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Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance:

Patel: I call this Meeting of Senate to order at 6:05 pm on October the 8th. First item on the Agenda is the Pledge of Allegiance, can I have everyone stand please. Mr. Manka would you lead us off?

Senators: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands. One nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Patel: Thank you.

First Roll Call:

Patel: Alright, grab your clickers; next thing is First Roll Call. Is that everybody? Okay, 30 present, moving on. Next item on the agenda, umm I'll actually put these above it, because that will logically make sense. Alright, so…but its fine for now.

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

Patel: Additions/deletions and/or clarifications to the orders of the day. As you can see the Agenda looks like…I don’t know…but we removed the USF College of Global Sustainability Presentation. Dr. Vairavamoorthy, he actually does a number of (inaudible) presentations, and one of them were scheduled for today, and so it was an impromptu conference. And he presents about a lot of clean water and clean energy kind of presentations that they actually do participate in the research in. So he’s obviously the Dean of the College, he got called away. They want to reschedule for 2 weeks from now, so we’ll probably have them back. But that’s stricken. And then we also have the Student Alumni Association in the back, they are here to present to us. Ugh if we can have both of those quickly moved around in the Agenda, also my bad on this one, I put the third reading on this one when we already did it. But these two are what we actually need to do. Which is the first reading on a resolution for Ms. Holmes and Mr. Folks. Mr. Cocco.

Cocco: So moved, motion to add.

Patel: Any objections to having the Agenda as it stands up here, except for the time? I don’t know why it skipped an hour but we’ll fixed it. Seeing none.

Student Alumni Association Presentation:
Patel: Alright, next thing on the Agenda is the Student Alumni Association. And if you can state your names for the record once you get down here. Thank you sir.

Wider: Hello everybody. My name is LaToya Wider and I’m here with the USF Alumni Association and I have Mr. George Papadeas as most of you all know to basically be here to share a little bit about how you all can be involved with the Alumni Association when you graduate. And then I will speak very quickly if you’re not graduating, how to get connected with us before you graduate.

Papadeas: Hey guys, good to be back. My name is George Papadeas as Ms. Wider said. I was last year’s Student Body Vice President for those of you who know me. Great to see you, Mr. Cocco always a pleasure.

Cocco: Mr. Vice President.

Papadeas: Thank you. This year I’m ugh an old man coming back to you guys ugh as a life member of the USF Alumni Association. So what is the Alumni Association, anybody want to take a crack at it? Hands, no hands?

Patel: Mr. Berkowitz.

Berkowitz: An association of alumni’s.

Papadeas: Okay thank you. He’s got jokes still. So the USF Alumni Association is a dues based organization that is based on students to support the university in every way shape and form, not just for alumni but for students as well. And so I really want to focus with you guys and talk about with you guys is involvement with the USF Alumni Association. So as many of you may know, starting off at when I was Vice President and got involved with the USF Alumni Board of Directors, National Board of Directors, which Vice President Sandoval sits on right now. And through that I met a lot of people, networked with a lot of people and came here…and here came graduation and you know a lot of people think your involvement with your University stops after that. You’re done being a Senator, you’re done being Vice President, you’re done being Homecoming Queen…whatever. It doesn’t though, and it keeps going if you’re involved with USF Alumni Association. So I’m a life member number 2880, I purchased my life membership 2 days after graduation and I can honestly say it was the best purchase decision I have ever made ugh up to now. We’ll see I’m trying to buy a car in a couple of years, going for that Camaro. So umm yeah, we’ll see. So with the ugh life membership with the USF Alumni Association, I’ve been going to events. There’s fun events, there is baseball game, a life member baseball game. I don’t know if any of you went to it last year, but there is something like 400 alumni there, sandwiches, food, drinks, fun, baseball. Who doesn’t like that, that’s American right there and I love America. But then you also have those fun events, but you have networking events too. So you’ll be in the same room as (inaudible) Andrew Brewer and you’re not just a student, you’re not just a civilian if you will there, you’re one of their peers. You’re there you can talk to them basically about anything. You can get advice from them, you can share their successes, share your successes, hear their failures, share your failures. So that’s almost invaluable. Umm and that’s why I wanted to talk to you guys, is really getting involved with your Alumni Association, making sure you’re making that connection when you graduate because it doesn’t just end when you cross that stage, almost sort of just begins. Cool.

Wider: Great and then for anybody that is not graduating umm please consider becoming involved with us before you graduate. We have the Student Alumni Association which is the SAA, are there any SAA members in here? Yay, great. So the Student Alumni Association is another way to get connected with Alumni before you graduate. We do different activities as well. And also we have the USF Ambassador, (inaudible). For the University and they work events for President Genshaft, for the Deans and for the other departments on campus. So there are various ways for you to get involved before you graduate, so then when you do walk across that stage it will just be an automatic mindset, of course I want to be a part of the Alumni Association, of course I want to be a life member. Because that’s just the natural thing to do. And then just really quickly I
just want to tell you guys that if you are graduating we do have a special price for new grads. So we do reduce our membership for recent grads. So please consider joining, I do have some additional pamphlets that tell a little bit more about the life membership with the SAA and then this book is about our senior trip. So if you’re graduating we do do a senior trip. We do have a wonderful travel program, and our senior trip this year is to Europe so which will happen next May. So if you’re interested in that, those are the types of events and activities that your Alumni Association offers to students and alumni. With that said thank you so much for having umm me and George come and present in front of you all. And I will just leave this information.

Patel: Sure.

Wider: Maybe right here…over here, oh perfect. I'll just leave it here and feel free to take anything. And if you have any questions, you can contact me over in the Alumni Center; you can always ask George as you see him out and about on campus. Thank you.

