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Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance:  

Patel: Alright I call this meeting of Senate to order on September the 10th, 2013. It is 6:07pm and the first item…if I could have…oh I mean Pledge of Allegiances ha ha ha. If I could have everyone stand please. Ms. Fatima can you lead us off. 

Senators: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands. One nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.  

First Roll Call:  

Patel: Thank you. Alright, now onto the clickers. Hopefully you guys all signed them out and…Just click one. Alright is that everybody? 34 present.  

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

Patel: Alright, moving down the Agenda. Next item on the Agenda is the additions/deletions/clarifications to the orders of the day. Any motions? Good stuff yeah, really fun meeting. Ms. Scharon.  

Scharon: Motion to approved May 28th Minutes.  

Patel: Any objections to accepting the minutes…or the motion to the orders of the day as it stands? Seeing no objections they have been accepted.  

Additions/Deletions and/or Changes to the Minutes:  

Patel: Additions/deletions/changes to the Minutes that were sent out. There were two sets of minutes that were sent out. They were the last ones left for our…our (inaudible) set of minutes left. And they were for May 28th, and June 11th. Any problems or any motions? Senator Belizaire.  

Belizaire: Motion to approved May 28th Minutes.  

Patel: Any objections? Seeing none, May 28th has been approved. Another motion? Senator Antar.  

Antar: Motion to approve June 11th.
Patel: Any objections to approving June 11th? Seeing none, they have also been approved.

**Legislative Branch Report:**

Patel: Alright, moving down, Legislative Branch report. Antar, if you would like to start.

Antar: Hey everybody it’s me again. Rules…we had our first meeting on Thursday, my Vice Chair (inaudible). Umm we wrote some resolutions…well we didn’t write them in committee, we just signed them and oh oh…thanks. Okay we signed them in committee the written; we have two of them…one of them today. Okay we’ll get the first one; there should be two more by next week. And we’ll be looking at ERCs ROPs this week; we’ll also be working on the College of Medicine3 allocation committees, whether it’s Statutes or their…well how we will treat them in Statutes or their SOPs. Umm we’ll also look into whether there are any statutory changes we need to make in correlation to the Constitutional changes, which segways nicely to my next part about the constitutional review ad-hoc committee. Which we had a meeting formed Friday, lasted abnormal long. If you guys are interested in ASRC, I think we’re going to talk about that today. You guys are going to get use to that 6 hour, 4 hour, 10 hour meetings. Just a regular day in the life of a Senator. But yeah we approved some changes; I think we are going to take a look at them today. Take a look at the changes, not entirely sure of the process.

Patel: They just go through Rules.

Antar: Oh they have to go through Rules first? We'll look at them through Rules first and then we’ll look at them here. Cool, that’s what we did.

Patel: Any questions? Seeing none, thank you sir.

Antar: Thank you.

Kattih: Okay guys, so this week in Committee we met…we meet on Mondays at 12pm. So if you guys are interested in joining my committee at 12pm, let Adam know. But this week in Committee we passed one Student Org’s interim budget, as well as the ERC umm budget request, which both you’ll see today. Umm and hopefully pass. Umm the other thing I want to talk about is the Audits. Umm the audit form is now online and I will be sending it out to umm or to…either Shyam or Adam, and they’ll forward it to you guys. And umm I’ll send with it a weekly list of events that are going on in the Marshall Center and umm on campus that you guys can audit. You get positive points for auditing, so definitely the more audits we have the better ASRC and the better Appropriations and Audits can be, so get on those. Umm any questions?

Patel: Thank you. Senator Aziz.

Aziz: Yesterday the Judiciary and Ethics committee met on 4pm on Monday. The first thing we had was to approve the Elections Rules Commission ROPs, which we did and that will move on to the (inaudible). And also we had 2 confirmations that came up, and we confirmed Ms. Rachel Canning for the Secretary of Student Life and Ms. Emily Schwab for the Secretary of Governmental Affairs. So expect to seeing them more around and working with them in the future. And if everyone from the Committee can stand up for like a second. Give them a round applause for this (inaudible). (Inaudible), so really proud of them. And so also for the Summer, something that we have for outstanding summer went to Ms. Karlone. So I want to commend her with a round of applause. And for the next coming weeks we have more confirmations, constitutions and investigation practice, and some speakers still. Plus we have Vice Chair elections, we have no Vice Chair, so we’ll be getting one next week so, it will be fun. That’s it, any questions?

Patel: Seeing none, thank you. Senator Alqasemi.
Alqasemi: Alright, so in Special Funding, this past Monday, or yesterday rather. We had a very useful presentation by Mr. Manka and Katherine from SGATO and we discussed viewpoint neutrality and we spoke about that. And you know the most effective way to be fair with everything that we've done. And we also discussed ways to set some standards, ways that we can make sure that we're funding at the same level every...you know all the way through. And so we're going to hopefully be individually be thinking about that throughout the week and you know meet again on Monday and actually set those sub standards in stone. And we also have four travel grants coming up and then Homecoming is next. Any questions?

Patel: And Senator Cocco.

Cocco: Alright, thank you Mr. President. Hello, happy Tuesday. Umm for my report...ugh we just had our first Committee today, so that was good. Ugh snaps to that. We ugh...we discussed Tent Days and ugh our first Tent Day, Senator Cano and (inaudible) are going to be leading that drive and that push for the first Tent Day which will be October 1st. And then for our second Tent Day, Mr. Brown and Mr. Morejon are going to be leading that one. And then ugh that's what we have right now, so at least we got our Tent Days planned and ready to go. Umm in addition tomorrow we've been invited to participate in the Movies on the Lawn, umm representative from the CAB...what is it? Campus Activities Board, had asked us to talk about Student Government, before the movies start, and ugh they've asked us to be there around 8 o'clock to discuss tomorrow...right...tomorrow Wednesday, to just let students know about what Student Government does and etc. etc. So whoever wants to come to that, look forward to seeing you there. And it will be on the grassy (inaudible) of the Marshall Center. We've also formed the sub-committee on Student Memorial, Mr. Aldridge do you want to go in to that a little bit?

Aldridge: Umm sure. Umm it was brought up in UCGA that there was one of the members of the Committee that wanted to work outside the Committee...regular committee meeting time to develop ways to enhance the condition or the status of the Student Memorial. Right now it's in a spot that's just passed basically the grassy (inaudible) that Mr. Cocco was talking about, between the Marshall Center and the Bookstore. Right now it's not necessarily in a bad condition, but there are definitely improvements that need to be made and there were certain students that expressed their opinion that they wanted to have a time to be able to go outside and ...out of the regular meeting time, and discuss ways to improve it and maybe possibly having it Appropriations Bill to help alleviate that, we'll see what happens. But it was brought up to me about creating a sub-committee, so they will do something. It may be an ad-hoc or maybe a sub-committee to be able to explore any ideas further. And I believe it was their intention that if they wanted to open up to other members of the Senate who may have some interest in the Student Memorial, that they may be able to meet as well. It wouldn’t be as...it would be very much more informal, but it would just be a way to have an official meeting place and period for discussion on ways to improve it.

Cocco: Thank you sir. Yeah so, how many...how many of y'all know or knew where it was before he told you? Wow, we got to fix that. Umm when student's die...or pass away I'm sorry, we should recognize ugh a special spot for them. But right now that (inaudible), so I encourage all of you to want to participate.

Unknown Senator: (inaudible)

Cocco: Yeah, there is skateboards grind marks on the benches and it’s black. And ugh that’s disrespectful so we want to be respect-a-bulls to ensure students are ugh...

Patel: The black grind marks were actually added by umm Physical Plant, so that they don’t grind their boards. Because they essentially damage the board, you get it.

Cocco: But it makes it look terrible still, but I understand the purpose.

Patel: And then they drilled down the little balls so they can’t really grind them anymore at all. That’s just...
Cocco: Okay, I appreciate that. So that’s going to happen. We’re also...I’ve been talking to students about running for Senate for our new Pharmacy seat. Hopefully we’ll get students to recruit for that. And public health as well, we’ve talked…Sayf and I have talked to a hospital person that’s going to do it, so continue to recruit, get the best people here in Senate so we can represent our entire campus. Ugh last thing, I’ve been ugh accepted to be on the Ethics and Integrity Council for the second time. It deals with academics and cheating and stuff like that so that’s cool. We want to get as many students involved with UWCs as possible. Presidents Warmke has the power to appoint students to those committees, so if you’re interested talk to his staff a little more to get more involved. In addition Athletics Council is Friday morning, so that’s cool. Okay, questions?

Patel: Senator Lopez.

Cocco: Oh.

Lopez: Do you know what time.

Cocco: What?

Lopez: On Friday.

Cocco: The Athletics Council? It’s at 10am, yeah Happy Friday.

Patel: No more questions, thank you. Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Umm okay, so I’ll try to go briefly between each point. As you saw me earlier passing around, I’m trying to cover all the handbook and commitment to honor forms umm for the whole Senate. Basically for the Senators who were not here during the Summer, the handbook is basically more of an informal procedures on how to conduct yourself as a Senator. It’s not necessarily something that is directed by Statutes but is a way to give you guidelines or tips about you know things to do umm sometimes they ...some umm apply to employees that get paid. But some of them also apply to each of you in terms of conduct and decorum and things like that. Umm the back two sheets of that handbook are the two forms that I’ve also set out separately, it is the Commitment to Honor form, which simply as it’s title, means as a Senator will sign the form that says you are committing to be a Senator at the highest regard and to be ethical and umm...any of those qualities. The second form is to just sign the handbook to say that you read the handbook, so if something gets brought up you know that’s where it is from. In addition for the ones who were not here for the Summer, I have padfolios, directly below me, but before we get to business, I’ll try to hand those out real quickly. Also stuff between the week. Umm the…we set the prizes for the Senators of the Month, so the two senators of the Month that have won prizes have a had the opportunity to choose between a lunch for two at the Top of the Palms and a gift certificate to the bookstore, or a gift card to the bookstore. And umm I’ll just go ahead and…there’s a lot of other things that I can go ahead and talk about if I had them in front of me. But I lastly want to say that for the people that were in involved or weren’t involved, this past week was a lot of pro Student Government... you know it was pro Student Government in general. Obviously it started last week with us approving the ERC Supervisor of Elections so they could be able to start their work. Thursday with the Library results, which I’m sure (inaudible), as well as people that seen the positive point graphic, it was a big shout out to Marketing and Communications for the creative work they did. Everyone that saw that it was on Facebook and on the SG website told me that it was fabulous; they did a really good job. Friday SG Summit which I know the Judicial Branch will talk about, went extremely well as well as the (inaudible) review Ad-Hoc and umm this past week as well we’ve been able to do a couple things that...you know get them off the to-do list so. If you have any questions….one other thing. Umm there’s a lot of things I can cover if I wanted to. Actually two things, one ASRC presentations will be tonight, and they will talk about that some more. The second thing is if you do have some concerns about wanting to get things done within the University, like if it’s something small like one that was brought up to me about the Campus Rec and the
equipment that they have. If it’s those small things that may not be able to be addressed in open forum but may be brought directly to me or Shyam, please do so because we can try to put you in contact with the right person or ourselves, contact with the right people and hope that they can help us out. You know whatever you see in the University that needs to be improved on so, do you have any questions? I know it’s a lot I’m sorry in advance…we’ll I’m sorry now as well…both.

Patel: Alright, and as for my report. So I’ve been trying to contact the Bucs to figure out what the link is for the tickets, they don’t reply, so I kind of feel like they just stole $21,000 from us. But that’s just a side note for right now, we’ll work on it. If anything else they are right up the street so we’ll just drive down there. Umm let’s see here….oh….we’re touring the campus to find senator and people with ugh Mr. Hassounah. We met with the deans and so one thing I did want to start was Senate is based off of Colleges. So you’re in the College of Arts and Sciences, whens the last time you talked to the Dean of College of Arts and Sciences, when’s the last time you got to know why you represent a College. So that was something I did want to start but when I asked, I guess, the people before me, why Deans weren’t actually talked to about this, they said it was because Deans don’t really care.

Unknown Senator: I can second that, I tried to contact my Dean and he never responded.

Patel: Umm when we talked to Deans, we know….I met with the Dean of College of Education, he seemed very…

Cocco: Stewart?

Patel: Yeah, he seems like a nice guy.

Cocco: He’s very receptive.

Patel: Yeah he was very receptive to I guess feedback. Business on the other hand, we didn’t really get to meet with him, he kind of pushed us off to the Associate Dean. Regardless it’s still like…we’re still representing the College, regardless of how we function. Even though we are not funding the academic part of it, it’s still our constituents; we’re still voicing their interests. And all we can assume is they probably voiced their interests to their Dean or whoever is over there. So if nothing else we can just figure out how to figure out…like figure out how to get the concerns from those Colleges back to here, to see what we can do about it. So we can go as passive as like a comment box to as active as like a forum where we set up a College of blank Senators set up shop at that college for however many. I know like…exactly like a Tent Day essentially, but instead of an iPad and surveys, it’s like face to face. What’s wrong, how can we help you, so it’s more open more broad. Obviously if we can’t do anything about it, we just redirect it. But it’s not like the problem is going unheard of kind of unnoticed you know? So that’s kind of one big think I just wanted to address it. So if you guys have any points like that, ideas, I’m very like an idea kind of guy, so if you (inaudible), but that’s fine. Umm yeah, okay. Moving on, let’s see. I’ve been….oh I know I send out the email earlier today about figuring out when we want to meet with departments to do the Senate Out and About kind of thing, where we actually go to Departments. Everyone that replied so far said it was an amazing idea, it’s probably because they don’t want to come up here, we just go to them. They’re kind of a little bit older than us. Umm and so we’re just trying to figure out how to do this, because if you think about it it’s hard to coordinate the 40 or so of you to have one time where we will meet the 7 or so (inaudible). You know it’s like it’s very hard to schedule so…I don’t want to just do a doodle, because you’re going to get responses for like 11 people, 10 people, 10 people, but you don’t know how to pick which 11 people, which 10 people, which 10 people. So again about that if you guys have any ideas, I know you guys probably all have classes now, it probably would have been a little bit better in the summer but also all of them are a lot more busy in the summer. So we’ll see especially if they all reply we will set up a doodle with them to see what days they are free, and hopefully you all are interested in it as well, yes to wonder around. I know some of you guys care about attendance records.
Burkhard: Since everyone is here during Tuesday nights, maybe you can take a break during Senate and ask the Directors if they can give tours during this time that might be…

Patel: We thought about it, the problem is it’s not business hours, so they are not going to be working like they normally would. Like it is an idea, same thing we talked about it with ugh…I know Dr. Freeman sets up a lunch with all of them. Every Tuesday is essentially a day from like noon to 2. I was going to ask if we can kind of plug into that time and meet them all at once. So like if he had a bi-week for one week it would be during lunch where you would see what they do, and pretty much explore. But I’m more than welcome to do it during Senate, it would still be a Senate meeting, we would just walk around. But yeah, so that’s that. I mean other than that it’s just been pretty much general things handling…like we have Mark Danish coming. Trying to figure out how to handle him here, especially because he wants a two hour block, I don’t know what you guys are going to do for 2 hours listening. You know, so we’re going to have him come in but we still want to address the fact like if…because I know he was very receptive to the idea of talking to the students as well. So he would address us for an hour and then he would go to anywhere else and meet his constituents quote on quote because he does represent the University Campus, Carrollwood and Lake Magdalene or whatever it’s called. The point is the problem is that it is also the same day as ugh ULS, I don’t know what his name is thought. It’s the (inaudible) guy. Side note I have a lot of (inaudible). If any of you guys are interested in the ULS thing, we have 2 Senate tickets, just note it’s also the same day as ASRC elections okay, so it’s your own toss up choice. Like if you want to be a part of the biggest thing Senate does, if you want to allocate $14 million and be a part of it, that’s where you do it in the ASRC elections. But then again if you want to (inaudible). The point is that it’s also the same day umm; I know there was one more thing I was supposed to cover today. Senator Aziz.

Aziz: Do you want to remind them about the Mascot Challenge for the vote.

Patel: There’s the Mascot Challenge, Capital One. I know Rocky beat the Trojans…or no it was the Spartans. And today, or at least this week he’s going against LSU the Tiger. So we’re winning I guess against LSU, so we’re never going to get those kind of days ever, where USF beats LSU. So yeah it’s just online, you just search like Capital One Mascot something, and just search USF and you’ll get it. Senator Abraha.

Abraha: Okay, I had a question how are you going to have a whole 2 hour block and then our whole meeting and then ASRC elections all in the same night?

Patel: So here is what’s going to happen. Let me just explain next week’s meeting so you understand it. The 5:30pm is not when we’re starting the meeting the 5:30pm is ugh…you still have to be here, don’t get me wrong, but it’s like you meet him and shake his hand and have a social, and there’s food. So don’t even complain, there’s food. The point is you have 30 minutes of chilling and food with Mark Danish in the room, because as soon as he’s done addressing and answering questions and stuff, he’s going to walk out that door, but we’re still going to be on the minutes, we’re not stopping that meeting for…to just shake his hand. So shake his hand before the meeting, hence the 5:30pm to 6pm. You can shake his hand for half an hour and then we’ll start the meeting. Well I mean he’s also addressing in the meeting from 6pm to 7pm where he’s going to be talking to everyone explaining. Guys like he’s in politics, we’re in politics like I mean….So the point is is that once it’s 7pm he’s going to dip out of here, we’re going to start our meeting which is ASRC elections, maybe a couple budget bills may come up in time, okay umm anything else anything the Chairs want to cover, and I believe Resolutions. They are still coming through Rules, and the Constitutional Ad-Hoc that we read for the first time, if it passes Rules, which it should because everyone that was in Rules was on the Committee. So that’s that, that’s at least in next week meetings, and it only be (inaudible), and that’s if there’s enough arguing, so like come on. So yeah you’ll learn a little bit more about ASRC nominations and elections, or introductions to elections down there. Other than that, any more questions for me, anything else you want me to do because essentially I’m your asset, I can do whatever you guys want me to do. Senator Pelegrino.
Pelegrino: I would like you to have ASRC elections the following week.

Patel: We can't because we have to meet by the following week.

Aldridge: It’s statutorily required that you meet by the third week of September…by the end of the third week of September.

Pelegrino: That’s not fair though.

Patel: Sorry.

Pelegrino: No I’m saying because you’re going to give out two tickets, and you’re going to make two senators choose whether to have this prize or run for ASRC.

Patel: It's not really a prize, you can hand it off to students that you know so you're more than welcome to accept the ticket and then pick someone you believe is wanting the tickets. Like I don’t care if you do that, personally it’s fine…like I don’t care. It just however you want to handle it, like your constituents are still people too.

Aldridge: Just to clarify.

Patel: Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: It was more five tickets in Student Government and some have been allocated too, if no one chooses to go and you happen to know a close colleague and if you don’t and there is no one that wants to go then there’s five tickets for Student Government, so the Executive Branch could use another one and the Court could use another one. So it's…it will be used if you do not take them, so do not…it's not going to go to waste.

Patel: Thank you sir, Senator Zituni.

