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[Gavel]

Rodriquez: I now call this meeting of the 55th term of the Senate at...umm can everyone please rise for the pledge of allegiance. Senator Hassan...Senator Madden.

Senators [Pledge]

Rodriquez: moving down the agenda. Additions/deletions or clarifications to the order of the day...oh first roll call excuse me. Okay. Click one if you're present. Okay is everyone clicked in? With a number count of 23 people, .

Gustavo: Can we do that again I was waiting for the screen to pop up so that's why I didn't click in.

Rodriquez: Yes. Okay, please click one if you're present. Here we go.

Aziz: Oh you have to click one, andy.

Rodriquez: Okay we have 25 people present today. Moving down the agenda, any additions deletions or clarificaitons to the order of the day. Seeing none, we will moveon.

Ulloa: Motion to postpone the minutes.

Rodriquez: We'll start with Senator Antar.

Antar: alright, so our first meeting is this thursday may 22nd. Ugh I need to start at least 30 minutes later. So technically it will be a special session. It's going to be a regular committee meeting with 3 bills on the agenda. One regarding confirmation procedures and one regarding grant procedures. So that will be on the agenda, and I already sent out the agenda.

Rodriquez

Johnson: Appropriations and audits we had our first meeting yesterday. We went over basically the process that's involved with auditing and appropriating funds. Second of June. And until then we all know the hw ...

Truong: Judiciary and ethics meets on Thursday for the first tme at 3pm. So whenever the executive and...and just kind of explain what the committee does.

Ulloa: So special funding does not have a meeting this week. We're going to start our meetings next Thursday at 6pm. So that once we go to our next meeting they are all on the website.

Hartmann: UCGA will be meeting next Tuesday at 11am. So please come out if you can the first meeting will be brainstorming future topics and also talking about future vice chair elecitons.

Aziz: Alright, welcome to your first Senate meeting, hopefully all you guys have signed up for your committees. I know some people have not. Not enough people in community and government affairs, we need at least 3 to 4 people to shift around committees. If you want to join then double down. One thing to pass around. Second thing is I have sign up sheets for orientation bag stuffing parties. And there is going to be food there. So I'll pass around that sign up sheet. And ugh they need a few Senators, if you guys want to sign up. and the last thing umm we have the clicker use policy and the commitment to honor. And if you guys have any questions or anything, feel free to email me. So other initiatives we are working on...we have padfolios that we are going to order soon as incentives. So that's coming soon. Any questions?

Rodriguez: Okay moving on, Executive Branch Report. Mr. Jean Cocco.

Cocco: Good evening Senate. The Senates first session. Nadima's back typing away, good stuff. Word alright, I will let...well we have a new appointed chief of staff Greg berkowitz

Berk: Umm I'll be infornt of you guys in Senate in a few weeks. They interviewed all chief of staff people yesterday. And thank you mr. manka with helping us out from SGATO and Mr. Cocco. Umm also I've been here at the Exec branch for years fornaw. I can help out with that as well. So thank you for having me and I will be working ...

Cocco: I will have Maggie talk about orientation briefly

Maggie: June 9th, and we are really hoping to pull from other branches so that it's not just an executive event. Or any concerns about usf or SG and what we do. We are having our bag stuffing party next week, we have 10,000 bags that need to be stuffed for orientation. You guys will be fed, so it will be fun. And we're working on our wow event, we're partnering with athletics to make a new tradition.

Coco: Alright, is that it? Okay. Joe you want to talk about the stuff we've purchased

Joe: Public relations and communication. IN the interest of sustainability I'm just using random name tags that have been floating around the office. The draw string bags, laynards, pens, and just you know kind of taking a look at any other promotional items that the executive branch ...last week they changed the company policy and the activities and services businesses will not....and so yeah last year the CFO likes to purchase a lot of stuff, so we have a lot of polos....umm but in the interim we have a lot of polos from the past year, or doesn't have a sg polo yet they are in the back. Later.

