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Committee on Rules  
FALL SESSION  
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**Call to Order by Chairman Ali Antar at 6:02 P.M.**

**First Roll Call**

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

Gallery: Andy Rodriguez, Corey Ulloa, Chris Johnson, Melisa Dincer, Gary Manka, Alex Johnson.

Antar: I call this meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules to order at 6:02 P.M. on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014. First item on the agenda after the call to order is a few moments of silence, so we'll just...

Thank you. Okay, thanks, everyone. Next item on the agenda is roll call. So, I am present. Mr. Hainline?

Hainline: Present.

Antar: Ms. Hasan?

Hasan: Here.

Antar: Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: Here.

Antar: Mr. Miller?

Miller: Here.

Antar: Mr. Rodriguez?

Rodriguez: Present.

Antar: Mr. Williams?

Williams: Here

Antar: And Pro Tempore Aziz?

Aziz: Present.

Antar: Okay, with is in the gallery today we have Senate President Rodriguez, Chairman Ulloa, Chairman Johnson, Vice Chairwoman Dincer, and Mr. Gary Manka from SGATO. Okay, that is our roll call. The next item on the agenda is additions or deletions... additions or deletions to the agenda.

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

Antar: Mr. Malanga had his hand up (inaudible) Mr. Aziz. Well, Mr. Aziz was (inaudible).

Aziz: So, Mr. Johnson, other Johnson, requested title 3 (inaudible) to the (inaudible) in Lakeland. So it's up to you guys to yay or ne.

Malanga: I think we should have them here.

Antar: Huh?

Malanga: We should have them here for it.

Antar: That'd be a good idea, that'd be a good idea. So that's just an idea. So, anybody with a motion? Mr. Miller?

Miller: I move to move title 3, the title 3 bill to the last bill.

Antar: Are there any other motions (inaudible) before I accept it? Seeing none. Are there any objections to the motion? Motion has been accepted. Okay, any other motions?

Malanga: I move to a preliminary discussion on senate rules and procedures, specifically with regards to votes of confidence.

Antar: Okay, so, there's a motion to add an item just for a simple discussion regarding (vote of confidence) procedure. Are there any objections to that motion? Seeing none. It's going to be added. (inaudible) Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: I move to approve the agenda.

Antar: Are there any objections to approving the agenda as is? Seeing none. The agenda is approved. Next item on the agenda is approval of the minutes. Mr. Malanga with a preemptive hand?

Malanga: I move to postpone minutes.

Antar: There's been a move to postpone minutes seeing as none were sent out. Are there any objections? Seeing none. 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? Chairman Ulloa?

Ulloa: I have here thank you cards for those who participated in lunch from... the exec branch I think gave them to us? So, if you guys would like to sign them, I'll pass them around.

Antar: Okay. I actually have an announcement—this is from Chairman Hartmann, He has a Tent Day on Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 to 1:30, so if you guys would like to sign up, I'm going to pass around the sheet and you guys just sign up so I can give that to Chairman Hartmann. Any other announcements for open forum?

S. P. Rodriguez: I would like to add a reminder to Ali's last announcement that, if you do sign up, you get a positive point for every hour that you attend and there will be food, just F.Y.I.

Antar: And then (inaudible), when I was a senator my first year, I had the most points in the senate, so, yeah, you all better step your game up. I had, like, (inaudible) points. All right. Any other announcements for open forum? Seeing none. We'll into new business.

### **New Business:**

Antar: The first item is an ice breaker. Motion from Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: Move to enter a 5 minute unmoderated caucus.

Antar: 5 minute unmoderated caucus.

Malanga: I mean, 10?

Antar: 7... and a half.

Malanga: 7 and a half for Chairman.

Antar: All right, any objections to a 7 and a half minute unmoderated caucus? Seeing none, we are now in an unmoderated caucus.

I call this meeting back to order at 6:17 P.M. The next item on the agenda is the title 9 bill sponsored by Chairman Ulloa. So, I'm pulling it up right now. Chairman, do you want the mouse? You wanted it last time.

Ulloa: it's been a while.

Aziz: I think there's a review and... (inaudible)

Miller: Tracks and changes.

Ulloa: So, submission of tentative senate R—, so, we pretty much took out submitting the ROPs or SOPs to the JEC and moved it to Rules. It only is right that Rules reviews policies and procedures. Again, this is just making sure the business plan goes to JEC and that's something they're going to... Rules (inaudible) and it says that Rules need to be given to the chair at least two business days prior to the reading so they have a chance to send out their agenda and everything. Adding the senate committee on rules to the board that reviews the documents because you guys are reviewing the SOPs while JEC reviews their business plan and everything else. Do you have any questions as we (inaudible)?

Again, making sure the SOPs goes to Rules and then changing the (inaudible) student body constitution or student government statutes to the student government governing documents and policies of (inaudible) university policy and procedure, so that way it encompasses all of our documents and just not our constitution and statutes, but any of our ROPs or anything that need to be governor, or rather, executive branch, ROPs (inaudible) and in university policies. All (inaudible) to SOPs will be submitted in writing to the committee on Rules. I already talked to Mr. White, Vice President White. He's working with the agencies to make sure that they are updating their ROPs,

SOPs, if they do not have them, they are creating them, and then I've asked that they submit all their SOPs to Chairman Antar when they're done so that your committee can review them, suggest changes, and we can get those updated and on the website for them.

SGCS we're just changing the format of the (inaudible) positions, that way it's bulleted and not in paragraph form, it's easier to read, easier to review. Same thing with staff numbers, just changing ROPs to SOPs because that's how they classify them. This one, there's going to be a lot of changes to change the name of WXBL Student Radio to Bulls Radio. That's how they're classified anyway, that's how they classify themselves anyway, so it just makes sense that we'd classify them as then in the statutes (inaudible) standard. We took off the number of assistant directors, added staff members paid because they do have staff members that are paid, but it was never in statutes, and changed the responsibilities so that it is no longer paragraph view, it is now in full view. Same thing with staff members. Changing ROPs to SOPs and making sure that committee on Rules reviews it instead of (inaudible) Judiciary and Ethics Committee. Just makes sense. And then this, this chapter is just moving all safe teams statutes from bureau, it just made more sense to keep them as an agency, that's how we work with them, that's how they run for the most part, it just made more sense to keep them here. Changing ROPs to SOPs, same thing. (inaudible) Any questions at all (inaudible)?

Antar: Question from Mr. Malanga.

Malanga: From Safe Team, it's just, that's copied and paste from bureau's to here with the exception of the change from JEC to Rules?

Ulloa: Those changes are ROPs to SOPs, I don't think there's any rules, and then I believe I made it, well, two things, one I made it so that it's bulleted instead of paragraph form for the director of positions and stuff. I believe we added staff members besides basis, I think before it was just basis (inaudible) dispatchers, we added staff members or something like that. But other than that, I believe it's the same thing.

