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Call to Order by Chairman Michael Malanga at 1:30 P.M.

First Roll Call

Absent: Shelsea Veloz (unexcused), Mona Petrovska (excused)

Gallery: Evan Lieb, Kristen Truong, Chris Johnson, Holly Imfeld.

Malanga: I call this meeting to order of the Senate Committee on Appropriations and Audits at exactly 1:30 P.M. on February 4th, the year 2015. The first item on the agenda is roll call. I am present. Vice Chair Hasan.

Hasan: Here.

Malanga: Senator Roach.

Roach: Here.

Malanga: Senator Miller.

Miller: In attendance.

Malanga: Senator Chaudry.

Chaudry: Here.
Malanga: Senator Heffernan is currently unexcused—she’s running a few minutes late. Senator Gluck.

Gluck: Here.

Malanga: Senator Petrovska is excused to come late for class. Senator Cirillo.

Cirillo: Present and voting.

Malanga: Senator Veloz is currently unexcused. And Pro Tempore Aziz is not in attendance currently. And with that, we do in fact have quorum. So, moving on down the agenda, the next item we have is additions and/or deletions to the, to the agenda.

**Additions/Deletions:**

Malanga: Senator Miller.

Miller: I move to approve the agenda as is.

Malanga: All right, a motion to approve the agenda as is. Seeing any objection? Seeing none. The agenda is approved. Next item on the agenda is approval of the minutes. There have been no minutes sent out. Senator Roach.

Roach: Motion to postpone minutes.

Malanga: There is a motion to postpone the minutes. Do I see any objections? Seeing none. The minutes have been postponed. We are now in open forum.

**Open Forum:**

Malanga: Does anybody have any announcements for open forum? Please don’t jump at once. All right—

Cirillo: Go Bulls.

Malanga: Go Bulls, as always.

Gluck: Go Bulls.
Malanga: Thank you, Senator Gluck. All right. If there are no announcements, we will roll right into the new business.

**New Business:**

Malanga: And the first item on new business is our weekly ice breaker. So, I’ll take a motion for a 5 minute unmoderated caucus. Senator Cirillo.

Cirillo: So moved.

Malanga: A motion for a 5 minute unmoderated caucus. Do I see any objections? Seeing none. We are in an unmoderated caucus at 1:32 P.M.

I call this meeting back to order at 1:37 P.M., using exactly 5 minutes because that’s how we do it here in Appropriations and Audits. Next item on new business is USF Spoken Word Poetry Interim Budget Request. And Josh was the one who met with this organization, so I will give you their (inaudible) and we’ll pull up their budget for you.

Gluck: Awesome.

Hasan: (inaudible)

Malanga: All right, and you have the floor.

Gluck: All right, everyone, so, let’s read the description. Organization works to prove a (inaudible) as artists and poets while giving them opportunities to collaborate with other artists as well as showcase their talent and… what does that say? Forms? In front of various audiences. All right, so they have 36 members and they only asked for two events, so it’s pretty easy. As you see, the first one we allocated their $50.00 for food, 50 people, but we don’t give more than they asked for. And then we gave $68.00 for materials. I don’t know where the other $2.00 came from, I forget…

Malanga: So, utensils was $50.00, as per standards, and then they requested a tech fee for an event that, we didn’t ask them, but we estimated an hour and a half because that’s pretty standard for an event.

Gluck: And the next event, please scroll down.

Malanga: Sure.
Gluck: We did, they wanted food, so we did the standard, 60 times 2 is $120.00. They asked for $200.00, but we don’t fund that much. And then we gave $25.00 for utensils and also the hour and a half which we assumed, because they didn’t really say, it says for 4 hours right there… We only funded for 1 hour?

Malanga: You did this.

Gluck: Do we fund that for 4 hours?

Malanga: I'll check standards. I don’t know. It says up to $60.00, if I’m not mistaken. I don’t think it’s per hour.

Gluck: So, I'll just increase that.

Roach: Yeah, it says $60.00.

Malanga: $60.00 is the maximum, I believe.

Gluck: Is that in total? So, we could give, what, $42.00 since we already gave $18.00?

