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Committee on University, Community, & Government Affairs  
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**Call to Order by Chairman Hartmann at 10:07 A.M.**

**First Roll Call**

Present: Dincer, Fontaine, Gibson, Sanchez, Vanek, Lee, Hasan

Absent: Aziz, M. Ahmed, I. Ahmed (late), Veloz

Hartmann: All right, today is Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> and it is 10:07 A.M. I call this meeting of UCGA to order. First up on the agenda after the call to order is the roll call. So let's go through that. All right, Senator Ahmed is not here yet. Senator Ahmed Mahmoud is not here as well. The first one is Imram. Then, Senator Dincer is present. Senator Fontaine is present. Senator Gibson?

Gibson: Here

Hartmann: Senator Sanchez?

Sanchez: Present

Hartmann: Senator Chelsea Veloz is not present yet, and Senator Vanek?

Vanek: Here

Hartmann: Pro-tempore Abdool Aziz is not present as well and myself, Chairman Hartmann. I am present. In the gallery we have Evan Lieb from SGATO, thank you for joining us.

Lieb: You're welcome.

Hartmann: Would you like to join our meeting? And also in the gallery we have senator Anika Hasan walking in at 10:08 and Assistant Director of University Affairs Judelande Jeune, thank you for joining us. All right back to Agenda.

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

Hartmann: So next up is the approval of the agenda so are there any additions, deletions, and/or clarifications to the orders of the day anyone would like to make? Take a look at it, would anybody like to make a motion to approve the agenda? Senator Gibson?

*Gibson – Motion to approve the agenda.*

Hartmann: Okay, any objections to that motion? Seeing none, it is approved. Additions, deletions, and/or changes to the minutes, the minutes haven't been sent out yet. Any motions to postpone the minutes? Senator Vanek?

Vanek: I move to postpone the minutes.

Hartmann: Any objections to that? All right, seeing none. We'll move on.

## **Open Forum**

Hartmann: Open forum, anybody have anything would like to say to the rest of us? You have your time on there, yeah. All right seeing none, we'll move on into new business.

## **New Business**

### **1. Icebreakers**

Hartmann: So first we have a short icebreaker so the point of this icebreaker is, each person; actually let's go off the record so is there a motion to enter a un-moderated caucus of five minutes or let's do ten minutes. Senator Gibson?

Gibson: I move to enter in an un-moderated caucus of ten minutes.

Hartmann: Thank you, any objections? Seeing none, we are going un-moderated at 10:10. All right, we're back on the record at 10:22 A.M. There was a fun icebreaker.

### **2. University-Wide Committees**

Hartmann: Next up on the agenda are cabinet presentations so with us we have Judelande from the University Affairs and she's going to be telling us a little but about her upcoming event. Correct?

Jeune: Yup!

Hartmann: All right, take the floor.

Jeune: Hey, hello, hi! My name is Judelande um and I'm actually the Interim Director of the University Affairs. Um, Sydney, our old director, she is now the Interim Director of Programming. So if you need anything please contact me because she won't be available for University Affairs in like the next two or three weeks. I'm not sure. Um but today we do an event for the University-wide committees, um do all of you know what the University-wide committees are? No? I will explain it. Um so the University-wide committees, they respond directly to Dr. Genshaft on issues with the minority groups on campus. So we have one for women's status, um committee on black affairs, uh committee on sexual orientation. So those are all of our university committees, we actually have an expose for them where the chairs for those committees will come and talk to the student body because their applications are coming out. And I do urge all of you to apply for those University-wide committees because they're a great opportunity to sit on those committees. So that is

one thing we have today if you guys would like to volunteer, it starts at 12 and ends at 2. If you have any time between that, I would greatly appreciate that and your help. Um let's see what else. We also have "Pastries with the Presidents". Every first Wednesdays, so the next one is in October so please come out if you need anything and just reach out to me, yeah that's it.

Hartmann: Sounds good, any questions for her? All right. So I know that we did a little ranking thing and based on the people who said they either UWCs, they will get in touch and move forward with that. Thanks for presenting!