Antar: Mr. Miller?

Miller: In 900.6, if you could scroll to there, please. My question is, by extension, does this also include Florida statutes, or should we put that in as well?

Antar: I think Florida Statutes—this is just in general—Florida statutes, regardless of anything we say, is always above is.

Miller: Yes, so...

Antar: This is just because we're governed, because we're a state institution that we have to be governed by that regardless, and so this is just further delineating a hierarchy between the agency and student government. So, the hierarchy between us and the actual government doesn't need to be delineated because it's real (inaudible).

Ulloa: I believe in one of the original statutes, it says none of the student government policies can (inaudible) conflict with the state.

Miller: Okay, and 902.4.2, it's just a formatting issue—there's an extra space.

Malanga: Senator Hiba is with us. I knew we couldn't lose him. He's back.

Antar: Any other questions for the committee? Hainline (inaudible) and then I'll get to you, Senate President Rodriguez. Hainline?

Hainline: (inaudible)

S. P. Rodriguez: It's very quick.

Antar: Okay.

S. P. Rodriguez: Can you go to Safe Team? Why isn't 'and' capitalized?

Malanga: He's still here, he's still here.

Antar: Sorry, man.

Hainline: Before, I know I brought this up last time, should there be a description for, like, (inaudible) statutes or to our staff members (inaudible) dispatchers? Because the other ones are all, like, there's a description of, like, all the other positions.

Antar: Go ahead.

Ulloa: This isn't going to the floor yet. We're still waiting for their SOPs, ROPS, that are hopefully going to have that, that way we can actually do that. I also sent in this too, the document, I believe...

Antar: Title 10?

Ulloa: (inaudible) Did you send that to them? What we've gone through yet to the Safe Team directors.

Antar: I sent it to you, yeah, I replied last night.

Ulloa: No, you should have replied all.

Antar: I replied all, I should have, yeah.

Ulloa: You replied all, so they should have it and they should be able to review it and give updates, but we'll be talking about what's waiting for their ROPs and SOPs to make the difference, and we'll just, whatever they have, we'll put it in statutes.

Antar: If not, I'll send it tonight after we look at it. Any other questions?

Aziz: (inaudible) Safe Team already has their ROPs and I found a very, an old version of (inaudible), so just those who have (inaudible) already, but (inaudible) is still unknown.

Antar: Well, we already approved their director, correct? Have we?

Ulloa: SGCS is currently writing a handbook for SGCS in general, and so I've asked them to, I guess, share that with Ali to see what that book's like so then you can see if it's similar to SOPs and if that's not similar (inaudible) them writing their own SOPs.

Antar: Safe Team was the one who sent it to me already, correct? They already sent me SOPs?

Ulloa: Safe Team has their SOPs today since they just updated them, they sent them to Ali and they also sent them to each other so that they can base the other agencies off of Safe Team. So they should, I talked to Rhondel because we need to get those updated and I sent the e-mail to all the directors saying they better make sure they get the updates (inaudible) to Rules (inaudible). We'll see.

Antar: Okay. Mr. Miller?

Miller: This is the time to be in motion to accept the amendments, correct?



Antar: I mean, those—

Aziz: Those are from the summer (inaudible).

Antar: Yeah, no, but you're talking about the other amendments, the space and the 'and'? (inaudible) amendments.

S. P. Rodriguez: That's correct grammar and syntax.

Antar: Those are the fixes that we're allowed to make (inaudible).

Malanga: We want Hiba, we want Hiba.

Antar: Any other questions or motions? Points from anybody? Do we want to approve this for the committee and send it to the floor or do we want to approve the SOPs first? We said the SOPs first?

Ulloa: I would say wait for SOPs. Especially for the definitions of the staff members and stuff so we have that in statutes what their duties are.

Antar: Okay. Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: I move to table until we have the SOPs.

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

(inaudible)

Antar: The title 10 bill is next, again sponsored by Chairman Ulloa. (inaudible)

Ulloa: So, this was a book form Mr. Manka. We changed the definition of bureau for (inaudible) bureau (inaudible), so bureau and personnel are directed by full time administrative staff members who are responsible to respect their superiors, so we just made this clarification because, essentially it's the full time staff members who are actually overseeing and running these things whereas, like, Safe Team, they have coordinate, and they have help from their chief, their (inaudible) from (inaudible), but essentially the director of Safe Team is running it, so we want to make sure that we had this clarification for future instances, we know which category to fall into. We want to move Safe Team out of bureaus, agencies... SGATO...

We changed, I deleted admission and left it as mission, this is SGATO's mission, they have a vision, it's not written in statutes, but if you guys really wanted it, Mr. Manka offered to give it. It's up to you guys, but they have shortened their mission, therefore deleted it (inaudible) make sure we have what it is here. We changed it from office assistant to office student assistant to make sure we knew the difference between the office managers, student assistant, so we know exactly what roll of each one is. The director... Just switching around al related businesses into sentence structure so that it has (inaudible) and all related business at the end, could put all related business in the beginning, you don't need to add anything else to the sentence, I'm sure. And then our statutes changes so that SGATO from the custodian of (inaudible) records to processors so I changed 1002.5.8 to show that, and the next thing is serve as an ex-official, non-voting member of active ASRC committee meetings. I don't remember...

Antar: Mr. Manka?

Manka: With the loss of just (inaudible) put the assistant director position up, and because my supervisor is Dean Freedman wanted me to adopt a more close relationship with the student affairs departments that are ANS funded, you split the task for ASRC that used to delegate that to my assistant director (inaudible) the entire ASRC process. Now I'll be working with, instead of (inaudible), she'll be my (inaudible) at some point.

Antar: Okay.

Manka: So, I'll be doing all the student affairs departments, and then when we get into student government and student councils and student organizations, then we bring the assistant director back in when hired (inaudible). That's what's going to happen, you can reflect your statutes to reflect that if you'd like, your statutes won't change what's happening (inaudible) as opposed to being different.

Antar: That's still the directors, correct?

Ulloa: That's directors still. And so down here the assistant director serve as (inaudible) so, in absence of the director, so, essentially, they still have the ability to serve as the (ex officio) not a voting member in the absence of the director, so, as Mr. Manka says, so when he shows up for all of the student affairs departments, he's there, but if he can't make it and he needs a sit in, the assistant director can do that, or if he doesn't show up for an organizations, they get to serve as well, so it's

just (inaudible). The graduate advisor is changing what meetings they have to attend to have more meetings rather than just a weekly (inaudible) meeting, so we do call an adhoc or something. They typically went anyways, we're just putting it in the statutes (inaudible).

The office student assistant, just changing to make sure that we know it's a student and not a professional staff member. Perform any clerical duties assigned by SGATO office manager or SGATO staff, it just clarifies the chain of command to make sure that it's known that these student systems respond to the office manager and SGATO and not just (inaudible). So, it's just making (inaudible). And deleting Safe Team and we inserted it over the other thing. The advisor council, this was changed to add appropriations, committee on appropriations and audits to reflect its current name. I think that's everything. That's everything.

