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University of South Florida
Student Government Fifty-Second Student Senate

FALL SESSION
July 25th 2011

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jeff Gao at 2PM.

Gao- First item on the agenda is roll call. I am present. Andrea is excused. Greg is present. Christy is excused. Cesar is present. Luis is present. Adam is present. And Omar is unexcused. We have guests: Rachel, Khalid, Abdool, Masha, the GA's and Andrew. Next thing on the agenda is additions/deletions to the agenda. Any motions?

Motion to approve the agenda by Senator.

Gao- Any objections? None? Agenda approved. Next thing on the agenda is approval of the minutes. Minutes weren't sent out. I was a little late on that. But we'll just postpone them till' next time. Adam?

Motion to postpone the minutes by Senator Saunders.

Gao- Any objections? None? Great. Next thing on the agenda is open forum.

Open Forum

Gao- Remember to sign up for Plunge. And the potluck is tomorrow so bring food and come enjoy the food at 5PM. Anything else? Nope. Okay, next thing on the agenda is new business.

New Business

Gao- We have new budgets. Get excited guys. First thing is new business. Alright, they requested \$3,911.40. Our allocation is \$1,203.10. Pretty much, standard is \$2 per head and this one is a collaboration event so when we give them the \$200 instead of \$250, then other people will be funding them. So, speaker events \$40 per head, I mean \$2 per head, \$80 per event. I think it was six speakers; we funded four. Any questions? Any motions? Luis?

Motion to approve the budget by Senator Luis.

Gao- Any objections? No? Okay. Who wants to present this is Senate? Anyone? C'mon. Greg. Alright. Next item on the agenda is Interim Medicine Interest Group. This group has a 25% penalty, because they were late. But these aren't the recommendations. After we prove the recommendations, then there will be the 25% deduction. Alright, they requested \$4,399; we allocated them \$1,749. They have had a few events, lunch meetings; lectured lunch meetings. Pretty much what all medical organizations does. So, I funded them for 5 lunch meetings. So, they can do 2 this semester. And 3 in the spring. Pretty much I think it was \$2 per head. And then they had their travel which we can't fund because we can't fund travel if they're late. And that's the only thing they have; 5 lunch meetings.

Aziz- So, it's around \$2300.

Gao- We don't allocate based on the deduction.

Saunders- For the first one. The \$1500 funds for food? That's weird because they wanted 4 to 5 talks at max and that's not \$1500. Like, even if they have 5 talks at \$250 a piece...

Gao- \$1250. You guys want it to change? Motion right now?

Saunders- Can we motion to amend the food price to \$1250?

Gao- Okay, now it's 1,250 dollars. Any motions?

Cesar- I'll take this one event.

Laughter.

Gao- Have fun with that one. Next thing on the agenda is this Propositions Society. They have the penalty as well because they are late. They requested \$2,120. My recommendation is \$1,217.72. Fall recruitment, game nights, day of service and travel in the local Tampa areas. They are building trust falls. Trampoline; we're not going to fund that. End of the semester social. Spring recruitment. Any questions?

Saunders- The welcome party?

Gao- Same thing as fall recruitment. Any motions?

Greg motions to approve the budget.

Gao- Any objections? Okay. Who wants to present this to senate? Adam. Everyone has to present. Eleven. Okay. Next thing on the agenda is Women in Need Foundation. They requested \$ 2,650. Our recommendation was \$1,462.80. They have 5 projects. They are doing a Bull Market, is kind of a promotional thing. They want to get cozies for their club. We said they could get one for free from the rec center. Advertisement is \$30. They are doing a 3 point shootout contest for domestic violence. We are not funding the bags, we are just funding the food. Any questions?

Brown- Are they just doing this once?

Gao- They are doing it multiple times, so I think it's one in spring and one in fall.

Brown- For the oracle add did you explain that they can't get a line in the ad for \$30 isn't it like \$80.

Gao- I think Christy met with them.

Brown- You might want to tell them about the Oracle add and just meet with them. What's the point...(inaudible)

Aziz- After we approve the budget don't they get a lump sum?

Gao- Yes, they get a lump sum.

Adam- What is this 3 point shoot-out?

Gao- It's just a competition I guess, to spread awareness and the winner gets a trophy probably. Anything else? Any motions?

Motion to approve the budget by Senator.

Gao- Any objections? Who wants to present this one? C'mon, raise your hands guys.

Senator- I'll present.

Gao- You guys have to certainly present two budgets. Okay, next thing on the agenda is neurological surgery interest group.

Senator- Is it new?

Gao- Yes it is. They requested \$2282.32 and our allocation was \$1,339.84. They requested 5 events. Introduction to neurosurgery, normal standard \$2 per head. They have a lot of \$2 per head. They are going to travel and they pretty much requested \$200 worth food for the travel and the airplane tickets. I want to write down that they have the transfer. Hopefully they transfer and they don't go into the travel.

Senator- Hold on for a second. Did you know that \$200 is for the registration?

Gao- You guys can motion, it's all up to you.

Saunders- So moved.

