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Call to Order by Chairman Michael Malanga at 1:30 P.M.

First Roll Call


Absent: Adeel Syed Hassan (unexcused), Christopher Dono, Shelsea Veloz (unexcused), Mona Petrovska (excused)

Gallery: Richard LaMura, Siladeth Rattanakongkhan, Evan Lieb, Kristen Truong, Robo Bulls members (x3), Holly Imfeld.

Malanga: I call this meeting to order of the Senate Committee on Appropriations and Audits at 1:30 P.M. exactly on January 28th, the year 2015. First item on the agenda is roll call. All right, I am here. Vice Chair Hasan is excused. Senator Roach is currently unexcused. Senator Miller.

Miller: Here.

Malanga: Senator Chaudry.

Chaudry: Here.

Malanga: Senator Heffernan.

Heffernan: Here.

Malanga: Senator Dono… (inaudible) I need to check that. Anyway, Senator Gluck.

Gluck: Here.
Malanga: Senator Hassan, unexcused. Senator Petrovska is excused—she should be here a little bit late from class. Senator Cirillo.

Cirillo: Here.

Malanga: Senator Veloz is currently unexcused. Pro Tempore Aziz.

Aziz: Present.

Malanga: All right, with that, we do have quorum. We are well aware, Mr. Miller, thank you very much. Would the members of the gallery please state their names of the record staring over here?

LaMura: Richard LaMura, Associate Justice.

Robo Bulls member #1: (inaudible)

Robo Bulls member #2: (inaudible)


Lieb: Evan Lieb, Graduate Advisor, SGATO.

Truong: Kristen Truong, JEC Chair.

Malanga: Thank you very much, gallery.

Aziz: Oh, Mike, you forgot Holly…

Malanga: I am so sorry.

Imfeld: Holly Imfeld, Senate Transcriber.

Malanga: It’s like being, she’s a part of the committee. All right, I consider our transcriber to be a part of the committee. Thank you, Holly. All right, with that, the next item on the agenda is additions and/or deletions to the agenda.

Additions/Deletions:

Malanga: Excuse me, Chairwoman Truong. The, all right, so I have some recommended additions—two interim budget requests that occurred after, er, the meetings occurred after I sent out the agenda, and I also changed the order because several of these organizations have had their
constitution approved already, and since I don’t think we'll get through all of them today, I think we should put those ones first. The changes are in red and green, as you can see on the screen, so, are there any motions? Senator Miller.

Miller: I move to approve the agenda as amended.

Malanga: All right, there’s a motion to approve the agenda. Do I see any objections? Seeing none, the motion passes. The next item on the agenda is the approval of minutes. No minutes have been sent out. Senator Cirillo.

Cirillo: Motion to table minutes.

Malanga: There’s a motion to postpone the minutes. Are there any objections? Seeing none. The minutes will be postponed. Next item on the agenda is open forum.

**Open Forum:**

Malanga: Does anybody have an announcement for open forum? Senator Cirillo.

Cirillo: Go Bulls.

Malanga: Go Bulls. Thank you very much, as always. I would like to mention in open forum that just like Senator Antar, we would like to thank Chairwoman Truong for letting us use to the gavel in Rules committee three weeks ago, that was very much appreciated. All right, if there are no other announcements for open forum, we're going to move right on in to new business.

**New Business:**

Malanga: The first item on the agenda is our weekly ice breaker, so I will take a motion for a 5 minute unmoderated caucus. Senator Heffernan.

Heffernan: So moved.

Malanga: Motion for a 5 minute unmoderated caucus. Are there any objections? Seeing none. We are no in an unmoderated caucus at 1:33 P.M.

I call this meeting back to order at 1:38 P.M. We used exactly 5 minutes, so good job to us. Next item on the agenda is the Foam Fighters Club interim budget request. And Senator Heffernan will
be presenting once I get to it and pull it up on the screen. All right. Senator Heffernan, you have the floor.