Zituni: So the ULS with Frank Warren is at the same time as our meeting correct?

Patel: Here’s the thing, ULS starts at 8pm but in the…with the ticket I don’t mean to dwell this in your faces, with the ticket you get a reception with them before at the Top of the Palms.

Zituni: If the meeting is still going on will we be excused?

Patel: The point is like…being excused or not doesn’t matter because you have a personal day. You still miss the content of the meeting; it’s no different than if I miss class is it okay? I don’t care if you miss class you're still going to miss what you learn in the class you know? You kind of get a little bit. So like there's going to be elections on that day you can't just say excuse me from the elections but I still want to run, or excuse me from the elections I still want to vote.

Zituni: I just meant from the meeting. Okay never mind.

Patel: Senator….how do you pronounce it?

Ulloa: Ulloa.

Patel: Ulloa, if you can please stand.
Ulloa: Going off of his question, so we get negative points for missing meetings. So we’re going to get negative points for using tickets.

Patel: No you would not get negative points because it’s an SG thing.

Abraha: So this goes back to the question, you are excused?

Patel: Yes but I’m still telling you, you’re missing the content like if I was sick I am still excused from class. Okay any more pertinent questions, anything else? Cool, thank you then. Oh Senator Scharon.

Scharon: Everyone keeps talking about Senate seats, is there like a Senate Election coming up specifically?

Patel; The one time he’s not in the room. Mr. Hassouneh will be back and I'll let him answer your question, he (inaudible) the whole idea about all this stuff. I don't want to take his thunder. Any more questions about anything I could answer? No, Senator Cano.

Cano: So for the Bucs tickets…

Patel: I told you. So like any more questions…questions, if not we’re going to move on to the Executive Branch Report. Seeing none.

**Executive Branch Report:**

Patel: Guys, we’re still on the Minutes

[Gavel]

Patel: Like what's her name…Nadima…has to type all of these.

Warmke: Alright. First and foremost last week you guys ugh approved or confirmed the ERC Supervisor of Elections, Mr. Hassouneh, thank you all for that. He’s been working hard for the upcoming Mid Term Election. Yes there is a Mid Term election that will fill all the empty seats in Senate. Mr. Hassouneh talked before about that. Umm…like Mr. Aziz said, our Secretary of Student Life and Governmental Affairs were confirmed yesterday in JEC. Next week, our Secretary of University Advancement, Community Engagement and Student Success will go before JEC. We also appointed a new Attorney General, Mr. Daniel Christopher. You will see him the next couple of week in JEC and up in the Senate Floor. Our Street Team kick off is this Thursday at 7pm in MSC 4709. So if you guys have any friends willing to volunteer and get involved with Student Government, Street Team is a good way to do that. Board of Governors meeting, is also on Thursday at 8am in Sarasota, so it might be an early morning for me. Also our University Wide Committee applications are now live, like Mr. Cocco touched out. So if you guys want to hear more information about that you can talk to Greg Berkowitz, he’s out acting Secretary of University Advancement and he can give you more information on those. Ugh our Marketing Department is creating a graphic, umm once we have the link for the Bucs…ugh so once we have the graphic made, we will have the (inaudible) finalized, we’re going to need your help getting the word out to everyone about the Bucs deal and how students can purchase tickets. And last but not least the Library is back 24/5, so…that’s a relief. And we are not using any A&S funds so. Any questions? Yes, ma’am?

Patel: Senator Belizaire.

Belizaire: Umm what…what day is the Street Team kickoff?

Warmke: It is ugh this Thursday at 7pm. Any questions?
Patel: Senator Larkins.

Larkins: You said something about applications are available now for…?

Warmke: The University Wide Committees. They are essentially committees that are established by the University President, President Genshaft, of different areas, one on Black Affairs, one on (inaudible), umm generally will be things like that. And essentially anybody can serve on those Committees, they are appointed by me. And so if you guys want to be on those Committees, when I was Senator I sat on one, it’s a great experience. Any other questions? Alright, thank you very much.

Patel: Thanks.

Judicial Branch Report:

Patel: Judicial Branch Report.

Hamed: Hello everyone, I hope everyone had a good start to the week. So last week on Friday we had our big Judicial/SG Summit and I think it’s safe to say it was a success. We had a great time and shared a lot of ideas. I would just like to shout out to the Exec real quick. Will, Scott and Shaheen came by and shared some ideas that were much appreciated, along with Chelsea from marketing who took some great pictures. From Legislative, Mr. Aldridge, Patel, Cocco came shared some ideas as well. We really appreciate that as well. And then a big shout out to Katherine and Gary, and none of them are here right now, but they did a lot to help us get that moving. Gary got us the gift in kind for lunch and Katherine helped pretty much plan the whole thing so we really do appreciate (inaudible) as well. Tomorrow we are hosting, or participating in our third Bull Market in the semester so we look forward to talking to some students about parking appeals. Also, tomorrow at five we have our Court Leadership meeting tomorrow and the reason we’re calling it is for the return of our much anticipated Ad-Hoc committee on traveling. So we’re going to be using this committee to plan our trips to UNF, Tallahassee, umm and possibly UCF as well, so we’re looking forward to getting our Ad-Hoc back, we love that one. At 6pm tomorrow is also our general meeting, so you guys are also more than welcome to come. Just a couple special shout outs to Exec, Will I know that the whole library thing was super hard on you so on behalf of the Student Body and pretty much all students, thank to you and to Shyam and Adam and who else that was involved I know everyone in here appreciates it as much as the rest of the Student Body. Special shout out to…Sayf’s not there, maybe I’ll save it for when he walks in. but I was going to say shout out to Sayf just making moves, he’s in here all the time, suite and tie. I mean he’s really going to have some great results with the quality of elections so I’m happy he’s here working. From Legislative, special shout out to Cocco, Aziz, Aldridge, you guys have been coming to all of our meetings and been showing the Judicial Branch a lot of love and we really do appreciate that. And we know you want to see us grow, so we really do thank you for that as well. Umm that’s all I have, so does everyone have any questions?

Patel: On a side note…on a side note, positive points if you go to Judicial Branch meetings, or Executive Cabinet meetings. Just because you don’t have to but you do. Senator Lopez.

Lopez: Umm for what you just said, umm is there a schedule time for those Branch Meetings, or like a set…

Hamed: Sure, we do them every week at 6 o’clock is our general meetings.

Lopez: On Tuesdays, or I mean Wednesdays?

Hamed: Wednesday.

Patel: And the Executive Branch meetings.
Warmke: Well the Executive Cabinet meetings are once a month. (Inaudible) it’s usually on Fridays. There is one this Friday at 2pm.

Patel: Alright.

**Open Forum:**

Patel: Open forum, Senator Antar.

Antar: So Abdool is going to give his Committee a shout out for being there for an hour and a half, I would like to give my committee a shout out for being there four hours. Take that, there you go.

Patel: Senator Colon.

Colon: Ugh just so everyone knows, I saw a sign in the Library. (Inaudible), so get to studying at really awkward hours show them that we actually want this. Alright, cool.

Patel: And statistically they said that the max in and out was 10,000 students on a day. Like they had 10,000 students in a day walking in and out of the door. It was probably finals week so like…but it’s crazy, that’s a quarter of our students, you can’t even say a quarter of those people vote. Alright, anything else, open forum? Senator Belizaire.

Belizaire: As you guys know I am Sergeant in Arms, and as Sergeant in Arms I would like to remind all and (inaudible) and making sure that you guys are paying attention, and clickers and you know (inaudible). (Inaudible) because I’m a nice person but I will be not so nice person if you guys…umm just pay attention, that’s all I guess. Pay attentions, make sure you’re not FaceBooking text messaging, because I will come to you, I have no problem approaching people. Because I feel like we all earned this seat, we all ran for this seat and there were other people that could have ran for this seat, but we got it but I feel like we should all be respect-a-bull enough…respect-a-bull…umm to actually like pay attention and umm yeah…but actually pay attention and be committed to being a Senator. Also, nameplates, sometimes I do place the name plates. I would like for you guys to respect where I placed them. It’s for a reason you guys clique up, I’m not going to lie I see it every Senate meeting. And I want you guys to know each other that’s why I placed them not like…placed them in random orders like every meeting. So hopefully you guys can respect that. I’m not going to baby you and tell you you don’t move stuff anymore because that’s not my job. But umm I respect that you guys respect that. And clickers if you’re leaving anytime during the Senate, can you please bring me your clicker and you will get it back when you come back. And that is all.

Patel: Thank you. And just a side thing like I love that she sets up the nametags, but if you’re by yourself and just feel awkward like, and there are empty seats around, you’re more than welcome to slide over. Like I don’t mind that, it’s just like…you know it’s like up to you. It just makes it a little less awkward for me when I’m looking around at people. Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Ugh two more things. One sort of to piggy back off of what Karline said. Just for the record there was…if there was 34 people that was here for the first roll call, there was no one that was unexcused. So apparently there was not (inaudible) 34. But second thing was that I know I’ve said this in our Committee, Castor Beach unveiling is this Thursday from 11:30 to 1:30. Right now I have… (Inaudible) from, there’s two hours from 11:30 to 1:30. So the people that they can make the first hour and to the people that said they can make the second hour, I’m going to pass around a sheet just for ummm…if you can make it and can help umm handout snowcones that would be great. If you can only make it for the first hour, put the first hour down, if you can only make the second hour, put it down. If you can make it for both, please put that down. Umm…I know it’s a big deal for umm the Administrative Services of the University who is…who put the
work and the money in to ugh renovate Castor Beach. Ugh if you can’t happen to make it for either time, because you have class in between but you can still for 15-20 minutes, please go by there and have some snow cones yourself and recognize the improvements they made to the beach. So hopefully we can get umm four or five people for each hour, and I know some people have talked to me about it and I…I was not able to put it on a piece of paper ahead of time, so if you would just go ahead and refill that out, because I know schedules and things change from day to day. So that should be out. Senator Cocco.

Cocco: Can you yield for a question?

Aldridge: Sure, why not.

Cocco: Umm who paid for the Beach?

Aldridge: Umm…

Patel: Administrative Services.

Aldridge: They’re the ones that are in charge of the renovations…I… I could ugh guess to as to which funds or which section of the University’s Budget it came out of.

Cocco: Alright.

Aldridge: But yes it was funded by them.

Patel: Cool and I know we had a question from Ms. Scharon, Mr. Hassouneh’s back but now Ms. Scharon is gone. So we’ll just hold off for a second that’s fine. You have a question?

Aldridge: No…

Patel: Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: I know I’m just asking all these things. I will send out an official email to you but I received a form from Jessica Morgan earlier this afternoon. With the Center of Leadership and the (inaudible) Engagement each have to do a Stampede of Service, which I believe is in the Spring…Spring, January…thank you. Umm and it’s one of the biggest outreach events and community service events for the whole year for USF. What they’re doing this year is having student leaders help I guess apply to be on the Stampede of Service Council, to make a great impact and be responsible for the service sites and assist site leaders and making the experience as positive as meaningful. So it’s a great opportunity, umm…all you have to do is previously have participated in Stampede of Service, meet weekly on Tuesdays from 4:30pm to 5:30 pm and participate in the trainings and attend the actual Stampede of Service on January 18th. So if you can make that that’s obviously a great opportunity as student leaders to be able to get more involved and to have more opportunities. So I’ll send out…there is an official flyer I believe for it, so I’ll send that out as well. But umm I think you need to turn in your, there’s an application on the email and you have to turn it in by Friday the 20th by 5pm.

Patel: Senator Aziz.

Aziz: Umm for Mr. Aldridge.

Aldridge: Yes.

Aziz: For SOS are we doing like a Street Team for like…last year Exec (inaudible)?
Aldridge: I am not...I do not know. Obviously it is four months away so I don’t know if anyone else.

Patel: Here is the best answer.

Aldridge: Thank you.

Patel: Do you guys want to do a SOS Team for SG? It’s Stampede of Service, usually clubs do it but we can do one too. You guys would be down? We’d set up a fund. Yes? Senator Romero…or Senator…wait really…or go ahead, go ahead.

Romero: (Inaudible) but umm are we allowed to do…Stampede of Service if we’re in another organization then? Because I know I’m a part of an organization that does it but I would like to participate in both, but I don’t know how that works.

Patel: I think you only do one. Like you actually sign up under one org, but I know Mr. Warmke’s hand just went out so I’m assuming maybe the Exec will know.

Warmke: Our Chief of Staff Eskayra Pagan is registered as a Site Leader for Student Government, so anyone interested in doing SOS with Student Government, is more than welcome to join Student Government.

Patel: Good stuff, thank you sir. Alright, an on that note, intramurals, that’s what I keep forgetting. If you guys want to do like an SG intramural, like we’ve done it before and it would be co-ed and it would be fun. And I know Sammy played on…he’s gone now but he played slow-pitch softball. That’s depressing but sure. We can do whatever just as long as I know you guys are interested we can sign up a team. Senator Cano.

Cano: I move that we go ahead with a flag football team.

Patel: Football is yeah…okay…yeah.

Unknown Senator: Can girls have an equal opportunity?

Patel: Yes ma’am.

Unknown Senator: I’m just saying…

Patel: Girls have to play. The way it works is that you have to have 3 girls on your team and 3 girls have to be on the field at all times. So unless Jeff was there and who swung the ball out of…I don’t know it was horrible. So yeah other than that we had a fun time, yeah it was actually a good game. So I’m more than welcome to starting up a team, we’ll do this. More than happy.

Unknown Senator: Will you be our Captain.

Patel: Stop, okay no. We’ll find the most athletic guy of all of us. Because I lost to Sayf so I can’t really do that. But that’s fine, anything else? Alright, if nothing else we’ll move on to General Business and then we’ll cover the election thing as soon as Ms. Scharon comes back in so no one is left in the dark. Yeah, yeah.

**General Business:**

1. **Resolution on First Reading**

   a. **SB [R] 54-006 In Commemoration of Jennifer Espinola's Dedication and Service**

Pelegrino: Alright, Be it resolved by the Senate of the University of South Florida Student Government assembled, Whereas, The Student Government Senate recognizes the accomplishments and services offered over the course of the past 9 years by Jennifer Espinola in her positions as Director of the Center for Leadership & Civic Engagement, Co-Director of Leadership Studies and Director of Student Government Advising, Training and Operations at the University of South Florida. Whereas, The Student Government Senate acknowledges her leadership and commitment to the growth and development of the USF community, her integral role directing a comprehensive center focused on leadership and civic education and co-directing a Leadership Studies Minor, with over 14 unique academic leadership courses. Whereas, while a part of the Bulls community, she has dedicated herself to helping students succeed in and out of the classroom. Whereas, we have been fortunate enough to relish in her leadership. With her guidance, the Center for Leadership & Civic Engagement has become a legacy of success. Therefore, be it resolved by the Senate of the University of South Florida Student Government Assembled, that on behalf of the student body, we thank Jennifer Espinola for her service at the University of South Florida, extend our gratitude for all she has done, and wish her well in her continuing endeavors.

Patel: Thank you ma’am. Any motions, any questions? Senator Antar.

Antar: If there are no questions, I’ll make a motion to pass by acclamation.

Patel: Any objections to passing by acclamation? Seeing none, it is approved. And that was SB resolution 54-006. Thank you guys. Oh Senator Cano.

Cano: Oh just a point of clarification, do resolutions need to go second and third readings…or do we just do…okay.

Patel: And that’s why we even pass by acclamation because it’s just thanking someone. So there isn’t much we need to change about it unless it’s grammatical or factual error. Other than that we’ll just back track a little bit. And I know Senator Scharon has a question about elections and I know Mr. Hassouneh is back, if you would like to let everyone know about the elections so they can tell their friends. You can come up.

Hassouneh: Alright guys, my name is Sayf Hassouneh as you should have known from last week, I’m the Supervisor of Elections. And I heard that there was a question for the mid-term elections.

Patel: What are the mid-term elections?

Hassouneh: Oh it’s just a general question. So I’ll give you guys a quick overview then. So the mid-term elections happen every Fall and it’s umm to fill the seats in Senate that are vacant. And as you guys can tell it’s about a good majority of you guys, no offense. Ugh 16 people…

Patel: 16…16 out of 30 is a good majority…out of 60 I’m sorry.

Hassouneh: I didn’t mean majority, did I say majority?

Abraha: Yes.

Hassouneh: My mistake guys. Anyways, that’s 17 people. College of Arts and Sciences is actually full though, that’s where a lot of you guys are from. So if you guys have friends in College of Business, Public Health, Nursing, ugh College of Medicine actually has an open seat now, Pharmacy and Education. Anybody in…

Aldridge: Engineering.
Hassouneh: Did I say Engineering?

Aldridge: Nope.

Hassouneh: College of Engineering. So, any College other than…College of the Arts, College of Arts and Sciences and Behavioral Community Sciences, have open seats.

Patel: Senator Brown.

Brown: Do you know how many seats…do you know how many seats are open in the College of Business?

Hassouneh: College of Business has two open seats right now.

Sacasa: Is there going to be marketing to kind of publicize this to the rest of the Student Body, make them all aware of what’s going on?

Hassouneh: We have been doing marketing. And we’ve been trying…we’ve tried to meet with the couple of the Deans already but we kind of get…got pushed aside. Only Dean we’ve actually been able to speak with was, Dean of Education. I tried with the Dean from Nursing and she pushed me aside to an Associate who then pushed me…pushed me to the ugh…Secretary who then pushed me to the…Student…it’s some Student Leader there within the University, which didn’t help me at all, she has yet to respond back to me. And then College of Business, I tried, we got sent to the Associate and I haven’t gotten a response yet. And the other Colleges umm let’s see. I think we’ve…we’ve went off to the all the other Colleges, like the main buildings, we’ve tried. And College of Medicine, for example we’re trying, we’re going to set up a day where we’re going to go over there and have a tent day and speak to them. Umm and I think that’s pretty much…we’ve gotten pretty much everybody, we’re just trying to get with the Deans to actually communicate with everybody else in the whole entire College.

Sacasa: I have a follow up question as well.

Patel: Yes ma’am.

Sacasa: Is there any way you can send us like a flyer or some type of marketing tool, because we can get that out to maybe some of the Student Bodies that we know, umm some of all the other little organizations I’m sure they would want to know about it as well.

Hassouneh: Sure, I’ll go ahead and send our promo… our promo information.

Patel: (Inaudible)

Hassouneh: Well I can just email it, I can give it to Adam, he’ll send it out to the list serve, and then we’ll try to attach the application to it as well. Thank you very much Mr. Aldridge.

Patel: Senator Scharon.

Scharon: Well I was just going to ask if there are dates or some type of timelines you can tell us. Because I know people who make great Senators and will be active but nobody, no offense, knows about the elections.

