scrap the whole symposium the whole section.

Hasan: Symposium?

Antar: Oh, okay. An amendment to the motion, if you accept, to just scratch may the (inaudible).

Hasan: Which..?

Antar: Which, any that can pertain to students.

Hasan: Okay.

Malanga: Is it still my motion?

Antar: It's still your motion.

Malanga: I feel like people can get creative with an expedition or a...

Hasan: Symposium or like a pyramid (inaudible) program.

Malanga: Where would the committee stand on..?

Antar: Well, we could just take off your motion—

Malanga: Yeah, I take off my motion.

Antar: Mr. Rodriguez?

S. P. Rodriguez: I agree the a symposium or expedition would be cool, but if you remove that sentence, it doesn't necessarily limit them from having a symposium or an expedition (inaudible).

Hasan: They wouldn't know what could they do.

S. P. Rodriguez: If anything, it broadens the horizon for, because a lot of people will probably read this and thing, it says, even though it says 'is not limited to', I think it'll broaden the horizon a little bit more, and I think it would remove those things, so...

Malanga: So, the way it would read then would be 'any event of scholastic merit that can pertain to students' field of study or areas of career development'. That's what we're looking at. (inaudible) amendment.

Antar: Okay, so, that's a motion by Mr. Malanga to strike this line here which may include (inaudible) to a symposium, expedition, lecture series, any objections? Seeing none. It's been stricken. The bill stands. And to that now, just know that they'll all be saying 'new tradition event', 'new tradition grants', not new tradition event grants. Are there any motions? Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: Move to enter voting.

Antar: There's a motion to vote on this bill. Are there any objections? Seeing none. We are now in voting procedures. Mr. Williams, how do you vote?

Williams: Yes.

Antar: Mr. Hainline?

Hainline: Yes.

Antar: Mr. Rodriguez?

Rodriguez: Yes.

Antar: Ms. Hasan?

Hasan: Yes.

Antar: Mr. Miller?

Miller: Yes.

Antar: And Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: Yes.

Antar: With a vote of six to zero to one with me as the abstaining vote, this bill has passed. Okay, next item on the agenda—oops, wrong one—is the title 5 bill.

Malanga: The ROPs.

Antar: Oh, the ROPs, I apologize. (inaudible) It's the same thing. I'm pretty sure there's only one line in chapter 9... Hold on.

Malanga: You have the...

Miller: You made sure to track changes?

Antar: There it is. Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: I move to amend the ROPs to bring them in line with title, is it 8?

Antar: Title 8.

Malanga: Title 8 so it says new tradition grant as opposed to new tradition event grant, everywhere it says that.

Antar: Okay, are there any objections to that motion?

Aziz: Take out the 's', right? 'New Tradition'?

Malanga: Yeah, 'new tradition'.

Antar: Are there any objections to that motion? Seeing none. The motion is accepted. Further amendments to this bill? It's really just a name change. Motion by Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: Move to enter voting procedures.

Antar: Motion to vote on this bill. Are there any objections to that motion? Seeing none. We're not in voting procedures. Mr. Malanga, how do you vote?

Malanga: Yes.

Antar: Mr. Miller?

Miller: Yes.

Antar: Ms. Hasan?

Hasan: Yes.

Antar: Mr. Rodriguez?

Rodriguez: Yes.

Antar: Mr. Hainline?

Hainline: Yes.

Antar: And Mr. Williams?

Williams: Yes.

Antar: With a vote of six to zero to one with me as the abstaining vote, this bill is passed. What? All right.

Malanga: Told you.

(inaudible)

Antar: That's the way it's supposed to be done. You're supposed to use the gavel after something's passed so the motion is accepted. (inaudible) All right, next item on the agenda is the title 5 pill... pill, bill. Too much medicine. Mr. Johnson?

A. Johnson: Yeah, so if you're short on the (inaudible) it's the last chapter. Okay, so, basically, I did several DJPs over the, Declaratory Judgment Panels over the summer, I call them DJP for short, and, basically, what it is, is there are legal opinions that have legally binding power and in order for the court to meet on them after I, after somebody submits one, they have two business days to have a meeting on it, two business days from what I've been told from (inaudible), is it's just a logistical nightmare for them to do that because, you know, all over them, they're in different organizations, they're, they're all, the panel consists of Alexis (inaudible), Lindsey (inaudible), and Sammy, so they're all Greek as well, so it's just difficult for them to get their schedules together, and giving them only two days' notice to—

Hasan: They're getting two more people...