Heffernan: Okay, so, the Foam Fighting Club. They are dedicated to introducing students to the wide world of Boffer Fighting games. So, individuals participate to simulate medieval combat with foam boffer weapons. So, they’re, they have, like, they, like, make these, like, weapons and cover them in foam and then play different various games with them. Our members also learn to make weapons, armor, garb, and have the opportunity to learn medieval crafts. So, they asked for a couple different events starting with the Ides of March. So, that one we zero funded because it was off-campus. The second one is the USF day battle, so they invite people in to come and play these various games. They were asking for food for that. They were expecting 50 people, between 50 and 60 people based on numbers for a similar event last year, and so we funded them the $100.00 off standard for food. For day battles, again, zero funded them because it was an off-campus event. Then USF Build Days. So, this was one, they were looking for materials in order to, like, make the weapons that they had. They said that these, they would stay as, like, communal kind of things, so anybody who wanted to come and, like, fight could come and do it with these, so they are, like, eligible for funding. But as for what exactly to fund them, we were kind of, we were going to, like, leave it up to the committee as to, like, how to fund it.

Malanga: And I believe that’s their last event.

Heffernan: Yeah.

Malanga: So, questions, comments discussion from the committee. Senator Gluck.

Gluck: If I could make a suggestion.

Malanga: Sure.

Gluck: I think we should do the materials standard and then just do $50.00. How many of—

Malanga: On what standards?

Gluck: Materials, the basic, like…

Malanga: Utensils.
Gluck: Utensils, but, I mean, it’s not utensils, but, I mean, $50.00 sounds about right.

Malanga: All right. Is that a motion?

Gluck: Yes.

Malanga: There’s a motion to fund at $50.00 for materials. I see two objections. I’ll take Senator Cirillo’s.

Cirillo: If we were to base it off materials—

Malanga: Could you state your objection? …You want to discuss, it sounds like?

Cirillo: Yeah, I, yeah.

Malanga: Senator Cirillo is objecting because he would like to discuss. Do you rescind your motion?

Gluck: Yes.

Malanga: All right, Senator Cirillo.

Cirillo: What do the ROPs state about if we were to fund them via materials instead of utensils?

Malanga: So, materials could be a bunch of different things. We have materials for, just as a few, art supplied, banners, costumes, decorations, utensils, so materials is not a standard. Materials is an overreaching category, so, there really is no standard that applies to this, we have to make a decision on the merit of the request. Senator Heffeman.

Heffeman: I mean, if we were going off standards, like, the closest thing I think you could find would be art supplies, but that would only be $10.00, so…

Malanga: Senator Cirillo

Cirillo: What about costumes?

Aziz: That’s not a costume.

Cirillo: Why isn’t it a costume?
Malanga: To clarify my understanding having sat in on this meeting was that they are looking to build the, they were looking to take the materials and build weapons of sorts that they use in these foam fighting games. So, it doesn’t really, to me, clarify, get classified as a costume, but I guess that’s up for interpretation. Pro Tempore Aziz.

Aziz: Did they tell you how many, like, active members are in the org?

Malanga: Yes, Katie should have it.

Heffernan: It is 22.

Aziz: They didn’t—

Malanga: That was the number they had on BullSync.

Aziz: They didn’t tell you how many of these they want to build, like..?

Malanga: They did not.

Aziz: Because you can, like, estimate a cost per, like, weapon, per se, times that by the amount of members if you wanted to do that to figure out something. Because, I mean, blue foam pipes is not that expensive, I mean… If they’re planning on reusing, you don’t have to buy it for all of them.

Malanga: Do you think it would make sense to go off of students in the organization for how many (inaudible)?

Aziz: Or, I mean, it’s up to the amount you guys decided, but, if you want, like, a rationale to help guide you…

Malanga: Questions, comments from the committee? Senator Miller.

Miller: So, if we go off the basis that we’re funding per person with 22 people in the club, I would think that $20.00 per person, let’s see, $10.00 in art supplies… I don’t know. Honestly, that’s such hard, if we gave $20.00 per person, it’d be $440.0. If we gave $10.00 per person, it would be $220.00, but no amount seems right to me.