Hassouneh: Well they are…it’s opened on August 26th, the first day of school and so it closes on September 20th at 4:59:59pm, ugh have to be very specific. Ugh so during that week though you will have to attend SGATO meetings, or sorry what it’s called…the Candidate Information meetings. It’s going to be from the week of the 16th to the 20th, the final week that it’s open…that the applications are open. And after the applications close you have one final candidate information meeting at 5:30pm, so half an hour after they
close. So just in case anyone does it late, they can still come to a candidate info meeting and not miss out. And you do have to attend at least one candidate info meeting or else you’re not eligible to be a Senator. Ugh you also have to go through the SGATO review, which is just to check for their requirements, like a 2.0 GPA, a minimum of 6 credits if you’re undergrad and a minimum of 6 if you’re graduate.

Patel: Yeah.

Aldridge: I know.

Patel: Alright, cool. That way you guys can see the time line. Senator Cocco.

Cocco: When’s the mixer?

Hassouneh: Mixer…oh yeah that’s right, good question. So we’re going to have a candidate mixer guys on October 2nd, which is a Wednesday, it’s going to be Bulls Market Day. We’re going to have it in the amphitheater, it’s going to be from 10am to 2pm and we will have food there. There’s going to be some Chick-fil-a, cookies, some drinks and possibly pizza if we run out of food too early, but I’m not sure yet. Umm so I definitely appreciate if you guys came out there and you can speak to some of the incoming candidate and let them know what you guys do in Senate. As well as speak to some of the students and get the whole outreach part of Senate into there as well.

Patel: Senator Cocco, a follow up.

Cocco: Can you get some Chick-fil-a sauce?

Patel: Alright, that’s not a follow up. Senator Scharon.

Scharon: Umm…we’re only Senators for a year correct?

Patel: Yes, ma’am.

Scharon: So anyone who would (inaudible), their Senatorship would expire I suppose in May of the next year then?

Patel: Right, it’s a term, we’re not technically a year, it’s just a term.

Hassouneh: It wouldn’t May it would be Fall…yeah it would be February.

Patel: No, no, no…

Hassouneh: Or sorry.

Patel: No.

Hassouneh: The second general election would be in February is what I’m saying. So after…so you remember how you guys got in last year, there was an election in February, that’s the general elections. So these people would only be in for one term and they’ll have to go again for the general…during the general election.

Patel: So once you run in October you run again in February if you want to be for a full year, the next year.

Hassouneh: So they have half a term.

Patel: March, April. Senator Aziz…or Senator Cano, hold on sorry, Senator Cano.
Cano: We have a Tent Day October 1st, so if you can give Colton or myself any promotion materials for the election we can (inaudible).

Hassouneh: We're trying to also get stuff out every Bull Market, I know Marketing and PR does that, and I go and join them. And tomorrow actually, Sammy is not here, but they will also be having an Outreach Day and I will actually be joining them as well. We're going to be giving out flyers and speaking about the ERC as well as Judicial just to get people to know. So if you guys want to join us then help us out that will also be great.

Patel: Alrighty then, Senator Aziz.

Aziz: Umm this is a question for Adam; will Senators get positive points for working the poll and helping out?

Aldridge: Umm…

Patel: As long as they're not running. That's the big caveat because if you plan on being in Senate again, you can work for the midterm but you can't work for the general, which is the fun one by the way.

Hassouneh: They're all fun.

Aldridge: And so yes, for the midterm there will be positive points. I've yet to devise sort of a per point for hours sort of system, but we'll talk about it between me and Shyam and we'll come back and let you know before the elections.

Patel: And you'll have some kind of gratification for your poll workers as well?

Hassouneh: So we do but not for the Senators that will be working with us. Because that's what we're using the positive points for, since a lot of time during the midterm we get a lot of Senators and we don't exactly have copious amounts of money to spend. I'm going to rely on Adam giving you guys and adequate amount of positive points to compensate you for that. For that I apologize.

Patel: We'll find a way to compensate you guys. If you guys work that is. Senator Hassan.

Hassan: I'm sorry can you repeat the days for the actual election for the midterm.

Hassouneh: The election will be Tuesday October 8th and Wednesday October 9th.

Patel: And tell your Colleges guys. Anything else? Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: And how long will all of it be open, like how long will you be at the polling stations?

Hassouneh: 9am to 5pm.

Patel: Senator Alqasemi.

Alqasemi: Can I just recommend reaching out to Honors College and kind of reaching everybody across the board because they're full of all the Colleges, so that would help.

Hassouneh: I would rather reach out to each individual Colleges but I mean…

Alqasemi: I mean in addition to.

Hassouneh: Oh okay.

Alqasemi: A suggestion.
Patel: Senator Cocco.

Cocco: Note-a-Bull, are you in there?

Hassouneh: Excuse me?

Cocco: Are you in Note-a-Bull?

Patel: The email that goes out every day.

Aziz: Every week.

Cocco: You should do that.

Hassouneh: I do not know how to get access to that.

Cocco: We’ll talk.

Patel: Anything else? No more questions? I know we just sort of tangent but we’ll go back to our Fiscal…

2. Fiscal Legislation on First Reading

a. SB [A] 54-012 Election Rules Commission Funding Request

Patel: Alright, moving down the Agenda. The ERC Interim Funding Request, if you could.

Kattih: Okay so umm we saw this yesterday in Committee and umm this was the same as was requested ugh, $3,057 for payroll. Umm and the overhead comes up to $183.42 for a grand total of $3,240.42. This was for additional umm five hours for the Supervisor of Elections for 39 weeks as well as five hours for the Vice Supervisor of Elections for 27 weeks. Umm and the Supervisor of Elections is here to answer any questions about why they need this money. Any questions?

Patel: And if you need some help, obviously I’m here. Senator Cocco.

Cocco: I yield to Chairman Antar.

Patel: Go…Ali.

Antar: Could you just explain why you guys actually need the additional hours?

Hassouneh: Definitely. Umm I'm not sure if you guys will be hearing about ASRC later on today, but I'll give you a quick overview of what ASRC does. They're known as Activities Service and Recommendation Committee, umm so what they do is…so what they do is they decide how A&S fees are allocated. So last year when we began the year as the ERC, we had ugh a Supervisor position, an Associate Supervisor position or its equivalent, and we had three Deputies. So after ASRC was done allocating their funds they had overfunded, so they had to go ahead and take some money back. Which is…it happens every year, it’s a common occurrence because you’re not supposed to rely on how much money you have, you’re supposed to fund them what you believe is right and then you go back and make the cuts. And the thing is when they got to the ERC they cut a whole position, and they cut 5 hours from the 2 Deputy positions as well. Effectively cutting 25 hours of production a week from the ERC. So we definitely to bolster all the ERC’s hours per week honestly because it’s very small.

Patel: Alright then, Senator Aziz…
Cocco: Go…

Patel: Senator Cocco.

Cocco: Go ahead.

Patel: Senator Cocco.

Cocco: Okay, what is it that you do on a daily basis or on a weekly basis that justifies 39 hours full-time?

Patel: It’s not 39 hours, 39 weeks.

Cocco: 39 weeks, I’m sorry.

Hassouneh: And that’s still, 30 hours is still….

Cocco: So why do you need the 5 extra hours, is what I’m saying?

Hassouneh: Well I’m in the office everyday as I’m sure you guys can attest, and there is a lot of work to do for the elections. It’s not something that you just hope goes well. You actually have to do a lot of marketing, a lot of speaking to people and all documents have to be created. Alright, it’s not nothing…it’s not a simple task to run an election for the entire university. So I’m here every day and I do a lot of work and as of right now I’m the only person in the ERC ugh I don’t have…I haven’t even started the interviews for the second position yet. Umm and it’s honestly I don’t plan on doing 30 hours a week every week but I don’t want to go into the overtime, because that’s not something we have the funding for. For example the past 2 weeks I went 28 hours a week, I think the other one I went 29 hours a week and it’s because there’s so much work to do especially with the election coming up and me being alone in the ERC.

Patel: And just so you guys…hold on I’ll just lay the background for this. Okay so the reason why this happen was when we over budgeted in ASRC which is we’re like…you’re supposed to…it actually happens just because you’re supposed to budget based off of standards which I believe is proper. The cuts that were made were made in a kind of a rash sense, just a little bit. Just because we needed to make specific cuts to fill in specifically the Dean of Students position. Umm the cut was kind of suggested because when the ERC was like asked they said they wanted to cut one Deputy Position because it was kind of superfluous to the position or to the actual functionality and then hours was an option. So it was either you being cut hours form the Deputy positions or you can kind of retire a Deputy position and it would do the same thing. But instead we cut both and we assumed that we just told them hey come back for interim because that’s when we’ll have money we don’t have to allocate right then and there. Si it was like a loophole system we had to use just so we can fund orgs and the Dean of Students and things like that. So it was a bad thing but it was…it had a good purpose. So like means did not justify the ends or the means did justify the ends, it was one of them.

Hassouneh: A quick (inaudible) if you guys don’t mind. The plan I presented last year through the ERC was to remove a Deputy but it was also to add 5 hours to the Associates, so it would only cut 10 hours a week of productivity from the entire ERC. This way they cut 25, so I wanted to find a way to replenish it. Instead with my proposal here for the Interim Budget, will only be cutting 15. But I was trying to minimize the blow while still finding a way to still be even more cost effective than my cost effective proposal last year.

Patel: So last year essentially they had 24…25 more hours than this, he just cut 15. Like it’s just so you guys understand, it’s however you guys want to do it. If you guys feel like it’s good, then it’s good, if you guys feel no then well whatever. Senator Aziz.
Aziz: How much is in the payroll reserve for…

Hassouneh: We don’t have a payroll reserve, not to my knowledge, or actually I’m positive we don’t.

Patel: It’s technically if you are an Executive then you use the 10% payroll reserve. But that’s just…it’s very hard to define where you guys are actually…

Hassouneh: Exactly the ERC is supposed to be an independent agency and we have our own budget, so we don’t really have access to Execs budget so we can’t really use their…

Patel: Yeah but they are part of Exec, like he reports directly to Will.

Kattih: They are an independent agency.

Patel: Jessica Morgan.

Morgan: It’s a different umm budget all together so you have to do a budget for umm the Exec to the ERC appropriations.

Patel: Cool thank you. Zein.

Kattih: Just can I have a clarification, this issue did come up and I do suggest that it may be further clarified in the future. But whether or not the ERC is part of the Exec Branch or not technically, because technically it is an independent agency but at the same time it is appointed by Exec. So in this case umm why this budget is coming forth to me to my committee is because umm after speaking with Gary and after he kind of cleared up a couple points I did realize that it could go both ways umm so you know, independent agency. Umm they’re providing good reasons again the 25 hours cuts versus the now 15 hours cuts, it is still a big change from last year but at the same time umm it is  ugh cost effective way to decrease payroll or decrease the spending of ERC and my committee felt that it was doable, so.

Patel: Thank you ma’am, anything else? Senator Little.

Little: I just want to be clear, are these funds being fulfilled by extraneous funds or is it a redistributed through ASRC?

Patel: So what we have is this thing called the Interim Budget, its $150,000 with its overhead obviously. But ugh it’s for orgs that have not submitted a budget. So imagine you made a brand new org you can’t go back in time and submit an ASRC request now, but we still have to be able to fund you somehow because you’re still paying into our pot. So it’s just set aside for orgs that I guess are newly formed that can request money, so through Appropriations…umm and then there’s also for things like this. Yeah, and I’m trying to thing. Senator Antar…you did… he was the Appropriations Chair.

Kattih: Ex.

Antar: Statutorily 60% of it is able to be requested by the executive branch umm so we do have a claim to this plot of money anyway. If you want to define it maybe in the (inaudible), statutorily they have that.

Patel: Thank you sir. Senator Canton.

Canton: So on here I noticed that umm the total expenses are for the 12th…2012/2013 allocation through 2013/2014. So is that saying that we’ll be paying $37,000 for 2012 to 2013 and then another…
Patel: Both.

Canton: I’m sorry but I miss understood that.

Antar: Can I?

Patel: Senator Antar.

Antar: Alright this is the allocation from our ASRC here right, so that’s the money we gave them in the 53rd... during the 53rd and this is the money we just allocated to them from ASRC in this past year. So that’s now what he’s requesting now, that’s what we already budgeted for.

Canton: Oh, I get it.

Patel: Yeah, it’s just a comparison.

Antar: Okay.

Patel: Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Just looking back to last year’s budget since there was no 10% reserve, why was that not requested instead? Because yes, there is no 10% reserve and if you’re not in the Executive Branch then each Executive Branch or each other agency like Safe Team, Senate asks for 10% reserves, so why was that not in the request?

Hassouneh: The intricacies of the budget were not known to me last year as a Deputy because when this was presented to ASRC I was still very new. Because as some of you may recall from last year, we were hired very late. We weren’t hired until February on our first...we should have been in November honestly. So by the time this got presented to ASRC and the budget was created and the request was created, that was before my time so I don’t understand why that was not asked for, and I don’t understand whether the previous Supervisor knew that. That’s not a question for me, I think that’s....

Patel: Jessica Morgan has an answer I think.

Morgan: We actually implemented the 10% on all the student government budgets; I think ERC was honestly just missed in terms of getting 10% payroll reserve. So I think it was just an error in adding it like we did before for all the other branches and agencies.

Aldridge: Now, just a follow up. I understand that, I’m just saying...asking them why in this interim budget request why wouldn’t you not sort of make the request for the 10% that you probably as each...as an independent agency in student government, probably deserve.

Hassouneh: I think...

Aldridge: Just in case...and just to explain 10% is for...unlike salaries for departments when you’re paid here you’re paid by hour, so I mean if you do have number of a hour over, that payroll reserve is for just in case you happen to go over by an hour or two and it’s approved by your supervisor.

Hassouneh: Well I figured the interim budget would be adequate because I don’t plan on working all 30 hours a week, this was just a way for me to make sure that I don’t go into the overtime and use up all the funds that we were already had been sparsely allocated. And that should be able to cover the 10% and but the
next time I do one, I do personally ugh request the allocation from ASRC, I will make sure to put that in there.

Patel: Alright, any more questions? Everyone is good? Alright, I'll take a motion, I'll take anything. I mean this was kind of discussing…motion to discuss, sure. Senator Antar.

Antar: Motion to discuss.

Patel: Any objections to discussing?

Antar: I guess make it 5 mins, 1 min speaking times.

Patel: Thank you sir, no objections seen we are now in discussion. Moderated Caucus, you can start since you opened the forum.

Antar: Sure.

Patel: Senator Antar.

Antar: I do think there is a little bit of hesitation to the fact that it was not requested as a 10% reserve. But I mean it’s money that they need, it’s money that will help them operate better. I feel like they do state a legitimate claim to at least a part of the interim funding pot because of the 60% of Executive Branch. Umm so there is a slight hesitation but I think it wouldn't be a disaster if we approve this budget, okay.

Patel: Any more points? Senator Cano.

Cano: So far as I can see you guys robbed Peter to pay Paul uhh kind of an old school saying but. And ugh you know it just makes sense why we would pay overtime when you can just pay straight time. So I’m…

Patel: Just for clarification it’s not technically overtime because overtime is only over 39 hours. This is just him dipping into money allocated for other people in that same rank…or in the same agency. So essentially he would be working into, whoever the next Assistant Supervisor is, he would be working into their hours.

Cano: Got you.

Patel: It’s just a pot of money.

Cano: As someone who runs an organization, and my staff as under hours, I totally feel your pain so I think that we should definitely vote for this.

Patel: Thank you sir, any more points? Seeing none, I'll take a motion. Senator Antar.

Antar: Motion…motion to close discussion and reestablish quorum.

Patel: Any objections to closing discussion? Seeing none, we are now in reestablishing quorum. I'll use this one right here, Slide number 5, just for the record. Alright, just click one if you’re here. Everyone’s good? 37. Alright, oh my bad. I don’t know how it did that so fast. I'll take a motion. Senator Abraha.

Abraha: Motion to vote on the ERC request.

Patel: Any objections to moving into voting? Seeing none, we're now in voting procedures on 54-012. Thanks sir. Alright, one is yes, two is no and three is abstain. Just so you understand if you want…if you vote no it’s
just zero. So no different than an org, if you vote no it’s zero, if you want to send it back to committee for a
different allocation, you should have done that like before, I should have told you before. And one is yes, and
three is abstaining unless you are me or Sayf, because you can’t really vote. So yeah, no one else should
abstain. 34:2:1 this budget…you’re fine, I’ll get it. Oh thank you sir. This budget request is approved.

b. SB [A] 54-013 Chinese Students and Scholar Association


Romero: Okay umm this is the Chinese Students Association. And next slide. Umm so they originally wanted
to be allocated $13,462 umm after that we…what was suggested was $1,378 and a 25% penalty because they
turned in their application late and so it came down to $1,033.50. Umm we allocated them $1,000 for food,$300 for materials. $1,300 was the subtotal and a $78 overhead. And besides that we can go to the next step.

Patel: There’s a laser if you want to use it.

Romero: Do I click the green thing?

Patel: The green thing is the laser and the arrows are the what’s it called the arrows at the side.

Romero: Oh sweet. Okay these are some of the events and their descriptions. Umm if anyone needs to read
these, I know I gave a hard time about reading these explicitly the last time so. Now we can move on, okay.
These are some of the Spring Events. Cool.

Patel: Any questions? Senator Belizaire.

Belizaire: Umm how many of their events are having food? Are all of the events that you…

Romero: I think all of the events have food, I don’t remember actually…yeah I believe all of them have food.

Patel: Senator Bolz.

Bolz: Ugh did they explain to you why they wanted $10,800 in food?

Romero: Well the…the way it was was that they invited the number of people that usually attends their
events and they also do meet in collaboration with other events with the ugh….

Aziz: Next slide.

Romero: With the Confucius Institute and so that’s the reason that we …and they also, the general rule is $2
per person, a head. Standard $2 or $3 is the general rule, and so they were also not following that rule. And
we either…when it gets to they had like higher, they were saying that they were going to have higher
numbers. In some events they said like 800 people, and although that wasn’t footed that was kind of the
reason why we lowered the amount. They thought they were going to have that many people and they were
kind of using a different number per person allocation.

Patel: Senator Pelegrino, do you still have a question?

Pelegrino: Umm yeah, how many events did they request money for?

Romero: 8 think…I forget.
Kattih: Umm.

Patel: Zein.

Kattih: They requested 6 events and all of them would have been funded except one of them had passed which was why you see cuts from in the first slide, it says passed events. We don’t fund events that have already occurred. We don’t reimburse you for your events. So these are all their events they requested.

Patel: Senator Sacasas.

Sacasas: Umm bouncing off of Senator Bolz’s question, how did you guys come up with the $1,000? allocation, like how did you guys come up?

Romero: That’s exactly how. They had a certain amount of people that they said they expected were to come but based off of prior history we viewed that those numbers were inflated A and also they were by per person they were allocating to many dollars per person for food. So.

Patel: We’ll actually go into it in a little bit more detail in the ASRC presentation because that’s exactly what you do in ASRC.

Kattih: I can explain.

Patel: If you’re…

Kattih: The process we work with is kind of umm one of, either me or my vice chair or one of the committee people will meet with the organization to determine how many people are expected, how much food is needed. We give them kind of a hearing process to tell us about their events. After they present to Committee, we have a list of standards which are available to the Committee and available to Senate if they request them as well. And umm we use those standards to apply umm to the budgets that are requested just so that everybody is standard and you know we allocate to student organizations equally. So that’s kind of how it works. Again ASRC works in pretty much the same way, so you’ll kind of being hearing a little bit more about that, but in general that’s how we kind of do things.