Antar: Can I just get order while Mr. Johnson is speaking please? Thank you.

A. Johnson: To have the three of them get together with only two business days' notice is quite difficult, and so we just would like to give them five business days.

Antar: Are there any questions? Mr. Aziz and then Rodriguez, Malanga.

Aziz: I would say that, because they're Greek is not a reason to extend the time, or they're busy.

A. Johnson: I was just saying.

Aziz: It would make more sense to increase it to more than two so they can do more research so they're not rushed to a decision. Like, let's say that they had, like, (inaudible) we can ask other outside people or do more research which gives them more time to make a decision.

Antar: Okay, Mr. Johnson?

A. Johnson: Well, they have five days to make a decision if you look at the clause under it, it's just, for the time for them to meet is two business days. So they can, say I just submit one on Monday, they would meet, at latest, on Wednesday, and then they have until the next Wednesday to make a decision. So, we're just asking that they get more time to meet because, and, I'm sorry, but I do contradict that. If they are, if you are, belong to several organizations, I would assume that you have a very hectic schedule and all three of them belong to several organizations other than student government, so, I mean, I think it's just fair to give them five days because, at the same time, we're all students that study and have classes and other things that we choose to do with our time.

Antar: Mr. Rodriguez? I mean... Senate President.

S. P. Rodriguez: I was just going to say, like, just completely not thinking about other things they may be involved in, we're all students first, and a lot of the time, we may have class, we may have a hundred different things going on, so it might be difficult, so I agree with the amendment and to clear up Anika's worry in the Declaratory Judgment Panel, only the Chief Justice and two associate justice, or two other justices sit on it and they're elected in the first meeting, and that's why he didn't mention the other justices.

Antar: Okay, further questions, motions, points? Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: As a merit of clarification, just because I'm not sure, I want to make sure I understand, that these declaratory judgments, an example would be the one that you just showed us from...

A. Johnson: That's for the judicial review panel.

Malanga: What's the difference between that and this?

A. Johnson: A judicial review panel is if you're challenging the constitutionality of something, and the, the declaratory judgment panel is requesting a legal interpretation that's binding.

Malanga: Okay.

Aziz: So, like, for example, the title 4 bill you're going to see is the result of a declaratory judgment. That was, because the statutes were not clear about senate and senate committees, so you'll see that later on.

Antar: Okay, further questions, points, motions? Mr. Miller?

Miller: I move to enter voting procedures.

Antar: There's been a motion to vote on this bill. Are there any objections to that motion? Seeing no objections, we are now in voting procedure. Mr. Williams, how do you vote?

Williams: Yes.

Antar: Mr. Hainline?

Hainline: Yes.

Antar: Mr. Rodriguez?

Rodriguez: Yes.

Antar: Ms. Hasan?

Hasan: Yes.

Antar: Mr. Miller?

Miller: Yes.

Antar: And Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: Yes.

Antar: With a vote of six to zero to one, with me as the abstaining vote, this bill is passed. Okay, next item on the agenda is the title 4 bill.

Aziz: It's in my folder. You have to go and search in... Legislation... Scroll down... DL, yeah... And look for the comprehensive—second one, third on under GPSC.

Antar: Oh, these. This one?

Aziz: Wait, one up... there you go.

Antar: Okay. Mr. Aziz, go ahead.

Aziz: All right, so, as just briefly stated, during the summer, Mr. Johnson submitted a declaratory judgment panel about those...

A. Johnson: (inaudible) of the senate.

Aziz: (inaudible) of the senate include special sessions (inaudible) student body president call special sessions of the committees as well, and the court ruled that wasn't clear and that yes, student body president can't call special sessions other than the senate of committees, so, with that is a clarification of senate, senate committees which, and also combined it with the summer chapter so it's all one thing.

S. P. Rodriguez: Could you read the title completely?

Aziz: All right. The comprehensive committee of literature of education and authorizations of (inaudible) is clear.

Antar: (inaudible) Okay. Go ahead, Mr. Aziz, you may continue. [Time: 0:31:26]

Malanga: Oh man, that...

Antar: Where are your first changes?

Aziz: It's in summer. It's, like, second to last. There you go.

Antar: Okay, go ahead, Mr. Aziz.