Antar: Okay, are there any questions or points from the committee? Miller had his hand up first. Mr. Miller?

Miller: All right, for the top amendment, I can't remember which number it was... This might be a Hiba thing, but I think we can delete 'who are' for grammatical error since 'are' is already a verb in there. We don't need 'who are'.

(inaudible)

S. P. Rodriguez: (inaudible) start reading the sentence from the beginning—

Malanga: (inaudible) personnel directed (inaudible) of administrative staff members who are responsible to their perspective (inaudible) supervisors.

Miller: And then I believe it was 1002.6.6. All right, let's see... Their only (inaudible) officio non-voting member in the absence of the director.

Antar: Yeah, so if Gary were to appoint somebody as a delegate, it'd have to technically (inaudible). It's how it's been done. It's how it's been done.

Manka: Yeah, we both wrote (inaudible) you can put in two more changes and say it where designee (inaudible)—

Antar: That's what I was going to—

Manka: Then you can delete that there because it, then the previous clause would take care of that. And Ryan, are you trying to say because if they're not serving in my absence, then they're no longer ex-officios, is that what you're trying to say, or..?

Miller: Well, what I was trying, I think, is, in the absence of the director, they can't vote, or...

Malanga: Well, they can't vote either way. This position is just somebody that's there to (inaudible).

Aziz: So, like, Gary right now is the (inaudible)—

Miller: So they're voting in the attendance of the director?

Malanga: So, like, if the director, if the director is there, they (inaudible) to ASRC. If the director can't show up, or can't make the meeting, appoints a designee, the assistant director will show up as our supervisor or as our ex-officio member (inaudible), it's really an advisor to the board. But they don't apply the book or anything (inaudible).

Ulloa: Essentially, it's what Mr. Manka is doing right now. He's here to advise, but he doesn't actually get to vote in the meetings.

Miller: Okay.

Antar: Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: This isn't necessarily in regards to the amendments, but I have trouble wrapping my head around what the difference between bureaus and agencies are and what the, for, a good example would be why are we moving Safe Team to an agency over a bureau? So, I don't know if our senate president or Mr. Ulloa, or (inaudible).

Ulloa: Gary? Well, I guess I'll start and we'll let Mr. Manka (inaudible). Essentially, the point of the agency versus bureaus, the agencies are supposed to be student run type of (inaudible) organization structure, so they're run by, they're student directors, so you have, because each of the three agencies have a student director, so essentially around every day things, whereas the bureaus have full time staff. Mr. Manka, Masha from the business office, are full time staff that run these offices themselves.

Malanga: Safe Team has a student director?

Ulloa: So, Safe Team has a student director. They are co-ran with UP. They have, UP has a member who actually sits down, but essentially the main day to day operation is ran by the student director.

Malanga: Okay. Thank you.

Ulloa: So, that's the reason why we did the change was that because they had the UP member, they were (inaudible) as bureau, but essentially, the director is actually running the day to day things.

Antar: Gary?

Manka: That's like if, like, (inaudible) was actually sitting there on day to day running Safe Team, then it would really classify as a bureau, okay, but it's really (inaudible) Hathaway is doing that.

Malanga: Okay, just trying to understand it.

Antar: Any other questions, points? Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: Is it similar to title 9 where we want to wait until we have the SOPs before we can make, or ROPs, SOPs, (inaudible)?

Antar: Aziz?

Aziz: I mean, you need both because we're striking Safe Team and wanting Safe Team to go somewhere.

Malanga: He makes a good point.

Antar: Really quickly, before we move, if you go to 1002.7, I'm assuming that the committee is fine with this, but I just wanted to bring it the attention one more time, in 1002, not point 7, could you scroll down? Point 5, I think? Where ever... This one, the director. If you want to amend 1002.5.9 so that it's more clear that you can delegate someone... Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: The way ASRC is ran, the student body president has the ability to appoint a designee also, right? Yeah, so... (inaudible).

Ulloa: What was the question?

Malanga: No, the student body president and senate president both have the ability to appoint a designee, I would say (inaudible) manage to put the language in line with the other members who can appoint a designee.

Antar: Okay (inaudible).

Malanga: Yeah (inaudible). However you want to word it.

Antar: Would it be under the powers or would it be under the—?

Malanga: Yeah, that's right, so that ASRC can (inaudible).

(inaudible)

Aziz: Up, up, stop, stop, there you go.

Malanga: That's a really simple wording. I like that. That's how I wanted it.

(inaudible)

S. P. Rodriguez: Director of the... It says the direct... Where is SGATO?

Aziz: Last, last thing.

Antar: So, we'll add it there too.

Malanga: Okay, so let's move—

(inaudible)

Malanga: I do want to do it in both places depending on what we have to vote on in title 6.

Antar: Well, if you wanted to add title 6 to this bill, it becomes a multi title bill and it takes more readings. So, if you want to, you can just (inaudible) a separate bill?

S. P. Rodriguez: Yeah, I'll do it next week.

Antar: Have ASRC do it still, but still for the original title 10 bill. Was it title 6? Does anybody have any motions for this one? Senator Rodriguez?

Rodriguez: For the actual line or motion to table?

Antar: Oh, well, to table or for this line, I mean, if we table it, we're not going to look like (inaudible) to the faculty.

Malanga: I was keeping my (inaudible). Sorry, I was keeping my (inaudible), so let's amend that.

Antar: This one?

Malanga: Yeah.

Antar: You want to amend this one.

Malanga: Yes. Because we're going to amend both, right?

Rodriguez: I rescind my motion then.

Antar: Rescinded. Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: I move to amend to include an (inaudible) designee. Or appointed designee or (inaudible).

Miller: (inaudible) slash or designee.

Antar: (inaudible) what do we got? (inaudible)

S. P. Rodriguez: Check title 3 or title 4 under the student body presidential and senate (inaudible) responsibilities and see what it says there.

Antar: Okay, well, Mr. Manka?

Manka: Something you all might want to think about is you, I'm glad you're trying to go that way, but one part, one statute is actually listing who serves and the other part is actually duties, and those are two different things to a degree, and you won't be able to get the exact, precise language, so you have to figure out how you want to do that.

Antar: Okay, so, do we want to just amend the list or do we want to amend this statute as well?

Chairman Ulloa?

Ulloa: What if you just put 'or appoint a designee' at the end? It may not say the same exact thing, but it'll be something similar without...

(inaudible)

Malanga: So moved.

Antar: There's a motion by Mr. Malanga to add 'or appoint a designee'. Is there any objections?

Aziz: I'm not going to object, I mean, the question is—

Antar: Can you rescind for a question?

Malanga: I rescind for a question.

Aziz: The designee, you want it to be a person in SGATO obviously, right?

