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[Gavel]

Rodriguez: I now call this meeting of the Senate to order on Tuesday July 29th, 2014 at 6:02 pm. The first item on the agenda is Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance so may I have everyone please stand. And Senator Rodriguez if you can please lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senators: Say the Pledge Of Allegiance.

Rodriguez: Okay the next item on the agenda is a moment of silence for Malcolm Irving Glazer. Okay thank you. Moving on we have first roll call, so everyone get out your clickers. Please click one to show that you are present. Is that everyone? Chris? Did he click in?

Aziz: Yeah he’s clicked in.

Rodriguez: So we have a quorum count of 22. Alright, moving down the agenda, Additions/deletions and or clarifications to the orders of the day. I have made two suggestions here. So Pro Tempore Aziz.

Aziz: Motion to move...welcome back before the confirmation

Rodriguez: Any objections to moving the Joint Resolution before confirmations. Seeing none...Are there any other motions?

Shiflett: Motion to remove presentation of possible changes for the bachelors and masters regalia

Rodriguez: Any objections to removing presentation of possible changes for the bachelors and masters regalia....seeing none it’s no longer on the agenda.

Shiflett: Motion to add SB[R0 55-003
Rodriguez: Any objections to adding SB [R] 55-003 to the agenda? Seeing no objections it has been added, any other motions? Senator Antar.

Antar: I move to approve the order of the day.

Rodriquez: Any objections to approving the orders of the day? Seeing none, the Agenda has been approved. Moving on, additions, deletions, and or changes to the minutes. There have been no minutes sent out since the last Senate meeting. Senator Ulloa

Ulloa: I move to postpone the minutes.

Rodriguez: Any objections to postponing the minutes? Seeing none, minutes have been postponed.

Legislative Branch report. We’ll start with Senator Antar with Rules Committee.

Antar: We did not meet this past week but we will have our last meeting for Summer this week. We do have to do business so its just not me going to be me bringing a party box. If my committee members should get that joke it was in my email, it wasn’t that funny but anyway. That’s about it, anybody got any questions? Alright.

Rodriguez: Senator Ulloa, Special Funding.

Ulloa: So we will be having our last meeting tomorrow at 6pm. For those that got my email it said 7, we are actually having it 6pm like normal. We will be going over our last 5 travel grants. We have 4 for Fall semester and 1 for Spring. So far as of now we have $75000 for Travel grants left for Fall and $60,000 left for Spring. We funded 2 organizations for Signature event grants so leftover money will rollover for next Spring so about $17,000 for that Signature Event Grant. And yeah that’s all we have.

Rodriguez: Any questions for Senator Ulloa? Ok, moving on, Senator Truong JEC.

Truong: So JEC has been continuing confirmations and we have Supervisor of Elections today which is going before Senate. Next week we will have confirmations still so if your free on Thursdays at 3pm you can always swing by. We have also been reviewing constitutions for organizations.

Rodriguez: Any questions? Ok, Senator Hartmann, UCGA.

Hartmann: UCGA had its last meeting of the Summer today so I’ll see the rest of the Senators in the Fall. Just of few things we’re going to be working on and following up on are UWCs. We are working with the University Affairs and the Executive branch to making sure that we are raising awareness and getting that student membership membership. And TedX at USF, we are working with the CLCE, we are going to follow up on that. USF Dining regarding Styrofoam and removing it from their facilities, QEP for Globalization of USF and emailing the deans of each college so that we can establish a network. Just a little bit about our Tent days, we have had over 300 responses thanks to the committee so I want to give a little shout out to, not everybody’s here, my vice chair Jordan Kutner, Abdool Aziz of course, and other people that came, Nick Gigante and Ryan Richman. I actually got a little certificate so clap it out.

Rodriguez: We are going to forego our Appropriations and Audits report. Moving on, Pro Tempore Aziz.
Aziz: Alright guys, I hope everyone enjoyed the senate social, we had some good food. Hopefully it was good time for you guys to meet each other and talk to each other. Next thing later on for the fall committee times. So we have each of the chairs propose committee times in the fall, so to help you plan out your schedule. There is going to be an email about it, in a google doc so this is like your first shot at it. The way it is in the email, I’m going to put a google doc so you could put your top choices for committee, that way it is kind of 2 or 3 committees you can make. Then, I’ll make out the schedules and send it to everyone. So Fall committee times, starting on Monday JEC at 3pm with Kristen Truong, Tuesdays, Special Funding at 4pm with Corey, Wednesdays for 10am for the UCGA, Thursdays 12pm for Appropriations and Audits and 6pm for the Rules committee. So with the schedule, you have morning, afternoon, and evening to accommodate people’s schedules. So look out for that email. Next, is SenEx has been working with each committee standardizing their procedures so its consistent, following the same rules. Next is the Chairs are going to be working on having more development for you as a senator in the committee. Working with SGATO on that so your experience is more enriching and you learn more things like leadership development and other skills. Next week we are doing a tour of USF recycling, to see if USF actually recycles so that’s what we’re doing. And I’m working on the plaza ribbon cutting ceremony, that’s the Lakeland Plaza. I went to a QEP meeting with Brandon and the website is up to date with all statutes and attendance and vote counts, so that’s all.

