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University of South Florida
Student Government Fifty-Second Student Senate

SUMMER SESSION
June 22nd 2011

Called to Order by Chairman Abdool Aziz at 12:00PM.

Aziz-First item on the agenda is roll call. Me. I'm right here. Yes. Rachel Shields?

Shields-Here. Present.

Aziz-Here. Sara Bijan?

Bijan-Present.

Aziz-Bianca? Not here. Ali?

Antar-Present.

Aziz-Here. Ashley is excused for today. Omar?

Rodriguez- Present.

Aziz-Sarah Chaudry? Tyler Carpenter?

Carpenter- Here.

Aziz- And Lee Farrell?

Farrell- Afternoon.

Aziz-That's it for roll call. Next item on the agenda is additions deletions to the agenda. Any objections?

Motion to approve the agenda by Senator Farrell.

Aziz- Agenda is approved. Next item on the agenda is approval of the minutes. Did everyone receive the minutes? The answer should be no, because I didn't send them out.

Motion to postpone the minutes until next week by Senator Farrell.

Aziz- Yes, the minutes have been postponed until next week. And now we have Bianca here. Next item on the agenda is open forum. Any objections? Next item on the agenda is new business. First thing I tent day reflection. We will go around the room. If it's your first tent day tell me what you learn. Starting with Rachel shields.

Shields- It was hot. I liked that we were actually by Cooper. I thought it went well. I got a lot of surveys done. It helped having the bags because it was an incentive to take the survey.

Rodriguez- I was only there for a little bit of time. I thought it went well. I was giving everyone bags and pens.

Senator-I didn't go to the one yesterday or Monday. I went to the one in the afternoon. So, there weren't many people walking by so it was just slow and hot.

Carpenter- Same here.

Arguilla- Monday was my first tent day. I got there late. It was really hot. People were taking classes and it was fun to bribe them to take a survey. Yeah, it was great.

Farrell- Well it wasn't my first tent day. It went really really well other than being hot. Engineering is kind of dead just FYI. Other than that it went really well.

Senator-I didn't go to Monday's tent day. It was hot. It was good; I hope to participate in more tent days.

Aziz- Next item is student initiatives. So, some of you emailed student survey ideas. We'll go around the room.

Bijan-Well actually I talked to my sister. During her preview they gave their students little traditions booklets. They put places to put pictures and I thought it was really different. I know that we might now have a lot of traditions. We have stampede of service.

Farrell- The two that I keep hearing are one: renovate engineering 2. And two: encourage parking transportation services to fix the divot between Magnolia and Holly; that's been there since I was six.

Antar- The first thing I hear from a lot of people when I go play basketball is there not being a water fountain by the court and the outdoor basketball courts behind the sun dome. If we had those bike repair stations; there's like a post that you can put your bike and tools where bikers go.

Aziz- For the bike repair shop, I called campus rec; they have a bicycle and skate repair shop. If you're talking about a mobile bike repair shop; we can talk to campus rec.

Tyler- Two ideas I've heard are expanding the service program. That way if somebody actually needs a ride...its safe team actually. Yeah, but um there's a ride around campus. Another idea I heard was putting print stations in each building or dorm room, so there's not a big line in the Marshall center. That way its spread out.

Arguilla- I'm thinking around spring they'll have them around the dorms. When I was doing service last time about parking; the juniper poplar dorms, they have a 15 minute spot. They really want in the Marshall center or the library instead of getting a 30 minute parking spot.

Rodriguez- I got nothing today.

Aziz- I got your other stuff about financial aid and your rental vans.

Shields- I agree with what Sara said about the traditions book. Don't we have the book of bull?

Aziz-Yes, but its outdated.

Aziz-Okay, so what I'll do is ill send you guys an email with contact info and I'll call the people about what we can and we can't do. For other things I can talk to exec. Next item on the agenda is the review of the meet your mayor survey. On the last tent day...that suggestion that we had from Gary Manka was when the mayor comes we can ask questions. SO, I made a little 5 question survey so we have some data when he comes. So, here's the survey if you guys haven't read it already. We've had would you attend an event on campus where the mayor of Tampa addressed your student issues directly. We had 177 responses which is 70 more than last week. That's an improvement. We ran through the data and got the percentages. For the first question we have 70% of students saying yes. No 15% and don't care 15%. Which SG will sponsor. And next we have concerns about what most students are concerned about. We have based on the results the highest number is affordable housing. Next is too much construction on roadways and next is crime at USF. And next is finding a job. And also a career field. We have health care and business and research and also education and law evenly distributed. And the next question is do you plan on staying in Tampa after you graduate. It gives you the plan of people staying in Tampa after graduating. The main thing for USF is new healthcare and research jobs. We have 43% staying in Tampa if there are new jobs. 22% saying no. So, we have our first set of data we can present to the mayor when he comes. And also we have Sarah Chaudry here. Next item on the agenda is learning how to make a survey. So, I'll be sending you guys an email with a packet of the objective on making a survey. So, next time we make a survey we can do it together as a committee. So, I'll be sending you guys that. Next item on the agenda is we'll be learning how to approach officials. Usually of the university we talk to the lobbyist first. We have to work in a very slow pace. We'll be doing that or getting a presentation from a professor or Mr. Manka. I got an update from the mayor I got an email from public relations. The mayor wants to do a Facebook or twitter online live stream. So, that'll be done through marketing. He wants to do more interactive type stuff. So, we'll be having a meeting on that. Another thing that exec. Had on their agenda is us wanting to do the republican primary debates. There's one in Tampa on September 12th. If we could bring it here that would be good. Next item on the agenda is local, state and federal subcommittee assignments. And once everyone's filled out their committee. I'll talk to you about what we're going to do and how we're going to approach each issue on a local level and ways to be effective when talking to them and keeping a constant connection when the legislative begins so they know USF students are involved so we should listen to them more. They're constantly keeping us accountable. So, we'll try and do that. So, next item on the agenda is planning on

the next day. It's June 11th. It's on a Monday. Same time 9 to 3. Do you guys have any suggestions on improvements?

Lee- Put a giant bubble of air conditioning on it.

Sarah- is there any way we can get food or water to be provided?

Aziz- Food, we're trying to get it. We're trying to do it old school.

Carpenter- Where's the location?

Aziz- We're still deciding on it. We'll email you on doodle. Stuff like that. This is another thing I'm doing. Trying to get solar panels on the Marshall center. I'll be working with Christian wells. When I met with the Marshall Center director. When it comes to green initiatives we'll talk to him about what we can do. If you look on their table, there are their initiatives. The director of the Marshall center said the sustainability office has leeway when funding a project. So, we can work on that. This is for also the borrow our bikes. We have the bike shop stuff like that. And next item on the agenda is announcements. I have an announcement. Who got these screening passes for friends with benefits? I'll pass it around. Anyone motion for adjournment?

Motions for adjournment by Senator Farrell.

Adjournment called by Chairman Abdool Aziz at 12:22PM.

Transcribed by Theresa Rivera.