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Committee on Appropriations and Audits
FALL SESSION
September 25th, 2014

Call to Order by Chairman Chris Johnson at 11:10 A.M.

First Roll Call

Present: Chris Johnson, Anika Hasan, Samuel Shiflett, Briana Ramirez, Aladdin Hiba

Gallery: Andy Rodriguez, Evan Lieb, ???

Absent: Ryan Richman (unexcused), Nicholas Gigante (unexcused), Abdool Aziz (excused)

C. Johnson: Okay, it is 11:10 A.M. on September 25th, and I'm going to call this meeting to order. First item on the agenda is the roll call. So, moving right into that. I am present. Vice Chairman Hasan?

A. Hasan: Here.

C. Johnson: Senator Shiflett?

Shiflett: Here.

C. Johnson: Senator Ramirez?

Ramirez: Present.

C. Johnson: Senator Richman is unexcused. Senator Gigante is unexcused. Senator Hiba?

Hiba: Present.

C. Johnson: And Pro Tempore Aziz is excused. With that, we have met quorum.

Hiba: Save it.

C. Johnson: Save it. Thank you. Moving down the line, ah, additions or deletions to the agenda.

Additions/Deletions:

C. Johnson: This looks pretty good—oh yeah, I did want to go ahead and I just kind of threw this on here last minute. But just so you guys know about it, SCCP submitted a while ago but they've been having a constitutional issue for quite some time, so I apologize for making that last minute, but that's why we didn't have them on the agenda last week, although this isn't technically an addition, I did want you guys to know about that.

Ramirez: The first one? What did you say? SCCP? Student College...

C. Johnson: SCCP, yeah. Student College—yeah, we'll talk about that. Also, if you're not a member of the Committee, could you please state your name?

Rodriguez: Andy Rodriguez.

Lieb: Evan Lieb.

???: (inaudible)

C. Johnson: Thank you very much. And then Attorney General Alex Johnson just walked in. Moving down then, we're going to go ahead... Are there—we didn't send out the minutes because I don't believe they've been typed up yet, so can I have a motion to postpone approval of the minutes? Senator Hiba?

Hiba: Motion to postpone minutes.

C. Johnson: Any objections? Seeing none then, approval of the minutes has been postponed. Moving down to open forum...

Open Forum:

C. Johnson: A couple things. I passed around, right there, there's a list of auditable events for the next week. My goal is to have everyone who's on this Committee go to at least one event in the next week. So during the Committee meeting, go ahead and keep passing that around, look at a time and

a date that works for you, there's a lot of options, so there should be something that works for everyone. And just write your name down on the side of it and I'll go ahead and send you an e-mail reminding you when it is and stuff like that, kind of like set up a calendar event, okay? Also... I'm sorry, Andy? Say also, if you're not on the Committee and you want to audit an event, you can just go ahead and write your name down, too. Alex Johnson, Andy, if you want to go ahead and do that, you can do that, too. But, Andy?

Rodriguez: Just add on to that, every week I'm going to be sending an updated version of that list with the agenda and other things like that, so just an FYI that you'll be getting that every week.

C. Johnson: Yeah, we set up with the Business Office, the schedules, that on Mondays we get a list of events and then on Wednesdays we get a second list of events, so that basically we have, since there's like a 7 day registration policy but in reality usually organizations submit their stuff 5 days in advance, then it makes sense to have events that are submitted by Monday that cover up to Friday, we want to have a list of those, and then events that would start on say Monday or Tuesday next week, we'd send a list on Wednesday to get those covered, if that made any sense whatsoever. So, anything else for open forum? Andy?

Rodriguez: This is probably more of an announcement, but I'd rather say it now before I forget. On Tuesday, September—Tuesday, October 7th, excuse me, we will not be having Senate. And I'll be saying this in the e-mails and during the Senate meeting, but I'd like to just let you guys know as much as...

A. Hasan: No Senate?

Rodriguez: No Senate on the week of Homecoming.

A. Hasan: Okay.

Rodriguez: Just an FYI.

C. Johnson: Also, last but not least, I want to pass this around. This is a budget overview of the USF system from last year. It's—doesn't really have any bearing on us, honestly it's way over our heads, but it's still really cool just to look at and see how much money we're actually talking about. It's pretty staggering. So, I'm going to pass that around if you guys want to go ahead and look at that

during the meeting. Anything else for open forum? Seeing nothing, we're going to go down to New Business with our new Interim Budget requests.

New Business:

C. Johnson: The first up is the Student College of Clinical Pharmacy, or SCCP. SCCP is one of the many pharmaceutical organizations that's basically—acts as a networking opportunity for members of the College of Pharmacy and within the College of Medicine. They... Again, the reason we haven't brought them up yet is because of some issues with the constitution that they're just now resolving. And this—they're such an old organization, they submitted it such a long time ago, that I didn't want to bring it up until we kind of figured that stuff out. So moving right down the line, we can't—we're not going to be able to fund this first event. But as far as the rest of their events go, there really shouldn't be an issue. So, also—because I do want to try to have these meetings a little more regimented as far as (inaudible) procedures goes, I'll take a motion to enter into a five minute moderated caucus to talk about this organization's request. Senator Hasan?

A. Hasan: So moved.

C. Johnson: Are there any objections? All right, seeing none, we have five minutes from right now. So. As far as A Day in the Life of Geriatric Pharmacists go, the idea is that this would be an event where a geriatric pharmacist shows up and talks about what it means to be a geriatric pharmacist. It's a pretty straightforward event. They're asking for 2 times 2, \$160.00 for food, and they're asking for \$25.00 for utensils, we could technically allocate them 50, but they—we weren't able to fund their first event, so we only can allocate 25 per our standards. Is there a motion to fully fund this event? Senator Hasan?

A. Hasan: So moved.

C. Johnson: Are there any objections? Moving down.

Ramirez: I have a question.

C. Johnson: Senator Ramirez?

Ramirez: Wait—is this—this organization has been around for a while, correct?

???: No, it's new.

C. Johnson: No. No, what I meant to say was that this organization just submitted their request towards the end of the summer. This is like the last of, or one of the last couple of the summer organizations that we just haven't gotten around to yet.

Ramirez: Okay. But—I'm saying, like, do they have an organization—was this organization last year too, or no?