S. P. Rodriguez: Exactly.

Malanga: Or appointed designee... I accept your friendly amendment.

Antar: There's a motion on the floor by Mr. Malanga to add 'or appoint a designee from SGATO.

Are there any objections to that motion? Seeing none, it's been added. Are there any motions regarding the bill? Or points, questions? Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: Move to table until we have the SOPs.

Antar: There's a motion to table until we get the SOPs. Are there any objections? Seeing none. It's been tabled. Next item on the agenda is title 4, clear act.

Hasan: See clear.

Antar: Guys, whenever you're ready.

Aziz: So, from last time to this time, it (inaudible) gotten much clearer.

Malanga: It hasn't gotten?

Aziz: I think we made it pretty clear.

Malanga: Oh, okay.

Aziz: But I don't think, it's all, there's no changes that I made (inaudible) to this time.

Malanga: At all? Vote to keep the bill exactly the same.



Hasan: Which one was this one?

Antar: Didn't we want to fix the formatting?

Aziz: Yeah, I mean, that I'll fix later, but I mean (inaudible).

Antar: Do you want to fix the formatting first, or do we want to—?

(inaudible)

Malanga: It's bothering me too.

Aziz: (inaudible) chapter is messed up in terms of format.

Antar: Okay, (inaudible).

Aziz: You can just scratch that out.

Antar: Oh yeah, (inaudible) scratched.

S. P. Rodriguez: That was a placeholder

Aziz: That's the way it should be.

(inaudible)

Malanga: So just that one.

Antar: Well, I'll take a motion to table until we fix the formatting and we can get it again.

Hasan: So moved.

Antar: There's a motion to table until the formatting is fixed. Are there any objections to that motion? Seeing none. Tabling (inaudible) passes.

Malanga: Wait, what?

Aziz: The chapter (inaudible).

Antar: Hm?

Aziz: That chapter is messed up (inaudible) the format correctly.

Malanga: But isn't the point of amending it to try and get the things right?

S. P. Rodriguez: We will fix it.

Miller: Find someone from SGCS that'll be able to do it.

Hasan: Is this the last thing in our agenda?

Antar: (inaudible)

(inaudible)

Antar: Okay, the next item on the agenda—if you have to go, you can go, sure—the next item on the agenda is the title 3 bill. We can go ahead and start that, but Attorney General Johnson is not here.

Hasan: Can we take a vote and put VOC before that?

Miller: Malanga's not here.

Hasan: (inaudible)

S. P. Rodriguez: Did we get what we were waiting for title 3?

Antar: I believe so.

Aziz: Yes, we did.

Antar: We are ready for a discussion (inaudible).

Miller: We could start the discussion?

Antar: Hm?

Miller: Start the discussion?

Antar: Chairman Ulloa?

Ulloa: I want to say start the discussion and then see what the committee thinks and when he gets here, you can discuss with him more, but...

Antar: We're going to take a look at title 3. All right, so this is the title 3 bill.

Miller: Review...

Aziz: (inaudible) points...

Antar: Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: This is, like, the fifteenth time we're looking at it. Have we received a legal opinion on this?

Aziz: Oh, that's Andy.

S. P. Rodriguez: I e-mailed, I forwarded it to you. Did you get it?

Hasan: Oh, he's here.

Antar: Perfect.

Malanga: Good timing.

A. Johnson: Sorry I was late.

Malanga: Your timing is impeccable.

Antar: Well, we're starting the discussion (inaudible).

Ulloa: They asked to see the legal (inaudible). That's all we've gotten so far.

A. Johnson: I cannot describe how fast I ran up those stairs.

Antar: Sounds like it.

Aziz: (inaudible) you.

S. P. Rodriguez: I don't like outlooks, like...

Miller: I don't like outlook in general.

Aziz: I just resent it to you, Ali.

Antar: You did?

Aziz: (inaudible) the first thing in your inbox. There you go.

S. P. Rodriguez: Well, you have (inaudible), you have to press the 'x'.

Aziz: There we go. (inaudible) its own box.

S. P. Rodriguez: If you double click the actual message...

Aziz: Yeah, there you go.

A. Johnson: (inaudible) start from the bottom, or..?

Aziz: Start it from the bottom (inaudible).

Hasan: Start it from the bottom.

Antar: Okay, well, does anyone want to (inaudible)? Okay, all right. Go ahead, Senate President Rodriguez.

S. P. Rodriguez: All right, so, after last week's meeting, we decided that I was going to ask for legal opinion from legal counsel, and this is the e-mail that I sent to Gary so he could send it to legal counsel, and what I did was I put out student government statute plus the Florida statute, but I actually ended up putting the wrong statute. If you scroll up, that was her, scroll down a little bit, she gave her opinion on the original statute that I had put in there. So, scroll up a little bit more, right there.

A. Johnson: Also, there's another one, though, that I believe also contradicts that one. It's in the same chain.

S. P. Rodriguez: Okay, I'll read it so that you guys can hear it. 'Gary, I again referred to the SG as this must be their decision (inaudible), you understand that the students are concerned that SG statute limits the pool of students eligible for appointment by SGA president. Even if the Florida statute does not contemplate unlimited discretion by the SGA president to make the appointments, arguably, if SG decided to carve out a large exception by SGA statute, no students majoring in political science or no students who participate in SG, etc., SG would be limiting the statutory power granted to the student government president by Florida statute. However, given the specificity of SG statute, which seems to address possible conflicts of interest with dual roles, I cannot advise SG

that the SG statute contradicts the Florida statute. SG needs to decide if they feel this is a reasonable and necessary limitation. I am happy to discuss further if needed, although I am out of the office this week.’ And if you scroll up—

A. Johnson: Nope, keep going. ‘Thank you, Jody, for your specific insights as it pertains to the macro issue, it is also clear that the—OGC is office of general council—has no authority to overrule student affairs which is Dr. Freedman’s decision.’

S. P. Rodriguez: Yeah. But if, my thing is, I don’t, I don’t... I’m going to think about how I’m going to say this before I say it.

Antar: Points? Aziz?

Aziz: So, I guess if you go back way to the beginning before all this happened, did, I guess, president Cocco appoint himself and people knowing, filing statutes, and then doing the, I guess the (inaudible).

A. Johnson: I can’t (inaudible) I don’t know (inaudible). And plus (inaudible) e-mails from, like, I’m sure we could e-mail trace it, but I’m not going to speak for him because I don’t have that (inaudible).

Antar: Senate president Rodriguez?

S. P. Rodriguez: Could you open up Dr. Freedman’s decision or whatever you want to call it? Can you scroll all the way to the bottom? Scroll up. Go to the top, actually.

A. Johnson: Click (inaudible) after (inaudible).

Antar: Sure. Mr. Rodriguez?

