

2014

Special Funding Minutes 10-28-2014

Abdool Aziz

University of South Florida, Student Government Senate President Pro Tempore, aaziz2@usf.edu

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.usf.edu/sg_leg_pubs



Part of the [Higher Education Commons](#), and the [Higher Education Administration Commons](#)

Scholar Commons Citation

Aziz, Abdool, "Special Funding Minutes 10-28-2014" (2014). *Legislative Branch Publications*. 900.
https://digitalcommons.usf.edu/sg_leg_pubs/900

This Senate Committee Meeting Minutes is brought to you for free and open access by the Student Government at Digital Commons @ University of South Florida. It has been accepted for inclusion in Legislative Branch Publications by an authorized administrator of Digital Commons @ University of South Florida. For more information, please contact digitalcommons@usf.edu.



University of South Florida
Student Government Fifty-Fifth Student Senate

Committee on Special Funding
FALL SESSION
October 28th, 2014

Call to Order by Chairman Corey Ulloa at 3:32 P.M.

First Roll Call

Present: Corey Ulloa, Ryan Miller, Huzzatun Iqra, Victor Cimino, Jessica Vanek, Sofia Colon, Christopher Dono, Gustavo Lopez, Ana Lopez, Kyla Wyatt, Dominique Cribb, Joshua Smith, Mona Petrovska, Kimberly Santos.

Absent: Syed Hassan (excused).

Ulloa: Hi, I, Corey Ulloa call this meeting to order at 3:32 P.M. on Tuesday, October 28th. Um the first thing on our agenda is roll call. Bear with me, we have the biggest committee, we have 14 members. So.

Inaudible chatter

Ulloa: Um, Ryan Miller? Is currently unexcused. Iqra?

Inaudible chatter

Iqra: Here.

Ulloa: Here. Oh. Victor Cimino? Is here.

Cimino: Here.

Ulloa: Jessica Vanek.

Vanek: Here.

Ulloa: Sofia Colon.

Colon: I'm here.

Ulloa: Christopher Dono.

Dono: Here.

Ulloa: Gustavo Lopez.

Lopez: Here.

Ulloa: Ana Lopez.

Lopez: Right here.

Ulloa: Kyla Wyatt?

Wyatt: Here.

Ulloa: Dominique is.

Cribb: Here.

Ulloa: Here?

Cribb: Yes, I'm here. Yes.

Ulloa: Josh Smith.

Smith: Here.

Ulloa: Mona?

Petrovska: Here.

Ulloa: Kimberly Santos.

Ulloa: Here.

Ulloa: And Syed Hassan is excused for today. Pro Tempore, I don't think. He doesn't usually come.

Unknown Senator: (inaudible) He came in and out.

Ulloa: He doesn't usually stay.

Unknown Senator: True.

Ulloa: Okay. So with that.

Unknown Senator: I'm so sorry.

Ulloa: We have 13 present, 1 unexcused, and 1 excused and we meet quorum. Cool. And in the gallery we have, Raquel from Business Office, Vanessa from Business Office and Evan Leib from Business Office. Oh for those that don't know. Uh.

Senators: SGATO.

Ulloa: SGATO. So the man right here in green is Evan he is uh part of SGATO so he's one of our advisors. He's a graduate student. Um in the back we have Vanessa, she works in the Business Office and she works a lot with the travel grants. And in the corner over there, is Raquel who also works for the Business Office and she'll be the one who oversees the Homecoming Grant, the Engineering Expo Grant and the New Tradition Grant which we'll go over later. Cool.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:

Ulloa: That being said, we'll move on. Additions and deletions to agenda. Do we have any—Senator Colon.

Colon: Motion to approve the agenda.

Ulloa: Are there any objections? Seeing as there are no objections.

Approval of Minutes:

Ulloa: Approval of minutes, no minutes sent out. Do we have any motions? Senator Cimino.

Cimino: Move to approve the minutes that are—uh postpone reading of the minutes to next week.

Ulloa: Are there any objections to that? Seeing as there are no objections, we will postpone minutes.

Open Forum:

Ulloa: Open forum. I guess I'll start. Um. For those that are new, welcome. We're gonna go kind of fast today just cause we have a lot on our thing. Um if you guys wanna participate you can participate, if you guys wanna sit back a little bit and learn you guys can do that as well. Um we'll be going through a lot of stuff. I'll be explaining it a little bit in committee overview about everything we're going through. We'll do briefly on everything. And then you'll jump in, and you guys can see how we actually do things, firsthand experience after uh Evan does his presentation and then we do our committee presentation. Any questions? Cool. Um Senator Miller walked in at 3:34P.M.. Senator Cimino.

Cimino: Greetings, Special Fundings. Um I am Victor Cimino, I'm your Vice Chair. Um. If you have any questions on any—Expo Grants a big demon, as you can tell. If you've seen the Google Doc, there's a lot of them. So, Corey is not kidding when he says pick 5. It usually doesn't take that much work. Um all it's gonna be is, you send them an email, set up and arrange a meeting, and Corey is gonna go over it today. The Engineering Expo Grant, it's on the agenda uh for the criteria. If you have any questions about anything, don't hesitate to ask me. Um every email that you all get, I'm in those emails also. So, yeah. Go bulls.