Malanga: Senator Johnson.
Johnson: I know that during an earlier request last semester there was a question of whether or not we could subsidize building, oh gosh, or paying for, like, a dart board maybe, and the rationale why we didn’t subsidize that was because we can’t give anything towards any organization that will use things, use the subsidized money to hit other people, or that might hit other people, so just because they’re making weapons, even though they’re not actual weapons, just the act of hitting another human being with what they’re making might warrant some consideration, so…

Malanga: Pro Tempore Aziz.

Aziz: I don’t think that’s a good rationale for, like, this, because your rationale is that, can you fund it aligns with their mission of the organization. It doesn’t violate any policy that’s, like, state policy or university policy.

Malanga: Senator Cirillo and then Senator Johnson.

Cirillo: I don’t understand. Is this club, can you, Senator Heffernan, can you clarify? Is this club, like, a role playing club where… Are they dressing up as like medieval fighters? Because that’s where I’m getting my rationale for costumes, because it says they’re creating garbs and weapons and armor, so I’m thinking, like, medieval, like, jousting.

Malanga: They didn’t say anything about medieval, but they did say that it was sort of a role play in a way. They were splitting up into teams and sort of using these foam weapons, I guess, is probably the best word for them, and going out and role playing, I guess.

Aziz: Live action role play.

Malanga: Live action role playing.

Cirillo: Yeah, live, yeah.

Heffernan: In the description, it does say ‘members will also learn how to make weapons, armor, garb, and have the opportunity to learn other medieval crafts.

Malanga: So it (inaudible). Okay, cool. Senator Johnson.

Johnson: I was just going to say I think it is a good rationale because we still, the other organization that I’m talking about still got money, we just didn’t subsidize the weapons in question. Just because
an organization, this is their mission statement, Abdool, just because an organization’s mission statement has to do with a certain thing, that mission statement isn’t safe. For example, like, if it’s the gun club, you still shouldn’t subsidize guns just because it’s in their mission statement. So, I still don’t really, something for the voting members to keep in mind.

Malanga: All right. Senator Cirillo.

Cirillo: Senator Johnson, have you ever played Nerf?

Johnson: I have, but we can’t subsidize Nerf guns.

Cirillo: Okay. So, by that logic, wouldn’t the foam..?

Johnson: According to Masha last semester, if it, if it is fired from one student to another student in any way that can any way be taken as an attack of some sort, the student government should not pay for it. That was Masha’s statement last semester. That doesn’t mean we can’t subsidize socials where they all get together and do whatever they want to do with whatever they bought using money they collected, but Masha was very adamant that we shouldn’t subsidize combat.

Malanga: Pro Tempore Aziz? I think you had your hand up?

Aziz: Oh, no.

Malanga: Senator Cirillo.

Cirillo: What was Masha’s logic? What rule or what statute did she state to back up that logic?

Malanga: Senator Johnson.

Johnson: My understanding is that there is a liability then on the people who pay for the item, so, hypothetically, let’s just say that we give the organization $30.00 to build a lance out of foam PBC pipe. And since we can’t monitor the construction of a lance, and even if we could, we’re not certified lance creation experts, right? They could make something that’s not safe. There could be PBC pipe that’s not covered and if it hits some guy and they lose an eye, who gets sued? Right? So, Masha, like, people have lost their eyes having a Nerf gunshot point blank in the eye, right? So Masha’s like we shouldn’t do that. You can draw blood with a dart, which is why we didn’t subsidize darts last semester. And all I’m, you know, I’m channeling my Masha here, my inner Masha, in
saying that, if someone can get hurt with what we’re subsidizing, they we could be liable for it and they could turn around and say, well, why did the student government think it was appropriate to subsidize this? But Maybe Ms. Siladay could have a better idea?

Malanga: Yeah, could we get clarification from the business office, Silade?