Romero: And I can expand on that a little more. I mean that the way it is is for food we or ASRC is allowed to allocate $7 per person for food, but if we did that then obviously we wouldn’t have money to allocate for anything else, and we’d obviously be paying for food for everyone. So to make it fair for everyone we, we do…we have a certain standard that we give everyone per person, like a number value so like $2 or $3 a head, so that way we can allocate some money for food, stipend the food a little bit, but also provide money for some of the other things that they also need like the materials. So.

Patel: Senator Cano.

Cano: How large is the organization?

Kattih: We don’t use that.

Patel: You can still ask, it’s still public record. Like you can…

Romero: Yeah I don’t have that information; I mean I don’t know if we can pull that up. But I don’t know exactly, either way we have to base the numbers off of how many students they are going to reach, not necessarily how many students they have in the organization.
Cano: Understandable.

Patel: Senator Canton

Canton: Umm you said that you knew their numbers were inflated so you adjusted it, how many people were you thinking on average were going to be attending.

Romero: Well it depended on the event, so I mean I forget which events were which, but there was one event like I said was 800 people and we estimated that maybe 300 would show up, based off of previous knowledge.

Patel: It’s an event that’s happened before.

Romero: right, so you go and audit so people would see that there was not 800 people.

Patel: Right, so it's not like we just guessed 300 people would come, the event happened before that’s why we do audits overall, so that if an org says 10,000 people would come, if we didn’t know we could just say those people would come. But since we have audits…so many hands. Senator Canton, is this a follow up?

Canton: Yeah it’s a follow up.

Patel: Senator Canton.

Canton: Umm so are all of these recurring events that they’ve done, or are these all events that the association has done before?

Romero: I personally don’t know exactly, that might be a question for.

Patel: Senator Abraha, do you have an answer?

Abraha: Yeah, a couple of things. For their (inaudible) ugh that were (inaudible) we can’t take number of members into consideration when we do this budget. But for a turn out we estimate 50 for the small events up to 100 or 150 events for the bigger events so that’s how we allocated the money accordingly. And for the second question Mr. Canton asked, umm regarding how we come up with that number it depends on the avenue. Like sometime when they (inaudible) they said 30 hundred and something people were going to the gym that's very, well if you have the room to play in, you can’t fit …like come one. So we looked…we take that into consideration, where you’re having it, what the room is, with the room capacity so we look at all of that when we allocate them money, the food the budgets and the materials. And the materials they need AD Tech fees, have they had this before, do they use new utensils every time, so we take all that into consideration.

Patel: Senator Belizaire.

Belizaire: Umm I did have a question; umm It’s a general question. Do you guys audit every event that you guys…so I would say how would you know that last year their event you know was…

Romero: We don’t necessarily audit every single; we try to audit as many events as we possibly can. But at the same time with the amount of...that’s why rely on you guys (inaudible) for you can go out and check to see that the numbers that they are saying actually correlate. But at the same time although we try to go to as many as possible, there are so many events as possibly that we are not always able to hit all of them. But the ones that we thought that it’s better for us so we can do stuff like this and allocate less money to something we actually know.
Patel: It's by chance. This was actually a really big event last year, it was actually in the MLK lawn I believe in a giant tent, I think.

Kattih: To kind of piggy back off of that, a lot of times student organizations will put how many expected people are expected for an event. When you meet with the student organization and ask them how many are expected, those numbers may vary, between what they say and what they've written so we kind of use both of those numbers to give them a median kind of or an average. The other thing was...ugh I forgot...oh yeah, audits, yes sorry. Umm last year the audit system was kind of shaky but because again, like we're trying to do, we're trying to do as many audits as possible but when you get a kind of average of the student events for the student organization, you can kind of get a feel of how many people show up to most of their events. We do the best we can alright.

Patel: Thank you ma'am. Senator Hartmann.

Hartmann: I've been to some of these events in the past and I can vouch that a lot of people show up. Like the only question I have is that...I know a lot of these people are family members and not students, do we have to ensure that only students get the food or like...how would that work exactly?

Patel: I mean we don't, right now we don't tell people to bring the Community in because we try to be a very community based university. I know Community Outreach is half of Cocco's Committee, we have a Community person in Exec, our Homecoming Concert is all free to anybody. So like we do try to be as open to the Community as possible, we can move down to be like you can only swipe to get into get food but I mean what's the point of it, it's just a hassle. It's going to kind of break down the whole everything is free. And I don't know if it's kind of a big enough problem to having the Community come in, I don't see most of the (inaudible) walking in to get our food. I mean also it isn't that we haven't considered it before just to make sure there's not a big problem.

Romero: Also that's why we, obviously when we go audit these things, I'm not going to count the people that are family that are students, because these are A&S fees, so these are fees for the students, so I'm going to count the amount of students that were there and allocate next year for the amount of students that I saw. And so if they choose to I mean, if parents do come obviously, it's their decision they're trying to reach the students, so whichever way that works out best for them is the way that it happens. But we're only going to allocate based on the students.

Patel: Senator Brown.

Brown: Umm just from past data was there any...an inclination that they had increases in like event attendance over so many years, or was it they kind of expected a large increase?

Patel: Just to fill in really quick. Our audits have not been consistent for events, so sure we hit one event, but it's not to say the event before, nor is it to say that we have the paperwork, because it's a paper trail that it's kind of gotten lost in the whole process that's why we're moving to e-audits, making it more easier to kind of sort. Senator Abraha, or Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: Why are the standards so low? I mean I know...I know we don't really want to fund $7 per person because we'll run out of money, but why $2, that's what I'm trying to understand. And I know, the second part of the question is that we're only supposed to subsidize for the food so how exactly is the student organization supposed to come up with the rest of the money to host an event?

Patel: I can fill in. Because enough of them are throwing them right now, we don't have a line of student orgs at the door, saying that we can't host events. I can safely assume that they are functioning. To like a certain
extent I can say that they are functioning, like if we’re try to give more than $2 a head, I can give you the average of the numbers, we would need…if you think about it, how much more do you allocate to the orgs?

Antar: On average?

Aldridge: Before the Council I believe about $350,000 to $400,000.

Patel: Around $400,000 and we can safely assume around 60 to 70% of that is food. So if you take 60 to 70% of 400,000 and add a dollar to it, so essentially you would take 60 or 70% of $400,000 and you add it to itself and we’d need that much more money to just give everyone $3 a head of food. Because a majority of events we do fund $2 an event. So this is a big big number difference, it’s almost $300,000 more. Just to be fair that’s why we keep it at $2 and function across the board. Senator Lee.

Lee: I noticed that like ethnic foods cost before. And I was just wondering if that was factored into the food count.

Patel: Senator…either of you.

Kattih: We do factor that in but at the same time we also factor in that large bulks of food is cheaper than smaller amounts of food, so it kind of ended up balancing out.

Patel: Senator Abraha.

Abraha: To also ask a question that was umm previously stated with the orgs, umm a lot of these events were cosponsored with another organization or departments like the Confucius Institute and other Asian ones, so we didn’t want to overfund. And that’s why you see like parental units in our events because they are (inaudible) because they do hold them with the other orgs, so we can’t stop that. We actually encourage that but we can’t fund them a lot of money.

Patel: You guys will know in ASRC sooner or later about how many times we argue about Departments getting funding from orgs, so it is a big thing. So anymore questions about this budget, for not just this budget, this whole standard stuff we can discuss in ASRC? Seeing none, I’ll take a motion from not the …Senator Cano.

Cano: Motion to move into discussion.

Patel: Senator Antar.

Antar: I object, I feel like the Senate is well informed on the Bill, I feel like we should just move into a vote.

Cano: I withdraw.

Patel: Would you like to make a…

Cano: Yeab motion to move into a vote.

Patel: Any objections to the motion to voting on the budget? Seeing no objections…can you just put a finger up…okay.

Abraha: Mention that if it’s a no that it doesn’t pass and this is an org.
Patel: Right, right, yeah. Ugh so thank you for getting (inaudible). So the way this works is yes, you believe this is what we allocate. No is that this org does not deserve A&S funding at all and sending it back to Committee says this is not an appropriate allocation we want to send it back to Committee. But know it does follow the whole process like, if it’s fair I don’t have an argument about sending it back to Committee, but just know that it does follow the whole Bureaucracy, it goes through Committee, it comes back to senate. Seeing…Senator Romero.

Romero: Also, a point of information if it gets send back it can also come back with the exact same numbers.

Patel: Or less. Guys it happened last time. Actually I’ll cover it in ASRC. Anything else, seeing none that wasn’t a procedural question I actually shouldn’t have taken that yet. And Senator Cano, your motion still stands any objections to voting? Seeing none, we are now in voting. Clickers are up. 35:1:1 this org is funded.

3. ASRC Introduction and Nominations

Patel: Alright to the fun part of today’s meeting ASRC introduction. So wait who all has been in ASRC just so I know who is in the room. Sayf was a puppet, Senator Aziz, Senator Cocco, it’s good stuff, Senator Romero, Senator Lopez. Who else sees…who else knows what ASRC is, you’ve seen it, you know where the room is, you got free food from it? Alright good so these people are knowledgeable I guess outside the Chairs. Umm the way ASRC works is…ummm the way ASRC works is umm we meet on Fridays…just absorb this from now, because if you want to run this is something you have to fall into, this criteria. We meet on Fridays, okay. We set the Agenda up for 8am; we usually start at 9pm. I know, Ms. Vicki is back there, she knows. We usually start at like 10am, 11am. We keep pushing it up but none of that this year. When we say we’re starting, we’re starting because people have like schedules that they need to follow, like class and stuff. But umm it can go from 8am or 9am to 5pm, or to 6pm or we could ruin all of Jessica Morgan’s dates and go until 10pm. Again it is one of those things that we…you need to be flexible on a Friday, that’s all I’m trying to say. Because sure it is like oh it’s just business, oh I have a life, I have something I want to do. But you’re representing students for $14 million, just keep your Fridays open until like 10pm, clubs don’t open till 11pm, so you shouldn’t be there at 10pm so like you don’t really have anywhere to go. Umm other than that if you have class, the way this works is that you can go to class just don’t clock in for working. You avoid the time you clock in, because you are paid for ASRC. SO just letting you guys know, it is an incentive but it is a lot of work. It’s a lot of work; it’s a lot of stuff. Cocco likes to invite people in for free food, I’m not against that at all, come for free food if you don’t want to get paid, whatever. Umm let’s see what else do we do in there. Umm yeah that’s that, we have a PowerPoint, I know Adam wants to present it. Ali and Adam were both the Chairs essentially for ASRC. Ali was the Chair; Adam was the Vice Chair, but Ali was a very humble man so he kept handing it off. But regardless the way it works, the structure as you guys voted on it, there is six standing members on the Committee.

Aldridge: It’s the second slide but go ahead.

Patel: It’s the second slide, so I won’t talk about it I guess. But what we will talk about is that the way it works is no different than Appropriations, you will get budgets, you meet with the orgs umm each senator…oh actually you will be talking about all this won’t you?

Aldridge: I was just going to lay out the…

Patel: You can go over the slide first and I’ll cover everything else later.

Aldridge: That’s what I figured we were going to do.

Patel: Gotcha. Alright, here you go.
Aziz: Take your time Adam.

Aldridge: Alright, just to...he sort of explained a little about what, but yet again with the members of ASRC what it’s composed of. It’s entirely of students; there is 8 Senators that are elected to the Committee by Senate. Um 6 of them are elected as voting members and two of them are elected as alternate voting members. Um they still get to, they have all the speaking rights, they still have to be at all the meetings and the only distinction is that they are not allowed to vote unless one of the 6 voting members happen to be absent or out of the room when it comes time to vote. Um there is also 4 SG officers that are designated to be on the Committee, umm the Chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriation and Audits, I forgot to put that, Zein, the Senate President, so Shyam or his designee, the Chief Financial Officer which is David Houseman and the Student Body President, so Will or (inaudible). And when what happens is that in all of the meetings, representatives from the Business Office are there, so Vicki (inaudible) is there and Masha who is (inaudible) is usually there and they are always great help as well as...

Patel: Bobbi.

Aldridge: Bobbi, yes. As well as representatives from Student Government Advising and Training Operations, so Jessica is usually there, sometimes Gary can’t be there, but they always provide big help to us as well, in making our decisions. And providing advice and giving umm providing objective advice on what decisions need to be made. Ugh so basically what ASRC does, as he already stated, we determine the initial allocation of $14 million, umm we fund student affairs departments including the Marshall Center, Campus Recreation and everything in the Student (inaudible) Tower, in the past, it's obviously up to the Committee in ASRC. Also, we typically fund our agencies including Computer Services, Safe Team and Bulls Radio and the 200...around 250 student organizations. As well, ASRC will set the rules and regulations for the organizations for the upcoming fiscal year. So back during fall this past year, ASRC you know made revisions to Proviso umm sometimes it doesn’t get changed at the year, but this time like we had during the summer, there was additional changes that need to be made, so those changes also get put in over the course of the year. Ugh just to give a timeline. The fall, there are usually three or four meetings throughout the fall. Umm on the first day, and I thought I put it on there, they are always on Fridays. The three or four meetings throughout the Fall on Fridays are to discuss and make amendments to Proviso for the Senate’s approval for the upcoming year. Umm stuff like the $7 per head, what things should be classified as you know, it’s a whole list of things, Chapter 805 Proviso is about 5 pages long. Umm those amendments get made to Senate and Senate votes on them. The committee does not meet again until the Spring, and it basically is every Friday from January 10th until April 1st. The first four or five are broken into presentations by departments and if we have the time we made decisions on those budgets, we make allocations on those budgets. The next two or so and then in February are Student Government Budgets, and allocations on those. The next three are the Student Organization budgets and allocations on those. And if we need to move one around to be able to cover one other one, it happens, but that’s usually the general outline of what happens up until Spring Break. And after Spring Break there is voting on any appeals brought forth by either Student Organization or Student Affair Departments and then our final vote to bring it to the Senate. What will be required of ASRC Members? Some of this is for sure, some of this is more up in the air, open to interpretation. You need to be at every meeting. It’s one week, one meeting a week, sometimes there will be two or three other meetings on Friday in the Fall, but every day from 9am to 5pm at least in the Spring. Umm we probably won’t start before 9am, but we may for sure stay after 5pm, depending on the discussion and business for that day. Basically don’t plan to do anything in the Spring on Friday. Umm obviously he went into more detail on that. And don’t...if you can, if you have to, if there are no other way to schedule class on Friday, you’ll probably be excused for it. But the thing about ASRC election is that it’ll happen next week, so you’ll know if you’re on it by next week. So you’ll be able to say I can, you know, format my schedule for the upcoming Spring, and for most Colleges, most majors, most job…and most classes, you don’t have to worry about taking Fridays what so ever. Second thing, meeting with student organizations.
Patel: Do you have a question? Senator Scharon?

Aldridge: Oh I'm sorry.

Scharon: Umm so just one more time, we would be running for now even though classes are in the Spring, umm College of Engineering my curriculum is pretty much set in stone my next two years here so if I did… I wouldn’t know if I had a Friday class. If I did have a Friday class and then just couldn’t be there from 9am to 5pm, would I end up having to give up my seat, is it not worth running at all? Does that make sense?

Antar: Sure. Umm well as just an opening kind of thing, The Chair before me was an Engineering Student as well, he made it work and he was a Chair so that meant he had to be at every single meeting from beginning to end. He didn't have a chance to be excused unless he let his Vice Chair take over for a little bit. Umm and if you do have to take a break in the middle of it and that’s the way it is, then that’s just the way it is. Ugh you can go and that’s why we have the two alternate Senators, is that if somebody takes a little break for a few hours a Senator…an Alternate can come in and take your vote for you. So there is never an incomplete committee for something that’s as important as this. So if you feel like you will have a good amount of time off on Fridays then it will be good idea, but if you’re almost 100% sure that you’re going to have a giant block on Fridays that will not let you come to meetings, and I doubt that is the case, but maybe you would consider not running. But I don’t think happens, so you will find a way to work it out.

Patel: Like a lab, don’t have a four hour lab on Fridays.

Antar: That’s a good idea.

Aldridge: And then some examples like there were some people that had a class on 8am in the morning on Friday which stick on a Friday morning to have that, but they were able to get done by 9:15 and come in. If you’re 30 min. late that’s fine. I think if it was like a 50 minute class that could be allowable but that’s obviously up to ASRC and the Chair who gets selected, and the leadership at that time. So but usually if it’s multiple classes that will last 3 or 4 hours then it sort of takes away from you being elected because usually what happens is that as well as much of you want to be on, there are other people that also wants to be on too, so taking that 3 to 4 hours away, if that were to be the case, would sort of be unfair to the other people who are trying to run for the position as well so. Ugh… I guess if you decide to run but don’t know your schedule yet and it comes up there is a time, I mean it’s sort of…I mean one of the things to you your office is more than welcome if something happens that you can’t control that it happens for all day, it may be at that time you may have to resign, or step down from that seat in ASRC and do that, and we’ll have another elections, we’ve done it before. Umm but it’s just yeah… that’ (inaudible). If you need to step down then you have to. Umm meeting with the Student Organizations each…during the student organization period in February. Each Committee Member will meet with 20 to 25 organizations depending on the number that come in. And the idea is to be objective and representative of all those organizations. And you have to advocate for them, I’m sometimes more passionate and ugh liberal with my making decisions for others. But the idea is to looking towards…think what would be appropriate, bringing it forth the Committee, and have them look through each one and say this is a realistic proposal, this may not be realistic, just the idea is to not be irrational with the way you do it…not to give them $7 each for each event for budgets of 8,9,$10,000, is usually how it works. The biggest thing I think is that you have a budgetary background. Now you don’t have to be studying business but you have to have some sort of budgetary financial experience and knowledge. Just an idea of being able to how to work with a budget, think about you know the departments that come in, umm think about you know the revenues that the A&S fees collect, which is how much we start with as a pot. You know knowing that there’s, this last year, $13.6.5 or 6 million that came in for A&S fees that developed a budget. The biggest thing at the end is that we cannot run in a deficit. So let’s say there’s only a certain amount of students that come in for the upcoming year and it only amounts to $13.8 million and all the reserve funds only add up to $14.5, we can’t spend more than $14.5 that’s basically the bottom line for that. And so to know about that and think about that and keep in mind when we’re making those decisions.
Patel: Just really quick we will fill you in, so it’s not like you have to know every little thing about…just so you don’t (inaudible). But any questions? Senator Abraha.

Abraha: Yeah umm seeing that we only fund about 5% for student organizations do we actively advertise them being able to come in and speak in front of ASRC?

Antar: You mean for the organizations themselves to speak in front of ASRC for the first time.

Abraha: Yeah if they…

Antar: The thing is if we let every single organization do that…

Abraha: Or come meet us sorry.