Patel: Thank you guys.

**Additions/Deletions and/or Changes to the Minutes:**

Patel: Alright, additions/changes and/or…Additions/deletions and/or changes to the Minutes. There were no minutes sent out, so if I can have a motion. Senator Alqasemi.

Alqasemi: Motion to postpone

Patel: Any objections to postponing the minutes till next meeting? Seeing none, moving on.

**Legislative Branch Report:**

Patel: Legislative Branch Report. I also know that Mr…Mr. Joe…can't pronounce your last name, has a class so if you guys don’t mind if we can kind of take him first. So if you want to make the Executive Branch report first, you can go ahead.

Michalsky: That’s a fantastic question…umm is Will here? He probably knows the Executive Branch report the best.

Patel: Well weren’t we putting…that’s fine then. To continue on with the Legislative Branch Report.

Aldridge: The Marketing Request.

Patel: Yeah, the marketing thing is what I was trying to get at because I thought you…

Rutkowski: Good evening Senate. My name is Daniel Rutkowski; I’m actually the Marketing and ugh Advertising Director here at USF Student Government. There has been a recent discord due to the new Marketing Request Form, I just wanted to fix this up with you guys very simply and hopefully quickly, I don’t want to waste too much of your time. First and foremost we’ve actually kept this rule in motion for the longest of time, so I don’t know why it’s not actually occurring right now. But there is a 2 week minimum for the amount of time you need turn in your request, or else we’re not going to do it. We’re going to drop it. Second thing I’m going to want you guys to just go ahead and read the entire thing before you go ahead and just blatantly start checking things. Because if you don’t go ahead and take the time to read you might miss something and that’s when we get like alternative drafts and it’s just a complete waste of time and hassle for me. Now on top of that, yes there is now a new rule in check that we…I don’t think we can actually email you guys the graphics that we’ve completed, because people have been using them without SG logo. It is because as I discussed they were drafts, so on top of that we cannot email them to you, you have to come in
to our department and check them out for yourselves and approve them in person. And after that we really
don’t have anything else to say, just go ahead and take your time to read. It’s like on 5th grade level so I’m
pretty sure you guys can handle this since you’re in Senate in a college.

Patel: I’m sorry how many of you guys have turned in any of these yet?

Rutkowski: We have a couple.

Michalsky: And then just to kind of touch on the umm the Communications side of it, I’m Joseph Michalsky,
I’m Director of Public Relations and Communications. Umm so once Marketing is done with the marketing
request forms, it kind of comes over to me and I work on getting it sent out electronically, umm Note-a-Bull,
Facebook and Twitter website, umm as needed. So kind of, one thing that we did change at the beginning of
the year is we shortened it…we shortened the time needed from 2 weeks to 1. We actually increased it back
from 1 back to 2 weeks. Umm just because we found that, as much as we like to get graphics out quickly, we
found that more often than not, things get kick back and we receive suggestions for revisions. Umm whether
just be adding things to make sure umm everyone above, like in the hierarchy above us are okay with the
graphics. So we try to get things done as fastly as we can but sometimes we try to allow that 2 weeks just in
case we have to make revisions to it. Umm so yeah and then kind of just to touch base a little bit another
reason we ask for the 2 weeks. When I do…when I submit ProGo requests, the requests for graphics on the
LCD screens, those usually take about a week for them to process. So for instance, Note-a-Bull requests have
to be sent out by the Tuesday before that particular edition of Note-a-Bull. And then MSC asks for a full
week for MSC graphics to upload…upload them to the screens. So that’s kind of just a little bit of a
background as to why we ask for that amount of time.

Patel: Senator Cocco.

Cocco: Could you put that on some sort of written print, so we know the time line?

Michalsky: Yeah we can do that. Actually next week I’ll be planning on being here to talk about the new
website. Umm hoping to launch the new SG website next week on Monday, and umm so one of the things I
can add in there is kind of like the breakdown of the different…how much time it takes to do each of the
different tasks, just so that we’re more transparent with you guys. And you can kind of see exactly as to why it
takes a certain amount of time to process the graphics and get the things up and distributed and stuff like
that.


Antar: Hey everybody. Okay so this week ugh this past week we met, we discussed and reviewed changes to
the Safe Team SOPs, and then we had a brief discussion, which had to get cut a little short because the SOPs
took a little longer than we thought they would, umm on the potential changes to make to Statutes. I know
that there was talk of a new ASRC Modification Bill. Umm we’ll see if that goes through or not. But ugh if
anything that’s what we were working on this week. I don’t think there are any other SOPs for us to review
are there?

Aldridge: Ugh…yeah.

Antar: There’ll be more SOPs to review guys, we’ll find out which ones they are. But just sailing through
smooth waters right now.


Aziz: Umm so I’ll have Ms. Ashley Richards give the report.
Richards: Okay, hi everybody. This week we started wrapping up our last rounds of Confirmations. We did 4, they were from 5G Computer Services, and Bulls Radio, so we just confirmed those people, they’ve been working from the Summer. And yes, that’s just what we did this week there wasn’t much to it. Any questions? No? Thanks.

Patel: Thank you, Senator Kattih.

Kattih: Ms. Larkins.

Patel: Senator Larkins.

Larkins: Good evening everyone. This week in Committee we went over I believe 5 budgets and 3 off-campus requests. You guys will be seeing that tonight. And umm that’s about it…oh and also she’s…the new audit form is up, make sure you audit as many events as you can.