Rodriguez: Thank you, any questions for Aziz. So quickly, my report. Since we last met, a couple of us had lunch with the people from the Buccaneers to kind of solidify what the rest of the process is going to look like. We are almost done with that, it will be exciting. Today we almost met with a couple some people from the Office of the President about the graduation caps and gowns. Umm so expect in the Fall to have them some in and present to you, what they will like to see in the future in caps and gowns. I think its pretty cool. They want to use sustainable cap and gowns made out of plastic bottles but it’s a really good material. The only difference is it’s probably 10 more dollars and I think that’s a big deal. They’re also going to change the color not for sure but they are looking into possibly changing the colors of the undergraduate cap and gown to green instead of black. Be ready for that in the fall. Umm besides that I have a couple of announcements or/reminders. The first Senate meeting will be Tuesday September 2nd at 6pm and that the second week of school. You’ll get the first week off and the Senate Retreat will be the week right after that on September 7th. Besides that, I’m going to be working with President Cocco on trying to figure out new traditions we can start in terms of us and UCF since we’re going to be playing them every year. And on investigating some stuff with parking, so any questions? Okay we will move on with the agenda, Executive Branch Report, President Cocco.

Cocco: Alright, I kind of essentially gave a report but ugh, as you know the Supervisor of Elections is going up soon. Hiring, its been flawless thus far, pretty much all of our departments are hired. Just got back from FSA, that was a good experience, was able to network with all the other student body presidents across the state and we talked about textbook affordability. We are one of the few states that still charge a sales tax on text books so we’re looking to create some sort of tax holiday of some sort so we can save some money on that. Ugh so you know meal plans, there was a bill that was passed, there are no more taxes you will be paying for a meal plan, so you will be paying one cost upfront so that’s a plus. We talked about potentially fundraising through the FSA trying to get more student
involved here on campus about what the Florida Student Association and how important it is and stuff like that. Umm yeah that’s about it...what else did we do? That’s it right? Working on Hartmann with some stuff.

Rodriguez: Any questions for President Cocco? Thank you. Moving on Judicial Branch Report.

Michael Kalmowitz: Hi, for those of you who don’t know me, I’m Michael Kalmowitz, I’m senior Associate Justice. I want to thank Andy and Aziz who is not here for the Senate social. The food was great, the cake is still in my stomach it really is, anyhow, we had parking appeals two weeks ago. We had 2 members of PATS attend and we have a meeting about the parking advisory committee. we’re waiting on the faculty senate to get back with us on that. We will be hiring our Judicial Clerk in a few weeks. We will also be holding a judicial training sometime in mid-September so plan if you want to go attend that. Anyone is welcome to attend so plan for that. We are planning an SG system-wide summit for September as well. And then we will be revising forms for Declaratory Judgment Panel, Trials, Judicial Review, and any other judicial forms we may have and then we are revising our ROPs and trial procedures in the upcoming weeks as well. Any questions? Ok, great thanks.

Rodriguez: Thank you, last but not least, SGATO report.