Aziz: All right, so this section was for the summer sessions. I think I e-mailed it to you guys, Sen Ex, at least, during the summer. So, what it does is it separates, starts off with meeting of the senate. The meetings of the senate shall be defined as a meeting of all elected senators called by the senate president to conduct business. And then any and all instances of the word 'senate' or 'special

sessions senate', this title shall refer to meetings of the senate, should clarify things a little bit for everyone. Then the senate president shall determine time, date, and place, frequency of the meetings. Senate shall meet during summer A, B, C, Fall, and Spring semesters to conduct business. And senate shall not meet during the first week of classes of the Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters. So, I think the Summer and Spring would stand practice whatever's written down, so. (inaudible) and the senate shall not meet during the last week of classes of the Fall, Spring, Summer A, Summer B, and Summer C semester. Yeah, and then the period of adjournment of the last meeting of the senate of each respective semester and the first meeting of the next applicable semester should be referred to as senate being out of session. So, really don't specify what being out of session means.

Antar: Okay.

Aziz: And then summer sessions... That's already in there. I took out (inaudible) the first of A and the last week because that's up, up there.

Antar: Mr. Rodriguez with a question.

S. P. Rodriguez: Is 405.10, or 405.10, is that supposed to be a sub clause of 405.9?

Aziz: That's supposed to be a separate...

S. P. Rodriguez: Okay, so it's separate? So, what's—?

Aziz: The formatting is kind of off. It's supposed to be, like, 10 and (inaudible).

Antar: It's just that, it's just, yeah, it's just that and since this was stricken.

S. P. Rodriguez: My question is, then, what's the point of 405.9? Is it—?

Aziz: It's like a little title, like a mini, like an in (inaudible) separating each one.

S. P. Rodriguez: So, wouldn't 405.10 be a subclause of summer session?

Antar: I would think.

Aziz: You could put it that way or it's—

S. P. Rodriguez: Okay.

Aziz: You could always change the format later.

S. P. Rodriguez: Okay, it's all messed, up I realized. Got it.

Antar: We can... yeah, have Abdool fix the formatting. [Time: 0:34:17]

Aziz: Yeah, so, I think that this one, this, like, specific chapter is like (inaudible) but the rest (inaudible) all right. All senators who wish to be excused shall submit for approval before the commence of the first meeting of the summer session. I think then you should know if you're here or not. And then alternate stays the same. Then meetings of standing committees, defining it as (inaudible) senators all (inaudible) of the senate committee or conduct business relevant to their respective committee. Chair terms time, date, and place, senators appointed by pro tempore. Senate committees (inaudible) during A, B, C, Fall, Spring, they don't meet during the first week of Fall, Spring, Summer A, but the one change I made was 'Senate committee shall not meet during the last week of classes of Fall, Spring, Summer A and Summer B, because the ending of summer A and the beginning of summer... Wait, the end of summer... I think A and C, they're right back to back, and if we didn't have any meetings, then it'd be two weeks of no senate meeting at all (inaudible) for the committees.

Antar: Mr. Rodriguez, go ahead.

S. P. Rodriguez: That, I'm pretty sure C starts during A... No, A—B starts during C.

Hasan: No, C starts with A.

S. P. Rodriguez: See, that's what I'm saying, B starts during C, so is that what you meant?

Aziz: Yeah, I think so, because I checked the academic calendar and, like, there were two right next to each other and it'd be two weeks of committees not meeting and that wouldn't help us out.

Antar: Okay.

Aziz: Then they don't meet when we're out of session.

Antar: Mr. Lopez?

L: So, as of now, you have that, (inaudible) when a semester is, Spring, Summer, or, like, any of the three summers and Spring, Fall, they don't meet the first week or the last week? Or some of them different?

Aziz: For senate, yes, but for the committees because of summer B and C coinciding, that, they're allowed to meet between the gap in B and C. If you pull up the academic calendar, it'd be easier to see.

Miller: It also says that some committees shall not meet when senate is out of session.

L: Because what I think that was confusing it, like, you put the big, like, senate can meet, you can go, like, three weeks without meeting, but I think summer, summer A ends and then four weeks later, summer B starts, or ends, and so there's going to be a lot of breaks. Like, you'll only meet once within an actual month and a half period.

Aziz: But C's still going on.

L: Because summer B ends four weeks before, er, summer A ends with four weeks before C ends, and then B starts within that gap, so then you're going to have, if you're going to be, if you're not going to be meeting during the beginning or the end of these semesters, it's going to be honestly like bumping and (inaudible)—

Aziz: They could move them, like...

L: But not according to this, though.

Malanga: Could you open it to (inaudible)?

Antar: I apologize, I was just facilitating certain senators to read it on their computers (inaudible).