Jeune: No problem!

Hartmann: All right, and just going off of that, the UWCs, like she said they're like committees that address minority issues and because they are starting up this fall with like a clean slate they're looking to have a member of Student Government in each committee. So that doesn't mean that they should all be senators, these members. If you are interested in helping out with something that pertains to an issue that you're passionate about or you feel the study. Definitely let me know, I'll send an email out and we'll move forward from that. And also another cabinet presentation that couldn't happen today was voter registration um the Government Affairs person Jessica, actually yeah Garcia she had a meeting so she was actually going to come in and teach us how to register voters just like a really short thing but based on your interest sheet I'll get you in touch with her. Then that's another skill that you can have and you can get positive points both for that and if you tent today's event that she brought up at 12. There will be free food over there as well. All right, any questions for her or any of that stuff. Good. Then next up are Vice Chair elections.

## **2. Vice Chair Elections**

Hartmann: So for the last time, I'll open the floor for nominations. You can nominate somebody else or yourself. All right or forever hold your silence, not everyone at once. All right so with that we have one nomination, which is Melissa Dincer, and to just forgo the process and go by speedily uh does anybody have a motion to uh make her the Vice Chair. Uh Melissa?

Dincer: Uh- motion to close.

Hartmann: Yeah, motion to close nominations? Senator Sanchez?

Sanchez: I move to close nominations.

Hartmann: Any objections? All right, seeing none. Now the only nominee is Melissa Dincer, like I was saying do we have a motion to make her the Vice Chair by uh acclamation. Just by default?

Dincer: If I could add something, if you want to see my presentation I can give it?

Hartmann: Would you guys like to see her presentation?

Dincer: It's fine.

Unknown: Well we have class.

Hartmann: Exactly, we can do it next time if you want. Okay, Senator Sanchez?

Sanchez: I move to appoint Melissa Dincer Vice Chair of the first, acclamation of the University-Government. Wait! University, Community, and Government Affairs Committee. My god that's rough.

Hartmann: Any objections? I see none. Melissa is the new Vice Chair. We look forward to working with you. I will contact you regarding it. All right next up on the agenda are logistics so just some things going on.

### **3. Logistics**

Hartmann: We will be having a tent day next Wednesday; it's going to be regarding the Town Hall initiative that Kristen is spearheading. So right over in the center of the table we have a sign up sheet so if anyone, if you could just put your times that you're available on there and there's another column for checking in that we'll use for the day itself. If you haven't filled it out please do so. Then also in logistics, this is our schedule. So there are blank spots for the leads of certain events going on so I would like each member to either pair up or by themselves take the lead on a tent day, and then also if you would like to chair a committee meeting I would love for each one- it's not mandated but it's really easy and the experience looks nice especially if you plan on running for the Vice Chair or Chair position in the future. To write your name next to a committee meeting and take the lead on that, I will teach you how to chair that meeting if you want. It's pretty simple and yeah just takes ownership of it. So I'll pass that around one more time, this is the tent day checklist if you want to take a look at it. It is in the Google Drive binder that I shared with each and every one of you guys. If you haven't got the email notification, let me know. Then also, some possible tent day initiative for topics that you can make your tent day about. So I'll pass those out. Are there any questions regarding that? All right. So that goes along with tent day planning, I'll show you that Google Drive thing. So here we have the UCGA Committee E-binder, so we have the fall schedule in there. Which is the one that is going around right now, and then also the summer one which is not relevant anymore. In the committee doc (inaudible) agenda so if for some reason you're chairing the meeting and you would like to make the agenda as well, you can just take this one and kind of you know change the dates and materials on there. We have a sample minutes if you just want to take a look at them. The tent day check list, which is something that's going around as well, and then possible tent day topics. Then in the tent day folder we have just some previous examples of some flyers that were used and also possible tent day topics based on previous tent days. So these are all like survey responses that students have provided so if you see something that you want to look into, you can definitely make your tent day about that. If you want to take a deeper look at this, it is in the committee E-binder. Just check your email to be sure you received the notification. And this is Dincer's presentation, thank you.