Manka: A new experience, I just want to before I give my report thank Student Government Senate leadership for 3 years I’ve been trying to be put on the agenda as advisors we play a vital role in your development and this year is the first administration that said it’s an okay idea. To you and Abdool, thank you very much. About the stuff we work with you also work on so I don’t want to repeat any of those things, our office deals with a lot of contracts and those are the things behind the scenes that you don’t necessarily see. For instance, Bulls radio we had a contract with WMNF that’s over, we’re negotiating one with WUSF. So the next couple of contracts I state will be those that still need to be done and are in the process of being completed. The WUSF Bulls Radio contract, the off campus partners website allows students to search for a good off campus place to live. That’s in progress right now. Planners for next year, this year’s just came in but the planner bid for next year is going out today so hope to have that progress done pretty early. Your votenet contract, that is your voting software is up in January so we need to enter a new contract sometime in September, October so that is in progress.. Ugh currently we have a 90 day contract for techsmart which is the account student organizations print and so within 90 days is set with 3 years in progress. And then prints across campus where you get your $2.50, we’re in the process of finalizing that contract too for the next 3 years. And the only other thing I want to bring up that hasn’t already been brought up is on Sunday August 24th from 12pm to 6pm we are planning to do an all Student Government wide retreat for Student Government leadership which includes the Senate, the leadership, and the Executive branch, the judicial branch, the leadership, and the agencies, so if you are free that time you will commit yourself to coming to that event. We tried to get August 30th but with sorority and fraternity rush and other things happening, there were no rooms available on campus. Other than that, for those of you that know Jessica Morgan, today was her last day she just walked out the door. So if you want to see her in the future, just go down one flight of stairs to New Student Connections, you’ll talk to her there but she has probably been one of the better hires I made in my tenure here and we will miss her. Thank you.
Rodriguez: Thank you Director Manka. Any questions for SGATO. Seeing no questions we will move on to open forum. Does anyone have any points for Open Forum? Okay we will move on to general business, the first item on the agenda is a Joint Resolution on first reading JB[R] 55-009 Welcome Back to Thor Jozwiak so do I see any motions. Senator Ulloa.

Ulloa: I move to enter the first reading of said bill.

Rodriguez: Any objections to entering the first reading of SB[S] 55-009...or excuse me JB[R] 55-009? Seeing none.

Aziz: Did we already make a motion to read already? This is JB [R] 55-009 written by Solicitor General Daniel Christopher and presented by myself. Welcome Back to Thor Jozwiak. Be it resolved by the Senate of the University of South Florida Student Government assembled, Whereas, this assembly, recognizes Thor Jozwiak's return to the University of South Florida Football Team as an Offensive Lineman. Whereas, we thank Mr. Jozwiak for proudly representing the University of South Florida through his athletics endeavors. Whereas, this assembly, admires Mr. Jozwiak's great resilience in overcoming immense challenges to once again join his teammates on football field. Whereas, Mr. Jozwiak has proven to others that through dedication and determination, one can truly overcome any obstacle. Therefore, be it resolved by the Senate of the University of South Florida Student Government Assembled, that on behalf of the student body, we congratulate fellow Bull Thor Jozwiak on his return to the University of South Florida Football Team, and wish him and his teammates all the best in the upcoming season.

Senate: [Clapping]

Rodriguez: Senator Ulloa.

Ulloa: I move to pass by acclamation.

Rodriguez: Any objections to passing this resolution by acclamation? Seeing none, this bill passes.

Cocco: Share your story.

Jozwiak: We are going to win something for you guys. Back in last spring, the year before that, have some heart trouble, was taking about 5 heart medications throughout that summer to try to come back and that Fall, the second day of Fall camp last year I passed out on the practice field and was rushed to Tampa General hospital. I spent 8 days at Tampa general hospital, they put me on experimental medication that was terrible, it did bad things to the body and we decided I wasn’t going to be able to return last season so I had to get an ablation on October 23rd of last year. Procedure they go up and kind of inside the heart and it’s like freezing a wart off, an electrical issue in the heart. Its about an 8 hour procedure, went through that about 4 months of rehab and then I joined the team back in this past spring. Felt great, and got my starting job back. Like I said, we’re going to win some for ya’ll this year.

Cocco: Recognize his family back there, mom, pops and sis.
Jozwiak: I expect to see all of you guys at all the games.

Cocco: That’s right.

[inaudible chatter]

Rodriguez: Ok, thank you. Moving down the agenda, we will now do confirmations, and we have John Quiroz, Supervisor of Elections. So very briefly the wait that it works is you’ll have 5 minutes to present, once 4 minutes have passed when you have 1 minute left I will give you 1 tap of the gavel, once you have 30 seconds left I give you another tap and once the 5 minutes are over I gavel you out and you have 10 seconds to make any last point or finish the point you were making. Then we’ll go into question and answers and then we’ll discuss.

John Quiroz: Would you like me to stand over there?

Rodriguez: Yeah, first we’ll have somebody to introduce you.

Berkowitz: Sorry guys just a first couple things, statistics. 33 people applied for this position, we interviewed 3. Mr. John Quiroz, really after last year we want someone to bring integrity back to the ERC and be able to represent us in the best way. Umm he will have knowledge of how to get people to vote, encourage them to vote, practice some civic engagement, but maybe at the same time have some background to collect some data on where we can kind of see where people are voting from parts of campus, kind of our marketing strategist works out, really understands the rules, understands the process and demonstrated kind of ethical behavior. Really just a sound person and we’re really excited to be our appointment. Do us justice. Good luck sir.