A. Johnson: Oh, I was going to say, if you go down to the portion where it says the issue...

S. P. Rodriguez: Issue, that’s what I wanted to (inaudible).

A. Johnson: Is it permissible for SG senate to limit the duties and powers of the student body president in matters which the student government had no authority? The short answer is no, which is why this decision is overturned in part. I don’t think it’s a (inaudible) or not, but...

Antar: Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: Maybe I'm misremembering, I thought we had discussed that president Cocco had received a legal opinion in favor of his decision?

A. Johnson: That's what he informed of. I have—

Malanga: Do we have (inaudible)?

Antar: Senate President Rodriguez?

S. P. Rodriguez: I asked him personally for it. And he told me that it was more of a verbal conversation that he had. And if you read my e-mail, I tried to be non-biased, I try not putting my opinion in it. I mean, I don't know. And on to, to add to, to retort to Alex Johnson's statement, I don't agree with stepping on, like, you know, like, going against what people above you tell you. But I also don't agree with doing things for the wrong, I don't know, if we've proven that this doesn't contradict the Florida statute, then I don't see, like, it says, his problem with it is that it, we're limiting the student, the president's power, but that's something that student government does. You know? I don't, I personally don't see this as going against Florida statute, so I could, I don't want to say it that way... I just don't... I'll stop talking. Go ahead.

Aziz: So, I guess my thing is, question is the Dean only heard one, I guess, portion of it, so I guess, I don't know if the Dean (inaudible), does he received a balance of information about both sides of the issue, because I just, I had (inaudible) (inaudible), I want to listen to you, but you want to have a case against, I guess, and be like Ryan's decision, I know I talked to Ryan, I want to listen to you, all information I'm getting is from you, so I'm not hearing Ryan's side to see what, like, the balance is.

Antar: Ulloa had his hand up (inaudible) Attorney General Johnson. Chairman Ulloa?

Ulloa: I'm trying to be as devil's advocate as possible here (inaudible). The first thing is the issue that he states just states that senate can't limit powers that they have no authority, he does not say whether we have authority in this issue or not. That's going to be for you guys as a committee and as senate to decide. He's just stating a general opinion, so it's up to the committee and senate to decide based on this information, our ruling, and general councils interpretation to that. That's the first thing. The second thing, my opinion on the legislative in the first place, if you can go back to title 3 for a second, just giving you an opinion, because I went through the first Local Fee committee,

because I am on the committee, whatever you guys decide as a committee, just keep in mind when you guys are deciding who presents and who doesn't.

Right now, it has that the president has to present. I'm just letting you guys know that. So, if Cocco presents on this committee right now and how, if you guys want to change that right now if you guys want, Cocco presents on the committee, he cannot longer vote as a member of Local Fee committee, which then means that the three faculty members gets, each get a vote, faculty gets three votes and students get two votes on that committee for raises and increase for the different fees. I'm just playing devil's advocate and just playing with the facts. So, no matter what you guys decide as a committee to do, keep that in mind when you guys are writing what you guys want to write for this, whether you keep in the same, you might want to say something for a clause for this year if he is able to remain on a committee, that he can appoint a designee to present. Whatever you guys decide for that, I just recommend you think about that because you want to create the greatest opportunity for the students on the local fee committee so that they're not paying things just because the staff wants it.

Antar: Senate President Rodriguez?

S. P. Rodriguez: I would like to state that I believe that his second point is irrelevant because the student body president chose to appoint himself knowing, while knowing that it was his responsibility to present to the Local Fee committee, so it would not be the senate's fault that there's one less represented vote, it would be the student body president's fault. And the second thing is I don't think it's a good precedent to set that if a rule is broken, the solution to the broken rule is to change the rules. That is a terrible precedent. That's all I'm going to say.

Antar: Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: Love that argument. You made that argument with (inaudible), love that. My question is for Attorney General Johnson. First of all, is there any rules about, I know he's already made his appointments, the committee, is there any rules about changing people from the committee, removing or changing?

A. Johnson: No, he could change.

Malanga: So people serve at his pleasure including himself in this case?

A. Johnson: Essentially.

Malanga: Okay. I take issue with a couple things. First of all, I don't like, I know that the Dean of students has full power, I get that. I don't like that we wrote that they have power over external matters and we don't have it defined. I think that if we worked with the Dean—this is a side matter—but I think if we worked with the Dean, they would probably, he would probably be open to creating a process where we could have both sides of an argument we're talking about present, and where we could define whether or not something actually goes to the Dean or whether our Supreme Court, which is supposed to be supreme in internal matters, actually does maintain supremacy. Then, going to this specific issue, I don't like the fact, it just seems wrong with the president serving, and now we have a legal opinion that backs up the idea that we can limit his powers, I see no reason to change either statute, either one of these amendments, mostly because I agree with Senate President Rodriguez. Mr. Cocco knew what he was doing. He knew he was taking a vote away from the students in that case. He knew he was responsible to present. So, I mean, to me, to change it, ex post facto here is just, is giving him an excuse to go and violate rules so that we go back and change them, but that's just my opinion.

Antar: Chairman Ulloa? Oh, Attorney General Johnson?

A. Johnson: I think, I lost my train of thought when I originally rose my hand, so I'll be (inaudible).

Antar: Chairman Ulloa?

Ulloa: So, in response to what Mr. Malanga and Mr. Rodriguez said, I'm not saying change the rules, I'm just saying that no matter how you write it, think of it in consideration. Just because he decided to violate this, do you want to take away the students opportunity to get the thing? I'm not saying, I'm not saying change it, keep it however you want, I'm just saying figure out a way to make it fair for the committee, whether it's you guys decide that you need to get him off the committee or something (inaudible), that's up to you guys. Whether you guys decide to, that he deserves to be on the committee and you guys consider a clause, that's up to you guys. I'm just decided, I'm just making sure you guys know what the situation was so that, because our job as senate is to best represent the students, and so we want that student vote no matter what we need to do to get it without essentially violating that. Because I'm (inaudible) these are our statutes and we should abide by them and we should keep them, but just keep that in (inaudible).



Antar: Attorney General Johnson? I'll get to you afterwards, Mr. Malanga.

A. Johnson: Okay, starting from my two points, I will first touch on the presentation portion, but it's not my main point. Just because you guys write in there that the president has to do the presentation, just think about it from this way, it doesn't say he has to do a good job, so if you guys just choose to keep it in there, he can just purposely do a very bad presentation, so I think that, as a committee, you should consider that if you want a good presentation done, then maybe you should reconsider having student affairs do it—

S. P. Rodriguez: Couldn't anyone make a bad presentation?

A. Johnson: Do what?

S. P. Rodriguez: Couldn't anyone make a bad presentation?

A. Johnson: Anybody could, but I'm just saying that if you choose to keep that in there, I would say that Cocco could possibly do that, so if student affairs is the one that is requesting an increase, why is president Cocco going to, without the backing up of the students (inaudible) referendum, or some type of a poll, going to give a good presentation on something he doesn't believe in? Second point—hold on... We already know how Dean Freedman feels on this issue. Now, this is going to be the last thing that I say because I honestly feel like we've beaten this issue to death, but say the rules stay, so you keep the sub clause and it stays, and somebody decides, you know what, I feel so adamantly about this that I'm going to impeach Cocco, and you're entitled to do that, all right? Let's just say—this is theory, it's all theory, okay?—you go to the Supreme Court, the Supreme Court says 'I agree with you', okay? Cocco's impeached. Cocco is, what is he then going to do? He's probably going to appeal to the Dean, but we already know how the Dean is going to (inaudible). With that, I'm going to—

Antar: Senate President Rodriguez and then Mr. Malanga.