Malanga: Well, it’s $60.00 per event, I think. We can subsidize them up to $60.00 per event, so if you believe 4 hours and you’d like to change that—

Gluck: Yes. Sorry, guys…

Malanga: Why can’t I do math? 48. And (inaudible)? Yeah, $48.00 and then plus $25.00 is…

Cirillo: $73.00.

Malanga: Thank you. All right.

Gluck: Math whiz.

Malanga: Yeah. Me, not so much.

Gluck: Yeah.

Malanga: I believe that is their last event.

Gluck: Yes.
Miller: What's the total?

Malanga: The total, the new total is now $329.66.

Gluck: There you go. And the new members are 37, actually.

Malanga: Senator Miller.

Miller: I move to enter voting procedures.

Malanga: All right, there's a motion to enter voting procedures on this, on this allocation recommendation. Are there any objections? Seeing none. We are now in voting procedures. Vice Chair Hasan.

Hasan: Yes.

Malanga: Senator Roach.

Roach: Yes.

Malanga: Senator Miller.

Miller: Yes.

Malanga: Senator Chaudry.

Chaudry: Yes.

Malanga: Senator Heffernan…

Heffernan: Yes.

Malanga: …Who stepped in the room at 1:36, for the record. Senator Gluck.

Gluck: Yes.

Malanga: Senator Cirillo.

Cirillo: Yes.
Malanga: Senator… Excuse me, that is correct. Also, Pro Tempore Aziz stepped in the room at 1:32 P.M. And with a vote of 6 to 0 to 1 with myself being the abstaining vote, this allocation will go to the Senate floor next week. The next item on the agenda is Association of Physical Education for College Students Budget Request, and I will be presenting this one, so Vice Chair Hasan, if you wouldn’t mind chairing. Thank you very much. All right. (inaudible) All right, guys, so, a rather large organization. They’ve got almost 200 members. They requested 3 projects. I specifically asked because, if you read the description, it does look like it gets closed off, but they said they do have members that are not part of this program and they are open to all students although the majority of their members are a part of the Physical Education Program in the College of Education. Yes, and the idea is to provide professional community service and get them ready for their profession, and they want to promote awareness on a healthy lifestyle. So, they requested $1,166.00. My recommendation is $242.74. And going on through, most of the cuts are from standards. This first event, they want to have the members of the organization be able to present projects that they’ve been doing. When I asked them, they said that the presentation portion of it was something that students in the program, that was something that only they could do, but that anybody could attend and be a part of this program. So, they requested a ton of materials for the actual presentation, so I didn’t fund any of that because that’s not open to all students. The part I funded is utensils and the food, which is going to be open to students that come to see these presentations and to see what the members have been working on throughout the semester. The second event is a cookout. Pretty much a social event. Again, $2.00 for food, so that’s pretty standard. They ask for decorations for the event and utensils at $25.00, and the idea is to congratulate their graduating class. Their third event was a senior trophy presentation. These were personalized items when I asked about them, so they were not funded. My recommendation is to not fund them. And I believe that’s it. (inaudible) Yeah, it’s 3 events. Yes. All right. Thank you.

Hasan: Does anyone have any questions about the budget? Does anyone have any motions? Senator Miller.

Miller: I’ll yield to Frank over there who wanted the motion.

Cirillo: Yeah, I move to move into voting, er, I motion to move… Move to vote, go into voting procedure, not motion.

Hasan: Okay, we have a motion to vote from Senator Cirillo.
Malanga: Any objections.


Malanga: Yes.

Hasan: Senator Roach.

Roach: Yes.

Hasan: Senator Miller.

Miller: Yes.

Hasan: Senator Chaudry.

Chaudry: Yes.

Hasan: Senator Heffernan.

Heffernan: Yes.

Hasan: Senator Gluck.

Gluck: Yes.

Hasan: Senator Cirillo.

Cirillo: Yes.

Hasan: With a vote of 6 to 0 to 1 with me as the abstaining vote, this bill is going to go to Senate on Tuesday. And moving on to our next interim budget request, we have the Student Chapter of the Personalized Medicine Coalition interim budget request and Chairman Malanga will be presenting it.