C. Johnson: No. This is—they had passed the—this is the first time they've ever asked for money from us for any reason.

Ramirez: Okay.

C. Johnson: Good question. Moving down the line, they wanted to do basically the same event—in fact, the exact same event, but with a different type of pharmacist, so it's just a different type of speaker's event. The idea is they kind of have a different one of these every single month. So again, per our standards, times \$2.00 a head for food, we could allocate, and then we could technically allocate 25, but because they only asked for 20, we can fully allocate this—this—they're not really asking for anything out of the ordinary. Is there a motion to fully allocate this event? Senator Shiflett?

Shiflett: So moved.

C. Johnson: Any objections? Seeing none. The organization would like to have an end of the semester social at the end of their semester. Every organization by standard is allowed to have one social a semester, so even though this doesn't really further their organization's interests or whatever, there's nothing against us doing this. Is there an... Is there a motion to allocate as is? Senator Johnson?

A. Johnson: No, I just have a question.

C. Johnson: Please, Attorney General.

A. Johnson: Being that it's—I don't know if you guys want to classify this as a banquet or not, because it just seems from the description that it is, and I just noticed that their math is 80 times 2 which is 160, but I was under the impression that they could ask for \$3.00 a head for such an event. I just wanted to see if that was ever considered by that organization.

C. Johnson: Well, what happened is that this organization, the first time they submitted it, sent a very unintelligible request, so I allowed them to resubmit it. But they didn't understand that, or they didn't do their research. So. They had the option, they didn't put it in. So we're only going to allocate them for \$2.00 a head. So, that being said, is there any objection to fully funding this event—sorry, is there a motion to fully fund this event? Senator Hiba?

Hiba: With regards to the materials.

C. Johnson: Yes.

Hiba: Didn't you already allocate the 25 for silverware?

C. Johnson: Well, see, that's the thing, is that technically we allocated... We could do—we should be down to 15, that's a good point, but they are also asking for guest speakers also, to have some of the cost of that covered. Senator Hiba?

Hiba: They didn't specifically mention that they needed a guest speaker fee, though, did they?

C. Johnson: No, they did not, and that's a very valid point. So would you feel more comfortable allocating 15 instead? All right?

Hiba: Mm-hmm.

A. Hasan: Mm-hmm.

C. Johnson: So—do you—would you like to allocate \$160.00 for food and \$15.00 for materials?

Hiba: So moved.

C. Johnson: Are there any objections? Seeing none. Moving down the line. This is the same kind of event, but with an infectious disease pharmacists, again \$2.00 a head and they would like to allocate \$10.00 for utensils. Is there a motion to allocate 160 and 10? Senator Hiba?

Hiba: So moved.

C. Johnson: Are there any objections? Seeing none. Senator Hiba?

Hiba: In the description for that event, the one that we just funded, it says 5 to 6 pita platters and Pita Pit sort of pitas, are they just talking about bread? Because it's almost like they're using it interchangeably with...

C. Johnson: Oh, no. Pita Pit's a really good... It's a really cool restaurant. It's—if you've never been there, I highly recommend it. It's basically like fast food, but in pitas. I don't know how else to put it. It's really good. They're not asking for just bread. They're asking for sandwiches, basically. So. That's a good question. Has everyone... (inaudible) A Day in the Life of Transplant Pharmacists. Exact same kind of event. This time they put 75 instead of 80, I don't really know why, because they have around 100 people usually show up to their events, but they guessed conservatively. That being said, \$2.00 a head, and we could allocate \$5.00 for materials as far as utensils go. If there's a motion for that? Senator Ramirez?

Ramirez: So moved.

C. Johnson: Are there any objections for that? Seeing none. Let's see, what number are we at right now? One, no, not that first one. Where... Geriatric, Pediatric, Social, Infectious Disease, Transplant, Mental Health, Cardiology, banquet, and workshop. So we're not going to be able to fund one of these events. But what I'd recommend is that we basically go through and allocate for all of the events and then decide which one we want to go ahead and say we can't fund just because it looks like—I'm pretty sure the end of the year event, this workshop they want to do, is more of a, more of a thing, like this is kind of something that's important to them. But—sorry, moving down the line. Again, \$2.00 a head, they would like, they're asking for \$5.00 utensils, but per our standards we wouldn't really be able to allocate that for them anymore. Is there a motion to allocate 160 for food and \$0 for materials? Senator Ramirez?

Ramirez: So moved.

C. Johnson: Any objections? Seeing none. Cardiology Pharmacist...

Ramirez: Wait, you said 0? Or 5?

C. Johnson: Thank you. (typing) Cardiology Pharmacist, again \$2.00 a head, \$0 for materials. That's basically the same event they've been putting on the entire semester. Are there any objections to allocating 150 and 0? I'm sorry, is there a motion to allocate for 150 and 0? Senator Hiba?

Hiba: So moved.

C. Johnson: Are there any objections? Seeing none. Their end of the year banquet... Again, they're not requesting for \$3.00 a head but they're asking for \$200.00 for food, so times 2 a head, and they're asking for \$20.00 for as far as utensils go but we wouldn't be able to allocate that for them and they're not asking... That's for table cloths. Table clothes. Senator Hiba, did you have a point?

Hiba: No, I was about to make a motion, but I'll hold back for now.

(inaudible background whispering)

C. Johnson: No, please, what was your motion?

Hiba: It was before the, before—

C. Johnson: The table clothes?

Hiba: Yeah.

C. Johnson: All right, well—is—do I have a motion to at least allocate \$200.00 for food? Senator Hiba?

Hiba: So moved.

C. Johnson: Are there any objections? As far as the materials go, they did not ask for table clothes—they asked for table clothes here—but... I mean, I can understand allocating for table clothes at one of their events and then not allocating for the other event, with the idea they'd reuse it, if that's something we want to do. If there's a motion for that, we can allocate \$10.00 for table clothes for this one right here and then \$0 for table clothes at the later event. Senator Hiba?

Hiba: In the past, we've—I feel like we've come up across something like this, allocating for table cloths, table clothes—what did we end up allocating, if you can remember?

A. Hasan: (sneezing)

Ramirez: Why are we giving—why isn't it free?