Dincer: I can send it out if you want.

Gibson: Do you want to send it to us?

Hartmann: Would you like to see- she's actually going to be Vice Chairing the next meeting if you'd like. So since she's cool with that, we'll have her give a little about me presentation at the start of that meeting. Okay.

Dincer: Yeah, I mean it's just like my major, what I do with my life.

Sanchez: No one cares.

Dincer: Yeah nobody cares. (Laughing)

Hartmann: Here's a little checklist so if you are planning a tent day, which each committee member should be doing, you can use this to make sure we have everything ready. It's still in the works, for the most part

basically with check boxes and everything. At the next meeting I will print one out for each and every one of you guys. Any questions regarding that?

#### **4. Committee Rankings**

Hartmann: Here are the rankings for each committee member regarding topics and I kind of want to balance it out to where we have at least two for each issue but not more than you know like a heavy um load on just one single issue and barely on another issue. So if you see something that you'd like to be on or if you see something you'd like to have changed then if you could let me know. This is still in the works but just based on some of these numbers I will be emailing you guys with possible tasks and things that you can help with since you're interested in the you know field and uh you can just add that to your senator resume and you know be more involved that way. So like for example if I have a meeting with the CLCE regarding TEDxUSF I will invite for example Senator Fontaine and one other person based on their rankings. Any questions about that? Or any changes?

Fontaine: Can you put on TEDx I can work on registration?

Hartmann: Okay. Ideally we would have each person do two or three and then two or three on each topic as well. If that makes sense, any other changes?

Vanek: Why are there little highlights?

Hartmann: The highlights are basically so these persons scored the lowest for certain things and since she really likes TEDxUSF, I'm going to try and match her with that. So that's why she's highlighted Fontaine with TEDxUSF. It's a box I'm still working on, and that's why I'm bringing it up so if you wanted to provide input like out of all of these options I would like to stick to this order if I really want to do like this or that. Another thing we added is QEP, which is like the Global Citizenship thing, which is really cool. They're trying to establish like a plan where you can get like a silver medallion or like a gold medallion. If you win the silver medallion based on like attending like a global thing like a seminar, you can get a \$2,500 scholarship to go study abroad with a USF program for like a month over the summer or semester which is pretty cool so that's another thing we will be adding. If you want to help out with that feel free to let me know and I'll work it later if that interests you.

Dincer: Can I get more information?

Hartmann: All right I'll send out an email regarding that.

Vanek: Okay

Hartmann: All right, any other questions or changes?

Gibson: Um, can you give some examples of what kind of like would go along with sustainability?

Hartmann: So sustainability it's going to be a lot of green energy fund things, so cool new initiatives like the parking monitoring system in the garages, the green bikes on campus, they're going to open up the new application for more grant giving so if a student has like a cool novel idea that hasn't been shared yet, they can apply for the grant. You can possibly sit on the committee that decides what initiatives should receive the funding then also just working with the Patel people regarding you know like sustainable and green initiatives that USF can not just give to the campus but like in other areas that you know it's important.

Dincer: I'm definitely.

Dincer: With the green bikes I was like, that's it! I'm sold!

Gibson: I work in a bike shop, I'm really about bikes.

Hartmann: You want to be on that as well? Dincer?

Dincer: Yeah like my favorite is USF day at the capitol but everything you just said.

Hartmann: I think a lot of us will be working on that, it's kind of a big thing so.

Dincer: Except for War on I4 and Voter Registration, can you-

Fontaine: Can you change my 5 and 6?

Hartmann: 5 and 6?

Fontaine: Yeah, over one.

Hartmann: The survey making to be honest that's something we're all going to

Fontaine: No I'm over.

Hartmann: Oh yeah. And like I was saying, the survey making is something we're all going to be doing actually during committee meetings when we help each other with our tent day planning so even if people don't like it which is pretty evident, we're still going to have to do it. You know its kind of one of those chore things.

Fontaine: I think it was just kind of like out of all the other cool things; I'm not particularly against survey making. It's just that there were a lot of cool things.