Alqasemi: I’m a little less prepared, so does anyone want to do it? Yeah…I didn’t prepare anybody this time, so how about next time. But in short we finished all of the Homecoming grants yesterday and we did…we approved 13 and we allocated a total of $10,929. So that’s just over half of the money we had, just then. And there was only I think only 3 or 4 that were not allocable that we had to not fund. So besides that we’re back to travel grants and hopefully within the next two weeks…Homecoming Expo, so you’ll be getting those. Any questions?

Patel: Senator Cocco.

Cocco: So how is the travel grants right now?

Alqasemi: How is it?

Cocco: Yeah, how much is in there?

Alqasemi: We have roughly $4,000 left in there for the rest of the Spring, because we allocated 60%...

Patel: Fall.

Alqasemi: Oh I’m sorry the Fall, yeah. So we do 60% for the Fall and 40% for the Spring. So we have about $4,000 which is...we just started the Fall but we have had an influx of travel grants this semester and so umm we’re going to try and balance it out.

Cocco: So you’re going back now to the…

Patel: Senator Cocco.

Cocco: Thank you sir. So you’re going back now to allocating Travel?

Alqasemi: Yeah.
Cocco: Okay, so you’re done with Homecoming?

Alqasemi: Yeah.

Cocco: Okay, thank you.

Alqasemi: Any questions?


Burr: Umm okay so last week as you all know we had our Tent Day at the Sessums Mall. We talked about in Committee; we kind of recapped that event and then went over our next two Tent Days. So just to give you guys an update, we received 40 emails, or 47 emails from our rapid response team, excuse me. We took 13 which we’re working on getting edited and put together so they can be distributed and used. And then we also registered 5 voters. And then we also talked about some things that we want to change and do better for next time. Next week at 10:30…well at 11am in the atrium downstairs we’re having our second tent day. And it’s going to be kind of a low key thing. We’re giving out candy and kind of polling students umm what they would like us to work on, find out what they’re concerns are, etc. So umm pass that information along to your constituents, we’re going to be down there from 11am to 1pm. And then we also talked about our Blood Drive Tent Day, which will be in 3 weeks…right, 3 weeks? November…or excuse me, October 29th and we confirmed that it will be a Blood Drive. We’re just kind of umm ironing all the details of that, trying to get some food, hopefully burgers, maybe bananas I’m not sure. So anyways any questions about that?

Patel: Thank you ma’am. Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Alright, umm let’s see. Okay so we hired a new Secretary, he will be doing the Minutes for ASRC and for some of the Minutes that Stacy the Secretary for the Committees does. His name is Anthony, if you guys happen to see him around the office; we’re trying to introduce him to all. So please make sure to give a warm welcome. Ugh the second thing is what I have right next to me, is the Dance Marathon and the Center of Leadership and Civic Engagement are starting ugh a fundraising challenge, inaugural one within Student Affairs. So they have CLCE involved, CSI involved, Multicultural Affairs involved, (inaudible) involved, and Student Government. And so between ugh today and October 21st, the next two Senate Meetings, we’re going to try and raise the most money amongst all of Student Affairs. So I have this bucket right here, there is obviously no requirement what’s so ever, there is no positive points either. But just out of…if you would like to give to that, I have the information. There is also an online link; I can give that in the report at the end of the week. Umm but I know Dance Marathon are really starting early in the efforts to have I think a successful of a Dance Marathon as they can. So umm please be sure to donate for that. That’s everything in this one…I have the flyer as well just in case, for Dance Marathon, if you want to know. There is also a (inaudible) code online, who ever does that. Anyways the Bucs update, as of 4 o’clock we have sold 204 out of the 700 tickets. So it’s been up for about 1 week. We have about 496 left to go, so we need to try and do that between now and the 28th of October. We’re already 30% of the way there and it’s been one week. So I think if we continue to push effort, make sure you send it out to as many friends that you know, we’re going to have it on Note-a-Bull at the end of the week, umm and also there is a graphic created for the MyUSF portal. So hopefully people will be able to click…there will be able to click once they login and you know…that link there is a graphic that will be popping out that they can click and go to and go ahead and purchase the tickets. In addition or in relation to umm update and renovation of the website, we’re having to…well I’m having to go ahead and upload about a thousand website to the library scholar comments. So that will be keeping track…that will keep me busy for the next couple of weeks. But stuff for the 52nd Term, umm possibly working with the current Student Body Vice President Mr. Sandoval, for the 53rd term and for what we’ve already passed. So from the 54th Term, let’s see. The elections are obviously today and tomorrow, I want…yes…he’ll talk about this but I do want to stress one thing. But the amendments, we didn’t really talk
about and help explain some amendments as much as we can. But thankfully the Senators here were able to understand, obviously a lengthy debate on certain parts of the amendment. Please be sure to first let the people that you know, either in Facebook or in classes that you have with them, please tell them to vote. Secondly if they have questions, please make sure to be able to help clarify what the amendments mean, because I guess…it’s easily possible for people to…are not as well as known to Senate about some of the changes, but please if you guys can help do that, that can hopefully spread the word and help the voters be more informed. Umm let’s see. I know we were supposed to have pictures before Senate, I apologize they’re after Senate. But the way we’re going to be, we should be done pretty quickly, so it should only be about 7:15 or 7:30 where will be able to do that. For the ones who have not taken it during the summer, or who wants to retake it. Umm Drive 25…I’m just going through everything on my list here. There is a new campaign and it’ll be in relation to what the Vice President of Administrative Services will be presenting next week. On campus, if you noticed there was a change in all except for about four areas on campus, where now it’s a 25 mile an hour speed limit. Make sure to let all of your constituents know that because for some places it goes a lot faster so going down umm toward umm On 50th from Holly is a lot faster as you start leaving that area. But then there is some other places that it went down from 30 to 25. So please let everyone know about that. Ugh we met, Shyam and myself along with Will and Mr. Housman with Dr. Freeman with the budget process this morning. As well as the ASRC meeting last week…do you want us to cover ASRC now or wait till later?