???: Bless you.

A. Hasan: Thank you.

C. Johnson: Why isn't what free?

Ramirez: Are they given table... Wait, it's really table cloths, right?

C. Johnson: It's actually table cloths.

(inaudible background)

Ramirez: Okay. But—aren't—can't you get them for free through Student Government?

A. Hasan: Table cloths?

C. Johnson: I don't know if you can get table cloths for free, but I know that they're like dirt cheap. I think in the past we've just allocated it one time and we've just left it at that, so.

Ramirez: Oh.

C. Johnson: But it's \$10.00. So what I'd recommend again is that we spend the \$10.00 on the table cloth and then they can reuse it. Because it's—the events that they're talking about, they're not talking about people sitting around having a four course meal on it where they're going to get it dirty. They're talking about putting platters on it and I—I could understand giving them a table cloth for the year. Senator Hiba?

Hiba: Motion to allocate \$10.00 for table cloths at the final event instead of changing one of these.

C. Johnson: All right. Are there any objections with that?

Hiba: Final event, that would be.

C. Johnson: This one here.

Hiba: Mm-hmm.

C. Johnson: And, we can either decide to allocate for this, which is only \$120.00, which is less than most of their events, and then cut off one of their previous events, or we can cut off this last event because it would be a total of 8 events. Senator Hiba?

Hiba: I don't think we have the ability to choose so much which one we're going to cut off. If we don't allocate for this one—I mean, if we just cut off the last one after the list is over, that's going to be a good standard, I suppose.

C. Johnson: That would be the most objective.

Hiba: Yeah.

C. Johnson: And they never did indicate why—which one was the most important.

Hiba: Which one was the most important to them. And also because it's \$120.00, if they really want to put it on, they can use their own budget.

C. Johnson: Valid point as well. Thank you very much, that was a good comment to make. Are there any objections to zero—I'm sorry, is there a motion to zero fund this last event? Senator Hiba?

Hiba: So moved.

C. Johnson: Are there any objections? Seeing none. All right, and with that, we're looking at \$1,468.00 after \$1,833.00. That is not bad. Let's save this right there. That saved. Everyone saw me click that. Andy?

Rodriguez: You have to motion to approve the entire allocation.

C. Johnson: Is there a motion—all right, thank you very much—is there a motion to approve the allocation as seen? Senator Hiba?

Hiba: So moved.

C. Johnson: Are there any objections? Seeing none. We're going to go down the line—the reason I went through that one so quickly is because it was so basic, but Try New Things is a little bit different, probably going to take a few more minutes, and that's okay. Can I go ahead and have a motion to enter into a five minute—I'm sorry, let's do a ten minute moderated caucus for Try New Things. Senator Hiba?

Hiba: So moved.

C. Johnson: Are there any objections to that? Seeing none, we're going to go into this—the first event, we're not able to fund due to the date. And the second event. And the third event. Wow, and the fourth event. They really didn't do well with that.

A. Hasan: Ouch.

C. Johnson: Is there a motion to zero fund the events that are not eligible due to date? Senator Shiflett?

Shiflett: Motion to zero fund said events.

C. Johnson: Are there any objections to doing that? All right. Seeing none.

Shiflett: Zero.

Hiba: For the food.

Shiflett: Oh.

C. Johnson: All right, the 11th—that's within the range. They wanted to do Try New Things and they want to make sushi together—this event, though, they didn't have a location. And this is not something we can do because they, we're not allowed to give people money to make food and eat it. We are allowed to give them money for food, but if they make the food themselves, then we can't give them money for that because there's the liability of, oh, we're poisoning people. So with that in mind, is there a motion to zero fund this event? Senator Shiflett?

Shiflett: So moved.

C. Johnson: Are there any objections?

A. Johnson: Yeah, objection.

Hiba: Um...

C. Johnson: I'm sorry, Senator Hiba?

Hiba: In their description of the sushi-making event, they never actually say they're going to eat it. Maybe they're just going into...making sushi.

C. Johnson: Do you rescind your motion?

Shiflett: Yes.

C. Johnson: You rescind your motion. All right. So, Senator Hiba, would you like to allocate money for this event, even though it explicitly states suggested making sushi as a new thing to try?

Hiba: We could make clear to them they're not to eat the sushi that they make.

C. Johnson: All right, I'm going to have strike that one, but I...

Hiba: All right, that's fair.

C. Johnson: Would you like to restate your motion, Sam?

Shiflett: Motion to zero fund said event.

C. Johnson: All right, are there any objections? Seeing none, we're moving down the line.

A. Hasan: Okay, so (inaudible).

C. Johnson: The Murder Mystery party, their first big event, they would like to have—they want to have like a dinner party and banquet where they—if you've ever been to a murder mystery dinner, it's really cool, they basically put on a play and they assign roles to members of the crowd and see "who done it" kind of thing. It's really cool. Yes, Senator Hiba?

A. Hasan: (inaudible)

Hiba: Are we going to be funding this as an event, or as a banquet? Because either way, they're asking for a lot more than food.

C. Johnson: Well, the thing is, is that they're asking for... Let's see, that's a good question. They're only—first off, they're only asking for money from this semester, number one. They've—that would be the largest—let's see... If we funded this as a banquet, which it is, basically, it is a banquet, I mean, that's the way that murder mystery parties, that—that—they're done, at least the ones that I've been to, they're set up like banquets. But that being said, the Halloween party—well, no, that'd be a party—this is the most banquet-like event that they're putting on. So I feel comfortable allocating \$3.00 a head given that it'd only be \$60.00. That being said, they are asking also for

\$200.00 for props and costumes and decorations, and while murder mystery parties are—they do require props and costumes and decorations and stuff...

Hiba: That's not really something we can...

C. Johnson: Yeah. We can fund for—we can fund like \$10.00 for decorations. But that's just about—and utensils.

A. Hasan: (inaudible)

C. Johnson: But that's about it. Senator Hiba?

Hiba: I motion to allocate \$60.00 for food and \$60.00 for materials, at 50 for silverware and 10 additional for decorations.

C. Johnson: Are there any objections? Seeing none.

Ramirez: I have a question...

C. Johnson: Senator Ramirez?

Ramirez: Does the—the money for decorations depend on how many people, or...?

