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University of South Florida
Student Government Fifty Second Student Senate

Summer Session
June 14, 2011

Call to Order by Senate President Hassounch at 6:01 pm.

Pledge of allegiance led by Senator Hemani.

Roll Call:

Present: 37

Absent: 4

Additions/Deletions and/or Clarifications to the Orders of the Day:

Senator Gao- *Motion to approve orders of the day, accepted.*

Additions/Deletions and/or Changes to the Minutes:

Senate President Hassounch- Minutes were not sent out prior to this meeting. You will receive the previous meeting minutes as well as the minutes from this meeting at the meeting to follow.

Senator Belmont- *Motion to postpone, accepted.*

Leadership Reports:

Senator Sandoval- So on Monday we are having a tent day. We will pass the sign up sheet around this way. It'll be coming around so sign up as well as both our committees, Aziz and I. We will be there giving out surveys about the library. That is our new survey starting on Tuesday and Aziz will tell you what his is about.

Senator Aziz- There will be a meeting tomorrow on Wednesday for my committee at 12:00. We will be discussing initiative ideas and giving updates on laws and wifi and stuff like that. We will be doing a survey on the top 5 priorities for students after graduation like jobs and stuff like that.

Senator Hemani- The signature event application is due June 24th. Me and my committee are going to be going to the student organization showcase Thursday at 5:30. If you would like to help out and

join us to inform different student organization leaders of the grant applications then please meet us at 5:30 in the Senate workroom.

Senate Pro Tempore Brown- To clarify, the first three chairs are doing things. They were just old not to repeat general business so that's why they all passed. I promise they are active in their committees. I had a couple questions about the point system in person and via email. So rather than everybody listening to me about the point system if you have any questions then see me after the meeting and I will explain to you the importance and help you understand the rules so that you can continue to be a senator. Mr. Hassouneh and I were talking today about the ADHOC committees. We are discussing incredibly important topics. We don't have a huge attendance for Statues and Limitations ADHOC. I'm going to be honest you get to spend time with me. It's incredibly important and a great way to make big changes in student government. If you have any extra time to be on a committee than please join one of the ADHOC ones.

Executive Branch Report:

Student Body President Matt Diaz- Hello everybody, how are you doing? Still no enthusiasm! You need to have a little more excitement please. You are confirming three of my people, this is a checks and balances here so be excited about it. Alright, hello guys. Let me give you a little report and update for the executive branch. Right now hiring is most of what we are doing. For the 3 people going up tonight we had actually over 200 applicants for director positions. So we had to go through those and interview who we felt was the best for the position. The bare minimum that you can interview is 3 people but for some positions we interviewed as many as 5 or 6. So as you can see we did our homework and we are presenting you with 3 of the top candidates. We hope you see the potential that we do and confirm them. I am working on other position interviews like associate justice. There are also openings right now for ERC and Marketing, which closes up tonight. Other things; safe planning conference is coming up after in July from the 22-24, so the executive branch will go up there along with other people from our peer campuses and 2 from the senate. Board of Trustee meeting last week went smoothly. Some of the other things that you read was that the arena was approved so I was able to cast a vote on that. You will have the arena for next year but it won't be completed until April so we won't be having basketball season there. We are currently working on getting a venue. The Florida Governors will be meeting here at USF on Wednesday and Thursday. They are the general meeting body that oversees the state universities, such as USF, FIU, and FAU, all those larger bodies. They are over the Board of Trustees. If you are interested I am forming a Book of Bull task force. It is something that I am very passionate about. Does anybody know what the Book of Bull is? Wow, one person. It's a book about our tradition and history but it is outdated so I am creating a task force that I will be appointing some individuals for. We want to revamp and overhaul the book as a collaborative effort between SG and the Alumni center. By the end of this year you will have some kind of book that you can see and be educated on your history, your USF, your traditions, and how to create traditions. That was one of my big things during my campaign, to really enhance student life traditions and we are doing it.

Senator Aziz- What was the time and place for the BOG meeting?

Student Body President Matt Diaz- It'll be hosted at Alumni Center on campus. I can get more information if need be to Khalid and Rachel and get it on your listserve. Are there any more questions, seeing none. Fantastic, I will see you guys in five minutes.

General Business:

I. Confirmation of Executive Branch Appointees

a. Lindsay Lewis for Director of Governmental Affairs

Student Body President Matt Diaz- Hello again senators. My heart was breaking because we were apart for one minute, but I am back now and I would like you to meet my appointment for Director of Governmental Affairs. My department and I have the utmost confidence that she is a great candidate. She will say a lot more about herself but she has been a judicial clerk, she has a lot of networks with state senators, and she is very savvy on governmental affairs, FSA, and state legislature. I along with my hiring committee have the utmost confidence that she is the best candidate for this position. So listen intently and ask questions with all do respect.

Senate President Hassouneh- At this time, I will do this with every position, if you have a general question about the job description the please direct it to Diaz.

Senator Kiger- What are your goals for the department this year?