Cocco: Alright, any questions for Joe, Maggie and Berk? Good sweet. Myself and Rondell we've been busy busy bees. We have BOT workgroup on thursday regarding usf work plan and strategic plan so that will be around 12:30 in the ballroom. Tying to bring more job opportunites on campus and working with them to build more relationships in the city. So that they are ready for the job market.Ugh tomorrow I have a walk through with the tamp bay times regarding the gubernatorial debate with rick scott and...participate in that, it will be great. We will do a scene after senate so we would love to have you guys there...Ugh bulls walk and bike week. It's a bike safety week that we all do every year, so we

will be participating in that come August. More of our campus involved with athletics to get more student engagement to the games. He's excited he's ready to get us back on a winning speech. Ugh every September is Hispanic Spanish celebration month. Lakeland Student Council, Andy, Aziz and Manka and we'll be working on a structure and we'll be getting it to Mr. Antars committee shortly. So we go to the game and USF Day at the Buccaneers. Usf day with the lightning and then usf day with the Yankees, right Andy? We got our chief of staff, thank you andy for your time. So we are meeitn gnext week. And then Rondell is working with Alumni, so they are...so Jordan has been working hard along with Juan in revising the Book of Bull...and realize our traditions and history as a school. Our structure will be going through Rules Thursday.

Ulloa: What is Book of Bull.

Madden: The Book of Bull is roughly a 80 page book...so it talks about who founded the university what it was founded oon, it's just a real overview of the entire history condensed into 80 pages.

Ulloa: Busch Gardens student passes.

Cocco: Yes that we will be talking about, we want to continue the pass the \$50 ...we'll be working on that. So if you want to help out any suggestions and ideas.

Ulloa: So some students asked me wht's the possibility with Disney as well.

Cocco: All it takes is a phone call so I don't see why not. Okay, good vibes.

Rodriquz: Okay.

Cocco: You know what because we have a lot to do.

Hammed: thank you to marketing department they made us a new parking appeals 101 brochure today. Umm we've been utilizing the remainder of our budget, just stocking up on promotional items. We'll have a sit down with parking and traidtions services...the attorney general has to prosecute for the student. Umm been working with the chief justices of Sarasota and manatee...it's tentative ut you are all invited. Meeting open to the public, please feel free to come. 2 Associate Justices positions are open now, except the applications are opening up June 6...

Berk: June 6th.

Hammed: Umm there is kind of overlap in both those procedures for both those types. Working to make those aviable so you can fill them in online and send them to us.

Hartmann: Are you guys still looking into creating a student ethics board.

Hammed: Umm and they are going to be making some board for that that deals with plagiarism mainly. Umm there wasn't actually much of a process but there was a process for conduct violation. Are there any questions? Thank you for ur time.

Rodri: Moving down open forum any announcements?

Aziz: SO at 7:45 the executive branch is

Maggie: So we're and we want to include you guys in the video. So at 7:30 7:45 we will be heading down to the seal, the more students the better.

Rodriguez: Anything else for open forum. Seeing nothing we are going to move onto general business. Kind of getting everyone an opportunity to unders.

Antar: Hey everybody. I'm Ali Antar, the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Rules. Thankfully I ran unopposed. So...

Rodriguez: this IS LIKE THE worse thing ever.

Antar; every thursdya at 6pm. It's been that way for a while now and I'm just going to keep it that way. Umm woah...So we update Senate Documents as necessary. So some of the Senate documents that we review, Constitutions, ROPS, SOPS. Anyways we will review those...they have the power to amend any legislation...so umm if they notice any shortcomings in any of our procedures....send it over to my committee,and you guys will have the final say. So we are just the initial check on the legislation that runs through. If you do join the committee and you...I expect everybody to sign...don't review statutes. Makes suggestions for changes in statutes and and come to the committee with questions and comments. And I'll just be like oh yeah we're doing this bill and they don't do anything. I need you guys to actually have talking points and discuss...and then in terms of individual work, present one piece of legislation, present one pieces of legisaiton. I already got 5 cool people.

Rodriguez: Any questions for Senator Antar? Senator Chris Johnson Audits and Appropriation.s

Johnson: Good evening guys, if you were in my committee this is the exact same presentation you saw in my committee. Sounds kind of weird but I'll go with that. So we are one of the other five standing senate committess. And our main job is to appropriate 150,000 in A&S Fees. So right now Mondays at 2pm. Ugh we have two kind of branches of jobs. The first is appropriations. Which is kind of the good side, so these people they need help getting money. We help them out, also if organizations miss the deadline for annual budgets....but there is a little bit of a penalty in that. Of the 700 student orgs I believe that receive funding we deal with over a 100 of them. Most off campus requests go to special funding with cory. So when orgs tell us how they are going to spend their money they have to tell us about it. And we see how much food they have, how much was eaten, how much people they have...which every organization does because you cant just plan perfectly. Expectatoin, I expect everyone who is in the committee, all 13 I believe. WE don't have enough for a meeting every single week...so it is important that you show up. I expect everyone when it gets to auditing season everyone to go to events and audit them. And report on that, so that will be really good too. We received...I've received so many emails aboutyou guys need to act on that too. And are there any questions? Thank you very much.