S. P. Rodriguez: Mr. Johnson, I request that you stay in the room for this one point. It's not about getting the student body president in trouble, it's not about, you know, any of that, it's about, like, what's right, in my opinion. And you know what? Go ahead.

A. Johnson: I'm sorry, I don't mean to interrupt you. I actually, let me give you guys me personal opinion on this because I'm trying to give a legal opinion on this and not a personal opinion. I

personally don't believe that Cocco should appoint himself. I'm trying to give a more legalistic perspective to it and I got that from (inaudible) when I was Chief Justice. I can't put my personal opinion in the way of what I legally believe. I legally believe that being, the Florida statute says that the only requirement for the president to choose from is a student, that's the only thing that he has to do. And if he chooses to pick himself, he is a student. Yes, (inaudible), just in my opinion. However, I don't believe legally you can deny him that, so.

Antar: Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: First of all, nobody else is talking about impeachment, nobody—

A. Johnson: I'm just saying, I—

Malanga: Nobody else is going out (inaudible). And I understand what you're saying, you're playing devil's advocate, worst case, nobody else is talking about that. I feel like the republicans in congress right now can be (inaudible) impeachment talks. But anyways, that's besides the point. We're definitely not talking about impeachment. What I would say, though, is that Chairman Ulloa, fortunately, has provided us with the ultimate reason, and probably the ultimate solution to this problem. This clause right here tells us how we're going to fix the problem. By not changing it, if Cocco's smart and he's looking at this and he truly does have the interest of the students at heart and he truly does want to represent the students, which is what he is supposed to be, the student representative, and in all facets, how could he not take himself off this board? He's got to look at the numbers just like Corey said. He's got to look at it and say, 'they're going to get such a substantially heavier hand in the decision when the fees go up', if he, I mean, if I'm looking at it, I'm a numbers guy, so I'm going to look at this, three to two, it just doesn't make sense—he's got to take himself off that board. And the reason I asked that question earlier is because I wanted to know if there was any handcuffs that we put on him in the way of him taking himself off that board, and since there's not, the solution's already been found—it's in the statutes. He, by putting himself on the committee, he removed the vote from the committee from him, so I mean, if he wants to do that, to me, that would be a very poorly thought out move, in my opinion, but, I mean, the solution's there, it's not impeachment, it's called we lose a vote, and I think he should probably think that through.

A. Johnson: All right, well, we're beating it to death, so... I (inaudible) to you guys with an easier evening tonight, so...

Antar: Senate President Rodriguez?

S. P. Rodriguez: I just want to say one thing. Reading, like, re-reading 301.3.10.1, says the student body president shall not be one of the three student members appointed. I guess we, okay, forget what I was going to say.

Antar: (inaudible) P.M.

A. Johnson: I'm over there if you guys need me.

Malanga: How many more items do we have in the agenda?

Antar: Just (inaudible) discussion. Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: Move to extend time by ten minutes.

Antar: There's been a motion to extend time by ten minutes. Are there any objections to that motion? Seeing one. Miller, you got a point?

Miller: I was going to move to vote on 301.3.10.1.

Antar: You want to vote to amend it?

Hasan: To keep it as it is?

Miller: No, I guess not.

Antar: Senate President Rodriguez?

S. P. Rodriguez: I actually have a suggestion to an amendment. If you remove, if you change 301.3.10.1 to say that the student body president shall not sit on the Local Fee committee instead of shall not be able to appoint himself, I think it kind of solves some of the problem because I think that the argument is that we can't limit who he appoints, but we can limit his, I guess, I see it more like we can limit what he does, but then he'll probably—

Aziz: But if he appoints himself, he's still eliminating, he can still do the same—

Malanga: (inaudible)

Aziz: Because he's still a student, but we're not eliminating him as a student... well—

Hasan: Why does he need to sit in this committee? Could anyone tell me?

S. P. Rodriguez: What?

Hasan: Why does he need to sit in this committee?

Malanga: That's his personal—

S. P. Rodriguez: Yeah, that's his personal, yeah.

Malanga: His own personal drive. I don't mean to put him on the spot, but I'm curious what Mr. Manka's opinion is.

Manka: I'm looking at it, this, I'm going to look at it from a grammatical perspective that may or may not shed light on this, but (inaudible) the powers of the president, so when you look at all these, it doesn't say he authorized, uninitiates, do not administer, you know, what you're doing is you're putting a limit in a power category.

Malanga: But don't some of those powers inherently have limits because, like, you say you nominate to the Supreme Court with the advice and consent which inherently limits, so... I agree with you that these are powers, but, okay, so maybe if we amend this to say shall have the power to appoint members to the board and members to the Local Fee committee and then right under it we put that he can't appoint himself. I agree with what you're saying. I see your point now. (inaudible) I'm curious of your opinion on the new legal, the new legal (inaudible). Does that change anything for you? Because I know you were initially in favor of this.

Manka: Just, it's got so many cross channels to play here. First of all, you have the constitutional process and with it you have a conflict in the constitution where the Supreme Court is final (inaudible) on internal matter. Is this an internal matter or an external matter? Because it deals with the Local Fee, it's dealing with an internal process, but it's an external matter where the Dean should have a say so on that, does that make sense?

Malanga: Mhm.

Manka: Okay, so, if it's an external matter that went through (inaudible), so, if you're going to follow the theme then you have to, I guess you have to take some validity in what Dr. Freeman is saying. Right? If you look at (inaudible)... I don't see anything wrong with presenting the (inaudible) with

the exception of him losing a student vote if he's sitting on the committee. Because you're, like, for instance, 301.3.10, that doesn't conflict with state law, it delineates the power of the president to present, okay? The issue is that sub clause. That's the whole confusion, cross channels and stuff like that.

Malanga: So you would argue that we would no longer be in violation (inaudible) in what the Dean disagreed with us on if we took out that sub portion and simply said that by him sitting on the committee, I mean, effectively, what we know, it does, if he sits on the committee and is forced to present, he loses a vote, so we force the president, I mean, basically, we're forcing him to make that decision. His is like, we're one less vote or I'm going to be on the committee. Is that, I mean, for me...