Quiroz: Hi hello, my name is John Quiroz and I’m your candidate for Supervisor of Elections. I am majoring in political science and minoring in economics. Currently, I am taking 4 classes but that might be subject to change only because of my foreign language, I might be exempted, I still have to take a test to figure that out. If not, I would be dropping one of these classes and adding foreign language. Some of the clubs I’ve been involved with are LASA and DASA though my involvement has kind of been minimal and the College Democrats which I’m been heavily involved in. Umm I went to being Vice President to President to the President of the now State Federation College Democrats for the state of Florida, the first USF student to hold that position. I am a member of the Young Democrats in Hillsborough county and I am the Youth Leader for the Hispanic caucus for the Democratic party of Florida. Some experience, I am the former political director for State Representative Ricardo Rangel who represents District 43 where my home town is of Kissimmee. Under him I worked under on campaign finance laws and regulations also Sunshine laws for the State of Florida and some different regulations in the state when it comes to campaigning for state office. I interned for the Florida Democratic party just last summer, I did mostly the same things contact Supervisor of Elections, worked with them to get voter registrations and get voter registrations all year round. I am also part of the, I was part of the Promise Program which is a young development program from the Florida Democratic party for young inspiring leaders in the party in the state of Florida. Some of my future initiatives, the first thing I would really love to do is for voting, I would like to add a tab so that you could tell us where exactly you voted at this
polling location or that polling location and I think it’s necessary because it helps me and our staff to focus on that location and increase in turnout on one certain location. I think it should be massive if not striking of the whole Title 7 and have it redone. I have been reading Title 7 for the last week, week and a half and I can tell you it is redundant and there’s many errors in there that needs to be slashed out and fixed. Increasing visibility and transparency of voting on campus, I think that we need to reach out to freshmens, sophomores and seniors and all class, all USF Bulls and get the turn out. I know last year, there were 4,000 people who voted in the general and that was a record. There’s over 40,000 students that go to the USF and we get to 20,000, 15,000, 35,000 people to vote. Umm another thing is I want to make clear and concise voting procedures. I know the last year there have been many problems, they weren’t followed and I want to get them clear and concise to get back to people as quickly as possible. I also want to provide clear understanding of the rules to candidates. I know last year I sat as a candidate for Senate and I remember it lasted 15 minutes and I was confused. I think that we need to sit down and get everything sorted out so you the senate and the candidates running for the positions know, understand exactly what the rules are for campaigning. That’s all, thank you.

Rodriguez: Do I see any motions? Senator Seitz.

Seitz: I move to go into a question and answer period with a time limit of 10mins with 1 minute speaking time. I know you have mentioned that you feel like there are a lot of inconsistencies...

Rodriguez: Any objections to a 10 minute question and answer period with 1 minute answering time. Seeing none, since you made the motion you may go ahead and start the first question.

Seitz: I know you have mentioned that you feel like there are a lot of inconsistencies and you want to make some changes, what’s one specific change would be the most helpful?

Quiroz: My, the first massive campaign change we need to delete, I think its 700.35 and 700.36 because in those rules, it states something like if I were to have the shirt of any candidate for Senate, President, I would be considered a staff for a campaign and I think 36 states that you need to provide the Supervisor of elections with a list of staff. So I think a little bit, those are the mistakes like you can’t expect a candidate who you gave your shirt to be proper and follow Election rules and be considered a staff member. That’s something I would really like to change and clarify.

Rodriguez: Sorry before we move on, I always forget to do this, I’m going to give you one tap of the gavel when you have 30 seconds left, another tap at 15 seconds, and once the minute is up I’ll tap a couple times and again 10 seconds to finish. No problem, sorry about that. Next question, Senator Lopez.

Lopez: So you mentioned a lot about getting people to go out and vote, have you thought about getting students to run for positions because I know some Colleges are very lacking in representation within Senate so have you thought about any ways to get turn out for people that actually run for seats or just in general.
Quiroz: That’s actually a really good question, I have been looking over the application from last year. It’s usually the same application every year and I’ve been looking at it and reforming it a little bit so that it opens up the door for everyone. I also want to inform students, I think it’s a crazy idea that these kids don’t understand you guys control millions of dollars in this room and if they don’t participate then they get mad about spending not going to this or going to that. So I think the first thing, being very visible at orientation, being in there faces and saying hey look we control x amount of money and knowing you can make a difference when you run and you’re in this room making those decisions.

Rodriguez: Next question, Pro Tempore Aziz.

Aziz: As Supervisor one of the qualities or the skills that you need to have is to be really reliable and be able to work in stressful situations. Can you give us an example where you were under a lot of stress and you had to get the job done.