Student Body President Matt Diaz- My vision for this department is to kind of 2 fold. One capacity is working a lot with FSA so they will be the main liasion for that body. Working to first share ideas with peer institutions but mostly working on the legislative agenda, firmly FSA playing conferences. Once that is formulated her duty is to go into the community and network with representatives in the area. Start those relationships now, instead of going to Rally and Tally and saying "hey how are you? My name is blah blah blah." We have already made relations. So when we go to Rally we already have that relationship so that when we go there it is made to reinforce the past few months and main capacity. The other is working within the USF area with Mark Walsh and who replaces Kathy Bedencort for USF's big picture things with government issues and also working with the mayor. I know your chairman is setting up things we want that collaboration going and to get that moving to get the student voices heard within the Tampa Bay area.

Senate President Hassouneh- Any other questions for President Diaz? I will put up job descriptions and associated questions after the power point. Hopefully you have read it as I said I won't be printing out papers for every meeting. So if you have another question those will hopefully be answered.

Lindsay Lewis- Hello senators, as Matt Diaz said im Lindsay Lewis nominee for Director of Governmental Affairs. A little about myself: I transferred to USF in the fall, so I have been here for about a year. I am a political science major, currently taking 6 credit hours. My classes are basic economics, and urban politics and government. I will be taking 14 credit hours in the fall; beginning german, that's 5 hours with the lab, international law, florida politics, and government and contemporary political thought. So that's my fall schedule. 3 hours outside of Student Government I sit on a conduct board for the office of SSR. Basically any students who have anything come up like academic appeals, or any conduct issues brought upon them, then we sit on a board of about 4 people and we hear those cases. I got involved with that through the Judicial Branch. I am also a member of the National Society of Leadership, for about 4 months now. Within SG: I got started when I transferred in the fall. I started with street team and a few weeks later I applied to be judicial clerk in which I have held that position since October. I was one of the outstanding street teamers

for this year for one of the most points. We get more points the events that we work. I recently started with the Department of Government Legislative focus groups. I also led Rally and Tally and worked on issues. I was blocked tuition and firearms on campus. So I took groups, I had about 6 or 7 people I was in charge of, around throughout the day. Except those were shot down before we got there. I was voted rookie of the year in JuSenex and Student Governments Emergent Leader. Some stuff I would like to do with Governmental Affairs: I spoke with Matt and Zach and they working with FSA and a big goal is having strong communication with the other schools, all 10. We're all on the same page and that the department knows what we will be speaking about that week or month at the meeting, issues that are going through at the time. Another thing would be working on unifying USF. A lot of problems have come up recently with other campuses and their leadership between us. The Tampa campus is the largest but we need to reach out to them and show them they have a voice. Another thing that I am focused on is voter registration. The incoming freshmen class hasn't had a chance to vote yet. Voter registration will be a big push since the republican national convention will be here and we will want to have debates. I think it will be a great year to get all the freshmen and older students that aren't already involved, involved. It will be easy for us to do and that's important. Also we are still working on getting President Barack Obama on campus. We think we have some new angles to get him on campus since Florida is a battle ground state for the 2012 presidential elections. We think getting him here maybe feasible this year. That's my presentation. Thank you

Seantor Belmont- What experience do you have with goverment officials or government agencies via local or Tallahassee?

Lindsay Lewis- When I went with the legislative focus groups for Rally and Tally I met with several state senators such as Jim Norman, Ronda Storms, and Jack Lavala and we talked with all of them. I have been in their offices and we've discussed legislation and our view. We listened to them and where they are coming from as well. So I've met with them and I feel comfortable networking in Tallahassee as well as here with people such as Florida representative Cathy Castor. Since she is our representative we need to get in there and make sure our other state representatives know that we are ready to speak with them and we want to be up front and we want a voice.

Senator Rodriguez- You said a goal was to unify different campuses. How do you plan on doing that exactly?

Lindsay Lewis- In recent years there hasn't been any communication with their SG and President as far as I know. Meetings will be set up, but we want to start going to visit them and not just making them come here. We want to spend some time with them on their campuses and talk to them and their students to make sure were on the same page rather than assuming they are on the same page.

Senator Aziz- What recently has passed legislation pertaining to the student body?

Lindsay Lewis- The legislature recently passed, actually this is what we are planning right now for FSA, the budget cuts. The 80 million dollars and more than that the pico cuts for the building across SUS campuses, that's a big part of it. There's the pell grant funding that was cut across the nation and 15% of USF students have pell grants, so that's a lot of money that is being cut from USF. That's pretty much all the education funding so this is a big forefront in Governmental Affairs.

Senator Toro- Most of your work with government officials are going to be done on the local level and local government. What is your familiarity with that area of government?

Lindsay Lewis- My connections would be with all the state senators that I met in Tallahassee that I named earlier. We have all of their info and the info of the workers in their offices which would make it for easy access. In this area they've all expressed interest in coming to USF to speak with us as well as us coming to Tallahassee to speak with them. I feel comfortable networking. I don't have a problem sitting at a computer for hours searching for phone numbers and emails, leaving voicemails if necessary. I think the connections we have already made would be best.