Antar: Oh yeah, I know definitely. We have each ASRC member email all their organizations assigned to them, and they all have the chance to come meet. And it has happen that organizations sometimes don’t respond, what can you do about that? Well you chase for a little bit and if they don’t respond still you just leave them alone.

Patel: What happens to them Ali?

Antar: Zero funds.

Patel: They don’t get any money because we assume they don’t exist. You don’t ever reply.

Aldridge: And we send them the appeal process, so they get a mock budget. We’ll say you didn’t meet with, $0 is your mock budget, if you do not reply to us in this amount of time to meet with someone else, then you can’t appeal your budget so there for you get $0, that sort of thing. And each member is more or less required to actually send out that email to the organization. So it can’t be like one of those flexible things where they choose to or not to, they have to send them out at least one email, usually at least two. A couple of suggestions that I put, and I have other suggestions that I know everyone else that was in ASRC could be able to speak on other issues as well. One thing that I wanted to highlight was you need to be able to make decisions, so you don’t necessarily need to speak on every topic otherwise we will be there till 10 in the evening and that’s not necessarily what we want, even though we want a thorough discussion. If you know what your position is and you know already how you’re going to vote, and someone’s argued for your exact same point there’s no…basically there’s no reason to double that second point because you already know that all the things that are being said. So you can’t just…like you can be on the fence for some of the things but the idea is not to be like, you know, President Will what’s your opinion on this (inaudible) Budget Bill, you’re going to have to…he’ll give his opinion and someone else will give their opinion and you’ll have to make the decision, I agree with this person or I agree with that person. Umm another thing that happens and sometimes it’s hard to avoid this, but to retain quorum and to respect the other senators, there will be a lot of heated debates, sometimes as much as $10 sometimes over as much as $300,000 and that’s a serious thing. So umm you’ll have to argue and argue passionately but at the end of the day you shouldn’t take it as a personal offense if one person is on the opposite side of you on a vote or something like that. And don’t do anything (inaudible). Ugh one other thing is that you’ll have a lot of student affairs professionals that will come present and hopefully we will see a lot of those same ones when we go throughout the fall. But they have a sort of system in which they have to present their budgets, so I guess just be understanding of that concept and try to be able to ask them the questions that best…will help them in their system. Because there are some questions that you may be able to ask and I will (inaudible) to those questions but then they have no way to be able to help that. So it’s one of those things you’ll be able to notice this throughout the fall and then when you start going into the Spring, it’s one of those things that basically the longer you get in the more details and the more understanding you get of certain situations. But it’s just the idea of being sort of respectful to
them because they have to follow their own procedures in submitting their budgets to us. So it’s a little bit of a stressful process with them but ultimately the decision is with us. And then I left it open to other suggestions because I can make some but obviously I don’t want to make all.

Patel: Senator Cocco.

Cocco: How’s the paperless going to work?

Aldridge: Umm well…

Patel: (Inaudible) Mr. Housman is not here but I know Aziz knows enough about it. Senator Aziz.

Aziz: So…Mr. Housman devised…he has two things possible, you can have a google doc which syncs with each person. So you type it in and it syncs with your Gmail, google doc, all your budgets and another option he has is the drop box which is the same thing. So both of them work, both of them can be locked down to you individually and also controlled by the chair, so you each have your own copy, make your own notes, and also a copy to be used for the meeting. So it should be hopefully paper free, and with the iPads and laptops that’s the concept.

Patel: Here is the big problem with that especially I had since I like the world. This is one ASRC binder, this is about 1,000 or something, not a 1,000 but you know it’s essentially a realm of paper, if you ever held a realm of paper, the entire packet (inaudible). So it’s like every binder gets a realm and there is at least like 12 people sitting there and then SGATO gets some and ASBO they all need paper because they physically keep track of it but we can just type it up on the internet and we’ll all know. So like instead of wasting ten trees a day we’re going to try this new green initiative since we’re all trying to be green and gold. But yeah, so instead of carrying this around we’ll bring iPads, we bring laptops to the meeting so you guys will have iPads and laptops and whatever. We tested it out with David and I, if I type in a number it will change on the entire screen, so we can argue and look at actual projections and discussions, instead of sitting there like what is 10% of this, don’t worry about this let’s just move one, we’ll just type in 10% and it will tell you what is 10% on the big screen. So we’re trying to be more technologically savvy with this here. But we’ll see, but that’s just heads up. Senator Belizaire.

Belizaire: Question as far as umm the Senators that are on that are voting, can there be Senators like…People that are not voting umm can they still speak during the meetings?

Patel: Right, so alternates?

Antar: Alternates are allowed to speak, there was a confusion as to whether or not they are statutorily granted speaking rights, but I think whatever confusion was there was removed. They speak, they just don’t vote. So when it comes time to vote, even if they were the most heated ones and they are the only one on that side, if everyone else votes the other way, it doesn’t matter because they don’t get to vote. But it does happen that people leave, so if somebody leaves the room they do get to vote.

Patel: Right like if three of us were it and I was the alternate and those two are voting, as soon as Ali walks out, I become a voting member. But if Ali walks in then I’m not. But you can’t walk in during voting, because if I’m already in the voting process, I’m the voter.

Antar: Yeah.

Belizaire: Well okay, then my other question is…follow up.

Patel: Yes ma’am.
Belizaire: Umm can we…can…can random people come to ASRC?

Patel: Everything we do is open, everything SG open is pretty much…

Belizaire: But they can’t talk?

Patel: I mean it’s no different than right now, I don’t mean to be rude in anyway but Ms. Vicki and Jessica Morgan are both Gallery Members. So as long as the Chair, in this case me, recognizes them they are more than welcome to talk. So imagine if I get a concerned org walk in, if the Chair wants he can say hey what do you want, what’s up.

Belizaire: Okay.

Patel: Senator Romero.

Romero: Just to clarify that question that you just asked. I mean last Spring I went to a lot of the meetings with umm David Housman; he’s a good friend of mine. Although I’m not a part of ASRC and I wasn’t even part of Student Government, I went and I mean sat in just to a, educate myself and then b, like they said obviously I’m not going to speak the whole time or have an opinion, you know I’m not going to be someone that speaks a good amount of time, but if I do have a point of information or something I can contribute to the conversation then, (inaudible).

Patel: Cool, any more questions about ASRC overall? Senator Belizaire.

Belizaire: Umm were you about to go over the process of like…because you said Senators elect voting members.

Antar: Yeah. Can I talk about something? Here is something that just came up right now. Cocco wanted to make a subcommittee. Ugh and (inaudible). We’re allowed to make subcommittees, statutorily we don’t have subcommittees we have Ad-hoc Committees. So what I want to do is I wanted to have the Senate to exercise one of its powers and call an Ad-Hoc Committee, which would be set in his subcommittee, but when we call an Ad-Hoc committee, we would have to elect members. Umm so we would be able to see the election process tonight, if the Senate wanted to and then we would do the same thing but for ASRC umm next week. Ugh so if you guys really want to see it, take a look at how this kind of election procedure could go, we could entertain that by tonight, we could actually see an example of it.

Patel: Which is recommended because I don’t (inaudible) a subcommittee is…

Antar: It’s the same thing we just don’t use that term; we use Ad-Hoc so that’s one more. But in a nutshell if I were to explain it ugh we’d open the floor for nominations, nominations would be made, once nominations were done, every nominee would be able to come up and speak for a certain amount of time they would speak. Obviously we would have to have all the other nominees leave the room. Ugh and then all of them would come back from questioning, and the questioning won’t work by asking each individual candidate. Every question has to be applicable to every single candidate ugh after the questioning I don’t think we would move into discussion, we can…Endorsements, yeah that’s what we move into. So yeah you can speak in favor of certain nominees and after that we move into voting’s. And that would work by ballot, you select up to the amount you can vote for and in ASRC’s case that would be 8 for the subcommittee that…not subcommittee…the subcommittee…to the Ad-Hoc committee would have 7, that’s what seems like a reasonable number, actually…okay, yeah so they would just fill out the ballot for that and then the top 8 vote receivers would be elected. The first six would be primary and the last…the 7th and 8th would be alternates.

Patel: And it’s on a ballot.
Antar: Yeah so during the questioning we would have to go print out the ballots, we would have to go send a worker to go do that. It's...we're all workers here guys come one.

Patel: Senator Belizaire a follow up?

Belizaire: And that's happening next week?

Patel: Yeah that will for sure happen next week.

Antar: We can see an example of it tonight if the Senate deems it's entertainful.

Patel: Senator Cocco.

Cocco: Ugh can you show us some of the stuff on screen? Like what we're looking at schedule a, schedule b?

Patel: Wait we're talking about two different things real quick. So like he's talking about making an Ad-Hoc based on your subcommittee quote on quote.

Cocco: Oh and I'm still on this.

Patel: Yeah. And the reason he wants to do it, to make a subcommittee...to make an Ad-Hoc is so you could see nominations and the election process really quick.

Cocco: Okay.

Antar: Yeah so you guys aren't caught off guard by the…

Patel: Because it is a hectic thing guys, it took what, three hours last time.

Antar: Yeah because nobody knew what was happening.

Patel: Yeah, but you guys are much more competent, all are.

Cocco: But before that if possible can we show the Senate like what schedule A and schedule B, what we're looking at, a Department example and then a Student Org example, and then a SG example.

Patel: I have things right here. Guys, guys we're still on the minutes. But here's...here's a perfect example, completed budgets, student orgs, actually no departments.

Cocco: Right, right. Student Affairs.

Patel: Alright, departments. Let's look at SGATO. This way Jessica Morgan can defend them, I mean not defend them, present it. Okay. Umm so yeah this is pretty much here let me just...so what this is, this is a typical template budget request, okay? Orgs get the same thing and we get the same thing. But orgs don't get to fill out all the boxes and we do. So this is an overview page what it does is it tells you what their allocations were last year compared to this year. So this was this running year and this was last year, you get it? So when you're actually funding them, you only note this. So you would know what they are currently funded and you are allocating. So you get to see both of them. And then moving down you just get to see the comparisons how much they are requesting or how much they are spending...or you can ask how much they spend, we have access to it, that's all stuff you can do in ASRC and we'll get you access to the p-drive and all that kind of stuff. But yeah, moving down, budget summary. It shows you exactly what their things are, their budget...
categories or schedules are. Schedule A is a payroll, so your payroll for Ms. Jessica Morgan, Mr. Gary Manka, Katherine, Adam…

Aldridge: Tammy.

Patel: Tammy. So that’s pretty much SGATO, because it’s a very in house one, we know it. OCO is Other Capital…what is it? Operating Capital Outlay, that’s like if they want to buy stuff like concrete stuff that’s going to last more than tomorrow. So like if they wanted to buy Jessica Morgan a brand new horse throne, that’s going to last more than two days, she now has a horse throne in her office, that’s OCO. You still need to (inaudible) contract, this is the nonsense that I think is called telephones but umm it’s…guy’s magic jack. Programming and Operating expenses that is like umm things they want to…like when they do  ugh, imagine okay…

Cocco: The workshops, they do the workshops.

Patel: Yeah, workshops, thank you. Yes that’s exactly what I was looking for. The Workshops, SGATO will have leadership workshops, I know they had Mr. Mike ugh…the two term president.

Cocco: Mikey Two-Term Griffin.

Patel: Two Term Griffin, thank you sir. He came in, they had noted for the punch and food and stuff and they had like umm him present, pretty much that kind of stuff. It’s no different than if you were an org this is the programming budget as an org. And travel, this is allocated based off of, because they can’t go into the travel grant, like orgs can, departments get their travel funding when they request their money. So you fund their travel based off of what events there are, how you feel about them because imagine they are still assets to the University so if they go to conferences and learn stuff it’s not like they learn it and keep it away from us. They learn it and bring it back to us, that’s the whole concept behind paying for I guess non students to go to stuff. So like Jessica Morgan will go to a SG convention or even a SGATO convention, she’ll learn new things and bring them back and tell us about them. Like she’ll implement them in ASRC or here and stuff.

Cocco: And they take students as well to the conferences.

Patel: Yeah they do take students. So in ASRC we did Fall and figure out which one had more students going to it.

Cocco: Right.

Patel: So you guys can bug her about going with her on conferences. Senator Aziz.

Aziz: I think I miss the Ad-Hoc thing, what was that about?

Patel: Well we haven’t actually decided, let me just finish this real quick. This is new stuff, like essentially anything they didn’t request last year they put in the new initiative summary. So anything they want to try they list it in this little bracket right here. It’s whatever they…essentially expansion or this is a conference obviously, they didn’t go on any conferences the year before so these are the conferences from…or they didn’t go on either of these conferences, notary licenses, they didn’t have notary licenses the year before, they’re adding it so it’s put on this new space so we understand what’s new and what’s not. And you get to see the break down right here, of just like how (inaudible). Umm you’ll learn about fringe benefits and all those kind of things statutorily mandated. Other than that, you lump sum it.

Cocco: Can you explain OPS?
Patel: OPS is student employment, so FTE is full time employee so that’s people that are on salaries. We are OPS, up here. We are on hourly clocks. It’s pretty much students, it’s not really…it’s…I don’t know. Yeah, it’s not benefits. Unless I go over 39 hours, I would have to explain a lot to people, I would have to defend myself but then I get benefits. Okay, Senator Cano did you have a question?

Cano: No I was just going to clarify OPS for you guys.

Patel: Okay, thank you, was mine sufficient?

Cano: Yeah that was fine.

Patel: Thank you sir. We’ll go…obviously you see right here Furniture and Renovations, which were zeroed, so they didn’t have any, all of these stuff. Umm right here is their monthly…like the fax machine, or the office machine service which I mean it’s a printer. And the printer replacement right here. And then awards and trophies and stuff, this is what they bring…

Cocco: The Banquet.

Patel: Banquet, thank you sir. And then office supplies and miscellaneous expenses. And then the General Fund is something also that SGATO does, pretty much oversee but that’s a different budget. But yea this is pretty much what they do and then Travel. So you guys get to see what Travel…like you’ll actually see in this breakdown, if I have the laser point, can you point it…like see where it’s zero funded it does not have any money in it but the problem is we only tell departments what we zero funded by sending them this back. We don’t send it back to orgs, so orgs never know what we said no to or what we said yes to. We just give them here’s your check of, or not really a check but here’s your rain check of like $700, use it how we see fit, but know that we cut stuff. It doesn’t make any sense. SO right here you actually see what we said no to and you could listen to the minutes of 1,000 or what was it like, it was like 1,070 pages. You can just read us argue, I don’t know why. Cool? Alright, and then revenue, if they made revenue…oh Jessica Morgan.

Morgan: I just want to add, I know this…there’s been a lot of ASRC information being thrown at you all tonight, which may be a little overwhelming. But if you are elected to be on this ASRC Committee, there’s going to be training. So you’re not going to have to remember all of this budget stuff tonight, you will get training on the standards and statutes that pertain to this and developing those things. So don’t let all of this overwhelm you and intimidate you from running next week. Because you can certainly (inaudible) that you will be a successful member of this Committee.

Patel: She’s lying, there’s (inaudible). Alright, anything else? Senator Canton?

Canton: Umm so why exactly don’t we send that back to the organizations…

Patel: That’s okay, we love this here. I guess it didn’t matter enough.

Aldridge: Well I think the reason in the past has been that for student organizations they’re not confined to the events that are funded and how much of those events are funded. And that’s just how the (inaudible) spending is also State mandated and statutorily in our Statutes mandated. Umm so frankly if they had a $1,000 but they were funded for 6 events, they can only spend…they can only choose to spend it on 2 events and have big events for $500. That’s why in the past we hadn’t really decided to go with that, because it’s very flexible from year to year. But over the past couple of years it was apparent to us that people wanted to see that to be able to have that understanding and what does student government thinks is best and maybe not as important and then that’s why we…

Patel: Senator Ali.
Antar: Because at the end of the day it’s just that. It’s a lump sum that we give them. When we give to departments you know and we say that we didn’t give them money to hire somebody else or to spend on travel it’s like oh okay we can’t do that, we can’t do this, we can do that. For organizations it doesn’t matter. Umm if they wanted to have one event with money we gave them, then so be it, even though they had 20 planned that we gave the money separately for 20 events. It’s a lump sum. If you want to change it then you can find out how to make mail merge do that or you can send out 180 individual emails, it’s your call.

Patel: Or you can just split them all between the 20 you had, each Senator sends that. But regardless it’s just that Departments are confined to schedules that are exactly what we showed you the schedule concept. They can’t say like oh we have some extra payroll let’s now use it in Travel; they would have to make transfers for all that kind of stuff.

Aldridge: And that’s why one of the things that was brought up in the beginning was that student organizations only have one schedule of the food and materials.

Patel: Cool any question, or anything else you guys want explained, anything else you guys wanted to point out?

Antar: Really quick, can I just say one thing? I know it’s going to sound a little weird, but I wrote my Thesis last year on ASRC so if anybody wants more details as to how it’s formed, what they do in the first four meetings, what they would do in the detail and all that kind of stuff, you can let me know and I can send that to you, or I can send that to Shyam and Shyam can send that to all of you, but I don’t really know if you guys want to read through 20 pages of me just typing. So yeah.

Cocco: I do.

Patel: And it’s (inaudible), which he also wrote a thesis about.

Antar: That was a good thesis, my (inaudible) not the ASRC one.

Patel: Any more questions? Anybody else from ASRC want to point anything else before we go into this mock little process, and nominations I will take nominations up until Monday at 5pm, yeah 4:49:49…

Antar: 59.

Patel: 59, 59, 59, 59, 60. 59. Yeah okay so everyone understands that. Alright, so I’m going to have a (inaudible) real quick. Monday at the close of business, which is 5 o’clock, that’s the last nominations we’ll accept unless…I don’t know like, if there’s not enough nominations, like there is only three people nominated, (inaudible).

Aldridge: And to also clarify you can nominate yourself if you want to or if people… if you want to talk to someone else to nominate, it doesn’t really matter either way. But you can nominate yourself or someone can nominate you and then if you nominate yourself you obviously accept it. If someone else nominates for you, Shyam will send you an email saying, do you accept this nomination.

Patel: Karline…Senator Belizaire.

Belizaire: I have so many questions sorry. But my…a question since you guys were on the ASRC committee last year, what would you say was the most debatable ASRC Committee meeting…like topic? Because you know you guys said you talk about Departments and Organization funding and umm…
Patel: I mean everyone has a different opinion as to what it might be, I can guarantee that. But like a quick example for me was an Appeal Process. An org appealed because they said they didn't get enough money and when we looked at it, it wasn’t…a Senator, one person, figures out how much to allocate based on meeting with them. So if you don’t agree with it, or me personally I didn’t agree with what they allocated, I started fighting because I was just going off of principles on like standards and stuff. So when they appealed I cut it down more so like…guys the point is it is still principle, like what the heck. Like don’t argue, don’t like get mad because it’s students. Yes their students but it’s like we still run on a principle base. Like if money grew on trees I don’t care I would give them all of it, but it doesn’t we have to make cuts and stuff.

Antar: If you want stories, Adam is in the office a lot, and I’m in the office sporadically. You can talk me, I can go for hours, or you can read Stephen’s minutes.