Quiroz: It’s kind of crazy, I ran my campaign for the President of the Florida College Democrats at the same time as my grandmother was going through chemotherapy and then past way. She passed away 2 weeks before my election and I still had to go around the state, campaign to different College Democrats and let them know what I was running on. Sadly my grandma passed away but I won by election by a massive landslide. Essentially the biggest percentage win in the history of Florida College Democrats. So it’s one of those things where I had all this personal struggle going on and I had to kind of block that out and run my campaign and see it through.

Rodriguez: Thank you, next question, Senator Truong.

Senator Truong. Do you believe that the ERC should be proactive in issuing grievances or do you think you should wait for grievances to be submitted.

Quiroz: I think a little mixture of both. My preference would be first to inform candidates before they commit a grievance. I think a well-informed candidate will not break those rules purposely. So my responsibility would be to provide themselves with clear and concise rules of running an election and if they do somehow commit a grievance, go up and tell them hey this is what you did wrong, so let’s see if you know we could get this done and again if they do it again…I would probably be more stringent on it, and go to the court, so that’s what I would do. I am sorry if I rambled a little bit there.

Rodriguez: Senator Seitz.

Seitz: I also think that there needs to be a lot of reform in Title 7 just because there is a lot of nit picky stuff and I do agree that you shouldn’t be disqualified for something small. So how do you plan to give that kind of information and I don’t want to say leniency but wiggle room but still be able to hold a firm strong position as ERC.

Quiroz: So like I said in my presentation, I ran for Senate and I was in this room for 15 minutes and it was a quick presentation. If they allocate an hour then I will use that hour to say hey these are examples of how to clearly follow this rule or figure out what in the spring…or the fall for midterm elections which
rule was most broken and be like hey this is a good example of how you follow it and this is a bad example of how you break it. So it’s that, just information, providing information.

Rodriguez: Next question, Senator Hiba.

Hiba: A thing we hear often is people saying they want to increase the voter turnout, like you just said right now and we realize voter turnout at the University is like 10%. Voting is already online and very easy can you think of something specific that will increase that 10% to something like 40%, 50%.

Quiroz: Its really the key of my presentation is information. Providing information and being persistent and providing that information, especially Freshman because I know if you get someone to vote once their Freshman year next time elections come around, they will vote again. It’s just one of those things, once they start voting they will end up voting for the next four years so that’s my thing. Providing new interesting, exact information of what Senate controls, how to vote, and how to run.

Rodriguez: Are there any more questions. Senator Hiba.

Hiba: If I may continue with that, do you think it’s the responsibility of the ERC to push people to vote or more so do you think it’s the responsibility of the candidates to get more votes.

Quiroz: I think it’s my job. I think its 100% my job. I think as Supervisor of Elections even the supervisor of elections Hillsborough pushes that, get registered, get registered. So I think its 100% my responsibility to get people to vote. To just vote on things and have a voice in their student government. It doesn’t really matter, so my thing is I register people to vote multiple times and I’ve done it for non-partisan organizations and I’ve always said get out there and vote. Because if you are silent then you can’t complain about the government you can’t complain about the environment you live in because you didn’t do the one easy thing. So many people have died for this right so why can’t we go out there and actually be active.

Rodriguez: Senator Truong.

Truong: What do you think the greatest challenge will be as Supervisor of Elections and how do you plan on overcoming it?

Quiroz: It’s a very tricky question. I think the biggest challenge is getting people to listen and that why you have to be persistent and you have to be the type of person that impactful enough to communicate the same message to different type of people, you know I’ve had to deal with all kinds of people, from all kind of ages. You know I have gone door to door and knocked for different candidates and the hardest thing is to get them to listen to all your points, drop all your key objectives and put them in a concise message and this is why you need to vote X, Y, and Z. And it X,Y,Z don’t work, have a backup plan so I think that’s my biggest challenge.

Aziz: Umm could you prioritize for us your extra-curricular activities...
Quiroz: This would be my number one priority, to be Supervisor of Elections because I’m here in the state of Florida. Being president of the Florida Democrats would be a close second. The most, crazy election stuff is going to happen in November and after November my position goes a little bit smaller and the stress of moving around the state will go down. So after November, my schedule academically and personally goes down tremendously. I think after November it’s a light, it’s very light.

Shiflett: Motion to enter a 5 minute discussion with 1 minute speaking time.

Rodriguez: Are there any objections to a 5 minute moderated caucus with 1 minute speaking time? Thank you...Senator Shiflett since you made the motion you have the right to the floor.