Senator Kiger- Have you ever served at a director or manager position before and can you cite experience with that?

Lindsay Lewis- I haven't held a director position at top level before. In high school I was a drum major and I had to oversee the band and all of that. I have been president with clubs in high school and the community college that I attended. So that would be the highest or closest to a director position, but I would feel comfortable doing so at this point.

Senator Belmont- Would you consider this position special event and lobbying or event coordinator?

Lindsay Lewis- I think my position is more lobbying and researching. I think that the event planning side would be a partnership with me and the Associate Director. That would be more on them in addition they would research legislation of course. My position would be more working with FSA, working with state legislature, and making sure Matt and Zach have the information they need when they go to FSA. So I think it would be more lobbying and special legislation than the event planning.

Senator Saunders- Is there any legislation in the state legislature right now that is not pertaining to FSA initiatives but that would be favorable or pertaining to university that you are aware of?

Lindsay Lewis- Most of what I'm aware of I have researched for FSA and what we are working on for the planning event in July. I haven't researched any yet. I have no problem with that though and I am comfortable with all the wording. Currently I am not aware of anything that would be pertaining to the state university system.

Senator Wilson- Given that males have to register to vote anyways, doesn't it seem like that would be less of an important thing. Wouldn't you want them to be more interested in politics and wanting to vote? If there interested wouldn't they already want to vote?

Lindsay Lewis- I think it's one of the same. If they have already registered then that's great. A lot of freshmen coming in though haven't had the opportunity or they just don't take the time. Male or female, it doesn't matter because it's one in the same. All the events with the Republican National Convention and all the campaigning gearing up I believe will create a big opportunity to get people involved in politics and registered. There are a lot of people that are not registered.

Senator Toro- President Diaz said the two main focuses of your position would be to work with FSA and serve as the main liaison in the USF area. With respect to the USF area, what are your initiatives and plans?

Lindsay Lewis -For the area I would like to use any connections that we can make now before the fall semester begins. I think using those connections to bring people to debates for the Republic National convention is a good off shoot way to utilize the local area to get involved in the local area rather than just USF.

Senator Aziz- What have you learned as far as mistakes from FSA this year that you want to change for next year?

Lindsay Lewis -One of the big problems from FSA that we saw was communication. The communication was lacking and that made a lot of school out of touch. We had so many problems keeping in touch with them and our department didn't keep in touch with them after the director left. One of the main things that we can do is make sure communication with the entities at USF and FSA are solid and that we are keeping up with what needs to be done by FSA in Tallahassee.

Senator Kiger- What do you see your role being if you were to be accepted into this position?

Lindsay Lewis -At least for the summer I would want to start setting up meetings with the student body preidents of the other schools and all the other liasions to FSA. It's really important and can be done during downtime this summer. I won't be taking classes after next week so I will have a lot of time to visit those schools and make sure we are on the same page. For now our worry needs to be about getting an associate director and everything in line. We need to be getting events somewhat planned for the foundation, like what we want to do. That would be the clearest role that I have and would expand on that throughout the year as time went on.

Senator Toro- Rally and Tally and FSA, they seem like a run off sort of event.

Lindsay Lewis- Rally and tally is an FSA sponsor

Senator Toro- Right, so throughout the entire year and towards the end of the school year what is the day to day business during the summer and fall?

Lindsay Lewis -In the summer like I just stated it would be getting ready for fall and spring. I think making sure what legislation is going thorough and what they are sitting on. I want to make sure we are making a comfortable discussion with FSA as the year goes on. Day to day we need to stay on top of legislation and communicate with FSA as we get closer to Rally and Tally. Last year it fell apart when Frank Hernandez left and it wasn't as good as it could have been. We had a lot of smart people that could have done so much more. So really working throughout the year on Rally and Tally and making connections through FSA this summer.

Senator Rodriguez- As SG I feel it is our duty to serve the studnets on campus. How would you go about seeing what their views are?

Lindsay Lewis -I think it would be important as you all know to take surveys. Making sure as director that I am out and talking to people about what they think and what they want. I think having legislature on ballots is a big thing to make sure we are positive about how students feel about legislation. We don't want to take a certain stance to FSA when half of our student body disagrees with it. That would defeat the purpose of it. The department also has an open door

problem. I want students to know that they can come into my office to discuss issues. I think it's important that we are available to students to speak about these things.

Pro Tempore Brown- In the past SG has supported resolutions on the Dream Act as well as Veteran related issues for the state of Florida. If there is sufficient feedback should we take a stance on controversial issues?

Lindsay Lewis -If it's a wide amount, like a vast majority and we have a reason to take a stance then yes. As long as its not going to cause a hala bulo but if SG is going to be the pit of everything then no clearly there are certain things we should not take a stance on that are not our place, such as social issues. I guess it kind of depends on the situation and determining if its going to shut down SG. If it's the vast majority and people feel like it is something we should take a stand against then yes.

Senator Saunders- I guess this is just a general question but would you be able to take a stance or lobby for an initiative that you don't agree with?