Siladeth: I think there’s nothing in the statute, but I understand where Masha is coming from because we don’t have control of what, if the intent is, of if it’s a weapon of any kind, the intent is to, like, let’s say… we don’t know their role playing. Yes, they say they are, and I understand where she’s coming from, I could clarify it with her again, but I completely understand it’s logical.

Malanga: Yeah.

Siladeth: Because we don’t have control, and if, and especially in everything it says weapons, armor… and if something happens, we could be liable.

Malanga: What would the business office’s recommendation be then? This is not something you think we should fund?

Siladeth: Yeah, I don’t think this is something we should fund just because in their thing, it says weapons and stuff, you know…

Malanga: With that, I’ll take a motion for a recommendation from the committee. Senator Miller.

Miller: I move to zero fund this event, er, project.

Malanga: All right. There’s a motion to recommend zero funding for the event in question, the USF build days materials. Are there any objections? Seeing none. That will be the recommendation. Are there any other points or questions on this recommendation? As it stands now, the allocation, or the recommended allocation is $106.00. Seeing no objections. I will take a motion to vote. Senator Heffernan.

Heffernan: Motion to move into voting procedure.

Malanga: All right. Motion to enter voting procedures. Are there any objections? Seeing none. We are now in voting procedures. ‘Yes’ means you approve the budget for the Senate floor, ‘no’ means
you do not, and abstention is if you have a conflict of interest with this budget. We will go off the attendance. All right. Senator Miller.

Miller: Yes.

Malanga: Senator Chaudry.

Chaudry: Yeah, yes.

Malanga: Senator Heffernan.

Heffernan: Yes.

Malanga: Senator Gluck.

Gluck: Yes.

Malanga: Senator Cirillo.

Cirillo: Yes.

Malanga: And… I abstain. Did I miss..?

Miller: You forgot one.

Malanga: Oh, I’m sorry. Senator Roach.

Roach: Yes.

Malanga: Do I, I don’t have you as being… Yeah.

Miller: She came in at 1:32.

Malanga: My apologies. For the record, Senator Roach entered the room at 1:32. There we go. All right, with that, with a vote of 6 to 0 to 1 with me as the abstaining vote, this bill passes. Senator Cirillo.

Cirillo: Point of information. Just for future budget requests, are we allowed to allocate funds for a specific use? Like, if they asked for, well, like, you know, getting funded for an event and, you know, just like we were to, we were to fund a certain amount of food and/or utensils, could we fund only
certain materials? Like, could we only fund garb and say ‘this money has to be used for costumes only’?

Malanga: Pro Tempore Aziz.

Aziz: You can write it in the budget notes when you allocate, in the allocation notes, if they wanted, like, two costumes and we only fund for one costume, you can write that into it.

Malanga: If that answers your question.

Aziz: If that answers your question, like…

Malanga: All right. Next item on the agenda is the Behavioral Health Student Organization and Josh will be presenting this. All right. The floor is yours, Senator Gluck.

Gluck: All right, so, the group is called the Behavioral Health Student Organization, BHSO. They want us to fund five projects and their mission statement or their purpose is, clearly you can read, I don’t need to tell you, but, to sum it up, networking, working with other students, and learn more about healthcare and the health industry. All right, so the first event… They, yeah, it was zero funded, sorry, because of the date. I don’t know why that they would even put that, but it was passed due. Second one, same exact reason, so we chose to zero fund both those events.

Malanga: As per standards.

Gluck: Yeah, as per standards. Where’s the, can you scroll down to the third event?

Malanga: This is the third event. So, this one, it looks like the date is upcoming, but currently we, our practice has been that we are not passing budgets with events that take place within 8 business days of this committee meeting, and the 7th would be the, no, it’s anything past the 7th, we can pass right now. So, this again falls under the date rule restriction. Go ahead, Senator Gluck.