C. Johnson: No.

Ramirez: Just—it's just \$10 for decorations?

C. Johnson: It's just \$10.00. With the idea being that the—like whereas food, you need more of it the more people that show up, you can have 5 people show up or 500 people show up and still theoretically spend the same on decorations. Senator Shiflett?

Shiflett: I just realized something, on the first event we decided to zero fund, they also requested for T-shirts—can we at least partially fund them for that? Because they would be club T-shirts?

C. Johnson: Um, this would be \$7.00 per shirt... We absolutely could. We absolutely could. The thing is...

Shiflett: The thing is, especially, because they got four events knocked off at the top.

C. Johnson: That'd be fair. Senator Hiba?

Hiba: Aren't our internal standards \$5.00 a shirt?

C. Johnson: They are, they are. So we would be able to allocate... Senator Shiflett?

Shiflett: Move to allocate 100 for the shirts at \$5.00 a shirt, for 20 students.

C. Johnson: All right, any objections? Seeing none.

???: I have a question.

C. Johnson: Please.

???: Is the date, basically, the date's 8/27—does that affect it? I'm just curious.

C. Johnson: Well, the idea with the date is that they want—some event and projects are date specific, so obviously a social is, but T-shirts, org advertisements and banners, are three things that the date doesn't depend on. So, that's a good question.

Rodriguez: Mr. Johnson?

C. Johnson: Yes. Sen—sorry—President Rodriguez?

Rodriguez: I would just make sure to put a note in the allocation notes explaining to them that this isn't something that should be paid for retrospectively.

C. Johnson: Okay.

Hiba: \$100.00 for shirts.

Ramirez: Who follows up with that?

C. Johnson: That's something I would send them in the e-mail, basically. And there should be a little... I believe that the Business Office, when they see these, they see the allocation notes as well, but it's not their responsibility, it's our responsibility, so. Moving down. They would like to have a Halloween party—a Halloween party. So, the idea—I mean, it's pretty simple what this is, the thing though is that they would like to have this, which is a social, a murder mystery party, which is a social, this balloon splatter, which is pretty much a social, and a TNT Christmas, which is a social. So. President Rodriguez?

Rodriguez: Could you go up to their—the purpose of the student organization?

C. Johnson: Right. Which is...

Hiba: To try new things.

C. Johnson: To try new things. And that's a really—that's nice—but I mean, if a club—if there was an “activities club,” should they be able to do anything because everything's an activity? You know? Like, just because it's new...

Rodriguez: Well... If you're objectively looking at this, then yes. If every—if every other organization has been funded based off of the description that they give, that their purpose—like the purpose of their organization, if that's what they've been funded off of in the past, that's what we should continue to do no matter what it is. In an objective way.

C. Johnson: That's an interesting observation to make. But, that being said—Senator Hiba?

Hiba: I agree with that.

C. Johnson: You agree with that? Okay.

Hiba: Chairman, (inaudible).

C. Johnson: Okay, so then moving down, then. What I would like to caution, though, is that, if we fund—it doesn't take away from the fact that they're still socials. They don't really serve—like, a Halloween party, for example—where's that...

Shiflett: Well, couldn't we put that one under their one holiday party...

C. Johnson: Okay.

Shiflett: Their murder mystery under their banquet, and then their other one under their social?

C. Johnson: President Rodriguez? Is that (inaudible)?

Rodriguez: Yeah, I completely agree. There are some things here that aren't trying new things. Like a Halloween party—that's a social. But something along the lines of balloon splatter slash messy twisted, that sounds like something new that you would be trying.

C. Johnson: Senator Hiba?

Shiflett: We funded them as a banquet for the murder mystery, so if you wanted to do that, we'd be treating this as their banquet.

Ramirez: Did you add these after—how many events are we...?

C. Johnson: Come again?

Ramirez: How many events?

C. Johnson: Are we looking at?

Ramirez: Yeah. I only have 2 coming up on my screen. Is that it?

C. Johnson: Oh, go to the next tab.

Ramirez: Oh! Sorry. Okay.

C. Johnson: Where were we at? We were at the Halloween party. So we're going to treat this as their social. That means that we could allocate \$2.00 a head per—for food, and then as far as materials go—

Hiba: No prizes.

Shiflett: Should we give them part of that as a speaker fee, for the palm reader?

C. Johnson: We could definitely give—that's what I was going to say, the palm reader we can treat as a speaker fee. But our standard would be half of that. So we could allocate 150 for that, but—do I have a motion to allocate \$100.00 for food and 150 for materials—Senator Shiflett?

Shiflett: Well, why don't we do 175 for materials, half for the...

C. Johnson: Fee? And then utensils?

Shiflett: Yeah.

C. Johnson: Okay.

A. Hasan: Oh, I want to go here!

Shiflett: Move to allocate 100 for food, 175 for materials.

C. Johnson: All right, are there any objections? Food, 175... Can I have a motion to extend the moderated caucus by 5 minutes? Senator Hiba?

Hiba: So moved.

C. Johnson: Are there any objections? Seeing none, moving down. Balloon splatter, messy Twister. "Provide members with the opportunity to get artistic and messy with paint, provide poster boards, balloons, paint darts that they can—" Ha, darts. "They also play a version of Twister which is played by applying paint into the colored circles and getting messy. We also spend \$10.00 to provide drinks for the members." So... We didn't—okay, when the Disaster and Humanitarian Relief student collaborative asked for money for a pillow fight for peace, we couldn't allocate for it. But when they—but we were able to—we weren't able to give them money on the basis that they were going to hit each other with things. We were able to allocate—we were going to give them money on the basis that they were just getting together to decorate the pillow cases that they would then use to hit each other with things. So if that's the standard that we have to use, then by extension I don't really know if we could do... I don't know, is Twister—is Twister deemed a too high-impact activity for...

Hiba: Twister? Isn't that just the game with the thing on the ground and you step on it?

C. Johnson: Yeah.

Hiba: That's not really fighting, is it?

C. Johnson: Not fighting, but it's—I mean it's...

Hiba: If you fall, people fall all the time. Right? You can't blame them for falling.