Lindsay Lewis- Yes, I have been asked this before. If it is best for the student body and that is what the FSA stance is and what the students want, then I have no problem representing legislation that isn't my personal view. That is not an issue.

Senator Aziz- Are you aware of the new board of registration laws that effect the student body?

Lindsay Lewis-The third party registration is a lengthy process now. So USF, well my department would have to submit more forms and make sure all the paperwork has been done in order for us to hold voter registration events. I have looked at it and seen the stuff, and we have paperwork filled out that I would have to change if I were confirmed.

Senator Toro- *Motion to discuss, accepted.*

Senate President Hassouneh- Is that for a pro, con discussion?

Senator Toro- Yes.

Pro: Senator Aziz, Senator Rodriguez

Con: Senator Belmont

Senator Aziz- I personally work with Lindsay and the first meeting was on Sunday. They had the City Council Meeting and she was the only person at the desk that was representing SG for us. For Rally and Tally she was in charge of the group and was coordinated to get one of the politicians even though they were trying to cancel and stale us. She really knows her stuff even though she might not remember everything she said. She is really knowledgable and knows her stuff. She would be good for this position.

Senator Belmont- I have a couple concerns. I think she's a great person. I personally nominated her to be the emerging leader last year, I think that she's great. In regards to the position though I don't think she could be strong to manage FSA, local politicians, as well as state politicians. Also she is not really savvy with the local political climate. She didn't really have a plan of action as well as no clear experience with official or government agencies outside of Rally and tally. I'm sure other people

have interned for many government officials in the area or have worked for a non profit government agency.

Senator Rodriguez- I don't know her personally but I think she's a great candidate. It seems like she knows what she is talking about. She's open to what the studnets want and she's okay if there is something going on that she doesn't agree with. I think that's something that we need to take into account, we serve the students. She would be willing to go out there and learn and not everybody knows everything in the beginning. It doesn't mean they aren't going to be great leaders in the future.

Senator Aziz- For some of the concerns, I was thinking she may not know everything but just as we area all learning she will learn connections and do her job.

Senator Belmont- We all know it's not what you know but it's who you know. I didn't see any connections there. She wants to do the prep beforehand and then go to work. Why not find someone who can just go right to work that knows the right people? I think it's going to be really hard and really tough for her.

Senator Rodriguez- I feel like she thinks she knows enough to get started. She knows people in Tallahassee and I think she would do a good job.

Senator Belmont- *Point of information.*

Senate President Hassouneh- Please don't lead towards debate.

Senator Belmont- Okay, she said she met people at Rally and Tally.

Senator Gao- *Motion to vote by roll call, accepted.*

Final Count: 32-4-2, nominee confirmed.

Senate President Hassouneh- Congratulations

Oath given by Senate President Hassouneh and taken by Lindsay Lewis.

b. Ivan Gil for Director of Marketing Department

Student Body President Diaz- We have two more to go, so I am back up here for my next nominee. This is Ivan Gil and I am putting him up as my nominee for marketing. He's been in marketing forever. We go way back to the Morgan and King administration. We're dinosaurs which means we know what were doing. He is the man for the job, he's been working in this department since Butters and King and he worked with Soltaro.

Ivan Gil- Star Graphics then Associate.

Student Body President Diaz- Then Director of Marketing last year for the Hernandez administration. I would like to keep him on for mine. He has it down to a science as you will see. He's the expert and we need that. He will take us to the next leve, not that he hasn't already.

Senate President Hassouneh- Are there any questions for President Diaz at this time? Okay, you may begin. Ivan is it timed?

Ivan Gil- No. Hello everybody, in case I haven't met you guys yet I am Ivan Gil. I applied for Director of Marketing. Just to tell you a little bit about myself: I'm a marketing major who recently decided to major in management as well. It was experience through SG that has given me the opportunity to put that on my diploma. My expected graduation date is now being pushed back a year with the date being May 2012. I am a passionate, award winning designer and marketer. Through my organizations I have designed and marketed at a national level against UF, UCF, and Boston University. I do have awards for that kind of stuff. I am a productive worker and I'm always hungry for more knowledge. If you haven't seen me than stop by in marketing and I will be there. I love coming up with new ideas and really going about what other people are doing and what other universities consider the new trend and how to implement it within SG. Like what Matt said, I have been in SG for a little bit. I started out as an intern for Sara Rashid for about three or four months starting in July. By October a position opened up for graphics. Back then there was only on graphic designer and so I jumped on board as second graphic designer for that year. The following year I was second under the leadership of Jasmine folds, and became the Director of Marketing where I managed seven employees. I also did an internship this past past spring with a marketing firm that works with the Rays, Kansas City Chiefs, Lightning, and Storm. They had pretty big clients that I got to work with hand in hand. I also worked in the MSC under Brian Shulty with live connections. I know how to get the job done like getting things on the screens and getting everything approved or mass printed. I know the identity standards and everything they expect and want. I was a College of Business intern under Lauri Brigs as the communications director, so I have a lot of inside experience as well as outside of student affairs. Some of my marketing skills are obviously office, outlook, word, excel, powerpoint, as well as mac or pc, and almost all of adobe. In addition I am familiar with social media such as facebook, flickr, drouple, wordpress, and content managements systems which is the website that we have running for SG, which is Juma. I also have Rosetta Stone for English and Spanish, I can probably teach it better than they can. This is my week at a glance as of right now. Everything in blue is my classes. They are all easy courses overall and everybody said they are going to be a piece of cake. A lot of group work but with my skills of managing a team it will be a piece of cake. This speaker series isn't mandatory it's basically you sign up as you wish. So potentially I will have a lot of free time, like I'm not already in the office as it is. Next year outside of the classroom and SG my main priorities will be an organization called Phi Beta Lambda. I have been in that for the past 8 years in which my duties for that are conferences, chapter meetings and events. I am also in a corporate mentors program that coordinates professional development and events for the College of Business. Also my family, I have a little brother and sister that are kind of like my children. My goals are to build partnerships and strong promotions, and keep integrity within the department. What we have been doing the past few years works, so why change it. I also would like to work on website user friendly applications because we have seen multiple crowds such as internal, new students, and student organizations.