Ulloa: So the new members that are just starting today um I'm not gonna have you guys do Engineering Expo because the meetings are going to be going on this week. But um if you guys are interested and feel you're ready we're gonna start New Tradition. I'll be sending out an email Friday or Saturday and that'll be starting next week. So we'll go over a little more details later but just in case you guys wanna get right in. Are there anything else for open forum?

New Business:

1. SGATO Team Builder

Ulloa: Seeing as there's nothing for open forum. We move into SGATO team builder. Do you think it'd be better unmoderated?

Leib: I was going to entertain a motion for an unmoderated caucus

Ulloa: Okay. So do I have a motion for unmoderated caucus of—do you have a preference?

Leib: Um since you have a lot on your plate, um let's do like 7 minutes so we can try to do this quickly but if you wanna round to 10 that would be fine.

Ulloa: Do we have a new senator that would like to motion? No? Okay. Senator Colon.

Colon: Motion for an unmoderated 10 minute caucus.

Ulloa: Do we have any objections? Seeing as there are no objections we're going to unmoderated caucus at 3:36P.M..

Unmoderated caucus ensues. No transcript shall be provided for an unmoderated caucus.

2. Committee Overview

Ulloa: So we're back on the record at 3:51 P.M.. Thank you to Evan for that activity. And we're gonna go over a quick committee overview. I don't know if I have on a presentation somewhere for it but I will check for it. Ah I do. Okay. So we go through—so in special funding um we go through. Well I should say it off the record. We go through four different grants the first one is Travel Grants, which you guys are gonna see today. Essentially it is organizations who want to travel to a conference, event or something that benefits them according to their organization's mission, we can fund money for them. So that'll help pay for hotels, uh, plane flights, car, travel, um, registration, any of that sort. Um cool. We have standards for that. I think I passed out to all the new people. If you guys didn't get it, let me know and I can get that to you. I think Sofia has those right now. But um. So you guys will see the standard coming into play a little bit later. We also have statutes, which are also on those pages too, of what guides it. The statutes are on the page that says, um special funding dates. And then the standards are on the form that says Special Funding Standards. And so that'll be for all the grants. Um next one is Homecoming Grant you don't have to worry about, it already passed, but we do fund for homecoming events and stuff like that. Um Engineering Expo, we're gonna be starting our deliberations on that next week. Our uh—committee members who have been on a little bit longer will be meeting with organizations this week so we can start next week. So you guys will get more information about that later today and next week. And Signature Event Grant is the big one. It is. Sorry. It's now the New Traditions grant. We changed the name of it because it makes sure that organizations know the purpose of it. And essentially what it is um is for organizations who want to put on an event that will create a New Tradition at USF, they can do that. They need to have at least three organizations participating and one has to be A&S funded. So it's a maj—it's pretty much a major program where um, they have something that hasn't been done before at the university. It's something special. Um one of the ones we just had was international night where they're gonna have representatives from all types of clubs and countries come and I believe they're doing like little dances and...

Unknown Senator: Well, like having different representatives from different cultures and doing one performance for the event.

Ulloa: So it's just like a view of other. Something like that where it's getting a unique view at the university but using different organizations to do it. So what the expectations of the committee are. So mostly look at each grant and make sure you know exactly what's happening. If there's an event

going on, what are they doing at this event? If it's travel, what are they going and what do they need this cost for? So are they asking for an obscene amount for travel and it doesn't cost that much or it doesn't make sense? Be engaged. So make sure you guys are speaking. Sometimes—there's some days where there may be one or two people just go back and forth. I wanna see everybody engaged and making motions and talking um and making sure we're bringing up all the points. Be able to present a request, so we're gonna be starting that. Mostly for the New Tradition Grant and then if you guys are interested in doing travel grants, right now I've been doing all of them, but if you're interested you guys get positive points and get rewards for positive points. So I can work with you guys for those. Um and finally, the objective. I think Gary is doing viewpoint neutrality in Senate in these weeks coming up. But pretty much you're making sure that you're looking at each request as is. It doesn't matter what the mission's organization is for funding except for the purpose of making sure their trip has to do with their mission. So if you don't like um SG you can't just not fund their organization just because it's SG, so that's how we look at it. And we'll talk about that once we go through about making sure we're fair. And goals. Pretty much, fund as many organizations as we're allowed according to our standards but making sure that we have enough funds for all the organizations that we're trying to fund and not just overspending on certain organizations. Cool. Any questions? I did move through that kind of quickly but we'll go over some traveling, you'll get to see a little bit how the committee works later today. Okay, cool, so with that...

3. Travel Grant

a. American Medical Women's Association

Ulloa: We're gonna move on to next thing on our agenda, which is... Travel grants. Okay. So the first one our list is American Medical Women's Association. So what we'll do is for each grant I'll let you guys look at um the grant. They turn in the grants, I meet with them, and then I present a little bit about the grant to the committee. The committee will look at all the costs involved and feel if it's something that we think is fine—we have standards about what we try to fund as our max on each item. Um you guys should have those. And we'll go through that. So we have their grant here which we can review. And then I do a little background for information and I create a document so we that our committee can look at it when we're deciding what to allocate. So. Give me a second (inaudible). so the first one is American Medical Women's Association and they're going to Chicago, Illinois to attend a conference that has seminars, lectures, workshops. A lot of information about women's role in health and medicine and how it's advanced over the years and what they can do to participate more in it. Um, cool. So the first they ask for is registration. They asked for \$2274. I believe when they met with me they said that most of them are members but they're asking for nonmember price, so that's up to the committee to decide later on. They ask for \$200 per night per rooms. Which is... Right there, it's actually \$199, so it's pretty much right on it's just a dollar difference. And then they ask for air for \$300 and theirs comes out to be \$249.4. Okay. So what do you guys wanna look at first as a committee? Iqra.