Gluck: All right, this event we can fund. It, as it says, they want a speaker, educate the students and have, like, a little reception, food, chips, utensils, so we just went off of standards at 15 members times 2, and that’s 30. And the materials we funded at $25.00.

Malanga: And they specifically said their speaker fee would be $25.00.
Gluck: Yeah, and they didn’t ask for utensils, so obviously we can’t fund that. Same exact thing, 15 members, standards, but this is a banquet, so we did $3.00 a head, $45.00. And then materials, they didn’t ask for anything, so that’s why it’s a zero. And those are the events.

Malanga: All right. That is it. The total budget is $106.00. Questions, comments, or motions from the committee? I saw Senator Cirillo and then Senator Roach.

Cirillo: Motion to vote on allocated…

Malanga: Motion to vote on, there’s a motion to enter voting, is there any objections? Senator Roach, I see an objection. Can you state your objection?

Roach: Discussion.

Cirillo: I rescind.


Roach: On the third event, they did ask for utensils.

Gluck: Yes, but they didn’t state it in their budget.

Roach: Oh, okay.

Miller: One, two, three…

Gluck: It just says materials.

Malanga: Are you talking about here?

Roach: No, it says utensils.

Gluck: Which one? You mean the one above it? Because we funded the $25.00. Which event?

Malanga: I see what you’re saying. You’re saying that this one we funded for a speaker fee, they also requested utensils.

Gluck: But they didn’t put it in their budget, like, and how much they wanted.

Malanga: No?
Gluck: Oh, they did. It says $1.45. (???)

Malanga: Let’s see…Fifteen… They actually didn’t put it in here. (inaudible) costs$105.00, $7.00 per person. Personalized pins is $15.00 and $105.00 is $120.00 plus $25.00 for speaker fees. They actually didn’t—

Gluck: Oh, when they said $25.00, because we can’t pay for gift cards. They wanted to give the speaker a gift.

Malanga: Okay. So, they didn’t explicitly ask for it. It’s up to the committee if you would like to fund for the utensils. The standard would be $50.00 if you would like to. With that, are there any motions or comments or questions from the committee? Senator Roach.

Roach: Motion to fund them $50.00 for utensils.

Malanga: For a total for $75.00 for materials?

Roach: Yes.

Malanga: All right, there’s a motion to add funding for utensils into this request. Are there any objections? Senator Cirillo.

Cirillo: There’s only 15 students attending, so I think $50.00 is kind of steep for utensils.

Gluck: Yeah, it’s more than food.

Roach: Can you, like, can we go lower?

Malanga: Do you rescind your motion?

Roach: I rescind it.

Malanga: Senator Johnson.

Johnson: Just because it’s flexible spending, if you, the attendance may be low for this event and you would allocate for $25.00 for 15 people, but if the next event has 60 people, it’s just as logical to allocate $50.00 because they’re going to use it for however they want to use it for utensils or for whatever they want to do with it. That’s how flexible spending works, so…
Malanga: And, going off of that, I will say that it would be a break of standards for us to fund this less than $50.00 per utensils. While I understand your comment, and we can choose to break standards, we would just have to explain why when we go to the Senate, it would be. So, we’re not in limbo. Senator Gluck.

Gluck: I just think it’s a bad precedent to set, like, they didn’t ask for it, so, if we give it to them, well, why, it’s like the bias towards this group, we would start to have to give it to everybody, so it’s just not fair who we choose to give money for.

Malanga: Senator Heffernan.

Heffernan: I mean, we do say chips, soda, eating utensils, paper plates, cups, napkins…

Malanga: So, I see the confusion. I mean, they mention in their description, they didn’t actually explain it in their numbers, it’s, again, it’s a decision called by the committee. I’ll give Senator Miller a chance to comment and then I’ll take your motion.

Miller: So, what I believe they did, and I thought this was discussed in the meeting that we had with them, was that the eating utensils was incorporated into the food request and then the materials was other stuff, the personalized which cannot fund. But I do see that there is, that there is a precedent for funding the utensils.

Malanga: All right, with that, are there any motions?