A. Hasan: Okay...

C. Johnson: What do you feel about that? Do you have any opinion on Twister being too high-impact?

???: I mean, my kids and I play it. So I mean, it's—how—when it says messy Twister, what are they doing? Getting wet? Because it's a new (inaudible), you know? I mean... It's a kid's game and they want to play it. I mean, when they say "messy," what are they talking about?

Shiflett: Paint each of the colored circles and get...

Hiba: Paint.

Rodriguez: I think... But...

Ramirez: Some of these clubs and organizations...

C. Johnson: My—another concern about this is they want to have darts. Which, I think that's another—a valid concern to have. So...

Shiflett: Can't we just tell them they can't play darts?

C. Johnson: Senator Hiba?

Hiba: Regarding... I also thought the same thing with the balloons, as if they would be throwing water balloons at each other, but it looks based on the description that they're using the balloons to paint so they'd be throwing it at a piece of wood or a piece of plaster and that might be something similar with the darts. I don't know? Why would you use darts to paint?

Shiflett: You put them on a board—like, the balloons full of paint, then you pop them with the darts.

???: Oh, yeah.

C. Johnson: Is that something we could do? Could we—I don't know, I mean...

Shiflett: Well, I mean, don't we...

C. Johnson: Look, this school has a really strict weapons policy and I'm just saying that metal darts might not be, you know, viewed upon very favorably if we let them...

Shiflett: But don't we fund the fencing and archery clubs and whatnot?

C. Johnson: That's also a good question—actually, no, we don't fund those, that's the Sport—that's a Sport thing.

Rodriguez: Well, we fund the Sports Club Council, who then funds the archery and fencing clubs.

C. Johnson: But we don't have standards in place, we don't just give money to those...

???: But isn't archery done not at USF, though?

Shiflett: (inaudible). Yeah.

???: It's at a range—you know, an archery range? So you know, that's a little different. Masha's not here to—you want me to grab her or something? I mean, I don't know.

C. Johnson: No, I think that because it's only \$80.00 that this event is so small that if they—if they were able to—I mean, they can put it on without Student Government subsidy, and it's too much of a liability for us to allocate it. Senator Rodriguez—President Rodriguez?

Rodriguez: I mean, I think you should fund the non—the non—I don't know if “sketchy” is the right word—the non-dangerous parts of this...

Shiflett: Questionable?

Rodriguez: Yeah, the non-questionable parts of this event.

A. Hasan: Um, but...

C. Johnson: But we can't...

Rodriguez: For example, paint for... Well, Twister with paint all over it, I don't see a problem with that. But that's just me.

C. Johnson: Well, the problem with that is that the way flexible funding works, if we allocate a single cent towards it, it's basically saying, you know, an 80th of that cent might be going towards darts which makes us liable. Like, we're giving them money based on what they asked for, but they can then take that money and go use it on darts. Which is something that we can get in trouble for, so... If they didn't put darts in there, then I would agree with that, but when they describe it to me...

???: When it comes to payables, shouldn't we be watching for that, say, hey, you're not allowed to buy that? Because we—we're the one who purchases. I'm just... Maybe I'm being... (inaudible)

Rodriguez: Yeah, I get the e-mails.

???: Yeah, (inaudible).

Rodriguez: Well, I know every—every single time somebody's buying anything questionable, they forward an e-mail to me to and Abdool saying, like, "Hey, is this okay, is this not okay," and then Abdool and I sit there, look at it, think about it, talk to Gary, then we'll tell them, "Yeah, it's okay" or "No, it's not okay." But that's—I mean, that's usually the procedure for sketchy things.

C. Johnson: So you're saying that if we allocated for everything but darts, which again...

Rodriguez: Well, if you—you, you—I think this is ultimately your decision and if you don't feel comfortable and you think it's in best practice to just not fund it, then I mean...

C. Johnson: That's the motion I'd really like to take. I'd like to zero fund the event. But—Senator Hiba?

Hiba: Would we be able to fund the food in this case?

C. Johnson: We could if you want to, but the thing is that, again they could take that \$10.00 and use it to go buy darts.

Ramirez: Yeah, but if... Then it wouldn't be what it says it is. That event would just be a food event. Right? If we're just funding for food?

Hiba: They could just spend their own money on buying stuff.

Ramirez: Oh.

C. Johnson: If we want to allocate \$10.00 for food, that'd—that'd be fine—but I—again, as far as the flexible funding goes, it's... If we allocate for—any dollars towards this event, then it can be used for anything in their event description. Which is an issue. Senator Hiba?

Hiba: I motion to zero fund this event.

C. Johnson: Are there any objections? All right, seeing none. And last but not least, a Try New Things Christmas, they're going to get together and decorate a Christmas tree and have fun doing that. And that's a new thing, they want to do it a new way, which is cool, and be colorful, and in that mentality it is the purpose of their organization. But, is this—would we count this as their holiday party? Is that what we're saying? President Rodriguez?

Rodriguez: Can you fund this event?

C. Johnson: During the 6th?

Rodriguez: The 6th... I believe school ends on the 4th.

A. Hasan: School—um—it's Finals Week.

Hiba: Finals Week, yeah.

Rodriguez: Yeah, that's what I'm saying. But school officially ends on the 4th, I'm pretty sure.

A. Hasan: 12th.

Hiba: The 5th, I think. The 5th, is the Friday.

Shiflett: (inaudible)

Hiba: Yeah, there we go.

Rodriguez: It ends on the 4th for me, I'm sorry.

C. Johnson: All right.

A. Hasan: (inaudible), specific...

Shiflett: Um...

C. Johnson: Are you looking that up, Shiflett?

Shiflett: Final exam week is the 6th through the 12th, Fall last day of class is the 5th.

Hiba: I think that's fine, they're having it on the 6th, honestly.

C. Johnson: Could we allocate—could we not allocate for events during final exam week?

Rodriguez: I don't think you can... I don't think you can. That would be a question for Masha or Abdool. But I'm like 75% sure you can't.

C. Johnson: Senator Hiba?

Shiflett: Would this be—sorry...

Hiba: Motion to zero fund this event.

C. Johnson: I think we should ask Masha about that.

Rodriguez: Yeah. I'll go ask Masha.

C. Johnson: Thank you. That's fine. In the meantime, well...

Rodriguez: I think you should talk about the event, in the meantime, allocate whatever you would allocate for it, or not allocate for it, and then I'll talk to Masha.