Iqra: Um just for clarification, so most of the people going on this trip are members but they're asking for nonmember price?

Ulloa: I'm pretty sure when I spoke to them she said most of them are members.

Lopez: So by.

Ulloa: Senator Lopez.

Lopez: By member, do you mean like member of the organization hosting this conference?

Ulloa: Members of the national organization.

Lopez: Okay, so. I mean that's the first thing I wanna look at. If most of them are members can we look at probably doing 50% to 75% funding them whatever the membership fee is? And then the rest—so like the 50 left or the 25 left we'll do the nonmembers fee I guess.

Ulloa: So there's 17. So you wanna do 8 or 9 as members and 8 as nonmembers?

Lopez: Yes.

Ulloa: What does the committee think about that? Senator Colon.

Colon: Um I believe we had another issue with the non-membership thing um in another travel grant. So it says includes the free membership which obviously isn't free if they're having to pay a higher price. I don't think we should be doing nonmembers if majority are members. I say subsidize, assume all are members. (Inaudible)

Ulloa: Is the committee okay with that just doing the member price for now? So we would be at \$3000. \$3383 fee for registration. You guys okay with that for that now?

Colon: That's for all members?

Ulloa: That's for all 17 members. Registration—total registration.

Colon: 17. Okay. Yeah.

Ulloa: Okay. What else do we wanna look up next? We have hotel. Do you guys wanna look at hotel next? Senator Colon.

Colon: Um hotel's fine. I'd like to look at airfare again though.

Ulloa: Airfare. They ask for \$300 per person.

Inaudible

Ulloa: Um. \$249.4 was the average of the five lowest. Senator Colon.

Colon: So I think we should do the average price of 250.

Ulloa: You guys okay with 3,500? That's what we're allowed to fund by standards or by statutes. Okay. The other is for food and travel to and from the airport. Senator Lopez.

Senator Lopez: Where is it being hosted?

Ulloa: It's going to be held in Chicago.

Unknown Senator: How will USF benefit from this? I don't understand.

Ulloa: It.

Unknown Senator: Besides them. I mean, I'm happy.

Ulloa: The travel grants are for more benefiting their organization as a whole which benefits the students which helps USF. Which is how the travel grants looked at.

Unknown Senator: Okay.

Ulloa: Senator Vanek.

Vanek: Um so the travel from the airport is like by cab?

Ulloa: The other is, they didn't mention they. I don't know if they've actually decided yet or (inaudible)

Vanek: (inaudible) It's food and.

Ulloa: It's for food and um yeah.

Vanek: Inaudible

Ulloa: Yes. Senator Miller.

Miller: Considering that this is arbitrary choice and we don't typically fund for food anyways I say we can still have 44 a person, stick with 68 or 83 dollars if I'm correct.

Ulloa: Stick to what?

Miller: Or no. Yeah.

Ulloa: Did you guys wanna pick a price for hotel first?

Unknown Senator: Sure.

Lopez: I think if we add up the hotel room and everything it would be more than \$7000 so just give them \$7000

Ulloa: Alright, so Senator Lopez wants to give them 7000. Senator Colon.

Colon: Um yeah, I just did the 450 times 17 and it's gonna come out to 7,650. So we need to move on. I motion to allocate \$7000 to the—move the calculator. American Medical Women's Association

Ulloa: Are there any objections? Seeing as there are no objections, we will fund the \$7000. Um I guess I'll explain to the committee as I'm writing this down. The max we can fund for organizations is \$7000. Um and the max that our committee tries to do for standards is about 450 per person. So that's why she did 450 equals 7,600 and it's past the 7,000. And so they bump down to 7,000. We typically do 75% of what they ask for. But if you look at the request, even with lowering airfare and the food they're still gonna be about 10,000 which would be 10,000. Does the rest of the new ones understand? Sorry, I know they move kind of fast so. Okay.

b. Masters of Fine Arts Organization

Ulloa: So the next one our list is masters of fine arts organization.

Petrovska: MFAO

Ulloa: And so they are going to New York for a conference which they're gonna do a lot of workshops, professional um. Professionals career and teaching all kinds of uh—people are gonna be coming to give lectures and workshops and they're going to find out a lot of information about skills needed for their profession for those that are interested in the art field. Um, cool.

Iqra: What organization is this again?

Ulloa: Uh Masters of Fine Arts Organization. So they're an organization that mostly deals with like all kinds of thing from art history and art and stuff. And so this is mostly those that are interested in and closer to the art field.

Iqra: Okay.

Ulloa: So. Um.

Inaudible chatter

Ulloa: So they're going to be staying at the. The registration is for student members. Um I believe... um let me find it real quick. So student members, before 12/12 it's 110, they gave the before January 9th price. Um they ask for a hotel. The hotel, I believe, they had a picture of the Orbitz price for it, I could be wrong. Yeah. They had a picture for the price from Orbitz. Um but looking at the conference website, the conference actually had a deal. \$286 for the same hotel to the conference and they're still available. Um and then they asked for airfare. They only asked for \$199 per person and I got \$257.6. And that's all that they asked for. So where would like the committee like to start? Senator Vanek.