Gao- Motion to move \$400 from travel and \$814. Any objections? None. Okay. The total is the same, but they have added \$400 to travel. Okay, the total's the same. Just added to the travel. Abdool?

Aziz- Can we view the last item on the page that you are on. Something about non-members...

Gao- Oh, this one? They are non-members of the conference. They're just going to the conference. Any other questions? No? Okay. Any motions? Greg?

Motion to approve the budget by Senator Berkowitz.

Gao- Any objections? None. Sweet. Alright, um, who wants to sponsor this one? Greg. Stepping up. C'mon guys, step up. Next thing is Christian Medical Dental Association. Their original name is Christian Medical Association. So, they did change their name. They do have to qualify for a 25% deduction. They requested \$4,380.40. My allocation is \$572. Again, their main thing was travel. I can't fund travel, even if they funded locally anyways; we can't fund that, period. Discussion. \$50 for food. \$330 for materials. \$700 for their seminar. Same number. Same number. Definitely three events that we can fund. And I funded what they requested to the max, because that's all they get and they get a 25% reduction at the top.

Saunders- What do you mean they get a 25% reduction?

Gao- They submitted it late.

Saunders- You said they changed their name or something like that?

Gao- No, they changed their name and they submitted it late. Name thing doesn't really matter; they can change their name all they want. They just submitted it late. Any motions?

Senator- Is there a combining of the two clubs, because there used to be Christian Medical Association and Dental Association.

Gao- I don't think so, but they didn't tell me any of that. They just told me they changed their name from Christian Dental Association to Christian Medical and Dental Association. Adam?

Saunders- This is kind of out there, but if they change their name would they be a new organization and would they be penalized for that?

Gao- They have the same constitution as they do downstairs. Any motions?

Motion to approve the budget by Senator.

Gao- Any objections? None seen. Who wants to present this one? There's only three events. Adam. Okay. Next thing on the agenda is World Watch Animal Kids Earth. They have seven events. They requested \$3,339. Our recommendation is \$1,390. They have fall recruitment events. They only asked for \$50 for food and \$220 for materials, which is for t-shirts. A relay; they're doing a relay race at the USF soccer field. They want \$150 for materials for rubber wristbands. They're doing a dance festival as well. The \$400 for one thing for light bulbs. They are doing 50 for \$8 each for \$400. We're not funding them for t-shirts, we're not funding them for reusable top bags or anything like that. We're just funding them for one item. Wake talent show; donations will be accepted. We don't fund charity events. We're trying to stay away from anything with donations or charity. For lights, they're going to do a sky lantern for some type of festival. They're doing 250 cases of lanterns. We're going to fund a spring recruitment event and that's it. Any other questions? Abdool?

Aziz- For the lanterns, they're doing 50 packs at \$8 apiece; how many light bulbs is that?

Gao- \$400 light bulbs. At least I think that's how much it is. 50 packs. They didn't specify how many light bulbs are in them. I'm guessing there's more than one light bulb...

Aziz- \$8 a pack goes \$8 a light bulb?

Gao- There's \$50 packs. At \$8, I'm guessing there are six or four bulbs per pack.

Saunders- What was the rationale for not funding t-shirts?

Gao- We didn't want to over exaggerate this recommendation; we didn't want to over-recommend, we just wanted to fund one thing. Are there any other questions? Any motions? Adam?

Motion to accept the budget by Senator Saunders.

Gao- Any objections? Alright. Budget accepted. Who wants to present this one? Sweet. Luis is presenting this one. Alright, next thing on the agenda is Prime Time. Oh, this one's fun. This is a sports analytical interest group. They requested \$11,199.96. Our recommendation is \$2,575.88. Their main thing is travel of course. Their Prime Time basketball tournaments, they wanted \$270, they wanted \$200 in materials for food, they wanted \$200 for beverages and it would cost them \$70 dollars. They wanted t-shirts for advertisement and the Oracle advertisement. Two football tailgates; pretty much funded \$150 each. For each tailgate, two baseball tailgates. We supplied the cost at \$100; \$50 each. We funded the Orioles/Tampa Bay Rays game for only tickets; not gas. We didn't fund the fee for the tournament; it wasn't our tournament they fund. So, we chose between one of them. We funded the Tampa Bay Lightning game. Tickets for only ten people. NBA tournament: we funded that \$2 per head for food and \$100 for materials. Super Bowl watch party: we funded that for \$200 because I don't...they basically say that it's \$5 per head. Lightning...I mean the Tampa Bay Yankees' spring training game: I didn't fund that. Orlando Magic: I didn't fund that. Storm game, the arena football team. I did fund that, so instead of funding all of the conferences, we're funding all of the games. Any questions? Adam?

Saunders- I'm trying to...I'm looking at one of the things. The baseball...the two baseball tailgates: why did they fund \$100, if it's \$2 a head?

Gao- It's probably smaller than a football tailgate, because people go to both baseball games.

Aziz- After they go to the events, do they have anyway of tracking the events by logs or...

Gao- They do come back to the club and present it to the club and talk about it that way, but there's no...