Hartmann: It's a necessary part for the tent days so that's something that you're not working on yourself you know, in that sense.

Dincer: I'm fine with making surveys as long as like the other stuff is also.

Hasan: I just want to ask, how many surveys do you guys make?

Hartmann: We want to have two tent days a month, so one every other week and just because we don't just want to do a tent day where we're like oh we're Student Government. You know like marketing and communications already does that, we want to actually gage the student opinion so that's why we're going to try and do them for tent days.

Fontaine: Okay I'm sorry; can you just explain like tent days, just a little bit? Because I saw that people are writing like as a particular thing next to the tent day so do you like target a particular?

Hartmann: All right, so going off that. In the binder there are some examples of previous tent days. So tent days are basically just days where we reach out and we set up a tent with a table, maybe there's food or water provided just so you know to bring in students and such. And the cool thing that we do is do surveys so that we can get numbers and gage what the students want, if they want something changed for example we don't

like this in dining. We can take those numbers and say you know 95% of the students don't like um you know the Moe's, they wanted Chipotle, and with those numbers we can possibly convince them or put it on their radar so that in the upcoming years they can possibly change it to a chipotle and that's just an example for the record. So these are just some flyer examples, so I guess this is about increasing like vegan kosher in Hillel foods on campus in a survey to see how many students are vegan or like how many students wanted kosher and halal options. We handed out like gyros I think, gyros. People have different pronunciations for it. This is another one we didn't do a survey for but we set up like a tent day next to a blood bus and the point was to hand out sandwiches if you donated blood because we can't be selective we gave it to anybody. We just recommended they donated blood as well so that's just another cool thing. This was a tent day that was just uh a really plain one, we had boards with sticky notes and pieces of candy and for every uh. We basically asked what is something you wanted to see at USF or how can USF be better for the students, and students provided their feedback. So a lot of people said you know parking, and for each sticky note or each suggestion, the Student Government like gave out a piece of candy. So that's why we have all these you know like different topics and such and some of them are kind of ridiculous but you can read through it. And yeah, that's about it. Any more questions about that, or did that explain? Okay good, so those are tent days. Any more questions, no, okay.

## **5. Sign-Ups**

Hartmann: Did everybody have a chance to fill out these papers? Even if you don't want to chair a meeting, you don't think it's necessary I would really really love for you guys to do it just because it's good practice. If you become an officer in your Greek org or in any other you know like campus org and you have to follow Roberts Rules of Order, you have some experience with it. Say you change your mind later on, and you do want to have a paid position in Student Government, you can say you chaired a meeting before and I'm familiar with it. So if any of the committee wants and you haven't already done so, please write down you'll take the lead and chair it. I'll be right here with you guys to help you, so will the SGATO and most likely Abdool or Andy and then also you're free to take a lead on a tent day. This is something that has been a tradition that each senator kind of like makes it their baby and goes with it. All right, so if you haven't done that already please do so before you leave. Thank you. All right and (inaudible) sign up's have been going around as well, if you haven't filled that out you can fill that out as well. Okay, with that are there any questions regarding new business? Okay we'll move on to announcements.

## **Announcements**

Hartmann: Any announcements that people would like to make? Senator Anika Hasan?

Hasan: All right, so we're talking about this in Appropriations and Audits and soon we would be having a reform on our audits. So you know audits is something that is a part of creations committee but it is (inaudible) so like at the A&S funding event that we do I would like you all to go to those and audit them and see what they're like the budgets or not. Or do you like approve of spending this amount of money for that particular event or not. It's not mandatory yet but we're going to have an audit at my committee and it's been talked about (inaudible) amount of events we just passed in the senate needs to go in an audit. So either we put that or not, I would like encourage you all to audit all your events, and all the audit forms you can get those from Chris

Hartmann: Any other feedback or announcements? Comments, concerns, questions? All right seeing none is there a motion to adjourn?



Gibson: Motion to adjourn.

Hartmann: All right we have no objections, there are none. With no objections, we adjourn at 10:41 A.M.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:41 AM.**

*Transcribed by Senate Committee Secretary, Allison Summers.*