Vanek: Um well for the registration, since its 110 before January, can we do 110?

Ulloa: Okay, so. 880. Registration. Is committee okay with that? Senator Colon.

Colon: Can we go to the hotel?

Ulloa: Okay, hotel. Yes.

Colon: How many nights is the conference? How many nights are they staying? I should say.

Ulloa: Uh four nights.

Colon: Sounds good to me.

Ulloa: So you're okay with sticking to the standard of \$50 per person per night? Okay. So \$1,600. Is the committee okay with that? So the standard, the maximum allowed by statutes is \$50 per student per night, which goes up to about \$200 per night. Um anyone—Senator Colon.

Colon: So airfare, they said 199 and then you found prices for 257. So new senators, something to look at, if they ask for something lower than what we found, we give them the lower price. Um so I say 200 for airfare times 8.

Ulloa: Okay. Senator Lopez.

Lopez: Is that more than what they asked for though?

Ulloa: The 199?

Colon: That's for 199.

Ulloa: That's for 199.

Lopez: Oh, just kidding. That's fine (inaudible).

Unknown Senator: Yeah.

Ulloa: And so you guys are up to 4,080 for the trip so far. Senator Colon.

Colon: I just have a question. So 4,080 is over 450 per person per night but we semi-subsidized. So what should we do here?

Ulloa: It's up to committee to decide. Senator Lopez.

Lopez: Could you repeat that standard per person?

Ulloa: 450 per person. Times 8 people is 360. Senator Miller.

Miller: Um our previous number was 4,060, correct?

Ulloa: Umm.

Unknown Senator: 4,080.

Ulloa: 4,080.

Miller: I move to allocate to 4080 to the—could you go back to the page? I move to allocate \$4,080 to the college of art association

Unknown Senator: Masters.

Miller: Masters of Fine Arts Organization.

Ulloa: Do we have any objections to that? We have 2 objections. Who would like to state their objections? Senator Lopez.

Lopez: I think we have to stick to our standard of 450. (Inaudible) so 3,060.

Ulloa: Okay. So that's objection. Do you rescind?

Miller: I do not.

Ulloa: You do not rescind. Okay.

Miller: We are sticking to our standards.

Ulloa: Um okay. So we will draw a poll in all of committee. Senator Miller would like to allocate the full \$4080 um and Senator Lopez objected because she would like to stick to our standard of 450 per person. So I will go around the table. Actually, I will not go around the table, I will go by attendance. As I call your name just say yes or no.

Colon: Can we get a?

Lopez: Clarification on...

Ulloa: If you say yes, uh you wanna stick to Senator Miller's 4,080. If you say no, you would like to go back to the table decide on something else. So, Cimino is not here. Senator Miller.

Miller: Yes.

Ulloa: Senator Iqra.

Iqra: No.

Ulloa: Senator Vanek.

Vanek: No.

Ulloa: Senator Colon.

Colon: No.

Ulloa: Senator Dono.

Dono: No.

Ulloa: Senator Lopez.

Lopez: No.

Ulloa: Gustavo.

Lopez: No.

Ulloa: Senator Ana Lopez.

Lopez: No.

Ulloa: Senator Kyla Wyatt.

Wyatt: No.

Ulloa: Senator Cribb.

Cribb: No.

Ulloa: Senator Smith.

Smith: No.

Ulloa: Senator... How do you pronounce your last name?

Petrovska: Petrovska.

Ulloa: Petrovska.

Petrovska: Yes. I don't.

Ulloa: That's a yes?

Petrovski: See why not.

Ulloa: Okay. Senator Santos.

Santos: No.

Ulloa: And I will abstain as Chair. So with a vote of 2 to 10 to 1, the vote fails and we are back into discussion. Senator Iqra.

Iqra: Um I just feel that it's gonna be unfair for the other organizations because we did stick to standards. If we don't stick to standard here and it's gonna it's not—it's gonna be unfair for the other ones.

Ulloa: Senator Colon.

Colon: I also feel that we do the 75% rule when it's under 450 per person. Like 450 is literally the max we can give them, that's what we've done for every other organization. Um so with that I would like to motion to allocate \$3,600 to the Masters of Fine Arts Organization.

Ulloa: Okay. So we have \$3,600, a motion for \$3,600. Are there any objections? Seeing as there are no objections, we will allocate \$3,600 to Masters of Fine Arts Organization.

c. African Student Association

Ulloa: With that we will move on to the next one, which is the African Student association. So this one um. This organization wants to go to a conference here in Tampa. The conference is the ACPA convention.

Unknown Senator: Can you explain what the ACPA is?

Ulloa: I will in a second. I will pull up the convention just give me one second. Alright. So while looking at it, I was kind of determined whether the mission of the organization matches the mission of the conference. But that's for you guys to decide not me. I just took the information. This is the mission of the organization and the mission of the conference. So I will let you guys read it currently and you guys can start off with whether you guys think this organization matches its mission by going to the conference.

Lopez: Question.

Ulloa: Alright. Senator Lopez.