Patel: Oh no there is an ASRC Report…

Aldridge: Okay I'll wait till then. Umm and then for all the Senators who are on ASRC have been…last week was helping Tammy to be able to get your USF email, your P-drive access and having everything with HR. And the two resolutions, I helped with that. And finally, lastly of the 20 things, umm I know we’ve said this a couple of times but if you guys are wanting to get involved in terms of writing Bills or wanting to think of new initiatives you want to put into Statutes, please let us know. I know Ali’s done a great job of working with the Committee on that. Please let himself or myself know…him or myself know. Sorry English is bad. But we can be able to help you best and see your goal and see you initiative through the process because we definitely want to see as many bills as we can, come up and get passed by the Senate. So that is everything on my list, I’m sure there is other things as well. But if you have any questions.

Patel: Any questions. Alrighty, in an effort to get out of here and since Adam already said everything, the only other thing that I have to add is that the Alumni Association emailed me saying, or asking if we wanted to do a Lightning deal as well. Which I think was $18 tickets by group tickets. I’m not going to do the whole making a whole purchase kind of thing. We’ll just talk to them about if we can just get $18 tickets individually so if you want to buy them you go and buy them for yourself for $18. They give you a free hat and it’s the Lightning. It’s good stuff, whatever. Umm other than that umm…other than that we have Career Services emailed us, asking if they can come to present. The Alumni Association was kind of impromptu, like I didn’t know they were coming, they just walked up to the door and said, we’re on the Agenda. And I was like you’re not umm and so we will have Career Services; they are going to come talk about their Career Fair that they have so if you want to get jobs if you’re not leaving Senate, so weigh your benefits. So we’ll let them talk but they’re not going to talk for very long. Other than that we will have Ms. Sandy Lovins come next week. She’ll talk about the Master Plan, cool big things. I know David Houseman would love it. Like there’s talks about stadiums and all that…like you can ask her whatever you want, she’s been here she knows everything. And then the week after that will be the Green Energy thing. So any questions? Cool, let’s keep on a roll then. Moving down the agenda…oh Ms. Alqasemi.

Alqasemi: I just forgot to add something in my report. Umm for all of…well anybody that goes to any homecoming events, especially the Senators in my committee. Audit…audit them, because you guys know exactly what they requested and exactly what they got money for. So if you guys can audit those, that will be awesome, you can get positive points. Also snaps to my committee, you guys put in a lot in the past two weeks, stand up please. A round of applause. So good job guys.
Patel: Thank you ma’am. Right don’t just say like they didn’t buy what they said they were going to buy, so like zero. Like horrible audit. Ask them why, just a side note.

**Executive Branch Report:**


Warmke: Alright, it’s been a while. Umm last week you all confirmed Attorney General and Chief Justice, so thank you all for that, we’re happy to have him. Umm we’ve also appointed (inaudible) as our new Executive Clerk. Umm and Mr. Justin (inaudible) as our new Deputy CFO. We only have four more positions to fill and we’re hoping to have the Deputy Attorney General, the two Marketing Coordinators, the Associate Justice…2 of them so 5 not 4, within the next couple of weeks. And last week Mr. Berkowitz, Mr. Cocco, Mr. Sandoval met, were able to appoint the remaining positions to all the University Wide Committees. So we’re happy to say we have all those filled currently. Mr. Berkowitz is also working really hard on the Fallen Bull Memorial, along with the Senate’s ad-hoc committee. Umm last week was a successful Week of Wellness, so kudos to our Secretary of Student Success, Ms. Nia Jackson, on spearheading that initiative. It’s a brand new initiative to Student Government, again kind of like that aspect of the University, so it’s great to kind of have that…keep that under our belt. Our Secretary of Government Affairs Emily Schwab is working on USF Day at the Capital, next semester. And we’ll soon be forming our (inaudible) Committee with the branch campuses to get the plan in the works for that. Yeah that’s what we’re calling it. Our Secretary of Student Life Rachel Canning ugh is working with ugh Marketing and Advertising Department to finalize the SG (inaudible) pamphlet. To really handout to really educate the student body on what Student Government actually does that way we can bridge the gap between the student body and Student Government. Our marketing and advertising department, which you guys saw earlier, implemented a new form of marketing request to kind of streamline that process to make it easier for everyone involved. Our new public…or our public relations and communications department umm was selected to do the SG website like Mr. Michalsky said. They also launched our new initiative called Student Services Elite. Which is kind of an initiative to utilize social media, underutilize resources for students on campus and kind of streamline those for the student body. Our programing and traditions department is working on Homecoming, which is just in 2 weeks, so I’m excited for that. Also they’re working on ABX which is in November, and Mr. and Ms. USF which is in January. Applications are out now umm so we’re looking for candidates for that, so make sure you all apply or have friends apply, it’s a great experience. We’re going to have safe zone certification on October 18th and noon, for all of Student Government. We highly encourage you to attend if you can. Umm this is something that the Office of Multicultural Affairs is very excited about. I’ve been certified three times and it’s a great program, so I encourage you to attend. And umm I successfully survived tonsillitis, I was really sick last week and I’m here today, so I’m feeling much better. Are there any questions? It was kind of lengthy. Well alright, thank you very much.