Patel: And one last one is when Ali gaveled out two…the alternates because they called Sayf a puppet.

Antar: That was probably the most intense and the only gaveling out that happen.

Patel: He almost broke his gavel.

Antar: Good times, guys, good times. It’s on the Minutes, I can’t deny it so.

Patel: Senator Cocco.

Cocco: Of course we dealt with the library last spring but it came to ASRC wanting funding to the hours, that we so hardly fought for right now. And so what that tells me is that they can possibly try to bring other Academic stuff towards us.

Patel: Tutoring.

Cocco: Tutoring for example, that was another $100,000 or something

Patel: $75,000 or something.

Cocco: We’ll probably yeah…so what I’m trying to say is be aware you know the academic fee is separate from the A&S fee. We don’t want to open the doors for that to happen and umm what else, ugh…library…

Patel: Free food.

Cocco: Free food, Friday’s 8 o’clock. Oh breakfast too right, there’s breakfast now?

Antar: I don’t know about that.

Patel: Alright, so questions and nothing…and if I don’t see anything else we’ll move on to this Ad-Hoc thing because it kind of does need to be had.

Antar: I mean it’s not even on the agenda, if it would like to entertain it.

Patel: Yeah, you just have to take a motion for 2/3rds to amend the agenda real quick. Senator Aziz.

Aziz: Motion to amend the agenda to add the Ad-Hoc creation

Patel: Of.
Aziz: Of..

Antar: There is a resolution, I sent it to you.

Cocco: It’s in your email

Alqasemi: Can we discuss what this is first.

Patel: Sure. Responses. Senator out and about everyone says they love the idea, cool as long as you guys know. Cool, back to the topic. Yes sir, I mean we still have to take the...like...we can’t put it on the...what we’re going to talk about it with.

Aziz: I’ll continue my motion to add the Formation of the Senate Ad-Hoc Committee of the Student Memorial to the Agenda.

Patel: Cool, any objections to adding that? And what it takes is two thirds of the Senate votes to change the agenda and add this. Thank you sir. Seeing no objections we are now on voting, let’s make a slide for this. Adam how do I do this? Thank you sir. Alright guys once we’re ready, clickers, one is yes to amend the agenda, two is no, do not amend the agenda. And three is to abstain but I mean you’re here your concise...conscious, so you can’t.

Unknown Senator: Mine is not working.

Patel: Click with your nail, like dig into it, dig into it there you go. Because it is like, it’s not…it’s like..

Aziz: It is IR.

Patel: It’s not. Regardless, are three people gone?

Belizaire: Yes.

Cocco: They actually, well two of them.

Patel: That’s fine, 27:6:1, alright we’re moving on. Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: Motion to a five minute recess.

Patel: Okay, any objections to five minute recess? Senator Cocco, state your objection for the record.

Cocco: It will take five minutes just to finish this and then we can go to adjournment no?

Patel: It will take five minutes to set it up, like to put it on the agenda and make sure their okay with setting up.

Cocco: Oh alright, just to set up, okay, I rescind.

Patel: Thank you sir. Any more objections? Seeing none, please stay seated until we’re actually in recess. Seeing no objections you’re now in recess at 8:16pm.

[Gavel]
4. SB [R] 54-007 Formation of the Senate Ad-Hoc Committee for the Student Memorial

Patel: Senate is back in session at 8:28 pm, that was kind of a elongated recess but we're back. On the agenda moving down SB [R] 54-007 Formation of the Senate Ad-Hoc Committee for the Student Memorial. If you would like to present it Senator Antar.

Antar: Alright you guys, it’s a relatively short resolution. Before I read it off I guess I'll just give you guys a background because some of you guys weren’t here when I talked about it, join the ASRC discussion. So here it goes. Okay, Senate Resolution. Senator Cocco wanted to make a subcommittee, while the intentions are great, that is not statutorily allowed because we do not have subcommittees we have ad-hoc committees. So in order to take suggestion for Cocco’s needs and his committee and to follow statutes I told him I would like to make it into an Ad-Hoc committee. You can form an Ad-Hoc Committee in two ways, the Senate President can form it. Or the more cool way to exercise our rights as Senators is to have the Senate call for it and vote for it in the form of a bill. So if this bill passes by a majority, simple majority, then the subcommittee…not the subcommittee, the Ad-Hoc Committee will be formed. And it’s…no it’s just majority, I checked the Statutes, it is just a majority. I can show it to you right now. Anyways so umm that’s what it is; ugh you can read…I would (inaudible).Be it resolved by the Senate of the University of South Florida Student Government assembled, Whereas, the Student Senate recognizes the need to refresh and beautify the area surrounding the new Student Memorial. Whereas, the Senate Committee on the University, Community and Government Affairs has already begun work on potential plans to do so. Therefore, be it resolved by the Senate of the University of South Florida Student Government Assembled, that on behalf of the student body, the Student Senate shall form the Ad-Hoc Committee for the Student Memorial, which shall be comprised of no more than seven senators and shall finish its work and present its findings to the Senate Committee on University, Community and Government Affairs by the third week of November. So yeah that knocks off what we need to do, what we need to do is we need to have a time at which it would finish, we need to have a number…we don’t need to have a number of how many Senators can be on it, but it makes it a lot better because then we won’t get anybody to go to the Ad-Hoc committee, it could just be Senate meetings and that doesn’t make sense. Umm and yeah, it gives it a title and it’s in the form of a resolution which we can vote on, which is all it says in Statutes. Amend it? Sure.

Patel: Did you have an amendment? Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Sure why not, since what happens usually with the Senators for Committee, if 7 is elected then we elect a Chair and it provides a tie, so I think we make it 8 Senators that would be a better idea.

Patel: Senator Cano did you have a friendly amendment?

Cano: Yeah, friendly amendment, of that. Umm considering the scope of this I think it’s a bit superfluous to have that many Senators, I would recommend a total of six with the Chair.

Patel: Sure.

Aldridge: So that’s a motion to...

Patel: Well I mean it says which shall be comprised of no more than seven, so even if we only elect 6 it doesn’t…(inaudible).

Antar: It's not a process, just change it to six.

Patel: Any objections to moving to six? Can I get a motion, sorry.

Aldridge: I'll motion to amend the number of Senators from seven to six.
Patel: Any objections to moving it to six? Seeing none, thank you sir. Senator Cano.

Cano: Just a point of information it should say Fall instead of Summer.

Patel: Thank you sir. Senator Aziz.

Aziz: So the Committee, should wrap up before Thanksgiving right?

 Antar: Pretty much.

Patel: That’s what it looks like.

 Antar: They expect the date hopefully…it’s a lot of cushion in there, we want to get it done by the first week of November but this allows them to have a bit of cushion.

Patel: Senator Cocco.

Cocco: With this it’s just fact finding to do. We got to make sure we got all the right information and then you got to meet with the right people to ensure we get the right information. And so you just want to add that cushion. And I want to thank Chairman Antar, President Patel, and Pro Tempore Aldridge, for being so ugh willing to get this going and ugh again I encourage all of you to participate to ensure our Memorial is whatever.

Patel: Alright, so discussion or I'll take a motion to discuss the actual Bill, for those of you to actually discuss or need to actually discuss the Ad-Hoc if you believe it’s necessary, however you guys want to do and then you guys can vote on it. Any questions? Seeing none, oh or Senator Canton.

Canton: Umm I had a motion, not a question.

Patel: Go ahead. Was yours a motion as well?

Unknown Senator: Yes.

Patel: Go ahead and make you motion sir.

Canton: Umm I’m going to motion to skip discussion and go straight to voting.

Patel: Sure any objections to skipping discussion? Just don’t do it all the time. Cool, seeing none, we’re now in voting procedures.

Aldridge: Ugh can I object?

Patel: Ugh is it a procedural thing?

Aldridge: Yes.

Patel: In what sense? Go ahead state it.

Aldridge: Umm I know you didn’t …actually no, never mind, I'll stop.
Patel: Alright, same process. Yes, no, abstain. One is yes and you want to make the Ad-Hoc, two is no you don’t believe we need this ad-hoc and three is me. Is that everybody, are we missing two people? Thank you ma’am. **With that we have a 33:1:1 breakdown.** Again, if you have a no, that’s where the discussion, like we don’t like skipping discussion, because the no is who we want to here, or even the yes because it can be (inaudible) circumstance. But we just want to know why because you could of even convinced me, even though I can’t vote, it still would have been…that’s the way, like you would have had Adam would have…you would have convinced like a lot of people, just saying. And it’s public record so like we do publish what you voted, so just in case like it…don’t vote no unless you can defend why because you don’t want to look bad to the (inaudible) you. Senator Cocco.

Cocco: I understand whoever voted no, but with all due respect, shame on you. Come on, how do you vote no on an Ad-Hoc like that.

Patel: It’s the purpose; you could have done it in different ways. I understand why you could have…you could have just met outside of an Ad-Hoc but that’s fine. Regardless, let’s move on. So now we have this Ad-Hoc now you guys know how easy it is to make an Ad-Hoc, don’t make a lot of Ad-Hocs and wear out the court but…but make Ad-Hocs where you feel it’s necessary. So if you feel like XY is not being addressed, make an Ad-Hoc cool. So now we’ll take the nominations for the people in the Ad-Hoc. I’ll open the floor for nominations, just raise your hand if you want to nominate yourself or anybody else. Senator Cano.

Cano: I’d like to nominate Senator Brown.

Patel: Senator Brown.

Brown: I’d like to nominate Senator Cano.

Patel: Oh yeah would you like to accept your nomination?

Brown: I’d like to accept.

Patel: Thank you sir. Senator Brown.

Brown: I’d like to nominate Senator Cano.

Patel: Senator Cano, do you accept your nomination?

Cano: I do accept.

Patel: Thank you sir. Senator Lee.

Lee: I’d like to nominate Senator Hartmann.

Patel: Senator Hartmann do you accept?

Hartmann: Yes sir.

Patel: Senator…how do you pronounce your last name?

Bader: Bader.

Patel: Senator Bader.
Bader: I’d like to nominate Senator Richards.
Patel: Sure, Senator Richards do you accept?
Richards: I accept.
Patel: Senator Sacasas.
Sacasas: I’d like to nominate Senator Lopez.
Patel: Senator Lopez do you accept?
Lopez: I accept.
Patel: Senator Hartmann.
Hartmann: I’d like to nominate Senator Lee.
Aziz: I’d like to nominate Ms. Burr.
Patel: Senator Burr do you accept?
Burr: Yes.

Patel: One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Here is that conflict of…this is the awesome part, you guys wanted six, there is seven of you running, now don’t…don’t do that whole back down wussy thing, let’s make this real alright. Like you guys will need to actually come up…anymore nominations, you’re still more than welcome to nominate, like. Come one, senator Aziz.

Aziz: Nominate Mr. Javier.
Patel: Morejon, Senator Morejon.
Morejon: I accept.
Patel: He accepts. Is that how you spell it?
Morejon: Yeah you’re good.
Patel: Good stuff, any more nominations, are you sure? Senator Pelegrino.
Pelegrino: I would like to nominate Ms. Fatima.
Patel: Ms. Fatima.
Fatima: Umm I accept.
Patel: Senator Aziz.
Aziz: I would like to nominate Mr. Adel Hassan.
Patel: Mr….Senator Hassan, he isn’t here, he’s outside. See what happens is you can’t really nominate someone if they are not here to accept it. This is why the ASRC thing, if you want to be in ASRC be here for the meeting. See like him we can’t say anything, so he just automatically formally declines…or respectfully declines, that’s the way you put it if someone nominates you and you don’t want to do it. Senator Aziz.

Aziz: I nominate umm Mr. Canton instead.

Patel: Senator Canton do you accept?

Canton: Yeah I accept.

Patel: Senator Little.

Little: I’d like to nominate Senator Colon.

Patel: Senator Colon.

Colon: I respectfully decline, but thanks, props to you.

Patel: And Senator Hartmann.

Hartmann: I’d like to nominate Senator Cocco.

Patel: Senator Cocco do you accept?

Cocco: I respectfully decline.

Patel: And then you can also make a motion to close the nomination pool. Senator Antar.

Antar: Motion to close the nominations.

Patel: Any objections to closing nominations? Now that half of Senate is on it. Alright, now the nominations is closed. Now what happens is you can go ahead and introduce all of them.

Antar: Huh? I was going to go ahead and make all of the ballots, but okay.

Patel: Senator Belizaire.

Belizaire: Okay so I have just a general question. So all of these people are running for sitting on the Ad-Hoc, how are you…are they allowed to vote? But they can’t see…

Patel: You’re about to see exactly what happens. Here you break down the process…break down the process for the Ad-Hoc.

Antar: Alright, okay so now these people are going to come up, they are going to have…they’re going to get speaking times the same way we elected Chairs and the Senate President, they get the speaking time. When each person speak, everyone else leaves, they speak. After everyone gets a chance to speak there is a period of questioning, questions have to be applicable to everyone. Umm and ugh yeah, so after questioning we can move into endorsements and then the Senate will have the chance to endorse the candidates that they feel are worthy of the position. After endorsements they move into votes. Ugh and that would be on the ballot, you can select up to six because that’s the limit we put on our resolution. Umm Senators will be allowed to come
back in and they do vote and yeah they can select themselves. They can select themselves, but you have to select five others so you can’t just select yourself. Okay, so that’s how that will work. I hope…am I…Ms. Belizaire.

Belizaire: Who is going to be actually…the counting the ballots.

Aldridge: Usually the Chair of the time as well as a member of SGATO will count the ballots. Any other questions? Yes, Senator Richards.

Richards: Yeah umm is it too late to decline?

Aldridge: Ugh…

Richards: I know you closed nominations and all but…

Aldridge: Sort of since we’re already going into discussions. I mean yeah you can go ahead and talk about why you want to be in it and you can answer questions. If you’re not elected it’s not…to the position or to the committee it’s not the end of the world. Yes, Senator Lopez.

Lopez: Can we establish umm like for the sake in time of what we’re going to do just to save time.

Aldridge: Umm since no one is obviously going to put together a presentation. It will be two minutes for each speaker and then when we come…and so we’ll translate in and out for each speaker. And when we get everyone back for the question and answer it will only probably be about 3 to 5 questions, just so we don’t stay here till 10 o’clock.

Patel: Do you have a follow up Senator Lopez?

Lopez: Yes so can we just begin that then?

Aldridge: Yeah, as soon as questions are over, we’ll go ahead and start. Okay so just in the order of which it was…each person was accepted if everyone could step out. Senator Cano, Senator Hartmann, Senator Richards, Lopez, Lee, Burr, Morejon, Fatima, and Canton and Senator Brown will have 2 minutes to come up. Obviously as I said you don’t have nominations. All you need to do is step outside and we’ll one by one call you back in for your presentation.

Aziz: Look behind you.

Cocco: It’s just an Ad-Hoc.

Aldridge: Alright, if you could just remain in order here. Ugh 2 minutes, you can talk for all two minutes or you can talk for 5 seconds, I have to get the timer. Umm just why you should be elected to the Ad-Hoc committee, give me one second.

Aziz: You have your timer Adam?

Aldridge: Yes, just whenever. At one minute…thank you very much I appreciate that. At one minute will be the first tap and then at 30 seconds will be the second tap, and the third time will be 2 minutes and times up. Okay whenever you’re ready.

Brown: Okay well umm I’m on the UCGA Committee, umm and I have seen the current Memorial and I have to say if you know about it umm, whereas very few of you know which I understand that it’s usually just
in the corner and it’s covered in...it’s kind of overgrown by like shrubs and stuff and black mold, and skid marks from like skateboards and stuff. And umm yeah I think ugh our deceased Bulls really deserve something better than what’s been kind of, just kind of pushed to the side right now. And I think ugh I’d really like to over...well not oversee, be on a Committee that will oversee the renovation or relocation of said Memorial.

Aldridge: You have a minute left if you want to...

Brown: Would that include questioning?

Aldridge: No everyone will...once everyone presents they will come back in for questioning.

Brown: Umm that’s about it.

Aldridge: Alright, thank you very much. Senator Cano. Two minutes just to explain why you want to be elected on the Ad-hoc.

Cano: I don’t even need that long, because we all want to go home right? So this Ad-Hoc committee, I’m glad we took the time to form it. For those of you who don’t know where the Student Memorial section is, oh man, as Senator Cocco said, it’s just not up to par. I really want to be on this Committee, because one I’ve been here for over a decade, and I’ve lost four friends who are in that memorial. 2 Football players and two classmates, so for me I actually want to do something for them. I want to see it spruced up, I want to do all the research, find out the impact fees, see about even moving it or find out what’s the best thing for the Memorial, and would be able to make it more of a sanctuary or whatever. But I want to be on this committee because I want to make it happen, I want to honor their memory and I think it’s...in the event, god forbid anything happened to us, we would want our memory respected too. So that’s why I want to be on the Committee, and I hope you vote for me. Thank you.

Belizaire: Senator Hartmann.

Aldridge: Two minutes just to explain why you want this position. I’ll tap at one minute and at 30 seconds.

Hartmann: Thank you alright. Good evening everybody my name is Brandon Hartmann. I want to agree with what Cocco said earlier about how we do need to step up in this area because I know personally from you know like just experiences with other students they are not aware that that area is for like you know students who have passed away. A lot of times they think it’s just like a place where the bricks continue from the rest of the Marshall Center with like memos or memories and such. So I definitely feel like there is like a need to step that up. I know for example in my High School we had plaques, not like a plaque for each student but a plaque recognizing the area you know where each students...like where their names are put. So for example we could put like a plaque or something, or with the bricks, or even like a candle, a giant candle showing that even though they have passed away they’re like flame or our faith in them still burns. And other than that, I look forward to working with the other Senators in brining ideas to the table and gauging what other students want, if I get if I get chosen, so thank you.

Belizaire: Senator Richards.

Aldridge: It will be two minutes just to you know...Ugh just one tap at one minute, and one tap at 30 seconds.

Richards: Alright, I’m going to use these two minutes to say that I’m declining. And I know it’s too late and everything but I no longer wish to do this, and it was a miscommunication. So yeah that’s it.
Belizaire: Senator Lopez.

Aldridge: No if you... Just ah, okay so two minutes just to explain why you want to be on, and I'll tap at one minute and 30 seconds.

Lopez: Umm I'll keep it nice and short, I think this is a very admirable cause to work towards. I mean earlier everyone saw how Cocco reacted to it. I mean all of us should really be reacting to it in that way. It's like a way to leave your legacy here in a way, and if we're not going to be respecting that and kind of bettering it, how are we going to build. I mean in a way it's going to lead to building school spirit in your way. You know it's like we love you so much we want to be engraved here to where people are going to remember us and we're established here. But I mean it says a lot if people are just skating over it, to these people it doesn't really matter. So I would be honored to be a part of this and try to make a difference for it umm besides that like I said I'll keep it sure. I'm very available on Tuesdays and Thursday, I'm pretty open. So if this Committee does go through and we for, and I'm a part of it, I'm very available and I look forward to hopefully changing this and making a difference. That's it.