Lopez: I was uh—so while people are reading it, I had a general question from earlier. Do you—when you look up conferences do you follow up to see how many nights there are? Just in case someone is saying “oh yeah, we need four nights stay.” But realistically the conference was not that many nights. Do you follow up with that or no?

Ulloa: We. I do look up the conference dates. Um and they are allowed to arrive the day before and come back the day after. And um I'm pretty sure the Business Office double checks as well when they do the actual final. Senator Iqra.

Iqra: I personally feel that the mission for the conference does not align with the mission of the organization.

Ulloa: So before we go, I will tell you uh the person's interest in going to this. They would like. So their advisor is also part of the organization and she is the President. And she would like both of them to go so that they get some leadership training to come bring it back to the rest of the executive board and to try to get some success for this year and next year. I'm just giving you the input, that's what you guys can go back to. But it is up to the committee to decide whether this is eligible.

Wyatt: Wyatt.

Ulloa: Senator Wyatt.

Wyatt: Uh I think that there are other ways to develop leadership skills and I personally don't feel like this has anything to do with the knowledge of Africa.

Ulloa: Senator Gustavo Lopez.

Lopez: Uh yeah, I just I wanna second that statement just by saying that there's a lot of resources on campus that they can utilize to better their organization. So if that's their goal in attending this conference uh we can lead them in the right direction to resources that they can have here for free on campus.

Ulloa: Senator Colon.

Colon: Do you like tell organizations to, basically not change their mission statement, but reevaluate it for it to be like not as specific as this is.

Ulloa: Um their mission statement is based on when they apply for CSI for fund—for to become an organization. Student Government has no control over that. So that is the mission statement from their uh application for funding which comes from, I believe, CSI which makes them register and have a mission statement. Senator Gustavo Lopez.

Lopez: So do they get a chance to update it every year when they apply for funding or is this just when they create their organization in the first place?

Ulloa: They can change it with CSI as they go along or they can update it for funding. Senator Colon.

Colon: So with that being said I feel like the consensus is this this convention isn't going to benefit the African Students Association so um zero funding.

Ulloa: Okay, so we have a motion to give zero funding to the African Student Association conference. Do we have any objections? Seeing as there are no objections, there will be zero funding for this organization. And we will have one more travel grant that we'll go through and then we'll go onto engineering expo.

d. American Society of Civil Engineers

Ulloa: So the last one is American Society of Civil Engineers. Um and they're going to a conference in um Tennessee. The conference is gonna have a lot of activities and competitions at it. Along with a guest speaker and they're gonna be able to use a lot of their mechanical knowledge for testing. Um compete with stuff that they build here, take it up to compete. Um so they have a like I think it was a canoe competition. One of them is a canoe competition where they have to build, I think they build a canoe here and they either test it there to see how it responds to certain tests and stuff. There's 13 different competitions that go on throughout the conference. Um and it's a three day conference going through a lot of this along with a guest speaker and stuff. So they ask for registration, which is the conference has a registration per team for school, which states that they're gonna pay themselves. It's \$200. And then registration per person, which they ask for. They also ask for \$79 per night, that is it. There's not necessarily a conference hotel it's uh near the conference. And it's uh they picked the cheapest one of all of the hotels. Figure those out later. Um mileage um so the 505 for mileage is they have to take the canoe up there so they're uh they're gonna end up probably gonna end up renting a truck or something. And the mileage is just uh price of mileage from here to the conference and back. I think they said they're gonna end up borrowing a truck from a friend and then one guys is gonna drive it so that's why they asked for mileage. And the 3,900 or so for other is for uh bus that they're trying to rent I believe. Yeah, it's for a bus that they're trying to rent for all 55 of them. So let me pull up the documents. So the bus is here. For the charter bus. So that's the price for it. Okay. Hotel. I'll show you the hotel website. Okay, and then the other document there um so here's registration. It is \$75 per person before February 6. Here's the hotel information. So they said they're staying at La Quinta which is \$79 per night before taxes and fees. Here's the MapQuest picture of their thing. Based on our standards 504.82 is what we can fund according to state and they asked for, I believe, 505 so just slightly over that, so a dollar more. So that's what they asked for. So how would the committee like to do this? Senator Colon.

Colon: Alright. So just—there's 54 going correct?

Ulloa: 54 people going, yes.

Colon: Alright so 54 times 55 is 2970 on top of almost the \$4,000 bus, on top of \$50 per person per night for a hotel. My suggestion, not a motion, cause I want somebody else to motion, is to give them 7,000 to do it what they may. So that's my suggestion to the committee.

Ulloa: Any other comments? Especially—Senator Smith.

Smith: Can I ask you why you suggest that?

Colon: Um I suggested it because if you add it all together. if you were to do 54 times 50 times. How many nights are they staying? 3? 54 times 50 times 3, that's already \$8,000 and that's just for hotel. So my reasoning is this is this money that we're giving them doesn't have like specific like, you're using \$55 for registration and that's all you can use. This is more like, here's a chunk of change, use it to what you think its best. So my—the reason why I said 7,000 was because its gonna cover not everything and it's probably the best way to give them what they need with the amount that we're allowed to allocate.