**Judicial Branch Report:**


Hamed: Hello Senate, so last week we had our monthly budget meeting with CFO Houseman and Masha Galchenko so that went well. And in our general meeting last week we had our Court leadership elections and we talked about our proposal that we’re going to be bringing to PATS. So we’re working with the Solicitor General and Attorney General next week on that. Also Shapiro and I are putting together training materials for the new Justices that are coming in soon. Ugh we had our Parking Forum last Friday so shout out to Senators Hartmann and Brown who came out and talked about Senate, so good job. We’ll be at Bull Market tomorrow; I encourage you all to come talk about Senate as well. We also have our Trip planning committee tomorrow, our ad-hoc committee at 5pm, our general meeting at 6pm and appeals at 7:30pm. So you’re all invited to all of them. Are there any questions?
Patel: Any questions?

Open Forum:

Patel: Alright, moving on Open Forum. Mr. Kalmowitz.

Kalmowitz: I wanted to wish a happy birthday to Senator Colton.

Patel: We can take a…no I’m just kidding. Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: Hey guys, alright well for the past umm month or so I’ve been working with a wonderful group of people and student organizations and ugh next Thursday at 6:30 pm right here in the Chambers, we are bringing to you The Students United Our Country Our Movement. Which is basically an event which will be conducted as an umm…forum in which the students and members of our community will have the opportunity to ask expert subject matter experts about one of the most important issues, in my opinion, facing our country right now, which is the immigration reform. So this will be an immigration forum, you all are invited. We have 14 student organizations working together including Student Government. Just so you know our Senate President Mr. Patel will be giving the opening remarks, so you don’t want to miss that.

Patel: I was the fourth person they asked.

Pelegrino: Umm and so yeah you guys are all invited. I mean as responsible members of our community and as Bulls we should all be informed about this important issue. So next Thursday 6:30pm right here in the Chambers.

Patel: Thank you ma’am. Athletics?

Lerum: Hey guys I’m Erika Lerum, I’m from the Athletics Department. I just wanted to take a couple moments of your time and tell you about some exciting events this week. Tomorrow men’s soccer is in action at 7:30pm. Umm their big (inaudible) so we’re giving away free t-shirts (inaudible). Umm so gates open at 6:30, an hour before the game make sure you get there and come support your bull’s soccer team. Also Rocky is 5-0 in the Mascot Challenge. He versus Bucky Badger from the University of Wisconsin this week, so make sure you go to Capital One(inaudible).com and vote for him and tweet out that you’re supporting him and get extra points for that. So keep going strong, he’s doing well and hopefully we could win some (inaudible). And last but certainly not least this Friday we are starting our Basketball Season with our Bulls (inaudible). It’s at the Sun Dome, gates open at 6 o’clock and the event starts at 7pm. Both (inaudible) are going to be there, it’s going to be a really fun interactive fan event for everyone. There’s going to be dunk contest, a three point shootout, a lot of different student promotions to get you guys involved on the court, doing a lot of different fun activities. We’re also going to have free pizza for all students, again while supplies last in the student club. And we’d like to invite the Student Government out to kind of…I mean not host the event, but to be out there and to be represented, and to have that free pizza. And throughout that season we will invite and schedule different organizations around the campus to come out for each game and get free pizza, free concessions and everything from us for those games. So make sure you guys make plans to come out, gate opens at 6pm, events at 7pm, free pizza starts at 6:30pm in the student club, so make sure you guys come out and support that. We’ll also be shooting a video with your very own Will Warmke tomorrow for that student umm club for the season, so make sure everyone looks out for that and any organizations that are interested in coming out and being in that student club for any of the basketball games, just go ahead and shoot us an email. I (inaudible). And we’ll get you scheduled. It’s free, you get free food and drinks, and you guys get in an hour and half before the game, when the rest of the public only gets in an hour before so. Hope you guys can join us for all of those fun exciting events.
Patel: Thank you ma’am. Questions? Senator Bolz?

Bolz: What day did you say that was…for basketball?

Lerum: For basketball this Friday. Thank you guys.

Patel: Alright, congratulations to the Bulls on their win. Good game, our hands were actually in the picture that they sent out, like the thank you picture. Alright anything else for open forum? Mr. Hassouneh.

Hassouneh: Alrighty guys we had a great day, first day for elections and I got to thank…did you just scoff at me. I would like the record to reflect that Adam Aldridge scoffed at me. Anyways we had a great day, I loved all of you guys that came out today to help me out, I really appreciate it. And I hope to see you all tomorrow, the ones that didn't come, and the ones that are coming tomorrow, I still appreciate you guys signing up and I hope to see you there. Alright, we're going to do great free shirts for those of you who volunteered today, just come by after senate, I'll give you your free shirts. We're going to be having pizza tomorrow at MSC at 11:30 it's coming in, a lot of pizza; there will also be free shirts, so you guys come and stop by the polling stations, and get people to come with you. Let’s go, thank you very much guys.


Ulloa: What happened to the flag?

Patel: I'll put it in our request from now on; we need the projector and the flag. Any more open forum? Good stuff, alright.

General Business:

1. Resolutions on First Reading

   a. SB [R] 54-009 Rosalee A. Holmes Memorial

Patel: On to Resolutions on the First Reading SB [R] 54-009 is the first one which is for Ms. Rosalee A. Holmes Memorial. Senator Canton.

Antar: You’re fine, you’re fine, just smile.

Canton: Alright umm. Alright so the first reading.

Patel: Well I mean I'll take a motion to enter. Senator Antar.

Antar: Motion to enter the first reading.