Aziz: So, we won't meet during the first week of summer A, the last week of summer B, and the last week of summer A is when we won't be able to meet. So, we can meet during the last week of summer C because the C and B and, like, a week apart from each other.

Antar: Okay. Senate President Rodriguez?

S. P. Rodriguez: So that's only... I understand what Aziz is saying. There's only three weeks out of the entire summer that, well, that committees can't meet according to this, and the only three weeks

are the first week of summer A, the last week of summer A, and the last week of summer B, which kind of makes sense, I mean, summer A and summer B are a lot more compact and summer C's not as bad. I mean...

Antar: Mr. Lopez?

L: And this is different from when senate's meeting? So, senate meets less frequently than the committees will meet?

Antar: Senate President Rodriguez?

S. P. Rodriguez: That's pretty true for the summer. The committees typically met every week, and senate, we probably met an average of twice a month. Yeah, there was a span when we went three weeks without senate, then we started doing senate back to back. I think we totaled six or seven meetings in summer? So...

Aziz: Because, normally, during the first week of class and the last week we don't have because you're a student. First week, you're doing schedules and stuff, last week is finals week and to be respectful if you're studying.

Antar: Mr. Miller?

Miller: Can we scroll back to 405.11? Okay, so, if senators want to be excused from the entire summer session, would they, some people wouldn't know about this statute until the meeting, the first meeting, so would you want then to be meeting, er, be sending an e-mail during that first meeting?

Antar: Pro Tempore Aziz?

Aziz: Usually, during the last meeting of the term is the announcements and you e-mail out the last, like, people leaving the term, leaving office, there's an e-mail that's always sent out like on May 5th.

Antar: President Rodriguez?

S. P. Rodriguez: I was going to say something similar to that it would be the responsibility of senate leadership to know this statute and communicate it to the new senators, but I would, I do agree that

maybe before the first week, maybe before the second week, or just a recommendation, yeah, as of right now, what is it? Is it three weeks?

Aziz: That's for alternate senators. (inaudible) to third senate to (inaudible)—

S. P. Rodriguez: Oh, okay, that's what that is. Okay. Well then...

Antar: Mr. Rodriguez, President Rodriguez.

S. P. Rodriguez: I would recommend looking at the entire timeline if you're going to amend this, so looking at when alternate senators have to be appointed by and when this is due.

Antar: Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: Based off this new, with the amendments, when can special sessions be called?

Antar: Mr. Aziz?

Aziz: Well—

Malanga: Can they always make—

Aziz: Special sessions can still be called—

Malanga: Even out of session?

Aziz: —But... That doesn't address that part (inaudible). Well, this one is saying, this one pretty much solves the problem of the student body president calling special sessions of the committee, so, given calling special sessions of the senate but not the committee.

Malanga: I have a couple of concerns. One of them is say we have a situation like last week where we come back to the Fall semester, the president wants, or the Senate President wants to call a special session because we need something on the following Tuesdays agenda, I mean, why couldn't we call a meeting for the Rules committee or for Special Funding, or, to me, I just think they should be able to call a committee special session even for out of session. Because then we're still out of session in that period because the senate adjourned in the summer and we have a meeting (inaudible) for this Fall. [Time: 0:41:33]

Antar: President Rodriguez?

S. P. Rodriguez: I'll let him talk.

Antar: Pro Tempore Aziz?

Aziz: I would say always, you know, better planning for everything would help solve all those problems.

Malanga: True.

Aziz: You know, nothing in the student government is that time sensitive and that nature all the time, you know, I mean, have the respect for, I guess, people's time and expectations, like you as a student have a lot of things to do. Shouldn't really call you out the end of August, or like before school starts, to give you other stuff to, like, go (inaudible).

Antar: All right, I would like to (inaudible) that it is now 6:56 P.M., we have 4 minutes. So, further points, questions, motions for discussion? Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: How many agenda items are left?

Antar: This is the last one. After this is just announcements.

Malanga: Move to extend time by fifteen minutes.

Antar: There's a motion to extend time by fifteen minutes. Are there any objections to that motion? Seeing none. Okay, continuing with the title 4 bill. The time is extended, by the way. There were no objections.

Aziz: I think that's it.

Antar: That's it? Mr. Williams?

Williams: So, this would be the senate, the student body president can call special session for the senate.

Hasan: Senate president.

Williams: The senate president.

Aziz: And the (inaudible) president.

Hasan: Both?

Williams: But they—

Malanga: Both of them have the power of the president.

Antar: Senate President Rodriguez?