Ulloa: To brush on that, so the max we're allowed to give them is 7,000. Unless they petition to Senate, which doesn't occur often um and so I tell them that. And so typically, the standard is 75%

and so if you were to give them everything, 75% of that would still be over 7,000. So there's two ways committee can look at it. Do we have any motions for allocation? Senator Wyatt.

Wyatt: I motion to allocate \$7,000 to American Society of Civil Engineers.

Ulloa: Are there any objections to \$7,000 to American Society of Civil Engineers. Seeing no objections, we will pass this travel grant.

4. Engineering Expo Grant

Ulloa: So next, we are done with our travel grants for today. We're gonna go into a little information on Engineering Expo Grants. So for Engineering Expo, we went over some brief things of what we wanted to look at last week, the Engineering Expo. So those people—those who have been on the committee already, if you haven't signed up online make sure you signed up on the Google Drive. Um if you don't have access to that, let me know, I can send you guys the link. Um new members if you guys feel confident to jump in and you guys wanna meet with them. I can work with you guys to meet with the organizations with you guys if you guys wanna get some hands on practice already. Just let me know. I'll give you access. So the way we decided to look at Engineering Expo was that we didn't wanna fund for merchandise, which included shirts, pins, glasses, and other giveaways. Um we didn't wanna fund food, we didn't wanna fund for drinks, and we didn't wanna fund for shirts for the actual organizations. Um I will open this really quick. So as, I'll give you guys a little brief thing, as each of the other organizations request, I made together a spreadsheet. Which I showed you guys—I can show you guys part of it. So this is what it looks like. Um so we have about \$45,000 worth of request \$43,000 worth of request. We're only allowed to allocate 40,000. Um and so once we cut out shirts and food, we should be well under that. So what I will encourage you guys to do as you guys meet with them is um focus on exactly what their project is going to be. And get the details of what their materials are because mostly what we fund is the materials for their actual event, so supplies to set up their table, supplies to set up their demonstration and all that stuff. And make sure you guys have a general understanding of what supplies their getting and where they get those prices so that we can just say, okay, all of this looks reasonable. So they're getting something for \$600, make sure you're finding out why. So this organization is doing an exhibit that's \$45. It's probably pretty reasonable, they're probably making a small little exhibit and that's understandable. But when you get to some organizations, like this one is asking for 2500. They start asking for things like \$600 for solar panels and stuff. We have to decide as a committee as if this is something that the organization is asking for for the event specific or if this is something that the organization is asking for so they can keep for the future. Um and so that's what we need to really look at when you guys are—when we're doing this. Is there any question for Engineering Expo? Senator Gustavo Lopez.

Lopez: So when we go and sign up for um organizations to go and meet with, will you be forwarding us their submitted requests already? Like the ones that they submitted in time or no?

Ulloa: I forgot to do that. Um oh, no, I believe I attached all of them. All the requests should be attached, I believe, to the email I sent out. If not, let me know, I can attach them again. Senator Miller.

Miller: So I have noticed that Ali Antar, one of our Senators, is um the contact for the emergency of interest group. Would it be a conflict of interest if I were to talk to him or anybody on this committee really?

Ulloa: Um it could be, if you guys feel that there is gonna be a conflict of interest you can have someone else do it who is not in our committee or worse comes to worst it is then I can do it. Um because I don't vote so it needs to be nonbiased anyway. So if that's what you guys fear, you guys can leave and I can do it because I don't have a vote so everything I present is nonbiased anyways. Senator Colon.

Colon: I signed up for Ali, we're meeting Thursday, 4:30 and I don't feel like I have a bias so.

Ulloa: And that works. Senator Gustavo Lopez.

Lopez: And then when it comes down to it, it's pretty much the prep to come down to committee. So even if you did have a bias and you met with them, you're gonna be bringing it to us. So it doesn't matter like, cause that can be the situation with anyone. Like I can be friends with anyone on that list but when it comes down to it we have to present it to the whole committee. So that shouldn't really be a problem, it would just cause a longer meeting if we do favor people.

Ulloa: So I guess I'll show you guys this for now. Um so when we go through the request, the committee, we're gonna go through, typically you're gonna have a page of information of exactly what's gonna be going on their event. So it's important for the committee just to at least, or the person meeting with them, to understand what that is and the committee understand so we know what they're doing. So they're gonna be building a canoe and so they can, I don't know. Alright, so I guess they're gonna be building a canoe to show people. So they asked for supplies for that, I don't know where the Word document went. Oh, here. And so they asked for supplies for that. So a lot of it is really difficult to understand so just make sure you guys are getting a general concept of what each thing is so when you represent it you'll understand it. Cause when we go through, we're gonna go through and see how much of the stuff is necessary, firewood, silver. A lot of those supplies are actually usable. When it comes to like andro kit, I know last year people were like, well if they work with engineering they can borrow it from them or something like that. So it's a thing of trying to figure out whether it's something that they can keep. If it's something they can keep for the future um we typically try not to fund it because then we're, it has to be something in their annual budget. So it stays like that (inaudible). Any questions about this? I know it's a lot of information. As we go through, we'll actually see more. Senator Gustavo Lopez.

Lopez: So um similar to how we were doing the travel grants, should their purpose behind their booth, I guess, fall in line with their mission as an organization? Or are we—is it more like of a larger playing ground? We're not gonna restrict them on whatever their specific organization is about.