Canton: To Honor the Death of our Fellow Bull, Rosalee A. Holmes. Be it resolved by the Senate of the University of South Florida Student Government assembled, Whereas, this assembly, with unfeigned sorrow, has heard of the death of Rosalee A. Holmes who passed away on July 19th, 2013. Whereas, having embodied the ideals and principles of this institution, we collectively mourn the passing of our peer and fellow. Whereas, we determine that the contributions of Rosalee A. Holmes to our community have earned her a place of high honor and esteem in the memory of our community. Whereas, in memory of the deceased and her lasting influence on the University of South Florida, the Student Senate shall have a moment of silence on October 8th, 2013. Whereas, a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the family of the deceased, to the
University of South Florida Tampa Campus, and the College of Medicine thereof. Therefore, be it resolved by the Senate of the University of South Florida Student Government Assembled, that on behalf of the student body, this body offers our best wishes and sincerest condolences to the friends and family of Rosalee A. Holmes.

Patel: Questions, motions? I'll also take a motion to pass by acclamation, if that’s what you want, but also for a moment of silence. Senator Hassan.

Hassan: Motion to pass by acclamation.

Patel: Any objection to passing by acclamation? Thank you and…

Hassan: And to have a moment of silence.

Patel: Any objections to have a moment of silence? Seeing none. Thank you. Thank you Senator Canton.

b. SB [R] 54-010 In Recognition of Willie Folks’ Dedication and Service

Patel: Alright on a happier note, SB [R] 54-010 In Recognition of Mr. Willie Folks’ Dedication and Service. Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: For those of you who may not know who Willie is, he…well it’s in the resolution I suppose. But it’s one of those things where we sort of …for people who may be in Student Government a little bit more, I know I’m always there till 11 o’clock at night. We’ve really noticed over the past that Willie has done a lot of great work and his more than anything else, his attitude for the position that he holds and the way that he comes in and really is…friendly and kind to everyone in the Student Government. We thought it was worthwhile and meaningful to be able to write a resolution for him. So…do we need a reading?

Patel: Motion? Senator Cocco.

Cocco: Motion to ugh read the Senate Resolution.

Patel: Any objections to entering first reading? Seeing none, go ahead.

Aldridge: To express the interests of the Student Body through their Student Government, Be it resolved by the Senate of the University of South Florida Student Government assembled, Whereas, The Student Government Senate recognizes the work Willie Folks has done for the past four years in his position as a Custodial Staff Supervisor in the Marshall Student Center here at the University of South Florida. Whereas, thanks to Willie’s work, the Marshall Student Center continues to be a place of cleanliness and hospitality to every Bull and to everyone in the community. Whereas, his enthusiasm within the Marshall Center and his kindness towards the people within the Student Government Suite is extraordinary, inspirational, and resembles the type of person we want working here at the University of South Florida. Whereas, Willie’s devotion to the Marshall Student Center is noticeable, and his affection and eagerness for the students and staff who work here is most recognizable. Therefore, be it resolved by the Senate of the University of South Florida Student Government Assembled, that on behalf of the student body, we recognize Willie’s amazing dedication and service, thank him deeply for his continued passion to keeping the Marshall Center a pinnacle of student life here at the University of South Florida, and ask him to continue to keep up the good work.

Patel: Thank you. Any motions? Senator Antar?

Antar: Motion to pass by acclamation.
Patel: Any objections? Seeing none, it will be accepted.

2. Fiscal Legislation on First Reading

a. SB [A] 54-031 Animal House


Larkins: Good evening everyone. Umm our current umm balance is $100…$105,895.86. Our first budget tonight is Animal House. They asked for $1,060, and we allocated them $296. Umm also they had cuts from standards…what…it’s not on there. They had cuts from standards and all we approved was the Halloween Social.

Patel: Just to clarify for the Senate, the third thing on there is a costume contest, free food, and a raffle. The raffle is not associated with the…

Kattih: yeah.

Patel: Cool, okay. Because we usually just try to steer away as much as possible with raffles. We’re not allowed to use A&S Fees for fundraisers or raffles.

Antar: We steer away from funding them but we can let them have a raffle if they want to and if they use their own money. I mean it’s not as fun for them, I wouldn’t say we can’t let them have it….okay alright…

Patel: Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: They can get items that they needed for the raffle?

Patel: Hmm?

Pelegrino: They can get items that they needed for the raffle, they don’t have to buy it specifically with A&S Fees.

Patel: Yeah I get that I was just making sure that…

Kattih: Point of information.

Patel: Senator Kattih.

Kattih: These descriptions for the events, just keep in mind these descriptions were provided by the organization.

Patel: Senator Antar.

Antar: Motion to vote.

Patel: Thank you any objections to voting, everyone’s clear with the Bill? Alright. Alright one is yes, two is no, three is abstain. Is that everybody? Alright 33…ugh it’s 33:01 this Bill is approved, moving on.

b. SB [A] 54-032 Ner Tamid

Patel: Ner Tamid…is that how you say it? I guess that’s as good as it is.
Lopez: Alrighty this organization requested $1,330.30 and they were allocated $429.30. Cuts came from standards; they were late so there was a 25% deduction and past events. Senator Antar.

Antar: If there are no questions or points, I’ll motion to vote.

Patel: Any objections? Thank you sir. One is yes, two is no, three is abstain. 33:0:1 this budget is also approved.

c. SB [A] 54-033 USF Oushi Anime Club

Patel: Alright 54-033, Oushi Anime Club. Senator Abraha.

Abraha: Hi everyone this is the Oushi Anime…USF Oushi Anime Club actually. They requested for $1,660 for materials, we gave them $945. And they requested $860 for food; we only gave them $440. Umm the amount of materials looks like a lot because most of the things they do, they dress up for. They were four approved events, we had to cut from some of the events that had already past and our standards. So these are the events.

Patel: Senator Antar.