Shiflett: I’ve known John for about 2 years now, worked with him on a bunch of different Democratic things on campus and also served on Florida college democrats with him. Everything that he says is completely his style, he’s one of the most persistent people that I’ve met especially being a [inaudible] Democrat...He has worked on a bunch of different campaigns, he has that experience to increase that voter turnout and maybe [inaudible], he will rise to that challenge. I can’t think of a better person to serve in this role, at least on campus right now.

Rodriguez: Any other points of discussion? Anyone, Senator Seitz

Seitz: Motion to move into voting procedures.

Rodriguez: Any objections to moving into voting procedures? Seeing none we will now vote, so get out your clickers. If you would like to vote yes click 1, no click 2, 3 to abstain. We are missing one person, no we are good. With a vote count of 20-0-2 with me as one of the abstaining votes and the other abstention.

Shiflett: I served with him on a number of different Democratic positions

Rodriguez: Ok, thank you. With a vote count of 20-0-2, he passes. Raise your right hand and repeat after me. [Oath of Office is said and repeated by confirmed candidate] Congratulations. Pro Tempore Aziz.

Aziz: I will motion for a 5 minute recess because the clerks computer is going to shut down and we can’t stop that so we’ll let her so she can restart her computer.

Rodriguez: Are there any objections to a 5 minute recess? Seeing none, we are now in recess at 6:41pm. We are now back at 6:51 pm, we will move on with General business, the next item on the agenda...the next item on the agenda is Senate Resolution on first reading SB [R] 55-003. Do I see any motions?

Hiba: Motion to enter the second reading...

Rodriguez: It’s the first reading...

Rodriguez: Any objections to entering the first reading of SBR 55-003? Seeing no objections.

Shiflett: To Honor the Death of our Fellow Student and Bull, Alex Joerger
Be it resolved by the Senate of the University of South Florida Student Government assembled,

Whereas, this assembly, with heartfelt sorrow, has heard of the passing of Alex Joerger

Whereas, in his passing we mourn the loss of a young man of high character who exemplifies the values of the University of South Florida.

Whereas, we remember a student who positively impacted the University members around him.

Whereas, we, the Student Senate assembled, will honor his memory and contributions with a moment of silence on September 2nd, 2014

Whereas, a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the family of the deceased, to the University of South Florida Tampa Campus, and to the College of Arts and Sciences 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 deepest condolences to the friends and family of Alex Joerger.

Rodriguez: Senator Hartmann.

Hartmann: I Move to pass by acclamation.

Rodriguez: Any objections to passing by acclamation? Seeing none, this resolution passes. The next item on the agenda is statutory legislation on second reading, the first bill we have is SB [S] 55-009 the Public records reform act. Do I see any motions? Senator Hainline.

Hainline: I move to enter to second reading of SB[S] 55-009, the Public Records Reform Act.

Rodriguez: Any objections to entering the second reading of SB[S] 55-009, seeing no objections you may start whenever you are ready.

Shiflett: We went over it last week but just a recap, we are changing it so that who ever creates the public record are the custodians and instead of being responsible for our records, that burden now falls on the person who creates the records...Mr. Gary Manka will not just be or whoever will now be...SGATO will now be the processor instead of the custodian so they are only responsible with telling a person specifically or asking them for a public records when they receive the request.

Aziz: Gary is here if you want to give a historical perspective as to why we do this, since you were not here last time.

Manka: So last year during the elections we had an issue whether Student Government is considered a public agency like the University of South Florida is and University council said yes we are and yes we’re
not. So last year, we entered into especially during the general elections and the ERC where they had a little latitude to slow down, to take their time when they had to give a public record, not that they did that but that latitude did exist. First, it occurred by University council that we could be a test case in Florida so she didn’t want the University of South Florida to be a test case for Florida for student governments as a whole in Florida to follow suit so she recommended that we go back to following the state law even though we may or may not be a public agency, we are partially and partially we are not because of the FERPA, private records as a student and she also said....to avoid any kind of discrepancy because I am not a Student Government member, I am a member of the University and I uphold the state law where you may or may not be applicable to the state law, indirectly you are, directly you may not be depending on which stand you take here today, so she recommended that we follow the public agencies laws like everybody else and I be removed as custodian and I just handle the processing and stuff. Rules that we follow...that kind of stuff, does that make sense?