Senator Wilson- Sometimes if the same person holds the position for to long then the atmosphere becomes stale. What are your ideas for keeping it fresh with ideas?

Ivan Gil- Right now I can tell you it would be looking at applications for new employees. I like to bring in fresh blood and freshmen and sophomores are the people we are trying to get attention from. I need to bring in and train new people that are hungry for reaching out to students.

Senator Hughes- What do you feel can be done different to improve the department this year?

Ivan Gil- Obviously one of the biggest things is really setting expectations. As many may know or not know, I am in the office all the time and that may not be what people are willing to do. So making sure expectations are there for the entire year will help. Like if we need to get it done then there needs to be a timeline. We also need to execute effective campaigns. Currently and in the past we have done what I call shot gun marketing. We present something with limited words and only graphics to send out the message. But really we need to sit down with the team and decide how can we get the students and how can we go into the classroom?

Senator Belmont- *Motion to discuss, accepted.*

Senate President Hassouneh- All willing to speak in pro or con please raise your hand.

Senator Belmont- *Motion to vote by roll call, accepted.*

Final Count: 37-0-1, nominee confirmed.

Oath was given by Senate President Hassouneh and taken by Ivan Gil.

c. Sara Rashid for Director of Student Life and Traditions

Student Body President Diaz- Thank you Senate again. I promise this is the last time you have to look at my face again tonight, if not you can turn around and I am back there. I want to present to you guys my nominee for Director of Student Life and Traditions (SLT). She's an aged dinosaur just like me. She was around for the Morgan and King administration, in there with Soltaro for marketing, and Hernandez as well. Now I would like her to be a part of my administration and I would like her to be in the SLT department. I feel she shares a similar passion about our student life that she has shown by working and helping out thorough the marketing aspect. She has helped with programs that SLT does such as marketing for Bulls Blitz and she knows what these programs are and how they work. She is fantastic at managing a team and revving them up. I know that we can have an even better department than marketing next year. There is definitely competition there. So please I would love for you to confirm her.

Senate President Hassouneh- Are there any questions for Diaz about he job description or what SLT is supposed to do?

Senator Saunders- I was reading over the job duties and they are vague. Can you maybe give some more details? I know during your campaign you said you wanted fewer positions with fewer descriptions.

Student Body President Diaz- Do you want the duties of the department of for this specific position? It's directing the entire team to the associate directors and coordinating to accomplish programs you may see. Such as taligatting with Bulls Radio and working to get that coordinated and implementing working with athletics for pep rallies, which is something I have been harpooning through my campaign. We already have had meetings with Latoya for the Book of Bull and Dough to create collaborations to make our programs better. It's realy being that team leader and making

sure they appropriate team leaders so they go off without a hitch. I'm confident she's the leader for the job.

Sara Rashid- Hi everyone, I'm Sara Rashid and like Matt and Ivan said earlier, I am part of the dinosaur age. I have been a part of SG for three years and this will be my fourth. It's exciting to see it go from start to finish and finishing in a new department would be exciting. My experience in marketing: I was a graphic designer for two years and then I was the associate director of graphic design this past year. I stayed as a graphic designer for two years because I pushed other people above me to get leadership roles and experience. I am a member of another organization, Phi Beta Lambda. That's my passion and my heart, it's ten years old with me. I have held leadership through state positioning. Currently I am holding state president where I manage a team from across the state in Tallahassee, UCF, all around the state as part of my team. I skipped the first part, I am in the College of Business with a marketing major and a leadership minor. My event planning and SLT is kind of what pushed myself towards that. I like planning and the logistics and organizing of things. I like tabs and I put stickies on everything. I have a lot of conference event planning and I am very organized to be able to lead a diverse group of people. One of the most diverse groups that I led is the Florida team which has students from across the state of Florida. I'll be applying for a national position which will put me in charge of students all across the nation. I have experience as a leader and I believe in empowering people to do better. I want to leave behind and make SG so much better than where I found it after I graduate. I also know a lot about SG having been part of it's program mission. I know when to expect and when to get things to marketing. Marketing can only do their job if another department does their job. So streamlining things is important and I have experience which will make things so much better and so many more people at events. These are some events that I am hoping will become key headlining events. If you're new then you haven't been exposed to WOW events. This year it's a kick off bar-b-que and an involvement kickoff that following Monday. Also Bulls Blitz which transportation to games at Raymond James or Tampa Bay Lightning. In the spring there will be USF day, Mr. and Mrs. USF, ABS, and again another involvement kickoff. The services are really important that SG puts on but they are kind of hidden. Students don't know that we help with off campus housing, have notary services, or free prints downstairs. General campus wide things we need to inform students about. That's it, thank you guys.