Malanga: Yes. I actually just met with them this morning. I was going to scratch them from the budget, because they canceled their meeting yesterday, but they came in and happened to catch me, so their timing is very good, so they will be on the agenda today. They have 25 active members. The idea is that they are an organization that advocates and tries to teach students about healthcare issues, specifically when it comes to personalized medicine, which I thought was very interesting. Let’s pull up the budget. Yeah, again, the idea is to promote awareness and education. Most of their
events are speaker events. They want to bring in different professors from around campus and around the USF Health in particular to come in and talk about personalized medicine. This first one, we can’t fund it due to the date. I didn’t write that in the notes. Currently, the earliest an event we can fund right now is February 13th which, again, is our 8 days past the meeting standard, past the current meeting standard. 8 business days, that is. The second event is, again, one of the speakers luncheons that they want to hold. The speaker they want to bring in for this event is Doctor Dolton from M2Gen in Morsani College of Medicine. And, again, we funded for food at $2.00 a head, per standards, utensils we gave them what they asked for, the $10.00, because that’s below standards. The third event is, again, a speaker luncheon. For this one, they would like to bring in Doctor Ligit from I believe they said College of Nursing, but I didn’t write that down, I forgot to. Again, it’s pretty standard. They want $2.00 a head for food and utensils at $10.00, which would still be within standards. And the third event here is a Study Break Social. The idea is to bring students from all across campus, but more particularly since most of their students are health students from all the different health disciplines altogether, and to give them a chance to interact and to meet one another. And, again, we funded for food at $2.00 a head and utensils at $10.00, which would still be within standards. I believe that’s their last event. So, they requested $424.00. Due to standard cuts, they were allocated $146.28 is my recommendation.

Hasan: So, does that committee have any questions or motions? Okay, is it a question, okay, who has questions? Senator Cirillo.

Cirillo: What were the standards cuts again? Is it the..?

Malanga: Sure, we can (inaudible). So, the first standard is that we do not fund events that are going to occur within 8 business days from the meeting, so that’s a standard, that’s why that event was zero funded. And then, as far as standards cuts here, they request $90.00 for food, which would be far more than…

Cirillo: Thirty-six.

Malanga: Excuse me, yeah, far more than thirty-six—$36.00 represents $2.00 a head times 18.

Cirillo: Yes.

Hasan: Senator Cirillo
Cirillo: Let me clarify, sorry. Do they get, the total allocation we give, do we have to doc off, like, 75% for the (inaudible)?

Malanga: I think you’re talking about the 25% for a request?

Cirillo: Yeah.

Malanga: So, normally what I do I check these budgets with the business office prior to coming to committee just so I have the answer to that question. Again, though, they met with me this morning, I didn’t have a chance to. Before I get to the Senate floor though, before we bring it to Senate floor, we’re going to make sure that they are not eligible. I don’t believe they are, doing a quick check. I believe that they’re a new student organization and they are not eligible for the 25% penalty which would mean, so, when I said standard cuts, I meant that this total takes into account every cut from standards.

Cirillo: Okay. Thank you.

Malanga: Yeap.

Hasan: Okay, does anybody have any other questions? Senator Johnson.

Johnson: Is this the organization that you met with where they, you had the tie on this morning?

Malanga: Yes.

Johnson: When the, when he was talking to Kristen Truong this morning about their constitution, they were talking about presidents…

Malanga: President elect—

Johnson: She can speak more about it.

Hasan: Chairwoman Truong.

Truong: That’s irrelevant to this. I'll handle constitutions.

Johnson: No, I’m sorry, the point I was trying to make is that the position in question implied that there was, they were already in existence before they asked for this budget request.
Malanga: So, the answer to that question is, how long have they been around, er, the question appears to be how long have they been around. They said they’ve been around for a year, if I’m not mistaken. They said they’ve been around one year and they haven’t been funded. But, again, normally I do my A&S check before the meeting. I met with them about two hours ago and I haven’t had a chance to do it yet.

Hasan: Chairwoman Truong.

Truong: Something else is that a lot of health organizations, regardless of how long they’ve been around, they always start off with president elects, so, even if they just started, they’ll probably start with president elect.

Malanga: And then, again, for the committee’s benefit—sorry, Chairwoman.

Hasan: Chairman Malanga.

Malanga: For the committee’s benefit, before any bill comes to the floor, Kristen has to communicate to me that, Chairwoman Truong has to communicate to me that their budget, er, their constitution has been approved, so that constitution will not be approved until the president elect position which is not allowed is removed. Thank you.