Aziz: Moving on down to the second page...it says that in the event the request is made to a SGATO member, you must act in good faith to redirect it to the processing agent in 2 business days and saying moving on to 205.1.6 having written notification and again like the last time removing custodian and adding processing agent and adding in good faith because you should hand over records in good faith since we are all public officials. And just adds a notification of non-compliance an aspect to it if you don’t hand in the records you receive a notification of non-compliance issuance and then the processing agent shall notify the requestor if the record does not exist. So like for example I requested Brandon’s email from 2006 and he’s not in the University in 2006 then Gary would say those emails don’t exist and also since we’re moving things online things are on the website, will be redirected to the website, save paper and save time...and this clarifying that we get $.20 for a 2 sided copy. Hit the scroll for me thanks.

Rodriguez: It will go straight to the next page.

Aziz: So this one is saying if you want, some people are going to request audio.

Manka: Can you go back to the previous top page, please, one more down. You might under 151, what if the request is made to the ERC Supervisor or someone that’s not a member of Student Government advising, it should still be re-directed to my office. Anybody anywhere in Student Government can be public record, a request can be made. The way I read that is to defining to my office alone, am I reading that correctly?

Aziz: In the event that a request is made to a member of SGATO, other than the processing agent, they must act in good faith to redirect the request to the processing agent within 2 business days

Manka: If I may, what if the request is made directly to you as President Pro Tempore, what are you going to do or if it’s made to Andy or the ERC Supervisor or should that be stated there too? Should it be Student Government and SGATO is my question.

Aziz: We can add student government just to include everyone.

Rodriguez: Senator Hiba.
Hiba: Motion to amend 205.1.5.1 to mention these suggestions.

Ulloa: Can you just cross out Advising Training and Operations and just have it say members of Student Government because SGATO falls under Student Government and that’ll include all.

Manka: Technically that’s true and not true but since we are defined under bureaus in that sense it will make sense.

Aziz: This one going back down to the audio format. If you want audio files, bring your own like flash drive. Just processing agent changes, and this adds agencies so that everyone is included. Then this one, by meetings, 24 hours’ notice just to be consistent with our meetings having 24 hours’ notice, and then minutes being accepted within 30 business days, and instead of saying you we have a webmaster, made a change to say we have a designated web master like for example now Maggie is the designated webmaster for the Executive Branch and the Clerk of the Court for the Judicial and myself for the Legislative. And that’s it.

Rodriguez: Senator Hartmann

Hartmann: So in the event that an individual graduates and a record request is made but that person no longer checks their email such what would be the case.

Aziz: That would be a Gary question.

Manka: Once you graduate, you are no longer an employee of the State and Student Government. If the record exists, only your work email not your private emails can be public records requested and will probably require a bullion search to go through IT that cost hundreds if not thousands of dollars to locate that information depending on what is requested. So yes it can be done, but it would fall under me and I would turn that over to University Counsel and IT to handle that public record request.

Shiflett: If I may answer that basically, anytime something like that comes through whether it’s a public record or access request for someone who no longer works for the University, a specific person from that department will have to make that request and as Director Manka mentioned then it goes to University Counsel and IT security department to determine whether if its even legal to access those so how much and what can be accessed if it even exists since their mailbox is closed after 30 days you leave to University.

Rodriguez: Any other questions or points.

Senator Rodriguez: If there are no more questions or suggestions, I motion to end second reading and enter voting.

Rodriguez: Are there any objections for voting on SB [S] 55-009? Seeing no objections we will now vote, everyone get out your clickers. Please click one if you vote yes, two if you vote no and three to abstain. We’re missing one person unless somebody is out of the room. Ok, Ali. With a count of 20:0:1 with me as the abstaining vote, this bill passes.
Rodriguez: The next item on the agenda is the second reading of SB[S] 55-010, do I see any motions? Senator Hainline.

Hainline: Move to enter the second reading of SB[S] 55-010.

Rodriguez: Any objections to entering the second reading of SB[S] 55-010? Seeing no objections, we are in the second reading.

Hiba: This is just removing the role of 606, student government programming council. Again if many, all of its functions are covering some other fashion, some other party, if something was needed we could just make an Ad-Hoc Committee.

Rodriguez: Senator Hartmann.

Hartmann: If there are no questions regarding this, I move to vote on this.

Rodriguez: Are there any objections to voting on this bill, seeing no objections, we will now vote, everybody get out there clickers. Please click one if you would like to vote yes, two if you would like to vote no and three to abstain. Is that everyone? With a vote count of 20:0:1 with me as the abstaining vote, this bill passes. The next item on the agenda is Procedural legislation on second reading. The only bill that we have SB[P] 55-001 Updates to the Senate Executive Committee Membership and Voting rights. So do I see any motions. Senator Hiba.

Hiba: Motion to enter first reading of SB[P] 55-001.