Ulloa: Um it should line up towards their mission at least. It's difficult because of the nature of the event. I believe almost all the engineering—I believe almost all the organizations, if not all, are either engineering or medical organizations. And the medical ones almost always do some type of exhibit about health or the body or something like that. And all the engineering ones do uh some type of some type of exhibit where they build stuff based on the organization's mission. But yes you guys

can look into it and if you guys have a question you guys can email me and I can get you guys their mission. Any questions about this? For the record, the time of committee is about to end in a minute. So if you have to go, you can go. I would I suggest someone motion for at least another 15 minutes so we can go over New Tradition Grant since it's due Friday. But it's up for the committee to decide. Senator Vanek.

Vanek: I move to extend...

Ulloa: Extend time.

Vanek: Of the meeting for 15 minutes to go over the New Tradition Grant.

Ulloa: Okay, so the time has been extended by 15 minutes. Are there any objections? Seeing as there are no objections then we will continue with that. Cool.

5. New Tradition Grant discussion

Ulloa: So the New Tradition Grant. We will go over. So the New Tradition Grant (inaudible) is essentially—we changed it a little bit, but it's for at least three organizations to get together to plan a major event. And so we have, I believe, \$10,000 for this semester for this semester, and I think \$6,000 or so rolled over from last semester that we can fund. So we have about \$16,000. We're allowed to fund up to \$2,000 per event so we have to be um. For these events, we typically fund what is needed up to like within standards. Um we don't try to just cut things just cause, we try to—as long as it um will help their event, we try to keep it in because that's what the grant is for. And so we're gonna discuss some of the things later but what we wanna try to keep in for standards so that when we start we can go straight into it. Cause we're gonna hit Engineering Expo and New Tradition Grant at the same time and so that will be really difficult. Yay for good timing. Alright. Um so what usually help, so they're gonna have to fill out an application. Okay, so it's a little bit—it looks mostly like this so there's a little bit extra stuff added to make sure that they know what they're doing, um to make sure it's a New Tradition. Scoring criteria, um, so the grant is gonna be due this Friday, which means from between 5P.M. and 10P.M. I spend my life in the office organizing uh excel sheet with all the grants that I can send out the list by Friday night. If there's a whole lot of organizations um I'll probably ask some of the returners to do it to help. But if there's only, if there's 12 organizations or less, I'll just ask some of the new senators to each take two. Since the other senators have five engineering things they're gonna be going over at the same time, it'll be kind of complicated. But I'll let you guys know in an email on Friday night. So the list will be provided, it'll have the organization, the event, um the contact information, and how much hey requested. And you guys can just sign up. Once you guys sign up for an organization you can email them right away. Find out what time that works for both of you guys can meet then meet. Pretty much just get all the information for it. I will send a list of questions that you can ask the organizations to make sure, it's important to have those. Pretty much just getting information. The most important thing I usually tell people is, make usure you know what the event is and what it's purpose is. Essentially its gonna be this line here, and this line. Oh, no this line. And uh, where is it? And this box here, what is the goal and what is the description are the most important things. So three things and then knowing what they're buying and why they're buying it. So those will be the four things that each person will look for. Um I'd like to get an idea for what the committee would like to think for our standards that we can move in. We can go for our new senators, I'll work with you guys to figure this out. Old

senators, you guys kind of know an idea and we can talk about it. Um cool. Any questions about the New Tradition Grant? If you have any questions, you can ask, I'll be here after the meeting. You can come stop by and ask me questions as well. So standards. So for food um Appropriations and Audits typically does about \$2 per head for food. Um what do you guys think about that standard? Do you wanna stick to it? Or how do you wanna do it? Senator Gustavo Lopez.

Lopez: I would say, let's stick to it because the only exception to that is um an event that's like a banquet for like an end of the year thing. But then again, they should have—they should have requested that during their annual budget anyway so we should stick to the \$2 dollars per head for food.

Ulloa: Is the committee okay with sticking to \$2 per head for food? Um so that's typically done across most events. It's the standard when buying in bulk it's a little cheaper. So we wanna provide money for them to snack on but not necessarily an event that's just food. Um and then utensils. Is there a good price that you guys would like to fund for a set amount for utensils? What do you think is needed? That includes silverware, napkins, plates. Senator Miller.

Miller: If I recall, doing \$30 was the standard for our Homecoming Grant. That would be good. I think that would be a good figure as well.

Ulloa: Is the committee okay with that, doing about \$30 for utensils? Senator Lopez.

Lopez: Um what's the committee called? I know Appropriations and Audits they look at how many events a—or like an organization is hosting and if it's a lot that require that um like plates, napkins, and utensils, they'll fund them a lot for the first event that involves that and then they'll go lower and lower afterwards. So maybe, would we consider looking into that for? Like should we look at their annual budget or whatever budget they were given or no? Since it's like a new event that they would be paying for.

Ulloa: Senator Colon.

Colon: Um I don't think we should be looking at their other events just because this is like a, this is like a special thing that's happening. It's like a really big like event that they're wanting to put on for the very first time. So to do that would, one take a lot of time cause I wouldn't want to do it and two yeah, just number one again. Um so I don't think we should be looking at it. I think \$30 is perfectly fine for utensils.