Senator Aziz- What fresh ideas and programs do you have for SLT if you are confirmed?

Sara Rashid- If I am confirmed, hopefully the fingerprint I will leave is the the kickoff bar-b-que. I also want to collaborate to come up with a proposal for funding different events and tie that with the planner where the community and business people buy ads and support elections or ABX.

Senator Toro- You stated that you are very heavily involved with FBLA. What is your workload for the upcoming year? You stated you are going for a national position next week, so how heavy is the involvement?

Sara Rashid- I know when all the conferences are. There is a couple in the fall and spring but I know where they are. I am really involved but I have been for the past year or so however you still see me here every single day so it's nothing to be afraid of. The national position is nothing new. You just do the speeches at the national sessions. It's a great opportunity to branch out from SG but I do have a lot of time with that.

Senator Jones- You mentioned earlier that you planned some large events and conferences. What were they and how intimate was your place in planning, because you know marketing for event and planning events are two big things?

Sara Rashid- With FBLA I planned a conference. This is one of the craziest ones. It was for the high school division. I had to communicate with many people and sign contracts. We had over 1,000 students in the ballroom. Little tiny students wearing business suits, it was cute. We had from the food contract to the logistic, to the planning with EMS. That was as early as February. I have done ten plus more of those kinds of things. I coordinated the SG Green Tie Affair, I think it was the 50th term, it's been so long ago I don't remember. Anyway it was the student body address and other big fancy things. I have helped out with planning and getting many events organized.

Senator Saunders- Your responsibility with Future Business Leaders of America seems extensive as the founding president. If there was a conflict between duty there and SLT, where would your priorities be?

Sara Rashid- Well I get paid here so... just kidding, take that off the record. I can't believe I said that. I love FBLA and I love SG so it's hard to choose. I think I have trained plenty of other people to take on tasks when I can't. I haven't touched a single thing this year. I have a great board and I'm just there to be like, "you're doing a good job." That's kind of been my stand on everything. I want to empower people, not just so I can just lay back and not do anything but so when the time comes I can do something else if there is an emergency. Hopefully I have empowered the team enough to carry on.

Pro Tempore Brown- Aside from your addiction to tabby things, what is your greatest weakness and how do you plan on overcoming it?

Sara Rashid- Taking on too much is a great weakness of mine, as well as learning saying no. How can I overcome it? It's really hard and practicing on people that I no saying no won't hurt them would be a start. Trying to set a schedule. People come in and ask for favors, I know that's what happens in marketing and that's where that pitfall came from. So learning to say no is definitely my weakness.

Senator Toro- SLT is notorious for the department that does nothing all year up until spring. Then it's AVX, USF day, and everything hits SLT at once. What are your plans for more down time? What do you plan your day to day activities to be because as director you will have coordinators working under you? So when that work load hits how do you manage that?

Sara Rashid- I think a lot of it is preplanning and planning ahead. Like that bar b que, in 2 weeks it will be solid and we will begin to start signing contracts. Fall can be used as time to plan for spring so that when the spring comes you can enjoy and not be stressed out while trying to gather last minute things. A lot of down time will be planning and organizing as a team to function as a unit.

Senator Thomson- What is your class schedule for this semester and what is it like for the fall?

Sara Rashid- For this summer term I am taking 1 marketing class. In the fall I will be taking 2 leadership classes and 3 marketing classes. It's pretty easy.

Senator Hughes- You seem to have a lot of qualifications that would put you in the Director of Marketing position. What appealed to you for SLT?

Sara Rashid- A lot of it was that I knew you would confirm Ivan first. No, I'm just kidding. I saw a lot of struggles last year with SLT and the years prior. I was always the one in marketing that said, "if I was doing it it would have been done this way or that way." I know I could do it especially to help marketing functions. If we had two strong leaders then the better we can train students to carry on and be strong after we leave.

Senator Jones- I am one of those people that will have a USF alumni room in their house when they grow up so traditions and things have been important to me. In the past I haven't liked events such as Mr. and Mrs. USF, or USF day. How would you make them better so that students want to do them and will always remember them after they graduate?

Sara Rashid- Spread the word and create the word about it. UCF has Ms. UCF and they create a whole buzz about it and people want to be a part of it and work hard to get to that point. We need to create those feelings and that atmosphere. We are so new and a lot of students have to realize that we are at the point where we are making these traditions, these aren't ones that we are carrying on. We are creating them for 10 years on down the line that they will be doing. We are the founders of these traditions are adding value.