Rodriguez: Are there any objections to entering first reading. Seeing no objections.

Antar: Alright, so this is SB[P] 55-001, this is our first procedural bill of the year as indicated by its numerical order. The purpose of this bill is to add into our ROPs, the Vice Chairs to the membership of the SenEx and to allow them to vote in the absence of the chair men or woman. This was practice when I started here three years ago...aumm and a few other people went down to UCF and saw there were...and also account for chairs who were absent...section 9 of our ROPs, the Senate Executive Committee...9.2.2.1 as inactive non voting members...but they will be in attendance and they will have speaking rights...the other meeting bodies have quorum defined...outside of the rest...aumm so that’s why we have here, that’s why it’s inserted. So voting rights should be granted to President Senatee and Pro tempore and the standing committee chairs as members...anyways that’s that, tha’s the changes at the end of the Bill.

Miller: Can we scroll back to...in 9.2.3.1 the vice chair will become a...once that

Antar: I concur...

Miller: That is my recommendation yes.

Antar: Well you can make a motion for that.

Schiflit: I would like to amend for that meeting...
Rodri: Is that what you said? Are there any objections to..

Hiba: Until the return of the standing chair.

Schiflit: I do.

Hiba: Until the return of the standing chair.

Rodri: Are there any objections to this amendment? Seeing none...

Aziz: In other SOPs we did in adjournment to that meeting.

ROdri: In 9.2.2.1 memberships include Senate President, Protempore.....sounds like they are all non voting members.

Antar: One solution would be to change the formatting. ....

Rodri:

Hiba: umm just a...nevermind.

Aziz: motion to strike the and, start the sentence with a capital T and reading the Five committee vice chairs as non voting

Schiflit: That’s not a sentence

Antar: Shall serve as.

Rodri: Where am i?

Miller: It still seems as though the give committee vice chairs are are not members ....

Modden: It still says members...

Hiba: Motion to rephrase 9.2.1...membership shall include the president .....So undoing the purple...and at the end of that make it another sentence...

Azsiz: Like a subclause.

Hiba; And the Senate President Pro Tempore and

Rodri: I think that’s ....

Antar: The president and the pro tempore all get voting rights...Strike this after you add that. Okay.

Hartmann: 9.2.3.1 all of these individuals have voting rights, so why are we saying that...

Antar:
Ulloa: The reason is that they count as inactive so that they don’t count as quorum, otherwise vice chairs count as quorum.

Rodri: If there are no more suggestions...

Ulloa: Hiba rescinded....

Rodri: NO body made objections ...

Antar: There was a separate

Rodri: You made a motion...

Hiba; I made an objections to the way this was phrased.

Rodri: Seeing no objections we can now move one.

Aziz: Change until the return of the standing chair, so vote in the place until the adjournment of the meeting.

Rodri: Are there any objections to this amendment.

Schiflit: I believe that Senator Hartmann is right what he said earlier because we are saying the same thing twice so you can remove it to say in the case that a committee member is absent from the meeting. ....and quorum says voting members, but you’re defining voting members twice. So my move would be to remove 9.2.3.1 since it’s redundant.

Rodir: Are there any objections? Senator Ulloa....

Ulloa: Otherwise no one has voting rights in the Committee.

Schiflit: voting membership shall include.

Miller: imove to strike nonvoting in 9.2.2.1 if that will remedy the situation.

Aziz: I object.

Miller: I rescind.

Aziz: In SenEx we added the non voting members...and when the chairs are not there they can become active an they can vote...but when a chair leaves they become active and they get voting rights.

Ulloa: The reason why we made it redundant is because if anyone is reaidsn the document, it makes it very clear...and that’s why it’s states essentially twice, a little bit different in each section.

Rodri: If there are no more suggestion I motion to enter a reading....

Miller: I do not object.
Rodri: Seeing no objections we will now enter voting for SPB 55-001. Please click one if you vote yes, two if you vote no and three to abstain. Seems like we are missing one vote, is one person gone? Chris DONO. With a vote of 21:0:1 with me as the abstaining vote, this bill passes. We will now move on into announcements, does anyone have any announcements? First meeting September 1st...September 7th, we will be having a Senate Retreat. Honestly the ocnfimraiton today and all the great questions you are asking....Any other announcements.

Aziz: I would like to thank the three alternates, we only have one today...all three alternates have done really well, they have taken charge in each of the committee.

Rodri: Any other announcements? Seeing no more announcements we will move onto final roll call, everybody get out your clicker. 22 senators. Do I see any objections, do I see any motions?

Hiba: Motion to adjourn.

Rodriguez: We are now adjourned at 7:23 pm