C. Johnson: Well as far as allocating for it, there's not really anything wrong with any of the things they want to have. I mean, they're talking about craft kits and eggnog and whatnot, you know...

A. Hasan: Why does it say a "TNT" Christmas?

C. Johnson: Because... They're want to—they're going to blow stuff up. (laughter)

Hiba: Try New Things. It's the name of their club.

C. Johnson: Senator Ramirez?

Ramirez: I have a question.

A. Hasan: This club...

???: It's cute.

Ramirez: Does this school have any rules on why you could not have a certain club or organization?

A. Hasan: No.

C. Johnson: Why you could...

Ramirez: You could just think of anything and just make it up?

A. Hasan: Hate speech, maybe?

C. Johnson: I don't even think it's...

Ramirez: Oh, okay. Yeah. Just like that.

C. Johnson: See, (inaudible) as far as (inaudible) goes, I'm pretty sure even hate speech is allowed. It's just not... As long as you don't discriminate based upon membership or stuff like that.

Hiba: Yeah.

C. Johnson: Or as long as you don't, you know, do things that are...

A. Hasan: (inaudible) hate speech would be allowed. What if it's a club about discrimination, or hate speech?

Hiba: Then you still wouldn't be able to discriminate. If you were a club about never letting people that look like? chairs in it...

C. Johnson: See, here's the thing. It depends—okay—it depends on how the organization words—okay—let's say the KKK wants to set up a club on campus.

Hiba: Mm-hmm.

Ramirez: Yeah?

C. Johnson: They're not—they're not allowed to do that. Because their mission statement—in their mission statement, it's, you know, "Let's subjugate lesser races," okay? But if an organization wanted to come on campus and, in effect, do the exact same thing, as long as they didn't use those words that "we want to promote racial violence," or something like that, then they could technically get a club. I mean like a lot of... There's a lot of organizations on campus that—that their mission statement doesn't explicitly state they do bad things, but they still do bad things. You know? It's not really a...

Shiflett: Could you—like... (inaudible)

C. Johnson: I'm sure—I don't, I don't—I'm not going to make that assumption.

Shiflett: No, but you...

C. Johnson: But there are—there are organizations that promote certain things that some people might not agree with. But the part of the objective viewpoint is that it's, it's—we can't really judge it based upon that. So. Andy?

Rodriguez: So, I was wrong. As long as the University is open, then you can fund an event. It's not when there's not school.

C. Johnson: Evan?

Ramirez: Ah...

Lieb: I just have a question or point of clarification. Are we able to fund a religious event for an organization that is not religious in its nature?

Shiflett: I wouldn't classify Christmas as...

A. Hasan: We can.

C. Johnson: We can fund an event that takes place around a religious holiday as long as it's in their—within their organization's per... It's really kind of—kind of... Yes is the short answer. Because, let's say Try New Things wanted to have a Christmas club to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. That's why they want to put on the event. Okay. We cannot fund that because that's not in their organization's purview. If they wanted to put on an event during Christmas, that happens to take place around Christmastime, and they celebrate Christmas, but they don't treat it religiously, they treat it secularly, then we could fund that. So—it's kind of—it's kind of ambiguous in that way, but that's the standard.

Lieb: Okay.

C. Johnson: If a Christian organization wants to put it on, it's what—it's definitely—they're able to do it, so.

Lieb: Okay. Thank you.

C. Johnson: Senator Hiba?

Hiba: Seeing as how like some of the other events for TNT are actually “trying new things,” this seems to be a lot more traditional, something that someone must have done before, or likely has done before, or at least seen done before. I mean, I don’t feel like this fits within their—their description of themselves as well as some other events, and so it would have to be a social.

C. Johnson: Senator Shiflett?

Shiflett: How many of you guys have crafted your own Christmas ornaments? That would be my only point to that.

C. Johnson: That’s a valid point.

Shiflett: Because I’ve never done that.

C. Johnson: I personally feel like this would be trying new—this would be—I don’t think that many college kids have crafted Christmas ornaments with other people so it would be a Try New Thing, we could fund it because it’s due to—it takes place when the school is open so it’s open for that, and it’s not a religious event, it’s a Try a New Things event, and I feel like this we could allocate for.

Senator Hiba?

Hiba: I motion to fund it \$50.00 for food. And then we’ll talk about materials.

C. Johnson: Okay. Are there any objections to that? And last but not least, they’re talking about craft kits at \$7.00 a piece, which is a lot less than the \$50.00 they’re asking for it.

Shiflett: But they want to buy 7 of them. So that would make it \$49.00.

Ramirez: But... Oh.

C. Johnson: Oh, yeah, I’m sorry, you’re right, thank you. I thought—I saw the 12, I’m sorry. That’s actually exactly what they want.

Hiba: But 7 times 12 is 84, they have 30 people attending...

Rodriguez: No, 7 times 7...

Shiflett: They want 7 sets at \$7.00 a piece, they’re making 12 ornaments.

Hiba: Yeah, yeah, I know, but there's 12 ornaments each and there's 30 people attending, so that's like...almost 3 ornaments a person? Which seems reasonable, I guess.

C. Johnson: That's a good number of ornaments to decorate.

Ramirez: 3 per person...?

Hiba: I mean, if you're making them... I think if you're making them, 1 should be good. 2 should be—3... 3...

C. Johnson: So... Okay. As far as materials go, they also want some decorations. I mean, they're doing—they want a Christmas tree, so.

Ramirez: They want a Christmas tree?

A. Hasan: Oh, Christmas tree...

C. Johnson: "Paint on their Christmas tree." No, they don't. They just want ornaments to paint on a Christmas tree, okay. I don't know, that's a valid point about \$49.00. Personally, I'm okay with doing 50 instead, just to round up for taxing difference, but you know, whatever the Committee decides. Senator Shiflett?

Shiflett: Move to fund them 50 for materials.

C. Johnson: Are there any objections? Senator Hiba?

Hiba: Friendly amendment, I move to fund them \$49.00 for materials.

C. Johnson: Have you ever heard of "Christmas spirit," Hiba?

Hiba: Just to show them that we're paying attention.

Shiflett: I accept the amendment.