Roach: I have a question.


Roach: Do they, like, have to put how much they’re requesting for, like, each little thing in the description like that?

Malanga: They don’t have to—it’s not required. We like when they do that because it makes it very easy for us to understand exactly what they’re looking for, however they do not have to. This organization chose to.

Roach: Okay.
Malanga: It’s something (inaudible) might ask, how much do you expect this to cost (inaudible). All right. Again, I think we’ve exhausted discussion on this, so I will take a motion. Senator Cirillo.

Cirillo: Motion to vote on the budget as is.

Malanga: As is. All right. So, there’s a motion to enter voting on this budget. Are there any objections? Seeing no objections, we will enter voting. All right, again, a ‘yes’ is to pass the budget to the Senate, and ‘no’ is to fail the budget, and abstention is if you have a conflict of interest. So, Senator Roach.

Roach: Yes.

Malanga: Senator Miller.

Miller: Yes.

Malanga: Senator Chaudry.

Chaudry: Yes.

Malanga: Senator Heffernan.

Heffernan: Yes.

Malanga: Senator Heffernan.

Malanga: Senator Gluck.

Gluck: Yes.

Malanga: Senator Cirillo.

Cirillo: Yes.

Malanga: And I abstain. And with a vote of 6 to 0 to 1, this budget will be passed on to Senate. The next item on the agenda is Robo Bulls interim budget request. So, with this one, let me pull it up for you first. This one, I am technically presenting it, but I’m not presenting the whole budget, so I’m not going to hand over Chair. The recruitment is funded per standards. It is $60.00 for food with 30 students as the estimated attendance. The speaker fee of $100.00 is per standards, that is, that’s what they requested, and, let’s see, there’s one other thing we funded (inaudible). And a $100.00 for t-shirts is exactly per standards—there’s no deviations there. We need to have a discussion as, for the
other events, as most of them, as they do not fall in standards, they’re a little bit unique, so we can
definitely discuss. Senator Cirillo, do you have a point?

Cirillo: Oh, yeah, point of clarification, that last event you just went to is 10, it was 14.

Malanga: Did I make a mistake?

Cirillo: Yes. 10-1-14 is last year.

Aziz: T-shirts, though…

Malanga: It, I mean, the date is incorrect, but the t-shirts are t-shirts. It’s not like an event that
they’re, you know what I mean?

Cirillo: Oh, okay.

Malanga: Also, a point of clarification, this budget was originally submitted last semester, so a little
bit of leeway would certainly be in order as far as dates go. I’m going to let Pro Tempore Aziz, if you
don’t mind, because you were in the meeting, maybe helping to explain their request. And we also
have additional information from the organization if you guys would like me to pull it up for you.

Aziz: So, the SSL Vision System, it’s a, to allow the robots to see using the camera system that they
have here. Did you get a breakdown that you asked for?

Malanga: Yes.

Aziz: Okay, let’s see… Does it go by project?

Malanga: No, I believe it’s just for, actually, no (inaudible) there’s just everything in there.

Aziz: Okay. Let’s go back to the budget (inaudible). So, they have the vision system for the soccer
competition. Right now, they don’t use, (inaudible) use regular robots and, yeah. This one is for the
small, small size league robot. This is for the humanoid robot.

Malanga: Okay, so, this one would be what we were looking at, that $9,202.00, they provided us a
breakdown of how much that stuff would, all of the materials for that would cost. These are the unit
process, the quantity they need, and where they found it.

Aziz: (inaudible) separate? Scroll down… Is (inaudible) $30,000.00?
Malanga: What? I—

Aziz: Yeah, that, yeah.

Malanga: This price is discounting (inaudible) okay.

Aziz: One Darwin is $10,000.00, so…

Malanga: Oh, there’s your vision systems.

Aziz: So price…

Malanga: I know.

Aziz: But… Yeah. And then next one is the quad copter. This one is where they either go off campus to go to the girl scouts or something to teach (inaudible) or bring those girls on campus (inaudible) the things, the quad copter. And that’s parts of the humanoid robot. And t-shirts.