Antar: I know that two years aback there was a bit of controversy over video game clubs, I know this isn’t a video game but it seems like it’s kind of in line of the entertainment theme. Was there any discussion on whether or not this was a fundable organization within the committee, anything like that?

Abraha: In regards to what they were asking…

Antar: In regards to…no, not…in regards to the purpose of the club.

Abraha: I mean…

Antar: No?

Abraha: Not exactly.

Antar: I guess that seems to be an issue that has disappeared since. Alright.

Patel: Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: How would that be an issue?

Patel: Senator Antar.

Antar: Two years ago in ASRC some people thought that video game clubs would not advance any student interests in any way and they were thus not fundable. Umm that was something that was highly debated. I wasn’t part of that debate but I heard that debate did exist, and so it was a concern next year afterwards that we had to fund them. I was just wondering if that concern was raised again. Umm but if there wasn’t then we would just move it down…

Abraha: No there wasn’t I mean as long as our students are happy with whatever engagement…in whatever activities they engage in then we funded them.
Patel: Just so you guys know, for video games, we don’t keep track of the video games. If they buy the video games, they keep the video games. That’s...that was the line of discussion. Just so you guys understand what he meant by videos games, they don’t benefit future students.

Abraha: Any questions, any other pertinent questions?

Patel: Thank you ma’am.

Cocco: Actually…

Patel: Senator Cocco.

Cocco: So you said that they dress up, so they dress up for these...these parties?

Abraha: For different...each of them have like a different theme. So they actually...like for costumes we can fund up to like $500 I believe, but for each event I think we funded them twice. But they buy things and actually make costumes, and they dress up within the Anime theme.

Cocco: Cool.

Abraha: Mr. Aziz.

Patel: Mr. Aziz.

Abraha: Sorry.

Aziz: Are they doing the Japanese New Year’s Social with like J-Club or are they doing it on their own?

Abraha: No they are doing it by themselves.

Patel: Thank you, Senator Cano.

Cano: I just have...he brought up a good point about the (inaudible) what about ugh costumes, do we make student organizations give back to their costumes to the student organization to benefit future students?

Patel: Not really no, because we don’t have like closet for clothes. Which reminds me make a suit club, I'll join.

Abraha: And they’re making these so, I mean you not exactly want them.

Patel: Any questions? Senator Canton.

Canton: Oh wait, I withdraw, I was going to motion.

Patel: Thank you. Any more questions? Senator…

Bolz: I just wanted to see the …

Patel: Senator Bolz.

Abraha: Sure.
Bolz: No the first one, the one where you have all the numbers.

Abraha: Oh this one.

Bolz: Yeah.

Patel: Senator Canton.

Canton: Motion to vote.

Patel: Any objections? Seeing none, we’re now in voting procedures thank you. Again, one is yes, two is no, three is abstain. Alright 32:1:1 this club…or this budget is approved.

d. SB [A] 54-034 Jamaican Alliance Movement

Patel: Alright 54-034 the Jamaican Alliance Movement. Senator Romero.

Romero: Okay so they asked for $1,113. We allocated them $540.60, $150 for food…I mean yeah $150 for food, $260 for materials. The cuts were because of standards and because some of the events had already passed by the time we were able to allocate them funds. The purpose is up here; I don’t know if any of you guys (inaudible) but just in case you guys can see is. The purpose doesn’t…the events align with their purpose. So…Any question on any of these events?

Patel: Senator Belizaire.

Belizaire: So was Jamfest funded because it was a Week of Welcome event.

Romero: No I don’t believe it was…

Kattih: It’s in Fall.

Romero: Spring.

Kattih: Spring.

Romero: Oh Spring, yeah yes.

Patel: Senator Cocco.

Cocco: What’s the policy on awards again, what does Proviso say?

Romero: Yeah we can…we can fund trophies and plaques.

Cocco: Okay.

Romero: I forgot how much exactly the funding is…

Patel: I believe up to $100…$100

Romero: $150.

Patel: Thank you, Senator Antar.
Antar: I know that last year my Committee placed caps on how much we could put per semester...how many events we can fund per semester, is there anything like that in the Committee this year? All of those were Spring events.

Romero: I think that we’ve done 8 events total, is what we’ve been doing. So whether it is been spring or fall we’ve just been doing a cap of 8...around 8.

Antar: Oh okay.

Patel: Thank you, Senator Pelegrino.

Pelegrino: This is not a new student organization right?

Romero: Is it?

Pelegrino: It is not?

Patel: I believe this is the first time they are getting A&S funded.

Pelegrino: It’s the first time they are? Okay just wondering.

Patel: Because they didn’t do this…

Pelegrino: So, okay.

Romero: Any other questions. Senator Antar.

Antar: If there are no more questions of importance, I’ll motion to vote.

Patel: Any objections to voting? Seeing none, thank you sir. Alright, one is yes, two is no, three is to abstain. 33:0:1 this budget is approved.

e. SB [A] 54-035 Roller Derby Club @ USF

Patel: 54-035 Roller Derby Club @ USF, Senator Francisco.

Fernandez: This is the ugh Roller Derby Club. They requested $1,176.60, we allocated $593. The cuts were from standards and events that have past. And then they have 3 approved events.

Patel: Senator Antar.

Antar: Ugh events off campus, did they submit an off-campus request?

Fernandez: They…

Patel: Senator Kattih…oh Senator…

Fernandez: Yeah I think the three of them were off campus.

Antar: Oh okay and they all went with their request?
Fernandez: Yeah.

Antar: Okay, cool, alright.

Patel: Thank you Senator Antar.

Fernandez: Any questions?

Patel: Senator Kattih.