Rodriguez: Moving on, Senator Truong with JEC presentation:

Truong: So I'm the chair of the judiciary and ethics committee, and there is a nice quote on there. That was on there last year so I didn't take it off. Making sure that everyone keeps up with their ethics and accountability. So previously you guys saw Greg Berkowitz...we investigate grievances and complaints against SG...we go over constitutions so all of the organizations they have to be constitutionally sound. And we also do mid year and end of year department reviews. So within the JEC you can't have bias, that's the number one thing. You have to do what you believe...or not what you believe...everything that you are doing is for the students. And your ethics have to be consistent with statutes. And if you're late and we don't have quorum that's going to affect the entire committee and it's going to affect everyone. You come in having questions, maybe you don't quite understand what the position is. And you have to be prepared to review constitutions.. and goals. So the number one thing is for all of you guys to be involved and to have a greater understanding of the executive and judiciary branches. So people in SG they need to understand that they can't go around and I guess be biased. Everyone needs to understand that we are here and we are willing to look after that. And like I said before Thursday at 3pm in the SG conference room. And we currently have 5 committee members, but there is always room for more.

Ulloa: Hi everyone my name is Cory. The committee is kind of new, this is its 3rd year or 4th or something like that. So we just go through a lot of grants and we allocate a lot of money too...we have 4 different types of grants. The first one is travel, umm that does not include presenting at conferences. We do homecoming grants...umm engineering expo so that will be in the spring semester so that's the one day...any type of club can come to us...the last thing is signature events and we have both fall and spring signature events. And so that's signature events. Expectations of the committee are to go through the requests that we actually receive. So we ask that everyone goes and reviews them, be engaged during the committee, don't be afraid to speak up. Just making sure that we are fair to all organizations. So you're going to actually go out and meet with the organization. So you could speak on behalf of the actual organization. We don't show favoritism we show each organization's event as an event not as a person. So we really want you guys to speak and say ...if you don't think it costs that much...and so without him we wouldn't have known some of these things cost as much as it does. So every semester we distribute different funds. And finally to be fiscally responsible, make sure that we get probably 98% of the money gone...questions? Anybody have any questions for Special Funding Committee? Cool

Hartmann: Alright, good evening everybody. My name is Brandon and this is the UCGA committee. Outreach and application. But if you see something that you know applies to you feel free to join in, details to come more. Can you turn off the lights by any chance, it's difficult to see. Support a demotional growth and a personal development to students. This is kind of a way to wrap up the ...education, empower...we work to create greater student awareness. Then also review all state, local and federal legislation...and veterans tuitions and such, that would be something that we interpretate and periodically release to the student body. Here are some of our goals...so our min goal is to reach out and survey. So during these tent days we collect a lot of opinions....being turned into things that the students have asked for. Then communicate with University Wide committees. A little bit more about the survey and tent day process. so if you feel like safety is an issue on campus and you want other students to find out and...basically head that tent day and ask your constituents...basically making survey on ipads and then discovering these trends to positive changes through resolutions and

memorandums. Join Collaboration between the ...and basically what the UWC do they are teams comprised of teams and faculties. So some of these might be considered minorities and because they are minorities we want to be sure that their voices are being heard. and then also with black affairs we have black history month in the spring. So that we can basically have SG voice and help out with these students and faculty. Initiatives that we have planned for the upcoming term is to basically have a tent day every other week. So as a SG rep you are representing your constituents. It will be perfect for you guys to go out to these orgs that you are already a part of. So these are big days that we basically lobby in Tallahassee, so that's a big thing that we will be preparing o....then also sg and UWC...at least one member of each committee and then follow up with students. So in the future we will provide basically a list serve. And then also the 2014 election year with the gubernatorial election....some expectatonts to attend each committee meeting...ti's the busiest time. Most people take classes on Tuesday and Thursdays...likely to have a greater turnout for your surveys. So let's say you are passionate about something, then you can ask other students if they are similar....and to also survey and represent students at tent days. And to always have a good time. And yeah, any questions? Thank you.

