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Meeting called to order by called to order by Chairwoman Kiger 12:07PM.

Kiger- First item on the agenda is roll call. I’m here. Senator Belmont is not here. Senator Cao is not here. Senator Gao is here. Mr. Saunders is here. We have guests Attorney General Ryan Goff, Senate President Khalid Hassouneh and Alyssa Thomas. Next item on the agenda is additions/deletions to the agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda by Senator Gao.

Kiger- Any objections? Not seeing any; agenda is approved. Then we are moving onto new business.

New Business

Kiger- The Student Council of the College of Medicine. Any questions, comments, motions, anyone?

Saunders- Could we hear the full version of the events of how this came to be from President Hassouneh?

Hassouneh- Two years ago the discussion started. They presented a unique perspective on the student organizations. They brought up some legitimate concerns. What their needs are and how their academic day is different. Did you know that they are in class from 9 to 5 every day? So, they brought up some legitimate concerns and we looked it over. We have been discussing how to fix it. We prepared one thing and I think what you have in front of you is better. And then the council does the actual nickel and diming because they are more familiar with needs and wants. They understand it better than ASRC will. I recommend this whole heartedly I wrote it. That’s pretty much it. I don’t know if you have any questions about it.

Saunders- What makes ASRC different from requests from what ASRC...?

Hassouneh- I think that they should be more familiar with what their students want than need. I think that ASRC doesn’t do a good job of it. They have a unique structure where their decision of student affairs will come up with this proposal. I wouldn’t say that one is less qualified than the other. They are
still going by Proviso. We will be reviewing to make sure that they are in conjunction. We are not giving up any power if that’s your concern.

Kiger- Any other questions?

Saunders- In the event that there are any other concerns is there any process that SG could go through to say that they couldn’t do anything specific?

Hassouneh- I think there are certain instances where we can when a situation goes out of control. I think for the most part, if we make sure that we go by Proviso, than I seriously doubt there will be any violation.

Saunders- The only thing I really saw in here was funding, interim funding. Would that all go through them as well?

Hassouneh- Off campus requests would still go through Appropriations. There is a clause in there. Basically everything in that chapter, engineering expo, signature events, they would still go through their normal process. There is no interim funding. The college of medicine believes their organization would prefer to have them at the beginning of the year. In the event that a new student organization comes up, they would be picking up the tab. They would still have the opportunity to go through appropriations.

Saunders- In 807.4, it says they should only apply to the council. Can they choose not to?

Hassouneh- If they are in there that says that they are on that list, they will have to apply to the council otherwise there’s no council,

Kiger- Any other questions? Motions?

*Motion to vote by Senator Gao.*

Kiger- How would you like to vote?

Gao- By roll call.

*Vote by roll call.*

Kiger- All those opposed? All those abstaining? Any announcements? Motions?

Gao- Tent day.

Manka- Don’t forget to sign up for Plunge. It is a combination of tam building, going through branches, etc.

Senator- I got the email.

Manka- Last year we didn’t do it. We had to cancel it. So, this year, we’re trying to bring it back. Hoping to improve communications.
Kiger- Any other announcements? Motions?

Motion to adjourn by Senator Gao.

Kiger- Any objections? Not seeing any.

Adjournment called by Chairwoman Kiger at 12:17PM.

Transcribed by Senate Secretary, Theresa Rivera.