Senator Aziz- For the key mate program that you guys have. I still see a lot of keys in the office.

Sara Rashid- I will walk around with the ones that buzz and try to get a car.

Senator Aziz- What are your plans to eliminate that or make it better? As well as off campus housing, how are you going to make that better?

Sara Rashid- A lot of it is knowledge. Students don't know what it is. When I found out about key mate I was like cool, give me one. I think a lot of it is marketing. We need to stop doing it one month at a time like Ivan said earlier about shotgun marketing. Students think this is a one month only kind of deal so that is drilled into their head. Freshmen are staying so it we reach out to them then they will know and tell others

Senator Hemani- How will you make transitioning from Associate Director of Marketing to SLT and since you're graduating how will you ensure success of SLT after you are gone?

Sara Rashid- I think all the positions that I have taken and all the trainings that I have gone to have created for a successful transition for when I'm done. Creating transitional binders and manual books will make things easier for the administration. I know that's what I did for graphics. I created a manual with color codes. Its stuff that you won't remember but it will definitely help for those after. As far as transitioning it will be hard but I have Khalid across the office so I can heckle him all the time.

Senator Belmont- *Motion to move to discuss.*

Senator Jones- *Objection!* I have a question.

Senator Belmont- I am not resending. We have had so many questions so we have covered a vast amount of topics.

Final count: 24-12, *move into discussion.*

Con: Senator Hughes, Senator Toro

Pro: Senator Brown, Senator Sandoval, Senator Uhlir

Pro Tempore Brown- I noticed as I'm sure a lot of you did, that Sara came off just slightly unprofessional there. Talking about heckling Khalid isn't something we just admit on the floor, on the record. However I worked with Sarah Rashid and she was one of the first people that I met when I came into SG. Just that she has a personality like that, so incredibly open, friendly, and personable. Something that is so important in SLT because you are working with so many people. These are important skills. She's a beam of sunshine in the office when everyone else is miserable. I know the concerns about professionalism but she is utmost professional when necessary. As far as her busy schedule, I had the same concerns last year with the SLT Director last year but it worked out. This good be a good learning experience for her...are you gaveling me out? Could you be more authoritative?

Senator Hughes- I have one minute, are you starting now? I see everyone had googly eyes because I decided to speak in con. I don't doubt her amazing work ethic and the the things that she has done for SG. I am a marketing major myself and I see passion in her eyes for marketing. I don't feel that interest for programming. I don't feel like she should jump on this because it's a director position. The stuff that is coming out of her mouth is screaming, I love marketing. Moving to do stuff with traditions is a different side for planning events.

Senator Sandoval- Look at her resume it says team leader, able to work in a team environment. I see team leader written all over her. About 80% of what she was saying was I'm a leader and I'm ready to lead this university. Especially with what Miss Brown said about her bubbly and sparkly attitude. It's kinda like me and I adore that about her. It's true, everyone can go and talk to her. I know a lot about SLT and last semester what happened with it and so I think she brings a different prospective to the table. Yes, she is strictly a marketing background but that is something that needs to be done with SLT during down time.

Senator Toro- I have nothing but the utmost respect for Miss Rashid. I think she is an amazing individual but for SLT director I don't see what stands out for this position. There nothing that jumps out at me, no qualification that really stand out. I worry that she might not be able to delegate tasks, especially because she says that she takes on to much. I sat next to SLT last year and I would see them crash and burn. It is so important to delegate tasks and that's a concern.

Senator Uhlir- When it comes to the whole weakness stuff, at least she knows her weakness. When it comes to me, if I know my weakness then I work hard to counteract it. That won't be a probem there. Along with what Rachel, sorry Miss Brown and Sandoval said, I think she is a great leader. She has always been open for me. I always went to her for help when I first entered senate then and now.

Pro Tempore Brown- *Motion to vote.*

Senator Hughes- *Objection!* I would like to move into second speeches.

Pro Tempore Brown- *Resend.*

Senate President Hassouneh- In the future please rise.

Pro Tempore Brown- I will yield to anyone wishing to speak in pro, to Aziz.

Senator Aziz- Sara is a really friendly and patient person. Even when we are doing something hard or complicated she will lighten the mood and make you want to get down to work. She even gets a lot of progress.

Senator Hughes- I think we are being to jokey about the candidates being brought before us. This is serious, these people are getting paid 10 and 20 hours a week. A title doesn't make you a leader. Yield to Briana.

Senator Jones- Ok, I think she is a very friendly person and I know she will make time for it but she seems like she is all about the marketing. Before I was interrupted I had more questions about her experience with programming. I want to know what she has done in the past. You can tell that marketing is her passion and I would rather have someone in this position that has done more of the programming than marketing. Sure marketing will help but it's about programming at the end of the day. She's a great person and I'm sure she would work if she got the position but I would rather see someone who is more into programming than marketing.

Senator Sandoval- Keep in mind that these people were selecting by a hiring committee. They're not just coming out of anywhere. They were selected by our president and vice president and I'm sure other people that were on the committee. Yield my time for anyone in pro.