Aziz- That's what happens after they're funded. Like, what happens at the game or...

Gao- They talk about it with their individual members and have actual meetings where they discuss the logistics and stuff like that. I asked them when they went to the Magic game last year, I asked them what do they analyzed during the game and how they analyzed Dwight Howard during the game. They told me a good amount about what they talk about. So, they do actually talk about the statistics of the game.

Saunders- How did you arrive on what travel you wanted to fund for the game?

Gao- I focused on the local area and the Tampa Bay teams. So, pretty much, all of the Tampa Bay teams except the Yankees and the Orlando game are the only ones I didn't fund. We funded the baseball games, then the arena football games, then the Lightning games. Abdool?

Aziz- Does Bulls Radio tailgate there too?

Saunders- Probably their explanation is that Beef Studs does focus on the spirit of the game and the analytical side of the game.

Gao- They don't do paint and get wild. They don't do paint and get wild for a game but we get excited for educational support of our teams. Adam?

Saunders- It's kind of weird; two football tailgates, two baseball tailgates. And this one, where Beef Studs would be, they end up doing statistics with facts through stats, but then with the baseball tailgate they clearly say that, "we are amping them with school spirit." So, when Beef Studs aren't there, they bring the school spirit.

Gao- You guys make changes, do you have any questions? Any motions?

Motion to approve the budget by Senator.

Gao- Any objections? None. Budget approved. Who wants to present this one? It's a real fun one.

Laughter

Senator- We want to draw straws?

Gao- Okay, I'll present it. Ah, this will be fun. Next thing on the agenda is Bulls for Life. They requested \$2411.11. My recommendation is \$1741.69. They are doing a workshop; some pro-life workshop. So, I'm doing \$2 per head for that. Woman in place training: \$2 per head for that one. End of the year banquet: \$3 per head for that one. Family for alliance, third annual advocacy in Tallahassee. So, they're going up to Tallahassee to pretty much advocate for pregnancy and family resource. I funded them \$422.10 for the full request, because normally we fund \$500 for four events in the state of Florida in the Tampa Bay area for the full request. They asked for t-shirts, so it's \$5 for t-shirts. For 100 t-shirts, it's \$500. And they asked for oracles add but we added it up to about \$110. They're also asking for a banner for \$150 and we can fund \$200 for a banner, so we're going to fund that one. And that's it. Any questions? Any motions? Adam?

Motion to accept the budget by Senator Saunders

Gao- Any objections? None. Who wants to accept this one? Adam. Wait, hold on. Adam. Next one. We only got two more, c'mon. They requested \$3,204.54. Our recommendation was \$1,314.40. They requested a Halloween party; didn't fund. It counts as a get-together, it doesn't really do anything for the club. Spring Fling, they have a guest speaker and it's their recruitment event in the spring. Fall

semester guest speaker, they need materials for the speaker. Spring semester guest speaker. Fantasy convention is for fiction. Custom made banner; that's what they're asking for. They're doing a binded book that they wanted to do and they're getting it through Pro-Copy. The same thing with this one. And that's it. Adam?

Saunders- In this one, it says the Halloween budget is fully funded for food.

Gao- That's the...I guess they changed it accidentally. Questions?

Saunders- In there it sounds like it's a club and it sounds like their spring...not spring, their fall recruitment.

Gao- This one is their speaker events. If you guys want to fund it, it's up to you guys.

Saunders- What is your opinion?

Gao- I think it's a social, personally. I mean it's in October. You can't really have a fall recruitment in October. It's up to you guys. Abdool?

Aziz- What really is fantasy...What's the purpose?

Gao- Graphic fiction. It's for aspiring authors to speak with authors.

Aziz- So, it's basically comic books?

Gao- Fantasy, sci-fi kind of thing I guess. I didn't meet with them, but Christy is not here to give us more detail. But yeah...Adam?

Saunders- This is again, a question to you, would it be inappropriate to leave the Halloween party?

Gao- Yeah probably. Except their related to the club anyway. Like say if you have to have a religious club that has to have a Hanukkah party.

Motion to accept the budget by Senator Saunders.

Gao- Any objections? Seeing none. This budget it approved. Anyone want to present this one? Let's see... We're up to the last one. This is the longest meeting we've had in a while. Alright, next thing on the agenda is Contemporary Alternative and Naturopathic Medicine. They requested \$991.10. We suggested \$590. They have 13 events they need materials such as promotional items like pens and cups. At their banquet it's \$2 per head and they have a lot of guest speakers. They're going local, so we're not funding that. Speaker on integrative medicine. Food. Week of Welcome in Spring. We funded that. As you can see it's pretty much identical to the...yeah they have limited events. Any motions? Any questions? Luis?

Motion to approve the budget by Senator Colon.

Gao- Any objections? Seeing none. Who wants to present this one? Last one. And I am presenting one of them so... Next thing on the agenda is announcements.

Announcements

Gao- Any announcements? Remember Plunge and the Senate Potluck tomorrow.

Adjournment called by Senator Gao at 2:32PM.

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