Rodriquez: Next on the agenda we are going to have a preseantions on View Point neutrality from the SGATO director, gary Manka.

Manka: Alright, hows everyone doing? So this is what I call lecture...so this is...some of you have already seen parts of this lide. I've changed some of the things. We just changed some of the student organizations try to make them more contextually to USF. It's just for learning purposes only. So basically there are two case laws that define what view point neutrality is. UV was sued because they turned down a religious publication because.....can an educational instiatuion not fund a religious based student publication and fund a secular student publication. Doesn't matter wht type...how much money you have....ugh university was fined that they have to provide a financial subsidy to a student religious publication on the same basis as other student organization. So something to consider, it's a really important step...please do not hold any biases, please do not look at the...is it fiscally responsibly. So basically what this ugh Rosenberger V. University of Virginia. And it just means that when government actions implicate the speech rights of groups and individuals those actions must be done in an event handed way. As long as those constrcutrs are done across the board for every student organization. IN front of cooper, but as long as every group as the same restricts. As long as you do that across the board, that's the only time you can regulate free speech. Umm whatever. Makes sense? So what re the implications for USF SG? If you don't fund from the viewpoint neutrality what happens?

Hartmann: Bad look.

Senator: Loose the right to appropriate funds. Gluck.

Manka: Viewpoint neutrality is based on Rosenberg and it's based on Southworth. In other words can your fee be used...can your ..

Senators: Yes.

Manka: But there is a caveat. But basically it has to fund, it can't be based on the intent and the philosophy of the group, you have to base in on the activity and the fiscal soundness of the event. When funding their budget request, then the student can sue and say you cannot use my fees for that purpose. Student government will lose the right to allocate the A\$\$ fee. If state law gives SG the right...but it doesn't go against the supreme court. So when you fund things, take your biases out of the organization. Basically just to reiterate: Individual students have the right not to pay fees that fund groups they find objectionable if the university distributed money in a viewpoint discriminatory manner. So far SG has not been 100% neutral in....and they try to be consistent in using that discretion but they usually don't follow it like they should. You know that you follow the standards and you do something other than changing that at the last minute. Alright, so basically when distributing mandatory student activity fees, student governments must remember 4 things: use a viewpoint neutral process, avoid unbridled discretion of the funding body, any student org at a state school that is denied funding. And again sgs have limited discretion in their funding and I think one thing that you have to do as you get in this committee....what are your funding standards?

Senators: Title 8

Manka: Read and find out where that is at. Procedures to remove members for such discrimination. So don't do it. So specific procedures and requirements for funding hearings. We have a mock appeals process to ASRC but it's not comprehensive. And SG is the only one that can change that. So what Viewpoint Neutrality is Not. Funding cannot be denied based on the views of the student organization or the intent of an event. Each group even though they must be similar they must have different aspects. Unless they are the exact same group and exact same members you have to look at each group differently. So you could have a group of 1000 people and they may be planning a program for 20 people. So it's irrelevant how big that group is unless that group is attending the event. It's all based on the nature of the event they are asking for. It's all based on the event and the budget request they submitted to you. So viewpoint neutrality is a stance you must take in making funding decisions. And also in determining allocations, only objective criteria should direct the funding decisions, not the viewpoint of the group. They were called MUMS...take a guess take a gander...Miami University Masturbation Society. Miami is a pretty conservative school, the parents were irate, the university could do nothing...and because the school filed all the correct procedures. They were recognized for 3 years, they were funded for two years, and you have to...you can't look at the intent or the philosophy or the nature of the group.....they use to show....so...those of you who don't..interesting. Viewpoint neutrality is really about the process not the outcome. So umm what matters is that discrepancies in funding are not a result of an activity, an organization point of view. Alright, so umm Abdool is going to pass out something that is sort of a handout that will have this criteria. These are the standards, they have to be registered through CSI. Does the student organizationthere is another criteria but also they should ...must not duplicate current offerings. You can't duplicate the same offerings...and do a different concert with a different artist..but if you have the exact same artist brought to campus....already done it, does that make sense. And something that you don't know you can deny a group funding if they don't show up for their hearing. If a student organization doesn't come to that meeting...they don't get funded, simple as that. I'm going to skip this, but basically it's just reiterating what I just said, what I'm

