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Called to Order by Chairman Jeff Geo at 1:58PM.

Gao- First thing on the agenda, we always go off of the agenda, is roll call. So I’m going to call everybody’s names. Adrianna?

*Correction: Andrea.*

Gao- Just say present.

Arrecha- Present.

Gao- Gregory excused. Christy?

Brinkworth- Present.

Gao- Ceasar? Luis?

Colon- Present.

Gao- Lara is excused. Shelly is unexcused. Adam is unexcused. Toby?

Thomson- Here. Present, sorry.

Gao- It’s fine. Omar?

Omar- Here.

Gao- Okay, does anyone have any additions to the agenda?

*No additions.*

Gao- Can I have a motion to accept the agenda?

*Brinkworth motioned to accept the agenda.*

Gao- Any objections to accept the agenda?
No objections.

Gao- No? Okay, the agenda is accepted. Open floor is where everybody gets their chance to speak to the committee. My name’s Jeff, I will be your commissioner for this year. Hopefully, you will be a good committee. This committee is the appropriations committee, which is mainly dealing with the inner budgets of student organizations, budget transfers, and off campus requests of student organizations. Those are the main three aspects. We also deal with the internal funding of student government.

Unknown- You guys can’t lock the door.

Gao- I didn’t lock the door. As you know this is one of the most important committees in senate; we deal with all the money that comes into student government with ANS fees. So decisions that I make in these committees are very important relating to student organizations and your decisions. Anybody else have anything to say?

Berkowitz- Alright I’m Greg. Some of you I recognize from the fifty-first term. So, I’m just stopping by in all of the committee meetings to introduce myself. I am the nominee for attorney general so I’ll be up before you guys at confirmation tomorrow night, so I just wanted to let you all know to get my face out there, so tomorrow night isn’t the first time you guys ever see me so...

Gao- And also some general rules for this committee we run by Robert Ruse’s Order, where I call on you if you would like to speak, so please raise your hand if you would like to speak and please speak one at a time, because we are taking minutes, so we want to make sure that we can hear the minutes when we listen to them. If you have any questions, just feel free to raise your hand. I won’t like hound you or anything like that. This is a learning community right now. If you have any questions about motions, voting, anything like that, just go ahead and raise your hand; I’ll call on you. Now, we’re going to go onto the next thing, which is new business.

New Business:

Gao- Our first thing is always the election of vice chairs, where vice chair is mainly there to help me if anything, if I need any business to do. Like me, with student organizations sometimes I don’t have the time to meet with them, so I’ll delegate it to the vice chair to meet with them to discuss their budget, so they can get a better recommendation. Now, the only nomination we have is Christy. Anybody else would like to nominate themselves?

No nominations.

Gao- In that case, congratulations, Christy, you are my vice chair.

Applause.

Gao- Next thing on the agenda is standard operating procedures, or SOP’s. This is how this committee operates by; all the rules, all the things that we do, all the deadlines that we follow on here. All the positions are on here as well, all your duties; I hope all you guys read it. Do you have any changes? This
would be the time. Everybody good? Very simple, we don’t have any business today. There won’t be any business till’ next week. No, next next week. So after we come back from Memorial Day, the week after that, will be June 6th. We’ll be looking at a budget transfer and possibly approving spending money for computers. So, that’s all next week. Just wait for that. Other than that, any questions? Any announcements? Anything you guys wanna talk about? Anything? Good. And I’ll take a motion for adjournment right now.

*Brinkworth motioned to adjourn.*

*Adjournment called by Chairman Jeff Gao at 2:02 PM.*