Manka: Based on what Corey said, I haven't talked to, I mean, if, I would think from a conflict of interest perspective—

Malanga: That you can't blow off—

Manka: —you can't vote, I mean, that's just common sense, but...

Antar: Senate President Rodriguez?

S. P. Rodriguez: The argument that was made was never that 301.3.10 goes against order legislation, it's 301.3.10.1 that the argument said does. So, 301.3.10 was just something that was a part of this bill that they also, whoever authored this bill, also thought should be removed from statutes. But the one that was discussed for so long, the sub clause, not the main clause.

Antar: Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: Actually...

Antar: Mr. Aziz?

Aziz: I guess going back to the original point was the president appointed himself knowingly violating this from the beginning with the full intention of violating it and taking away the student voice and, I guess, the right thing to do would be to remove yourself from the committee as a voice as a student, as legal (inaudible) we're not conflicting, we're not violating anything or contradicting any state statutes.

Antar: With that in mind, what do we do as a committee with this bill?

Aziz: I have a question for Gary.

Antar: Aziz and then Malanga.

Aziz: Could the senate mandate the student body president (inaudible) himself in the committee? So then, like, like, I don't know if you, at the beginning of title 4, it's an (inaudible) power to investigate (inaudible) anything.

Malanga: Great.

Antar: Mr. Manka?

Manka: But you can censor not following the law, you can impeach—

Malanga: (inaudible)

Manka: I'm just telling you what's in the regulations, but I don't know if anything else, because, if you put it in there and, whoever's in power chooses to ignore that, what are you going to do as a government body?

Hasan: (inaudible)

Malanga: (inaudible)

Manka: I don't know if that answers your question.

Antar: Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: The way I see, there are two, maybe three, options. We could table this indefinitely, pretend it doesn't exist, and keep it as is, and hope that Cocco sees that he's going to lose a vote on the committee and makes the decision, we could find a way to cleverly amend this so that it doesn't conflict with state statutes, but that he would still lose a vote by appointing himself, but I don't see this as an option... We could accept the amendments, we could just do that, but to me, that doesn't really make a lot of sense. I think we, I haven't heard anybody voice, at least on this committee, voice support of this. So, I'm curious of what the committee wants to do. I mean, I don't want to, like...

Antar: Mr. Hainline?

Hainline: All we have to do is take out the sub clause and leave the original one there and then we're not violating anything, state statutes or anything.

Hasan: We're not—

Antar: Senate President Rodriguez?

S. P. Rodriguez: Or you could vote on it.

Aziz: Tech... We're not, based on the legal analysis, we're not violating any state statute.

Miller: Well, it wouldn't be going against what Dean Freeman...

Antar: Ms. Hasan?

Hasan: I feel like Abdool was right when he said that Dean Freeman just heard one side of the story and he made his decision. I feel like he needs a comprehensive idea of what is exactly going on here.

Antar: Mr. Miller?

Miller: Could we see the first legal opinion, or the other legal opinion?

Antar: The one in support of Cocco?

S. P. Rodriguez: There's four.

Aziz: (inaudible) There's a legal opinion—

Malanga: There's the Supreme Court, Johnson's opinion, the one that Senate President Rodriguez requested, and—

Aziz: And the appeal to the Dean from Cocco.

Malanga: Yeah, so there's five of them, I guess, if you count Cocco's opinion on that.

Antar: Let the committee know that it is 7:11. Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: Move to extend by ten more.

Antar: There has been a motion to extend. Do I have any objections? Seeing none. Okay. 7:21. Mr. Manka?

Manka: I don't know if this contradicts state law or not, but it says the student body president can appoint members to the Local Fee, but I think student government can clarify that without, you know, contradicted, so, if you added a clause...

Aziz: That he acquits non-students found in violation?

Manka: No, no, he appoints Local Fee representatives with the consent of the senate.

Malanga: I would be fairly interested to hear Attorney General Johnson on that.

(inaudible)

Malanga: I like that, but I would be very interested to hear his opinion. I don't think it would be favorable. But I like it.

Manka: It could be argued that by putting that in, you're limiting powers and going against state law, it could be argued, but I think it's just for the clarifying to the agreeing to appoint himself and then it's left to the senate to say yay or ne. But I don't know if I'm advising, I'm just giving you creative (inaudible).

Hasan: He thinks he's being creative.

Manka: Because, if you look at the (inaudible) to remove that clause, remove the language to either amend it or it's changed, or you remove it and try and go with part one, all right? Which goes back here (inaudible) conversation (inaudible).

Antar: Mr. Aziz?

Aziz: If you read the president's appeal to the Dean, the Dean just received that one side. The Dean's obviously going to think, all right, this guy's really discriminated against and, like, he's being wronged all these X, Y, Z reasons, and he hasn't (inaudible) the other side, so he doesn't have the context to pay us to make a fair ruling.

Antar: Mr. Malanga?



Malanga: And I completely agree, but, to me, that just goes back to the fact that we need a process in place and we need to come to an agreement with the Dean. It's not going to change the fact that, as of right, now, we have an adverse opinion from the Dean on this. I agree with you a hundred percent. I mean, we need some type of process in place that determines not only what can go to the Dean, but also how does it go? Because, right now, it is literally, yeah, he sends an e-mail to him, and then we get an e-mail response and that's what we're supposed to go off of, which, to me, seems a little... I think we could do a little bit better, but that's just me. Just, looking around, would you guys rather, I'm talking to the committee, anybody who can vote, like (inaudible), do you guys want an up and down vote, up or down vote on this, or do you want to table this and just push it off? I mean, table it doesn't mean (inaudible), right? We don't have to.

Antar: We could table indefinitely, though. Yeah, table to next week, we (inaudible) next week (inaudible).

Malanga: I'll be honest, I'm indifferent on it. I mean, to me, either one is effectively the same, so I think it's going to vote down, but anybody have a preference on it?

Rodriguez: If we table it, can we put that, like, little clause saying that the senate has to approve who he appoints?

Malanga: Do we have to vote?

Antar: I mean, that's... That would... That would fall into, what I have heard from the committee, that would fall into violating state statute where they're putting limits on his (inaudible) appointing problem with his powers and stuff, so... Senate President Rodriguez?

S. P. Rodriguez: I think all of that is a very viable solution. It's not a solution, in my opinion, because, at the end of the day, they'll make the same exact argument as to what it says now. I think it's something that we can offer. Because, at the end of the day, we can finish writing this bill, we can amend it, we can send it through the committee, put it on the senate floor and, in a perfect world, it passes through the senate, I sign it, and then, after that, the bill goes to the student body president's (inaudible).

Malanga: (inaudible) appeals it, it comes back to us.

S. P. Rodriguez: And, no, if it's vetoed , then it just goes right back to square one. So, I mean, I think it is a good—

Malanga: Don't we have the two-thirds vote?

Aziz: Senate can override it with two-thirds vote.

Malanga: Yeah, we have a two-thirds vote order.