Hasan: Does anyone else have any other questions? Does anyone have any motions? Senator Miller.

Miller: I move to enter voting procedures.

Hasan: Any objections? Seeing none. We enter voting procedures.

Malanga: Give me one second.

Hasan: For Personalized Medicine Coalition at USF. Chairman Malanga.

Malanga: Yes.

Hasan: Senator Roach.

Roach: Yes.

Hasan: Senator Miller.
Miller: Yes.

Hasan: Senator Chaudry.

Chaudry: Yes.

Hasan: Senator Heffernan.

Heffernan: Yes.

Hasan: Senator Gluck.

Gluck: Yes.

Hasan: Senator Cirillo.

Cirillo: Yes.

Hasan: With a vote of 6 to 0 to 1 with me as the abstaining vote, the bill is going to go to Senate.

Malanga: For the record, I incorrectly stated the first vote count—they have all been 7 to 0 to 1. It was a mistake on my part, the counting, so, for the record they have been 7 to 0 to 1.

Hasan: So, every vote so far has been 7 to 0 to 1.

Malanga: Yes. Thank you very much, Vice Chair Hasan. With that, I believe we are done with new business and we are going to roll on into announcements.

**Announcements:**

Malanga: Does anybody have announcements? And I am going to insist on two, and I'm looking at you, Evan, and I'm looking at you, Katie, so, we've got a few minutes, but I'm insisting before we adjourn. Chairwoman Truong.

Truong: Just for the record, Chairwoman Truong entered the room at 1:40 P.M.

Malanga: Thank you so much. For record keeping purposes, that is much appreciated. Senator Cirillo.
Cirillo: To go off our ice breaker earlier, I would like to say my non (inaudible)… Oh, okay, sorry, can we strike, can we strike something..?

Johnson: That’s on the record too.

Cirillo: Okay. I don’t know…

Malanga: Please finish you’re…

Cirillo: Anyway, I would say the person I would like to meet would also probably be John Maynard Keynes just because he was a really smart guy and really good at (inaudible) still. (inaudible)

Malanga: We’ll talk later. Senator Miller.

Miller: So, I just go an invitation to World Nutella Day at USF tomorrow, Library 10 to 12.

Malanga: Snaps to that. Senator Johnson.

Johnson: Victor Cimino and I are going to be sitting down and talking about writing a bill that is going to possibly separate Appropriations and Audits into Appropriations and Audits. If anyone’s interested in helping out with that or giving their input, we would definitely love to do that and I’ll be posting something on our Facebook page tonight about getting some more input, so, just heads up.

Malanga: Thank you very much, Senator Johnson. Do I see your hand, Senator Gluck? No? All right. Evan, I see your hand up.

Lieb: I think it would be cool to hang out with, like, Pablo Picasso or something, just to see, like, what he was looking at or what he was thinking when he was creating certain things, and then, I don’t know, that whole time era, like, 30s and 40s in Spain I think would be… not cool, because it was pretty violent, but, you know, a lot of people were passionate about their beliefs. They were a lot of good, there was a lot of good going on in addition to a lot of that, so…

Malanga: Very good. Thank you. Senator Heffernan, I see your hand.

Heffernan: Okay, so, growing up, I was a girl scout and I always thought it would be really cool to meet Juliet Gordon Lowe who was, like, the founder of girl scouts. I thought she was, like, really ahead of her time and just, like, a really cool woman, so…
That’s the most original answer.

Malanga: That was a very original answer, yes. And let the record state that no one escapes my ice breakers—everybody answers every time. All right. Are there any further announcements? That’s right! Chairwoman Truong.

Truong: What?

Malanga: Who would you like to meet from history, from throughout history, and why? Why would you like to spend a day with them?

Truong: That’s a really good question and there’s so many, so many people that, you know, that might have to wait until next week, next week.

Malanga: I’m going to that. All right. That being said, I’ll take a motion to adjourn. Too many hands.

Vice Chair Hasan.

Hasan: I motion to adjourn.

Malanga: There’s a motion to adjourn. Do I see any objections? Seeing none. We are adjourned at 1:54 PM.

**Meeting adjourned at 1:54 P.M.**

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