Ulloa: Um and I guess to answer your question. I can look at all their things if that's what the committee would like. But as Senator Colon said, there are a lot of organizations participating. You would have to go through all the budgets and see if they are willing to donate their things cause they're only stuck with utensil thing. So I would advise to just stick to our own standards and not just look at that for utensils. Okay. Decorations. What do you guys think is good for decorations for uh an event that (inaudible) can put on? I believe um for homecoming we're, I know there's either 150 or 250 for decorations and stuff over there. I believe it was 150. What does the committee think about getting something similar to that. This can be anything from balloons, to streamers, I guess, table cloth. Stuff like that, centerpieces. Senator Colon?

Colon: My only thing with giving them 150 is I really don't know how well these events are gonna go on, if that makes sense. In a sense that, it is such a new event and I don't know how many people are collaborating with people. So I would probably go with like maybe like 100, maybe 150. I don't know. Like I honestly don't know.

Ulloa: We can start with one of the numbers and if we get to the grants and realize that they need to be higher we can change the standard later. For now try to set a standard to try aiming for, if that works. So if you wanna stick to 100? Senator Dono.

Dono: I agree 100 seems pretty fair and then we can move from there if we can see if that's enough.

Ulloa: Is that okay with the committee for now? And as we get the grants we'll look at them a little bit more detailed. Shirts. Do you think they should be giving out shirts for this event? Senator Miller.

Miller: No.

Ulloa: No?

Miller: No, I don't believe they should.

Ulloa: Senator Colon.

Colon: Why?

Miller: Why? Um it is a New Tradition supposedly. I mean yes, uh but this isn't. Uh okay.

Ulloa: Senator Vanek.

Vanek: Um I feel like maybe for New Traditions, well it's something new so we don't know what they're doing. But like, to kind of bring awareness to it and to let people know what's happening. I think t-shirts would be a good idea.

Ulloa: Okay, so Senator Vanek would like to do t-shirts and Senator Miller would like not to do t-shirts.

Miller: (Inaudible) I'll turn that over.

Ulloa: What does the rest of the committee think about t-shirts?

Unknown Senator: I think t-shirts are a good idea.

Ulloa: T-shirts are a good idea? Is there a certain amount we would like to do for t-shirts? I know for homecoming events I think we did \$250 for t-shirts and other giveaways, I believe it was 250 or 300. So what does the committee think? Senator Vanek.

Vanek: Um I think we can stick to the old standard for other things 250.

Ulloa: So you wanna go about 250? Is the committee okay with saying like 250 for now?

Colon: For t-shirts and other giveaways, put the "and other giveaways" for that.

Ulloa: Okay, so 250 for t-shirts and other giveaways. So they have shirts and other giveaways and that'll be about 50 shirts at \$5 per shirt, which is what we typically allocate at. And then giveaways. So if they're just doing just giveaways no t-shirts. Do you wanna keep it at 250 still or do you think it should be a lower amount?

Unknown Senator: 250.

Ulloa: 250? Okay. So if they're having performers, dancers, speakers at their event, what would you guys like to do for that? Um I believe 150 is the amount that uh Appropriations and Audits does for speaker or performers or so but Mr. Miller can comment more on that.

Miller: Um it is 150 for speaker fees and I believe that's straight out of proviso so I think we should stick with that.

Ulloa: Okay, so what does the rest of the committee think? 150, is that okay? And what about if they have performers like this, where they ask for a bunch of performers? Do you think 150 is good enough for them?

Unknown Senator: Yeah.

Ulloa: Yeah?

Unknown Senator: Inaudible

Ulloa: Okay, cool. So we'll try to stick to these standards. Uh things may change as we go along as we see more grants. But as of now, I have zero grants turned in so I can't tell what we're looking at except for those two from last semester. Uh but we'll be able to look at it more detail once we actually we get them in and decide from there what we think is a good path to go. Any other questions or concerns, comments on New Tradition Grant? Senator Dono.

Dono: I mean this doesn't have anything to do with New Traditions. I'm assuming that you're wrapping it up, right?

Announcements:

Ulloa. Yeah, announcements.

Dono: Uh so you said uh five for the expo?

Ulloa: Yes.

Dono: It says four online.

Ulloa: Oh. Well 4 to 5, try to aim um. I believe there's 37 engineering organizations and 8 people in committee, besides me. Uh I think I said four to five because if you decide to do four I just fill in the rest.

Dono: Yeah. (Inaudible)

Ulloa: Um but you guys get positive points for each one so if it comes down to last ones I'll probably give an option for other people to do them and if not I'll just fill them in because I'm in office 80 hours a week anyway. So I might as well be doing (inaudible). So if you want the positive

points you can do more, if you if your if you wanna stick with four I'm sure Miller will take the 8 other ones cause he wants the positive points.

Miller: I don't have time.

Ulloa: Alright. Any other announcements? Cool, so I'll do two announcements. (Inaudible). First one, we—our senate meeting tonight will be in the ballroom. Uh the chambers being used, we will be in the ballroom. Please don't forget. It'll be really awkward if you don't show up because you forget. Second thing, good job to the new senators for coming in and participating on your first day. You'll eventually get it, most of them were quiet at first too. It's okay. So, with that being said, are there any motions? Alright. Senator Miller.

Miller: I move to adjourn.

Ulloa: Are there any objections to adjourning? Seeing as there are no objections we are adjourned at 4:42P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 4:42 P.M.

Transcribed by Senate Transcriber Yzel Borja