Belizaire: Senator Lee.

Aldridge: Alright, so you have two minutes just to sort of explain why and you'll be tapped out at 1 minute and 30 seconds.

Lee: Okay. So hi guys, Sinhye if you guys haven't met me. Umm why I want to be in this seat is because I like interacting with students. And I feel like the Student Memorial thing is for the students, either passed away or the friends of the people that passed away. So I think it's important to make this place umm a better place. Umm I was in the UCGA Committee today and we were talking about how it's kind of like dirty and it's not really taken care of. And I would like to change that and you know contact people who need to be contacted to make those changes and yeah that's why I want to be in the Committee. And I've been in an Ad-Hoc committee last term to improve Proviso for A&S Fees, and I just...I like helping out in Student Government whether it's like helping in this way or that way, like if I can be in this seat I would like to put my effort and time into this Committee.

Aldridge: Burr...Burr.

Belizaire: Senator Burr.

Aldridge: You have 2 minutes ugh just to you know sort of say why you want to be elected to the Ad-Hoc committee.

Burr: Have you said that like several times already?

Aldridge: Yeah but that's okay. A tap at one minute and at 30 seconds.

Burr: Okay, hi everyone. Umm so this umm Ad-Hoc Committee is actually really close to my heart and I didn't realize it until Chloe pointed it out to me at the beginning of the meeting. I'm a dance major, College of the Arts and one of our students passed away in a car accident in 2009, and she's actually one of the students whose names is commemorated in this area. And umm I didn't know her personally but the College
of the Arts does a student dance concert every year and we umm donate to a scholarship fund that will give to one of our colleagues every year. So we have like this whole section of our curriculum that's kind of dedicated to her and umm I would really love to considered for this committee, and I would appreciate your votes for this committee, because umm that's something that I feel is close to my heart and it's a way that I can umm commemorate her and her legacy that she's left for me and my fellow constituents in the College of the Arts. And it's something that's obviously not being respected like it should be and so I feel like I could do a lot of good with this because I have a passion for her and for the other students that are commemorated. And that's all I have to say.

Aldridge: Morejon.

Belizaire: Morejon.

Morejon: Hello guys. Umm basically I want to be in this Committee just you know because I've…I've been…until today, I didn't even know about the Memorial service, or the Monument. And I think we should at the very least kind of clean it up, make it better, perhaps add on things to it. And also I think it would be a great way for me to get involved in Senate because I'm a new Senator, I'm not 100% sure of how things go yet but umm especially since I had a Study Abroad for half the summer so I missed half the Summer term. But umm I would really like to do this because I've been a USF Bulls Fan since I was like 3 years old and so I mean just the fact that fallen Bulls aren't even getting any respect at all, I think it's kind of ridiculous. So that's about it.

Belizaire: Senator Fatima.

Aldridge: Umm so just 2 minutes, and explain why you should be selected for the Ad-Hoc Committee.

Fatima: Okay, my name is Hiba Fatima. Umm I really didn't know about this Memorial at all before this meeting. I think it's a really cool initiative and I would love to be a part of it. And even if I don’t get on the Committee I support it whole heartedly.

Belizaire: Senator Canton.

Aldridge: Yes two minutes just to explain why you should be selected for the Ad-Hoc committee and I'll at tap and 1 minute and 30 seconds.

Canton: Well thank you all for taking the time to listen to me. I know compared to a lot of the other matters that come before this body, this may seem like a relatively small issue. But it’s exactly these issues that show what we are as a Community. Umm it's how we treat tragedies, it's how we respect and honor the people that came before us, and we want to give them (inaudible). So I take this issue very very seriously umm for a variety philosophical and personal reasons. I would like to be on this committee because I think we have to cap…we have to couple the recognition of the gravity and the importance of this task with an acknowledgement that we need to be as fiscally responsible in carrying it out. If you elect me to be on this committee I would like to always have an eye towards what is going to be most effective in accomplishing our goals and making this a beautiful and meaningful area that properly respects the contributions of students who have unfortunately passed in an untimely manner. While also devoting only those resources that we need to accomplish that goal. Umm so that's my basic idea, I would like to look into every creative solution, I would like to talk, not just …not just to umm my fellow committee members and Senators, I would like to go to people in Physical Plant, people at the MSC, see what they can do, see if anyone else has been thinking about these issues. And I would also like to take this opportunity to maybe have a bit broader discussion on how we can increase public awareness of this space and it’s meaning to the students of USF. Like I said I think this is a very important issue, it’s something that really shows who we are as a community and how we feel about our constituents. Thank you for taking the time, and I hope you vote for me.
Aldridge: You can tell them all to come in.

Belizaire: You guys can all come in.

Aldridge: Okay, so line up, sort of starting in the middle and go all the way down. Go ahead and everyone line up sort of right around here for questioning. No there’s no order. Stretch it that way if you need to a little bit, I believe for ASRC we were up by the clock. Umm okay so here’s what’s going to happen. Umm obviously there’s not a (inaudible) questions that can be ask but please make sure your questions can be directed to all the candidates and each candidate will have a minute to respond…up to a minute to respond. So are there any questions? Yes, Mr. Aziz.

Aziz: Question for all of you, what is your availability if…yeah that’s it.

Aldridge: I didn’t know what…We’ll start from Mr. Hartmann and work our way down.

Hartmann: My availability is basically Mornings and afternoons around like I want to say 11am to 2ish, I have class with a break in between.

Fatima: For me, Mondays and Wednesday I’m mostly free. I have up till 12pm and then I’m free. But on Monday I have a Committee meeting and that’s it.

Aldridge: Lopez.

Lopez: For me it’s umm Monday, Wednesday and Friday and I’m available after 3pm on those days and then Tuesday and Thursdays I’m completely free beside Senate on Tuesdays.

Aldridge: Brown.

Brown: Ugh Tuesday/Thursday after ugh 2pm. Friday’s till about 4pm, I think. And ugh Mondays/Wednesdays till about 4:30pm.

Aldridge: Morejon.

Morejon: Ugh I’m taking about 13 credit hours and basically every day after 3pm I’m available.

Aldridge: Burr.

Burr: I have an internship on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7am to 4pm, and any other day, morning/evening etc. I’m available.

Aldridge: Lee.

Lee: I’m available on Monday and Friday after 10pm...or 10am. And those can change because I volunteer and I can change those times if needed. And then free on Wednesday until 6pm. Tuesday and Thursday I’m free after 5pm. But Tuesday’s is Senate so just Thursdays after 5pm.

Aldridge: Canton.

Canton: I’m fairly busy, I have an internship that runs from 9 o’clock to umm 2 o’clock on Mondays and Wednesdays and then on Wednesday class from 6:20 to 9 at night. On the weekends I work from 9am to 5 o’clock. So any time after 5 o’clock Friday through Sunday and then Mondays after 2...well after 2pm I guess.
Aldridge: Cano.

Cano: I only have class on Wednesday and Thursday nights from 6 till 9.

Aldridge: Okay, any other more substantive questions?

Patel: Wait, did you put a limit on their speaking time?

Aldridge: Yeah, it’s up to one minute, but obviously that was about 15 seconds each. Which I appreciate that by the way. Umm any questions? That can be able to ask to all candidates about being on this Ad-Hoc committee for the Student Memorial. Yes, Mr. Aziz.

Aziz: Does anyone have any other questions?

Aldridge: Not at this moment. Unless…Ms. Kattih has a question I think, so go ahead…go ahead Senator.

Kattih: If you could each describe what you could bring to this committee in one word.

Aldridge: Okay, we'll start with Mr….in one word?

Kattih: In one word.

Aldridge: Okay. We’ll see about how that goes, I’ll start with Mr. Cano.

Cano: Passion.

Aldridge: Canton.

Canton: Umm clarity.

Aldridge: Lee.

Lee: Effort.

Aldridge: Burr.

Burr: Creativity.

Aldridge: Morejon.

Morejon: Diligence.

Aldridge: Brown

Brown: Perspective.

Aldridge: Lopez

Lopez: Determination

Aldridge: Fatima
Fatima: Resourcefulness

Aldridge: Hartmann.

Hartmann: Resources.

Aldridge: Okay I hope that helps narrowing down, based on one word there, we’ll see how that goes. Any other questions? Yes, Mr. Aziz.

Aziz: Alright, some of you have more fam…familiarity with the memorial than others I guess a general question for all of you is what would be your idea to make an improvement since you guys know it’s the brick on the side of the Marshall Center, what would be your ideas?

Aldridge: Umm we’ll start with Senator Brown.

Brown: Ideas, definitely change the location where is right now it’s not acceptable. Umm I also would definitely would change it from some sort of bricks to kind of something that’s kind of above ground, not something that is at ground level.

Aldridge: Alright, oh keep going.

Brown: Sort of keep our options open, sorry.

Aldridge: Alright, Cano.

Cano: Umm even though I don’t want to object to the question, I think that’s really something for the Committee to decide as far as you know, I think we’ll take up a lot of time with everybody’s ideas. But it can range from changing the location to sprucing up the current location to everything else you know that’s possible. So that’s…you know I think that’s more of a committee’s mission to answer that question, that’s why we’re forming the committee.

Aldridge: Hartmann.

Hartmann: I think we should leave it at the same location just in respect to like you know the families. Who like have known it to be at that location. I definitely agree with the idea of possibly like bringing something that is off ground, just like how the Marshall Center has, they have the information desk (inaudible) with names in it. Maybe we can incorporate something like that, maybe an engraving like that, you know like unfortunate events or even possibly like I don’t know if you guys have been engineering where they have that path with the letters in the rocks, so something like that so people would notice it more than just bricks and you know the ground itself.

Aldridge: Thank you, ugh Lopez.

Lopez: Umm honestly I myself didn’t even know about it, so one of the biggest thing I would want to do is bring more attention to it and I mean, by giving it more attention people would respect it more. But I also agree that it all really depends on the Committee so it all comes down to that. One of my biggest thing would be to bring more attention to it, which would bring more respect hopefully.

Aldridge: Alright, Lee.
Lee: I agree with what other people said, I think it’s up to the Committee and I would like to see improvements on how it looks and umm like how it attracts students. Like I feel like it should be like students would be…should be more aware of it and if it looks more attractive students would like it more.

Aldridge: Alright, Ugh Ms. Burr.

Burr: So the way I look at it is that a commemorative area for students that have passed away is not for the students that have passed away it’s for the ones that have been left behind and that are still grieving or whatever it may be, this is a commemorative way for them to get closure. So I think the most important part of improving this, would be contacting the families, and contacting the specific constituents that are involved in the people, etc., whether they have graduated or not and finding out what their ideas are for improving it. Because ultimately that’s who it’s for. And then also raising awareness, just like my fellow Senators have said, because that’s another reason why umm it’s not being respected the way it should is because people don’t know what it’s for.

Aldridge: Alright, thank you. Senator Morejon.

Morejon: Umm I agree with the awareness aspect umm the one thing though I would really like to change is I would like to make it something that stands out, rather than something that people step on because it’s bricks. So I would really like you know some kind of monument or something.

Aldridge: Alright, Senator Fatima.

Fatima: Well I’m open to anything, I think we do need to call more attention to it as long as it’s done tastefully.

Aldridge: Alright and Senator Canton.

Canton: I think Senator Cano made a great point about how the entire purpose of this Committee is to start brainstorming ideas and moving towards a solution. However, with that being said I do have some very preliminary ideas. If we go the route of opening a new one for instance, I would like to maybe have some sort of ceremony to commemorate the establishment of a new thing and use that as an opportunity to spread awareness. I think we can do something like have…like send it in a darker location and then at night have some sort of lights or some torches around to light it up. Some…that’s some ideas for things we can do to make it more noticeable to passerby. But like I said Senator Cano made a great point, this is the entire purpose of the Committee is to get more ideas. And I would also like to definitely follow up on what outreaching to affected students and also maybe go to some of the Colleges that have umm maybe would have insight into how to beautify this, like things like College of Arts or Architectural design. To be able to get students involved in creating it.

Aldridge: Ugh are there any other questions? Yes, Senator Abraha.

Abraha: Yeah, motion to close questioning and move into discussion.

Aldridge: Okay, are there any objections? Alright, seeing none, I think since there’s so many people in the room that everyone can stand in the room for endorsements.

Patel: No we’ll just do it like ASRC, like….I mean do you guys have a problem with them staying in the room while you endorse them or not endorse them? I could see a big…

Cocco: I insist on make it political.
Aldridge: Sorry, can you step out.

Senators: (All speaking at once)

Aldridge: Just for the record it’s still public record, so they’re still going to be able to see everything that you said. Yes, Senator Sacasas.

Sacasas: Is there any way you can put a time cap on discussion?

Aldridge: Yeah, yes Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: Can you endorse more than one person?

Aldridge: Ugh.

Patel: I don’t see why not, there is six people you can vote for.

Pelegrino: Okay.

Patel: Or no more than six.

Aldridge: Yes, Senator Scharon.

Scharon: Umm I don’t quite know all of my fellow Senators by name…

Aldridge: Well let me first set the parameters for discussion and then we can go. So what we said we were going to do is endorsements. I guess Senator Abrahà you made the motion is it okay if like a number of people, we can do it for one minute, but how many people can endorse for each candidate?

Abrahà: Two endorsements.

Aldridge: Two endorsements, okay thank you. Are there any objections to that?

Pelegrino: I object.

Aldridge: Alright, state your objection…do you have a friendly amendment to that or no? You object to the…

Pelegrino: I would like to make it three endorsements instead of two, that’s a friendly amendment.

Aldridge: Is it okay with you to doing three endorsements for each candidate?

Abrahà: Mhmm.

Aldridge: Okay any objection to three endorsements…up to three endorsements for each candidate? Alright, so as was said you can, if you want to endorse you can’t really…it doesn’t really make sense to endorse more than six of them but you can endorse up to six if you want to. So all those wishing to endorse Senator…

Kattih: Umm I think…

Aldridge: Umm no, it’s in reference to each candidate. So each candidate can receive up to how many endorsements. That’s…
Kattih: Point of information…point of information…

Aldridge: Yes Senator Kattih.

Kattih: I think Ms. Scharon had a point that may or may not be applicable to everybody in that I don’t know if everybody’s familiar with everybody’s names.

Patel: Okay we’ll run through them really quick. Here we’ll just handout the ballots that way you’ll actually have a name and then you can link them based off of who them on. Like I don’t mean…it’s not politically incorrect but I’ll tell you who they are. Just my…

Aldridge: I mean the projector is being pulled up as well (inaudible).

Aziz: (inaudible)

Kattih: I have two special editions.

Cocco: Wild Card.

Aldridge: Umm once it comes time for voting…there’s no if you vote yes, if you want…whichever candidate you want to choose just mark with an x and so we’ll count up the number of votes for candidates. And whoever receives the most votes…or the six people whoever receive the most votes will be on the committee. Alright, is everyone clear, I understand there is a lot of details now that…so you can up to…you can endorse up to six people each candidate can receive up to 3 endorsements. And then when you vote, up to six people that you feel is best for the committee you can just mark with an x and we’ll count those many votes and the top six senators will be the people that are on the ad-hoc. Okay. So we’ll start with Senator Brown, all those wishing to…

Patel: Wait, they don’t know who they are. Senator Brown is the …the boy…

Kattih: Can we pull up the pictures on the Senate website?

Senators: (Inaudible: all speaking at once)

Patel: Would you (inaudible). Alright, take like pictures like. So you just say your name, just start off on that side. Lopez.

Lopez: Lopez.

Patel: Or actually. Fatima start off with your name

Fatima: Fatima

Patel: And Hartmann

Hartmann: Hartmann.

Patel: Now we’re (inaudible)

Lopez: Lopez.
Canton: Colton Canton

Cano: Cano.

Burr: Burr.

Brown: Evan Brown

Morejon: Morejon.

Lee: Lee

Patel: And then Ms. Richards obviously respectfully declined or resigned or whatever, so just don't vote for her, or just cross her name off, one or the other. Cool everyone's got the….everyone's good? Thank you.

Alqasemi: Got to work for the position.


Kattih: Abraha, Myers.

Patel: Okay. Wait who did I say? Abraha, Myers...

Unknown Senator: Pelegrino.

Patel: Pelegrino. Alright guys everyone has been endorsed. And you set the time, how long…one minute. Is everyone okay with one minute? Alright…one minute is one…two…30 seconds. Is it an amendment accepted. Can I get a motion? Senator Rum?

Rum: To amend it to 30 seconds.

Patel: Any objections, we are at 30 seconds. Okay here we go. We're going to start with Senator Brown. Senator Brown, Larkins. You're endorsing Senator Brown; you have 30 seconds to endorse him for this position. And your time actually...actually you'll get one tap at 15 seconds, two taps at 5 and you'll be done at three. And go.

Larkins: He seems knowledgeable about the situation and he was aware that it needs to be better and it needs to be changed. So I just think he should be on the committee for the Ad-Hoc committee.

Patel: Thank you ma'am. Cano, Rum.
Rum: Umm I liked a lot about what he said about passion. I feel like he’s passionate, he’s knowledgeable about what goes on in USF, he knows a lot about students, he knows how to reach out to the students and I feel like he will be a great candidate for the position knowing how connected he is.

Patel: Thank you, Senator Hartmann, Aziz.

Aziz: Senator Hartmann articulated his ideas very clearly and he would be a great candidate for this position.

Patel: Thank you sir. Senator Lopez, Sacasas.

Sacasas: I think he’s really passionate about what the project entails and he’s been involved with a lot of other organizations on campus, and he can bring awareness to them. And umm bring a lot of ideas.

Patel: Thank you ma’am. Senator Lee, Senator Kattih.

Kattih: Umm Ms. Lee is a veteran Senator so she can kind of bring experience. She’s been on an Ad-Hoc before. Also umm she seems like she does have…she’s open to ideas and does have some umm thought of what she wants to bring.


Alqasemi: Umm Ms. Burr just seems like a really spirited individual and I feel like she can bring that creativeness that we…or this position kind of needs. So umm I think she would be a great (inaudible)

Patel: Senator Morejon, Senator Abraha.

Abraha: Ugh well Mr. Morejon was in my Committee and I thought (inaudible) and I know he will bring what similar to what Mr. Canton was saying, clarity and new perspective to the idea, and also like (inaudible). Because I was given that opportunity by Mr. Patel, thank you, and I want to have new Senators have that as well.

Patel: Senator Fatima, Senator Rum

Rum: Umm I feel like this would be a great opportunity to get umm one of the new Senators involved in Ad-Hoc committee because umm the new Senators don’t have as much experience but we can’t take that, make that as a disadvantage to the candidates rather than teaching them and making them reach out to the students more. I feel like she would be a great candidate to teach as well as for her to be able to teach others.

Patel: Thank you ma’am. Senator Canton, Senator Abraha.

Abraha: Oh Canton, Canton is just a really good guy. He’s in the Rules Committee, he’s…no I mean he’s just really good at what he does, is what I mean. He can read statutes and things like that like no other, but he’ll bring a really…really I guess like he was saying, philosophical perspective to it and I know if it comes to any type of budgets or how much money they will be spending, he would be really…I understand this is an emotional kind…but he’ll make a decision….