going to do is...this is important to know. So you can make accurate viewpoint neutral decisions. SG will encounter many different types of student orgs with many different points of view. To be able to put aside opinion of a student organization and look at the objective contributions to the University. And though you as a member of student government have to know when to abstain from funding. You should not vote on that allocation. But just because you are familiar with the group or you like the group you should still vote, but make sure you are impartial with the vote. Appropriations and audits you guys can just keep quiet and let the others view it. I know you know. So....so is this.. yes ma'am.

Gibbson: are we allowed to answer if we were here yesterday?

Gibbson: Umm so people can see you I don't know?

Manka: The symbolicness is when you stand and you're recognized ...until you relinquish the floor your standing is what gives you the floor. That's why you stand, it's I have the floor now, so listen to me. Example 2, the college democrats and the college of republicans have asked student government for funding, both have similar events. Even those the college of democrats have.

Senator: I think know because it's a matter of people that attend not the people that are in the group.

Manka: The student org that is requesting the budget for that group has to anticipate if their members are going to attend or if their members are not going to attend. Okay so it's not..basically it's not viewpoint neutral...so what's the impact on the university? An Atheist student association was allocated 400 for social event expected to reach 350 people while a christian org was allocated 150.

Sammy Schiflet: No and even though we....or there is no mention that there is a same exact artist.

Manka: HE was listening. Umm I think if you just like right here we are here to allocate funds not to determine the validity of a club's intent or their point of view. Regardless of intent or nature of the group. Student for Justice in Palestine orgs was allocated 100 for a political rally expected to reach 1000 students, while Hillel was allocated 150 for a cultural concern expected to reach 800 people.

Schiflet: I would say no once again even though the SJP one...umm and SJP also go the full amount when hillel got a 15%. So I would say no.

Manka: And I threw in the free speech to throw you off. This fiscal soundness of the event. You can't deny someone's free speech and then give someone else the right to free speech so. Just realize that, viewpoint neutrality is really important. You have questions about viewpoint neutrality, any issues...

Johnson: Umm if an organization is trying to schedule an event that can be deemed offensive to certain populations...how ...what's the right way to approach that.

Manka: The hard part is if it's hate speech or not. So that's the main difference. For instance in Miami where I used to be KKK came in....civil rights heritage, but they did a big rally at the University and there were all kind of people up in arms about it. So if speeches are involved are hate speech and it's against

the law...and they bring out the pictures of aborted fetuses and stuff like that that's offensive to a lot of people but what it is....cultural sensitivity and things like that. Okay, any other questions? Alright, thank you.

Rodriguez: Okay moving down the agenda, resolutions on first reading.

Aziz: I'll read the first one and whoever wants to volunteer they can read.

Ulloa: Motion to enter the first reading of SBR 5-001.

Aziz: This is a memorial resolution is for students that passed away. So it's SB [R] 55-001 in memory of...(Reads the Resolution-----paste here)

Hartmann: Motion to pass by acclamation?

Rodriguez: Any objections? SB R 55-001 is passed by acclamation. DO we have the moment of silence after each of them?

Antar; Motion to read SB R 55-002.

Rodriguez: Any objections?

Gibbson: oh I have to stand up there?

Rodriguez: Yeah.

Gibbson. (Reads the Resolution ----Paste it here). RUBY C Walker.

Ulloa: Motion to pass by acclamation.

Rodriguez: Any objections?> Seeing none, SB R 55-002 has been passed by acclamation.

Romero: Motion to have

Rodriguez; Okay so before we take final roll call are there any.

Ulloa: I guess since it's 7:30 right now so don't forget we'll go down to the atrium and the executive board is doing their video.

Rodriguez: Anything Else? Okay we are now going to final roll call. Please take out your clickers.

Johnson: Ugh I motion to do final roll call by doing traditional polling of hands just in the interest of getting out at 7:30.

Rodriguez: Okay we are in voting procedures so please everyone take a seat. Okay....we're having some difficulties o...everybody click one. With a count of 25 people our final roll call. We will now move down our

Antar; Motion to adjourn.

Rodriquez: Any objectiosn? This meeting is adjourned at 7:34 pm.