S. P. Rodriguez: So, myself as well as the student body president can both call special sessions of the senate, but it doesn't... Okay, so, there was a special session of Rules committee called over the summer and it doesn't, it doesn't really specify the difference between, because this could technically be classified as a meeting of the senate even though it's not what you would, it depends on who you ask, okay? And this just clarifies it. So, the student body president could only be able to call meetings of the general senate, not committees.

Williams: Okay.

Aziz: Think of, like, Obama calling a special session of the Rules committee (inaudible).

Williams: Yeah, that's what I was having a problem with. I was just making sure of that.

Antar: All right. Further questions, points, motions from the committee? Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: I'm not sure if everyone actually reads everything, but I like to read everything. For me to try and vote on this and just seeing it once, I'm a little bit confused, I'll be honest. I need to actually read through this and see if I have (inaudible).

Aziz: The motion was to, like, look at it.

Antar: We wanted it to be a quick, quick look. Are there any more... There's still more amendments left in the bill, correct?

Aziz: Yeah. For alternate senate. You guys can talk about it.

Antar: Okay.

Aziz: So, this one is time serves (inaudible) doesn't apply to their tenure elective, so if you serve as an alternate, you're not elected, so that time you serve is not time of, say, like, you're elected and I'm

an alternate, you serving as alternate doesn't count as your tenure as a senator if you get elected in, like, midterm or something.

Antar: I got you.

Aziz: So, it didn't say that anywhere, but...

Antar: This is really just for the roll call of honor (inaudible), isn't it?

Aziz: You can (inaudible) serve during summer and they want to, like, join senate and then save a certain position, like to run for senate president pro tempore, they could say, oh, I served during summer and I qualify, but technically you don't.

Antar: Go ahead, President Rodriguez?

S. P. Rodriguez: Isn't that what David Houseman?

Aziz: That was David Houseman's spot and...

Antar: Okay.

Aziz: It also, alternate senates can run for vice chair because the rules didn't include if they could or couldn't, do they could. And alternates are not eligible to be a chair of senate committee unless everyone (inaudible). I think that's it.

Antar: That was it? Okay.

Aziz: That side is, you can just leave that, because I just copied it and merged with the summer one. It's all place holders. I mean, (inaudible) in the bill, I'll send you... I guess you can copy this and make a, you know, folder.

Antar: And what kind of messages (inaudible)?

Aziz: Well, a placeholder's not going to mess up the format.

Antar: Senate President?

S. P. Rodriguez: And so this is all supposed to be stricken?

Aziz: No, this is all just, I scrolled down and then copied and pasted it to merge it into the summer, and I did placeholders for the formatting because I see it's correct here, it's incorrect over there.

Antar: Oh, okay, I see that now. All right, so do I see any motions from the committee, or points? It might be prudent to have Mr. Aziz just correct the formatting and just—

Aziz: Just table it, I guess.

Antar: Mr. Miller?

Miller: Question.

Antar: Go ahead.

Miller: About those statutes that are one letter long... Is that possible?

Antar: No, those are placeholders. This entire bit is just a placeholder. This line (inaudible) doesn't mean anything. I think we should rename this bill the (inaudible) bill. Mr. Hainline?

Hainline: Motion to table the bill.

Antar: There's a motion to table. Are there any objections to that motion? Seeing none. This bill is tabled. That brings us to the end of our agenda. Next up on the agenda is announcements.

Announcements:

Antar: Does anybody have anything they would like to say?

A. Johnson: I said this in Sen Ex, but I'll say it here, if you guys need to have meetings, or if you want to have a meeting in the back cabinet, then just ask for if it's okay because we do have employees who are working back there, so if you need to meet with an organization or something like that, just ask for so that way he can make sure that Maggie is all, like, in her team and Dan (inaudible) and his team are all not too objective to it.

Antar: I got you. It is their office, so they do have say on that. Further points, motions..? Mr. ...?

Malanga: I would like to wish everybody a happy first day of the NFL season. I consider it to be both a national and a religious holiday, and I just hope everybody has a fantastic rest of their NFL first day, so.

Antar: I think we know what the ice break is going to be next week, so you all better think about it.

Miller: What if I'm not a fan?

Antar: Doesn't count, Mr. Miller.

Malanga: That's going on the record if you're not a fan.

Antar: That is already on the record. Mr. Miller is not a fan. Okay, further questions, or motions from anyone? Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: Move to adjourn.

Antar: There's a motion to adjourn. Are there any objections to that motion? Seeing none. We are now adjourned at 7:01 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 P.M.

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