S. P. Rodriguez: So, okay.

Malanga: But it leaves us, you're right, though, it leaves us in the exact same place. I mean, I think it does come back to how are we going to handle it if he chooses not to comply with the statute? I don't like that "I" word, I won't say it again, I really don't like it.

Aziz: Table indefinitely?

Malanga: Table? I mean, is that what everybody wants to see happen? I'm just looking for some type of consensus.

Aziz: Table indefinitely.

Antar: Just, another thing. If we were to fail the bill for whatever reason, it doesn't mean that... It's essentially what we're going to do.

Malanga: It's to table indefinitely.

Antar: That's fine, that's okay. Anybody, Gary, did you want to say something? Mr. Manka?

Manka: There's two ways to look at this and (inaudible) I hate to say this on the record, but it could come off (inaudible), but you could table it and let the Local Fee process take its course and then address it at the close of that to fix it for the next Local Fee process. I don't like that, I don't think that's right that, you know, but I don't think you should do that. I think you should address it.

Antar: Mr. Aziz?

Aziz: It is kind of saying the senate is okay with (inaudible) president the rules is getting away with it. (inaudible).

Antar: Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: I'm going to look to Sen Ex to (inaudible), I mean, you're (inaudible) the chair of Sen Ex, I'm going to ask at the next meeting, I don't know if it's going to be on the agenda, how do you want to handle, we do know that, I mean, it's a knowing violation of statutes. I'm going to ask you guys how you want to, whether it's writing a resolution, you know, if saying we disagree with this, we can each handle it better, whether, I don't like that "I" word, I really don't think we should be talking about that, but, you know, whatever way we've got to go. We do have to address it, though, we can't ignore it because this is abusive of power.

Hasan: I know what (inaudible) the "I" word is.

Miller: You sounded like you were confused.

Antar: Mr. Rodriguez?

S. P. Rodriguez: I agree with you in the sense that if anyone in the Senate were to address this problem that it should be addressed by Sen Ex, but I disagree in the sense that this, if we're going to address this bill specifically, this committee should make some sort of decision on terms of this bill.

Malanga: (inaudible)

S. P. Rodriguez: Does that make sense?

Antar: Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: Move to enter voting procedures on this bill.

Antar: Motion to vote. Are there any objections? Seeing no objections, we are now in voting procedures.

Malanga: May I clarify what we're voting on, Chair? I'm not sure, like, may I clarify what we're voting on because I don't think it's entirely clear. Okay, the bill as it is currently written is to take out the powers, the statute that limits the president, so we are voting whether yes, you want to take that out and allow the president to sit on it, or no, you want to leave that statute of the amendment in and he should still not be able to (inaudible). That's the vote.

Antar: We are now voting on the bill.

Malanga: Well, that's what the vote effective to, yeah, we're voting on the bill, I'm just trying to explain the fact of what it is, I'm not sure it's entirely clear.

Antar: Okay, so, are there any objections to Mr. Malanga's motion? Seeing none, we are now in voting procedures. Mr. Malanga, how do you vote?

Malanga: No.

Antar: Mr. Miller?

Miller: No.

Antar: Ms. Hasan?

Hasan: No.

Antar: Mr. Rodriguez?

Rodriguez: No.

Antar: And Mr. Hainline?

Hainline: No.

Antar: With a vote of zero to five to one, this bill does not pass. Okay, that is the committee's voice on that. Seeing as how that's that item of business, the next item on business is a discussion on the VOC.

Malanga: Can you go to Senate Rules (inaudible)?

Antar: (inaudible)

Miller: (inaudible)

Antar: We have three minutes. Hold on. We want to just... Mr. Malanga?

Malanga: Move to extend by five more.

Antar: There's a motion to extend—

Malanga: I just want to say something quickly and I'm going to (inaudible) building—

Antar: It's going to be a quick one, all right.

Malanga: It's going to be very quick.

Antar: Seeing no objections. Okay.

Malanga: So, while you're pulling it up, we just had a vote of confidence. I know we talked about this in Sen Ex when, basically, we're going to see the second, senate, our rules and procedures do not actually describe how a vote of confidence should go. It doesn't actually describe the form for a vote of confidence other than the fact that the person being VOC gets to speak (inaudible). I think we need to create some type of forum. I don't know whether it's a moderated caucus, I don't know whether it's a question and answer for both the person who is being accused of not doing their job and the person that is the accuser, I think it should be some type of situation like that, I think both people, both the person making the claim the person being, defending themselves should have a chance to speak like that. But I was kind of asking if anybody had an opinion. I actually wasn't there at the meeting where the VOC occurred, so I was curious if you saw anything that you didn't like, did like, I'm going to come up with a bill in the next couple weeks, so I was curious what opinions...

Antar: Mr. Aziz?

Aziz: Something's out that I was going to amend or to add. If you're going to submit, evident to paperwork, to submit it at least...

Hasan: 24 hours.

Aziz: 24 hours or at least have enough copies on the floor.

Antar: Yeah.

Aziz: You know, or like...

S. P. Rodriguez: I'd recommend 24 hours before the senate meeting, so one business day, or do two business days that way the senate president gets to send that out at least a business before.

Malanga: How about for the form of the debate?

S. P. Rodriguez: Well...

Malanga: Because I know you, I mean, I watched it on film and I liked the fact that you allowed a lot of people to talk, but I think that there should be some type of set type, this way just in case there is a situation where the senate president is the one bringing the claim, or somebody in power doesn't like the person, you know, this way you get a fair process either way is really what I'm aiming for.

Antar: Senate President Rodriguez?

S. P. Rodriguez: Well, something that I think would make sense is having something like opening statements and closing statements, so allotting the person accusing to speak at first, the person being accused, and vice versa at the end. Because the way it worked out, it was just like, okay, we're in open discussion, but I'm pretty sure Corey didn't speak first, and then it was just, like, okay.

Malanga: Yeah, nobody understood what the debate was about. It looked a little confusing to me. (inaudible) to watch it.

Antar: Mr. Aziz?

Aziz: Also, it doesn't say any elected officer must be subject to vote of confidence. It doesn't really say who you submit the confidence to. The title for censure and resolution to submit it to Pro Tempore impeachment, you send it to someone else. I mean, if someone (inaudible), you want something and you send it to this person, then that person sends it out, puts it on the agenda... Sounded very vague here.

Malanga: Any other suggestions? I'm just looking for suggestions, I'm going to hopefully have something in the next couple weeks to, that we can work with. It doesn't happen often, but I think when it does happen, you should have a good way to do it.

Antar: Anyone else? Seeing none. I guess that's (inaudible) on business then. Next item on the agenda is announcements.

### **Announcements:**

Antar: Does anybody have any announcements they would like to make? Nobody? Anybody have any motions they would like to make? Ms. Hasan?

Hasan: Motion to adjourn.

Antar: Are there any objections? Seeing none. We are now adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.**

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