C. Johnson. You... You accept... Okay.

Ramirez: Wait, can I...

C. Johnson: Senator Ramirez?

Ramirez: So... So we're going to give them 3 ornaments to decorate, correct?

Hiba: Per person.

Ramirez: Is that what you're saying? Er, okay.

Shiflett: I mean—and also, if more people come. Then they'll have them. But.

C. Johnson: Okay—so the motion—just—just so—there's no objections to fund them 49 instead of \$50.00? Okay. I will—I'm going to enjoy telling the Senate about this. All right. I can't believe I'm putting this. Okay.

Hiba: I'll present this one, Chris.

C. Johnson: Thank you very much. So with that in mind, we've fully gone through this. Can I have a motion to approve the allocation recommendation for \$619.04? Senator Shiflett?

Shiflett: So moved.

C. Johnson: Are there any objections? Senator Hiba?

Hiba: Just a question. The last event, did we allocate them anything for silverware or did they not ask for silverware?

C. Johnson: They did not—they did not ask for that, silverware.

Hiba: All right, then, no objection.

C. Johnson: All right, so, seeing no other objections, it is approved. Good job. Okay. Moving down the line. Pre-Vet. (inaudible) Am I just not seeing it?

Shiflett: Hold control and scroll down with your mouse.

Rodriguez: IT.

Shiflett: This guy...

C. Johnson: Pre-Vet Society, very self-explanatory, you guys should have read this in your e-mail, about what they do. So they start it off—they did it out of chronological order, I apologize—but they would like to...

Shiflett: So could we go through and zero fund the events for dates first, er...?

C. Johnson: Yeah, yeah, we'll do that. Can I have a motion to—actually, yeah, do you mind, can we have a motion to zero fund any events that are not eligible due to dates? Senator Hiba?

Hiba: So moved.

C. Johnson: Are there any objections? Seeing none. We have an event on the 18th... An event on the 18th that we can't fund. We have an event on the T-shirts.

Ramirez: From the time that we look at an application, how long... Like, would it be next week that we should be presenting it, right?

Hiba: Mm-hmm. (inaudible)

Ramirez: Yeah.

Shiflett: At the earliest... The earliest event we could fund for them because they have to put in 7 days ahead of the event, right?

Rodriguez: Yeah, it's the...

Shiflett: The earliest event we could fund for them would have to be on 10/7 or later.

Ramirez: 10/7.

Shiflett: Because we would fund them—er, actually, 10/8. Because we would fund them that Tuesday night, they would be able to go that Wednesday...

Ramirez: Tuesday night that we bring it to Senate.

Shiflett: Correct. So we would fund them on the 30th.

Ramirez: Yeah.

Shiflett: There'd be access to those funds the next day, in theory, and put in the request and then it has to be at least 7 days before the event takes place.

Rodriguez: In theory.

Ramirez: Oh, okay.

C. Johnson: But the other part of that, and... The other part of the process is that the President—it's not ratified until the President signs it and there's been some delays in when the President signs bills, so. Like, ISES Power that we had to suspend the rules to amend it...

Ramirez: ISES Power?

C. Johnson: Yeah, the International Solar Energy Society of People Organizing World Energy Reforms.

Lieb: That's an unfortunate turn of events.

C. Johnson: Right? ISES Power wanted—you know, due to that whole fiasco, we had to suspend the rules and amend it in the Senate, but by the time that we got it out, like if it was signed that day, that would have solved the problem. But because of when it was signed... They—it basically made null and void the whole point of suspending the rules because they're not going to get funded for the first event. So, just so you guys know. But, hey, let's not let that distract from these guys. As far as this event, this is again a guest speaker, we can't zero—we have to zero fund that. 10/16.

Hiba: That's good.

C. Johnson: 10/16 is good?

Hiba: Yeah.

C. Johnson: Okay. So their first event—well, their first event—they want to have an annual end of the year banquet. Senator Hiba?

Hiba: Motion to fully fund it.

C. Johnson: For 3 times head and \$50.00 for utensils. All right, are there any objections? Seeing none. We will do that. T-shirts, they're asking for the full \$500.00 as far as T-shirts go, it's in the standards. Can I have a motion to fund that? Senator Hiba?

Hiba: So moved.

C. Johnson: Any objections? Seeing none. Nope. Don't need that many T-shirts. The Halloween social, this is their first and only social, I believe, but they want to have—they want to do \$2.00 a head for food and they want 7—they want the 25 for utensils and then 50 for decorations, Halloween and holiday decorations. Senator Hiba?

Hiba: I motion not to fund them for the utensils because they don't ask for it.

A. Hasan: They didn't specify what they want for 75?

C. Johnson: No, you're right. Well, first can I have a motion to fully fund the food?

Hiba: So moved.

C. Johnson: Objections? Seeing none. As far as this goes...

Hiba: They don't ask for anything.

C. Johnson: They really didn't ask for anything, no.

Hiba: Motion to zero funding for materials—zero fund materials.

C. Johnson: Are there any objections? All right, seeing none.

Hiba: Ah—zero.

C. Johnson: Oh, I'm sorry. Not enough coffee. De-stress with the Pet—with Pre-Vet, sorry—De-stress with Pet-Vet—De-stress with Pre-Vet. They're asking for...

???: Yoga class?

C. Johnson: They want to have a yoga class. And I don't think it has anything at all to do with the Pre-Veterinarian Society. When I talked to them about that, they really had a hard time explaining how it had anything to do with their organization. I don't know. Senator Ramirez, what do you think?

Ramirez: Zero fund it.

C. Johnson: Zero fund it? So do you move to—you move to zero fund it?

Ramirez: I move to zero fund it.

C. Johnson: Do you have—are there any objections? Seeing none. Guest speaker we zero funded. They want to have a guest speaker come in to prep with GRE stuff. And they're asking for \$2.00 a head and they're asking for materials again... Really just their guest speaker fees, as in time, parking, travel, food, whatnot. So while this doesn't... I don't know. The GRE is required to go to vet school? I guess. Is that a thing?

A. Hasan: No.

C. Johnson: It's not?

A. Hasan: It's grad school.

C. Johnson: Grad school.

A. Hasan: In general.

C. Johnson: Do you... But you need to go to vet school to become a vet.

Shiflett: Yes.