Kattih: I guess for Senators who don’t know this, off campus requests are kind of, again for events that occur off campus. But the reason a lot of times they are not funded is because they are not relevant to the student’s organizations. In this case there is nowhere for the Roller Derby Club to practice roller derby on campus, and they talked to Campus Rec and you know they couldn’t coordinate anything. So then we felt that it was appropriate to allocate money towards events that are open to students if they want to that are going to occur off-campus. So just kind of a background as to why they are being funded off campus.

Patel: Senator Sacasas.

Sacasas: What’s the material money going for, like do they have…like do they have to rent the place, like what is it?

Patel: Ms. Kattih.

Kattih: Students get in free, from what I was told, at the night specified, so it wasn’t for that. It was for general materials that we fund, also speaker fees and stuff like that. Umm they’re bring in a speaker to one of their events, the Team USA event I believe. So that money was going to that.

Patel: Thank you and I’m sorry I didn’t send out the attachment…like the breakdown. Senator Cocco.

Cocco: So Chairwoman, umm so why couldn’t they coordinate? Do we just not have the capability to host something like this on Campus Rec, is that why?

Kattih: We don’t have a roller derby arena.

Cocco: There is no…

Patel: They are not going to let you roller skate on their basketball court.

Cocco: No, okay.


Cano: **Motion to vote.**

Patel: Any objection to moving into voting? Seeing none, we are now in voting procedures. Thank you sir. One is yes, two is no, three is to abstain. **33:0:1 this budget is approved.** Yep that was the last one, good stuff.

3. **ASRC Report**
Patel: Alright are there any announcements? Actually we have the two quick ad-hocs to present, which are ASRC Report, Senator Kattih if you would like to present ASRC.

Kattih: I will let my Vice-Chair give that report.

Patel: Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Alright, umm well we had our second meeting of the Fall Semester on this past Friday. Ugh we covered a couple things; one is a breakdown of the timeline that we’ll be going throughout both the Fall and the Spring semesters. Sort of trying to train and educate and really get as much knowledge umm gained throughout the Fall so when the Spring comes, they are asking the appropriate questions, having the appropriate substance discussion points, and so on and so forth. Ugh after that we looked at Proviso for a little bit. Umm we looked at maybe changing the… we had as Senators, we didn’t have a whole lot. We looked at changes that Professionals from umm either SGATO or the Business Office looked at. We discussed some of those points, so I think we’ll be looking at that again this next upcoming meeting on Friday to discuss where we will amend Proviso if we choose to do so. And the third thing is that we spent, about the last 45 minutes I think, of the 2 hour and 15 minute meeting, to go through some of the Student Affairs departments. We went through some big ones such as Marshall Center and Campus Recreation, just to see what you know why are there… why are they as big as they are, what is unique about them as compared to everyone else, and as compared within each other. Umm we also looked at….CSI, Center for Student Involvement and New Student Connection to be able to see both…the ones that sort of received, the bigger percentage of funding and the ones that maybe not as much but still have programs that are umm debatable um from time to time in committee. So we looked at that, I think what we’re going to do on Friday; this upcoming meeting will be to look at Proviso again. Make, I think if we have any changes, make it then. As well look at maybe some Student Government budgets, as well as student organizations budgets. So we should be meeting the next 4 or 5 times. Basically we are going to meet throughout October. Umm we met…what’s today, the 8th. So meet on the 11th and the 18th and possibly the 25th and that should be about it.

Patel: Any questions? Thank you sir.

4. Ad-hoc Committee on Student Memorials

Patel: And the Ad-Hoc Committee on Student Memorials, Senator Brown.

Brown: Alright, good afternoon everybody. Last week me and Greg Berkowitz met with (inaudible) And he came back to our committee and we talked about, I believe, more of the purpose of the memorial, what the space will be used for basically. We kind of wanted to draw back and kind of focus on the ground work of this whole committee. Umm so with that we kind of split up, we’ve got some of our committee working on research on what other Universities have done for their student memorial. We have other people working with the Alumni Association and we’re going to try and talk to Karla about the validity of umm the location that we do pick so that it doesn’t interfere with the future plan with the university. So because of that we felt it would be necessary to reconvene in the next…or within the next 2 weeks to do that, and not convene till then because it’s a little bit of a drawn out process, not necessarily to meet every week.

Patel: Thank you sir, any questions?Alright then. Umm just really quick the Bucs game, if you guys go, we do have tailgating spots. So we’ll talk to as many people as we possibly can to figure out how we’ll tailgate there. We’ll even see if we can do personal tailgates, we’ll figure out the liability on that, but we’ll see all that we can see. Umm yeah just tell your friends, tell everybody to buy tickets. Umm let’s see other than that, is anybody’s org doing anything crazy. Cool we have a really lame crowd okay.

Final Roll Call:
Patel: Alright, Final Roll Call. Guys, just keep it quiet, like we’re still in roll call which is like a voting kind of thing. 34 present.

Patel: Senator Belizaire.

Belizaire: Don’t we have to motion for a final roll call?

Patel: No. See as long as it's on this agenda thing right here, essentially the agenda I can run through all of it at one time. Senator Aldridge.

Aldridge: Just two things one more time, the bucket is right here and we’re going to be…Chelsea from Marketing should be here shortly, we'll do pictures then.

**Adjournment:**


Hassan: I was going to motion to adjourn.

Patel: Oh same thing you were doing? Oh okay, Senator Hassan.

Hassan: Motion to adjourn.

Patel: Any objections to adjourning? Alright we are now adjourned at 7:08 pm.

[Gavel]

**Adjournment called by Senate President Patel at 7:08 pm.**

*Transcribed by Senate Clerk Nadima Ally.*