Senator Shields- Okay, with the whole passion for marketing, I feel that's a good thing. Someone said during fall semester there isn't a lot that SLT works on, so it would be a good time for marketing. She has such a good relationship with marketing so that's perfect. Plus she wouldn't have run if she wasn't confident in her ability to do her job. I think she's perfect for the position.

Senator Toro- I would like to say that even though they are chosen by a hiring committee that it is our responsibility with checks and balances to find the most qualified. SLT is a lot of logistics and she has it in the form of marketing but we didn't see it with the planning and food and everything else. Yield the rest of my time.

Senator Jones- In response to the fact that someone said about how she could market events. Well, it's no point in marketing them and having all the people come if they aren't planned well and executed the way they should be. Because if you market and have 47,000 students there but it wasn't planned and executed well then they will never come back and it will never be a tradition.

Senator Uhlir- Yield to anyone speaking in pro.

Senator Jordan- I don't know if anybody wants to correct me if I'm wrong but I thought she said that she likes event planning, tabs everything, and is super organized. She said she really enjoyed it, I thought she said that.

Senate President Hassouneh- Thank you. Senators, eliminate the side chatter. The discussion is exhausted.

Senator Gao- *Motion to vote by roll call, accepted.*

Final Count: 25-12-1, candidate approved.

Oath Given by Senate President Hassouneh and taken by Sarah Rashid.

II. SB 52-002 Chapters 801 and 804

Senator Kiger- Hi, again everyone. This is the same legislation that we looked at last time. It is basically stating in chapter 801 that if no action is taken by the committee within 10 business days of the request then the chair shall automatically approve the request in relating to budget transfers. Just in case anyone forgot. In Chapter 804 it states that materials that can be provided by WX Bull radio should not be ANS funded.

Senate President Hassouneh- Any questions? Now would also be the time to propose amendments if you have any.

Senator Belmont- Can you scroll up to the first change? I have a question. Should it be the chair's job automatically to approve that request? I'm just thinking shouldn't it be ASBO? It sounds weird if it is the chair that is automatically approving it.

Senator Kiger- Last week we pointed out that in the previous term there were several budget requests that were received after the final committee meeting, but they were turned in in time. So she would have had to call a special session but it was during finals week so that left an issue with the budget transfer request that had to be resolved. This would eliminate that issue if it were to happen again.

Senate President Hassouneh- The chair has to go through the student office as opposed to the organization, not saying ASBO wouldn't do that in a 10 day period. If senate is not in session then no student officer or organization would be looking at it. Student affairs over student organization. Any other questions?

Senator Saunders- I brought this up last time. I guess maybe again. Wouldn't it be more prudent to amend this to specify that it only applies at the end of the term instead to blanket it all year round that this could happen?

Senate Pro Tempore Brown- Just to clarify, this statute used to be in it. It accidentally got taken out so I rewrote the statute to figure out how budget transfers were done. I intended the clause to remain in, however it did not. There are times it's necessary during finals week and that would happen in the fall semester so I don't want to limit just to spring semester.

Senator Hughes- Can you scroll down to the Bulls Radio thing? I just want to read over it. What specifically does this do?

Senator Kiger- This is relating to the fact that sometimes student organizations will request additional funds to get a DJ from outside of the university. Bulls Radio offers this service to student organizations without charge. So it's pertinent so that student organizations wouldn't request funds for something that is already provided.

Senator Toro- Does this refer to there equipment?

Senate President Hassouneh- I'm going to go ahead and clarify. It's the services. So an organization may not receive services but not necessarily equipment.

Senator Thomson- If the issue was the committee couldn't meet because of finals week and the deadline then why couldn't the deadline just be moved up so they could meet before finals week?

Senator Kiger- As it happened the last time, the deadline fell before finals week. The only time they could have met was finals week and we don't hold meetings during finals weeks.

Senate Pro Tempore Brown- As you know the fiscal year for the university ends on June 30th, so student organization budgets had no specific deadline for budget transfers, so we get rolling transfers at the end of the semester. We would get a ton of transfers for travel, generally for conferences like the Society of Automotove Engineers. There's things you don't know are coming and there's a way in the university reconciliation system that you don't always know how much money you have left in travel. Most student organizations are good but there was a couple that I was concerned about but I didn't want to put pressure on Senate or my committee during finals week but I also didn't want to hurt the organization.

Senator Kimble- *Motion to vote by straw poll.*

Senator Toro- *Objection!* This is only in second reading and it has to go thorough 3 readings because it's more than one chapter.

Senate President Hassouneh- Are you sure?

Senator Toro- I am positive.

Senator Kimble- Resend

Senator Toro- *Motion to suspend ROP's and move to third reading, accepted.*

Senator Saunders- *Motion to vote by straw pull, accepted.*

Final count: 31-4-1, bill adopted.

Final Roll Call:

Present: 38

Absent: 3

Senator Gao- *Motion to adjourn, accepted.*

Adjournment called by Senate President Hassouneh at 7:36 pm