A. Hasan: Yeah.

Ramirez: That's not grad school. Like—pre-vet?

Shiflett: But—did—not every... Like...

Rodriguez: Look up...

A. Hasan: GRE goes, is like...

C. Johnson: President Rodriguez?

Rodriguez: I would just Google whether or not it's a requirement for graduate school for pre-vet students.

Ramirez: Good thinking.

Rodriguez: Because for engineers, you have to take the GRE, so.

Shiflett: You have to take the biology GRE.

C. Johnson: You do?

Shiflett: Yeah.

C. Johnson: Okay.

Shiflett: At least, that's what I'm looking at.

Ramirez: For vets?

C. Johnson: So with that in mind, then, it is—that would be under the purview of their organization. So if we'd like, we could—do go ahead and allocate the full \$200.00, or the full amount for food, \$2.00 a head. And then we could do...

Shiflett: They're part of the biology GRE, in addition to the general one.

C. Johnson: Hmm?

Shiflett: They require two separate tests, like the GRE and the biology GRE.

C. Johnson: Okay. With that in mind then, I could—I could understand doing the full amount just because the speaker fee for that's going to be, you know, they're coming to talk about two tests and they're asking for gas and parking and stuff like that, so. Senator Hiba?

Hiba: Do they have to specify exactly how much goes to speaker fee?

C. Johnson: They should. And a lot of organizations have. It's not explicitly stated that they need to... They don't need to say that, "We need like 1499 for speaker fees" as long as they include speaker fees, it can be assumed that the cost of materials includes speaker fees. So. Senator Hiba?

Hiba: Motion to fund them \$50.00 for materials and \$200.00 for food.

C. Johnson: On the basis that would be funding half their speaker fees? Okay. Senator Ramirez?

Ramirez: Question—roughly, when they ask that question, how much do you usually allocate for them for speaker fees?

C. Johnson: Half.

Ramirez: Half of what they ask?

C. Johnson: Yeah.

Shiflett: But since they didn't specify how much of that was speaker fees, we're assuming that 100 of it is a speaker fee.

Ramirez: Gotcha.

C. Johnson: So then, no objection then, so if there's no other objections, Senator Hiba?

Hiba: Would it be correct to assume that they wanted silverware and other materials, but they just didn't specify in their...?

C. Johnson: See, yeah, of course—anyone who wants food is going to want silverware. But if they don't ask for it, we don't have to allocate it. Like, we can assume that they're going to—it's the same kind of principle, that if they ask for \$14.00 for utensils, well, we should only allocate up to \$14.00 for utensils, but if they just say utensils, we can allocate \$50.00, and then 25, and yatta yatta yatta yatta yatta. Right? So. But that being said, his motion still stands, are there any objections to doing 250? Seeing none. Going to do that. And then that's their last event. So moving back up. Is there a motion to approve the recommended allocation for \$1,643.00, Vice Chairman Hasan?

A. Hasan: So moved.

C. Johnson: Any objections? Seeing none. This is excellent.

A. Hasan: Chris?

C. Johnson: Senator Hasan?

A. Hasan: Can I—I have a test, can I leave?

C. Johnson: Absolutely. Thank you very much. Moving down, let's see if we can do...

Shiflett: Do we still have quorum when she leaves?

C. Johnson: That's a good question. Let's find out. You know what, guys, honestly, we did a lot of good business today, and I really want to talk—go move into announcements and just go ahead and talk about the audit process, going forward with that. So if there's nothing wrong, if that's okay with

you guys, I accept a motion to table the remaining four organizations until next week. Senator Shiflett?

Shiflett: So moved.

C. Johnson: Are there any objections? All right, seeing none.

Announcements:

C. Johnson: Thank you very much, Anika. So, Briana, Aladdin, Shiflett, and Anika, all put down stuff. And that's excellent.

Shiflett: And we don't have to stay for the entirety of their event, right?

C. Johnson: No.

Shiflett: We can just stay for an hour or so, or...?

C. Johnson: Right. What I'd really like to see is—not even for an hour. What I want you to do is—does everyone know how to get ahold of the Google—get on the Google doc? Did you see that link that I sent you guys? You did? Sam, see if you can find it real fast.

(inaudible background whispering)

Shiflett: Also, can you start sending stuff to my @usf?

C. Johnson: Yeah. I'm sorry.

Shiflett: I have that now.

C. Johnson: I'll write that down.

Ramirez: Is there a way I could just ask you for (inaudible)...

Shiflett: For the audit form?

C. Johnson: Yeah.

Shiflett: Yeah, I got it.

(inaudible)

C. Johnson: So as far as the actual process goes, to kind of recap, I'd like you guys to show up and, with this form, fill out—you're going to have to talk to Chapter Advisor, to the president, or the runner of the event at some point to get some information and details about what's going on, but for the majority of it, you should just be doing it based on observation. Senator Hiba?

Hiba: Is this the form?

C. Johnson: Is this—do I have the paper form?

Hiba: No, no.

C. Johnson: Oh, this form right here? Yeah.

Hiba: Oh, thank you.

C. Johnson: So. Ramirez?

Ramirez: Oh. No, nothing. I was going to... (inaudible)

C. Johnson: That's cool. So, with that being said, you know, this is the first week that we're going to be really doing this in Committee, so what I really want to see you guys do is, on Tuesday, after—if you've done your audit by Tuesday, I really want you to basically present to the Senate. So stand up and say, hey look, I just wanted everyone to know that I did an audit, that I—these are some of the things that I found, I was kind of surprised at this, I wasn't expecting this. Stuff like that. Kind of show the Senate that we're starting to do some of that stuff, okay? Other than that, any other announcements... Did you guys... Was it kind of striking to see, like, Sarasota Manatee is only \$21 million, right?

Shiflett: We're...

C. Johnson: USF...

Shiflett: Over a billion?

C. Johnson: \$1.6 billion. That's... That's remarkable. But I thought it was pretty cool, that you guys might want to see that, so. If there's no other announcements, no other points, anything like that, take a motion to adjourn, Senator Shiflett?

Shiflett: So moved.

C. Johnson: Seeing—are there any objections to that? Seeing no objections, we are adjourned at 12:02 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 P.M.

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