Patel: Thank you ma’am. Alright, round two. Senator Brown, Senator Cox

Cox: Ugh Senator Brown strikes me as an individual that takes imitative. As I understand it he’s in the top 5 senators for positive points, so he’s already shown an interest in schools, campus and community.

Richards: Okay so Senator Canton…seems very driven…

Patel: Cano…Cano…

Richards: Oh sorry. I’m sorry.

Patel: The time restarted.

Richards: Alright, yeah the same thing. He seems driven for the cause; he seems knowledgeable about what it’s about and what he wants to see changes in. And he sees like somebody who could go forth and get those umm things done and spread awareness in the school community about this issue.

Patel: Thank you. Senator Hartmann, Senator Rum.

Rum: Umm yesterday umm I was in my Special Funding Committee, and he was sitting in on it because he had free time. So I feel like he’s really trying to get involved in Senate. And I also feel like he is so genuine when he speaks, so humble, I just want him to talk forever.

Patel: Alrighty then, umm Senator Lopez, Senator Bader.

Bader: Umm I thought he was really articulate and knows what he is talking about. He’s really dope, I like him.


Rum: Oh Senator Lee, I’m sorry, I’m still…

Patel: We could like.

Rum: I was going to say the same thing for her.

Cocco: She has a humble voice.

Patel: You have a crush on her? I mean…obviously I’m kidding but like.

Rum: Okay, umm I think that Senator Lee is also very…

Patel: Would you like yield your time to anybody else?

Rum: Yes.


Alqasemi: Umm I’ve seen her really involved and stuff and she kind of like puts her all into something and does it. So I think she’s great to add to the Committee to get the job done.

Patel: Thank you ma’am. Senator Burr, Senator Aziz.

Aziz: So Senator Burr has been actively involved in UCGA as Vice Chair. And she’s taken a lot of interest, especially with this; she has a personal connection with her College. I think that idea will translate well into
great ideas for the committee. And she’s already shown really good initiative in planning and organizing things on her committee, so she’ll fit well on this committee as well.


Richards: I was just speaking to the Senator outside and I don’t really know this Senator much but just based off of what I’ve been hearing outside, seems like very driven for the cause like everybody else. And knowledgeable about the fact and just wants to see the change implemented that the Senators are able to put forward.

Patel: Thank you ma’am. Senator Fatima, Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: Umm even though Senator Fatima is not really familiar with the Memorial right now, like many of the other nominees, I am sure that she will bring fresh ideas to the table. She is willing to work with the rest of the members of the Ad-Hoc Committee. And also I think this is a great opportunity for her to get involved and learn more about what it is she has to offer.

Patel: Thank you ma’am. Senator Canton, Senator Myers. No that’s her? Sorry I just.

Shari-Ann Myers: Umm he just seemed to have good ideas and he seem willing to work very hard.

Patel: Third round Senator Brown, Senator Myers, that’s you.

Myers: Just kind of what the other two both said. He’s very driven individual, I feel like he could bring a good impact to this Committee.

Patel: Thank you sir. Senator Cano, Senator Bader.

Bader: Again, he’s really passionate. He seems to know a lot about the subject. I guess the personal aspect brought to it to, he would be interested and I think he would do some good.

Patel: Thank you ma’am, Senator Hartmann, Senator Sacasas.

Sacasas: Well I don’t know how I can beat that one, but I think he has a lot of good ideas that are out of the box, and I think that he’s also involved a lot on campus, so he can bring awareness to it as well.

Patel: Thank you ma’am. Senator Lopez, Senator Myers.

Myers: Him being involved and me knowing him personally I feel like he has good ideas and that he is passionate about this cause and he could be very efficient.

Patel: Thank you sir. Senator Burr, Senator Sacasas.

Sacasas: Umm I think she’s really passionate and I think she has a lot of ugh pep in her step, which I think will be great for this project because I think it needs a lot of initiatives and a lot of personal people that could connect with it. And I think that she also has a connection with it, which can also benefit the project.

Patel: Thank you ma’am. Senator Morejon, Senator Bader.

Bader: Umm as a fellow new Senator umm I feel like this is a good opportunity to let someone new step in and do what they can.
Patel: Thank you ma’am. Senator Fatima, Senator Ali-Mohammed.

Ali-Mohammed: Umm she is…I feel like she will do really well in this position because she has a lot of…she has a lot of great ideas and I feel like she will benefit this Committee a lot.

Patel: Thank you ma’am. And Senator Canton, Senator Pelegrino

Pelegrino: Well ugh with Senator Canton you can always count on him seeing and questioning what nobody else has seen or question before. That I can assure to you, because we’ve been working for the past summer and during this couple weeks over the Fall semester in Rules Committee. And he will always….he will be that guy questioning everything that nobody has seen or questioned before. So I think that’s a good thing.

Patel: Thank you ma’am. Alright, that was everybody. Now you options are move into round two or…I know you guys want round two, or you can also move out of it and go into voting. Is that a question? It’s a motion, okay. Senator Scharon.

Scharon: Motion to end discussion and go to voting?

Patel: Any objections to going to voting? Everyone has one ballot and one ballot yes? Because not like the clickers we’re going to count them. They come back…they come back in. Just one quick second. They come back…they also vote…Senator or I mean, Ms. Morgan.

Morgan: Make sure you guys write your names on your ballots.

Patel: Well I mean, you can write anything. You can write you U-Number if you wanted to. Make sure you guys all get a ballot that just walked in, get one ballot, because I will know since you got to write your name on it. Guys, guys keep quiet. Fold it once, if you want to fold it I don’t really care. But privacy wise fold it once and then slide it over and get it to either Ali…

Antar: No I’m passing it out.

Patel: If our Sergeant in Arms can collect them. Just slide it to the end of the row that way, so pass it to your right. And you can vote for six, and yourself. Alright guys keep quiet though we’re still on the….like any kind of voting that we do is public record and you can’t talk. So right now like even though the recorder has mumbling on it, people can say oh they talked during their voting. And then we would have to do this whole process again, I know how much you guys love that. Is that everybody’s ballot? Yes? Everyone’s got a ballot? Good okay we can move on and they’ll count in the back. So, alright let’s see here, where are we. So that was the Ad-Hoc. You guys now have a good idea the way it works. That’s how nominations work, you pretty much nominate you do the same kind of line up and talk, you don’t have to endorse them in the room, you can make them go out of the room again. Just know that ASRC is a total of 8 people you are nominating so pretty much the same size you had here it will be about the same number of students that were in here voting, I mean in here discussing. Let’s see any questions you want to prepare for ASRC, or any questions you guys have? Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: How long is the presentation, how much time will we have for the presentation and will we need some sort of PowerPoint or something or is it optional?

Patel: It’s entirely up to you, I want to make it pretty uniform. So if you guys want 5 minute presentations, you all have 5 minutes to present. It’s a lot a lot of time but the big duty…like it’s a big thing, so just remember that. So like you guys can make like if you guys want to make a recommendation now, and we follow it next meeting, that way you guys can prepare in some manner. So would you like to say 2 minutes, 5,…Ms. Pelegrino.
Pelegrino: I would like to recommend for 2 to 3 minutes.

Patel: Sure that’s just a recommendation I’m not taking motions yet. Around 2 to 3 minutes to prepare, around 2 to 3 minutes for the presentation. With 2 because a lot of people are saying 2 on this side. But just note that that’s how you’re going to prepare, so if you are planning on running or if you want to nominate yourself now, or nominate somebody else right now, you can do that. They can start preparing or you can nominate them up until Monday. Senator Belizaire.

Belizaire: Umm how are these nominations…who do we email for nominations?

Patel: Me.

Belizaire: I mean…. 

Patel: Thank you. Cool. Alright, any more questions about ASRC, because I know ASRC is a really fun place to be. Umm let’s see here. We talk like…..here’s a quick example of what we do. We’ll have a department come in, so CSI will come in and be like hey here’s our budget. So then you look at CSI’s budget, they will line item break down exactly what they are requesting, or at least they should, that’s what is expected of them. And we will this year, relay that information to them. So they will know that we are looking for each individual thing. Because last year, if I just show you right here, you will see that they had random lumps. Like one is…right here, this line right here says contractual services for $10,000. When we asked them what contractual services, they could not answer, but they said it was flexible based on….because if you imagine like our student orgs are much smaller in I guess stature, they do stages, they do performers, they do acts. Imagine if an act cancels and they have to find another person, this was their wiggle room to figure out how to find another stage, to figure out if something is damaged how to recover it. But we still felt that it was in the student’s best interest to not allocate $10,000 away to a maybe rather we did $3,000. It was after a lot of discussion, so it was not like we came up with a number $3,000 and said here’s $3,000. But it’s those kind of questions that are very like I guess pertinent to the position. Like don’t ever assume they did it before because that’s where like….the A&S Fee is easily the most vulnerable fee on this campus. Just because the responsibility of it gets passed down year to year, like let’s say I know stuff about it, once I’m gone, someone else should know stuff about it and if they don’t that’s where it’s vulnerable. And it is…we’re like defending this fee for students so that’s why we want ASRC to be sort of like a strong comprehensive committee, you actually ask those questions. So like if we didn’t ask, like let’s say we just assumed, it says right here that they were allocated. Like it will…like obviously this was the older one, but the older one than this shows that they were allocated the $10,000 previously. So when we looked at it, so like the year we were talking to them they were already allocated the $10,000, if we were like oh they already allocated it once, it’s probably something they need, if we didn’t ask we wouldn’t have cut $7,000 of it and spared an org, or a student org, or a student event, or a concert of whatever. You know, so sort of be critical. And this is just be filibustering until they count. But yeah, so that’s what they do. Umm obviously get student input as much as you can to figure out what students want. Like here’s an example of like…don’t…don’t based a bias but it was like friends of the botanical gardens. And they wanted money for like the student garden, okay. After that I went to the botanical gardens to see what the student garden was, because I was like there is no way we own a student garden. We own a student garden, and it was surrounded by an apiary which is a bee farm. So it was like an open bee farm right next to the student farm, which was like unsafe as heck. I looked at it and I was like no, there’s no way I’m going to work on this. But like you can follow up on these things, and it’s not like they have to know and sometimes you just want to be critical. So not in that instance, but overall, you’ll have departments that will just make an org, and you can clearly tell, kind of almost, just be on the lookout, be weary, because departments already get funded. I know if Cocco was in here he would be nodding with me, he had a long fight about it. Umm but yeah that’s that. Pretty much you get to see like roundup, so like the roundup that we had for the year, is not much money they had this year to throw out though. They had 42 plus 5 plus 30. And the reason why, they justified why there was an increase. So the increase went from
$20,000 to $30,000, it shows there new initiative of $10,000 and it says they want 30 because they said the Sun Dome doors to open them, they said it costs $25,000 to open…just to walk in that building. And then there was like IV….AV…Senator Scharon.

Scharon: Umm do I have to stand?

Patel: Yes.

Scharon: Umm you said that nominations that have to be emailed to you by Monday, but is there any way it could be pushed back since Tuesday we have a Senate so if there is time we can think about it and we can ask questions at the Senate meeting before we actually…

Patel: Well the problem is is that…okay fine, I can push it until the Senate Meeting, I'll do it in Legislative Branch Report. Because like the problem is…the big problem is we have to meet by the third week of September, and we’re at the second week of September on that Senate meeting. So we have to elect the committee then so they can meet by that next week. Because if you elect then they don’t know who they are yet, they won’t have any time to meet. So you want to give them the week to meet. SO that’s the problem, we have to elect them next week. Nominations are open until the meeting, I don’t care. They will be open right before the meeting, so you can nominate people up until, that’s fine. That way new senators get a chance to, people are not here right now but hopefully show up. Cool, but yeah that’s pretty much a budget bill. You go through it, there’s payroll. So you get to see who we fund in these people. You don’t get to see what we…like how much we fund but you get to see who we fund. Like right here you’ll get to see that CSI has five graduate assistants. Senator Larkins.

Larkins: You said you have to meet by the third week of September…or…

Patel: No, the Committee has to meet before the third week of September.

Larkins: Isn’t next week the third week of September because we are in the second week now.

Patel: No we’re in the second week.

Larkins: Oh.

Patel: I see what you’re saying; they’ll meet by next week. After we form them they have to meet. I was just off by dates, I’m sorry. But yeah. So these are the people, you get to see who we actually fund on…you’re more than welcome to go meet this people. Obviously note they do also come to ASRC to present this bill, so they will come before us. Last year they were a little bit less prepared than I guess ASRC was anticipating, this year we will account for them. We’re already talking to Dr. Freeman; we’re already talking to Gary that’s one of the big reasons why we’re having Senate Out and About, so you guys get to meet these people, you get to know what we fund, a majority of our money goes to these people, why not meet them. You get to see, they wanted (inaudible) for hike, hike is the little thing downstairs that pretty much does student printing outside of tech smart which is the really far one in the corner that is very monotonous. Like this is student graphic designers and this is just printing. One of the differentiations we fought for hike because they wanted to just say bump hike we have tech support. 36 students the office computers are right there you see we made a bill out of that. So it’s not like just because we said no here, we did not fund them here, but we funded them outside with the budget bill so it would actually be accomplished instead of just giving them lump sum. Because sometimes, be weary again you can lump sum them, as long as it is in this category programming they can spend it how they see fit. And you don’t want to give them that much leeway because sometimes they don’t follow through. And we get student complaints all the time, like I don’t want to be rude but it’s all public record. So like Dance Marathon people were almost like, because dance marathon was under a department and they were trying to find the funds, but after they found them, we said they were already
allocated so you have to because students were expecting these funds. So those kind of things you do want to follow up, so if students have complaints, this is where we have our guidelines. They give you money so account for this, because they pretty much request everything they want. And they have a giant of team people, they have something called the E Team, they will meet and help them like...essentially our Appropriations Committees for orgs, Appropriations will help orgs make their budgets, will help them figure out how much they want to request and what not. They have this thing called E Team and they do it well before us and they essentially help each other find these stuff. Like find where loopholes are, find how much money they need, etc. Other things to look for are, CLCE last year requested leadership material. One leadership library cost $6,000 and that's just a whole bunch of games for ice breakers and team building and all that stuff. The arguments we had were we could look online, you can look here, for free. Umm obviously we don't want to be the university that only had free games so we funded them one library but for a cheaper rate. But then you look on the other budget requests, CSI wanted one, umm (inaudible) wanted one. They all wanted one, but we essentially said no, no, no we'll give it to one person and you'll all share. Like even Gary gets it from CLCE because that is the leadership stuff, you know? So critically thinking like that is very helpful for all of us because you don’t just spend $24,000, you spend $6,000 give it to the more applicable place, because leadership materials should go to CLCE. I mean those are the kind of things you want to look for. Senator Belizaire.

Belizaire: Umm my question was how in the Fall so...will you be training the people...the new committee?

Patel: That’s what fall is pretty much comprised of. Thank you ma’am. Alright...for the moment of truth. Okay so your new Ad-Hoc Committee on Student Memorials is: Senator Brown, Senator Cano, Senator Hartmann, Senator Lopez, Senator Burr, and Senator Canton. Alright guys, that's pretty much it. Umm also in announcements I know Mr. Hartmann was asking me...what were you asking me again. Hartmann: Since we were on the subject of students that had passed away, I don’t know if any of you guys remember but last year we proposed a Fall Bull Memorial for Veterans who have passed away as well, under the Goff administration nothing really happened as well. So I wanted to ask if either you or the President knew anything about that, as far as updates.

Patel: Right so ugh Will’s been touching base with Veterans Services. They were actually kind of caught off guard, because were making an entire Fallen Bulls Memorial without even talking to Veteran Services, which is kind of like...it makes no sense. So we rethought the entire plot ugh it was going to be a specific...it was going to be a rifle I believe with a helmet on top and that was going to be the actual memorial. They had...I think they had a problem with that or just the fact that we didn’t include them. So it's all being reworked, it still is on the drawing board, and we will still see it. And it will probably come through in Senate...ugh Senate unallocated cash bill because we have to pay for it somehow. So I mean look for it, it’s not dead in any way. Senator Cano.

Cano: Would you want the Ad-Hoc Committee to take that under its prevue, to help you guys out? I mean they almost seem interrelated.

Patel: We can talk to ugh Mr. Warmke because he is already talking to Veterans Services and I don’t want to step on anyone’s toes and say let’s take this. But you can talk to him or I’ll talk to him for you and see if they want to collaborate. Any more questions, any more announcements, any thing anyone wants to say? Senator Hartmann.

Hartmann: I want to ask, since (inaudible) senator was closed, if you guys knew exactly what they proposed umm with that plot that the real estate had…

Patel: Okay thank you. We're also going to have Ms. Sandy Lovins who is the Assistant Director or the Assistant Vice President of Administrative Services. She does...like she essentially heads the Universities five-
10-25 year plans. And she’s going to come present the Master Plan for the University so you guys get to see what kind of changes they want to make within the next 5-10-25 years. And you will see exactly why they closed Andros, and you’ll see exactly why there are certain changes they’re making. Ms. Morgan?

Morgan: I was just going to say they hired a consulting firm, I believe the university, to look at what the possibilities are for that building and also how the impact lies to new occupancy there, and a new dinning facility. So it’s probably a 5 to 10 year out plan but they are working on it now.

Patel: Any more questions, announcements? Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Just for the ones, real quickly that are signing those handbooks and the commitment to honor forms, please just drop them by here as you walk out. And besides that…I think that’s it, sorry.

Patel: Senator Cano.

Cano: When do you want the Ad-Hoc committee to have its first meeting, since there is no chair here.

Antar: We’ll send an email out later.

Patel: Alright, we’ll just follow up with an email with the list of the Committee and then you guys pretty much send out a doodle amongst yourself, find a date, have it by next week and that’s it…and elect a chair. Any more announcements? Mr. Hassouneh.

Hassouneh: Get as many people as you can to apply for the Senate Applications for the elections because you guys are low. Umm at 67% right now, 65% something like that. So you guys need to bolster up those numbers.

Patel: Thank you, Senator Hartmann.

Hartmann: For the record when did you say this person with the 5-10-25 year plan would be coming?

Patel: I will ask her when she’s free and she will come to a Senate Meeting. Again I mean another one of those formal, dress nice, because she’s really important. She’s been here for like 20 years, she’s been here for a while. Cool, any more questions seeing none. Any more questions?

Kattih: Final Roll Call.

Patel: Or I mean…

**Final Roll Call:**

Patel: Alright, moving down the Agenda, Final Roll Call. Guys, roll call, click one if you’re here. Stay seated, no we’re not adjourned yet. Is that everybody? 27 people….29 people, everybody?

Cano: Cocco’s out of the room.

Aziz: No he left.

Patel: **29 people.**

**Adjournment:**
Patel: And I’ll take a motion. Senator Sacasas.

Sacasas: Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Patel: Any objections to adjourning from the meeting? Seeing none, we’re now adjourned at 9:45pm.

[Gavel]

Adjournment called by Senate President Patel at 9:45 pm.

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