Malanga: So, we’re not going to find any of these requests in standards. We need to look—thanks, Senator Johnson—we need to take a look at the merit of the request and how, how we believe this will benefit the student body. So, if you have questions about the parts, if you have questions about what exactly it is we’re funding, now is a good time to ask. I think we should enter a moderated caucus for this in order to limit the amount of time and also to get a discussion going. Senator Miller.

Miller: I move to enter a moderated caucus of 10 minutes.

Malanga: With how many minute speaking times?

Miller: 1 minute for people to speak.

Malanga: There’s a motion to have a 10 minute moderated caucus with 1 minute speaking times. Are there any objections? Seeing none. Senator Miller, you have the first speaking turn.

Miller: Okay, going up one project above the one that you’re highlighting right now…

Malanga: This one?

Miller: Yes. I believe that is off campus, so we cannot fund that.
Malanga: Yes.

Miller: Okay. Then that’s the end of my point.

Malanga: It’s request is off-campus. I will tell you that during the meeting, they mentioned that this could be done on campus, but, to be in line with the way we’ve treated every other student organization, it was requested as an off-campus event, so I would recommend not funding this particular one. Pro Tempore Aziz.

Aziz: Plus, the purpose is to benefit non-USF students directly (inaudible).

Malanga: Do you have a further point to make?

????: No.

Malanga: All right. Other points? Pro Tempore Aziz.

Aziz: Scroll up to the camera system… Is there a link to that camera on the spreadsheets so you can, after you see the price for it? But… That one, yeah. I would just say, like, conceptually for the whole budget, obviously you’re not going to fund everything—it’s a subsidy. So, whatever you do fund, the rest will have to come through their sponsorships or whatever they have.

Malanga: I don’t see a video, but this appears to be the camera itself. (inaudible) This is the camera. It doesn’t seem to have a price.

Cirillo: Go to the description.

Malanga: Where?

Aziz: Maybe…

Miller: You could check in sales.

Cirillo: Sales.

Malanga: Show me where. Oh.

Aziz: It doesn’t give a price…
Siladeth: Abdool. If they bought this and this is equipment property, wouldn’t we house it at student government and they would, it wouldn’t be housed at—

Aziz: Yeah, if it’s deemed capital outlay—

Siladeth: Yeah.

Aziz: —entries of, like, what other organizations, yeah.


Roach: Can you go to that first event?

Malanga: Yes, I can.

Roach: Or, yeah, the first one.

Malanga: This one or the..?

Roach: The Feb 1st. Wouldn’t that have passed eight days?

Malanga: Again, I was willing to give them leeway on this budget because this budget was submitted back in October.

Roach: Yeah, that’s what I was wondering.

Malanga: That’s up to the committee. Technically that is a breach of standards, but I felt that because this budget was submitted back in October, we gave them a little leeway. But, again, up, entirely up to the committee—it’s only a recommendation. Senator Cirillo.

Cirillo: For things like the soccer competition and the camera—

Malanga: Yes.

Cirillo: How would we fund these items considering they don’t really fall under any of our SOPs, like specific criteria, like, it’s not a tech fee.

Malanga: Yeah, so, again, that’s a decision that the committee has to make. We can’t possibly make standards for everything because committee, er, organizations are always going to request something
different. But I see two hands, so I’m going to let Pro Tempore Aziz go and then I will let Senator Johnson go.

Aziz: So, in the past for organizations like this, they’ve, committee’s subsidized, like, one, like, a portion of it, like a quarter of a, if it was a large request, a quarter of it, or one, one request to request a portion of it. Like, for example (inaudible) a rocket, they build rockets, similar to this type of building thing. They, like, funded a portion of one rocket to build and the rest they can fundraise and do their thing because they’re not, they don’t have to give all the money for, like, building multiple rockets.

Malanga: Senator Johnson, if you would still like to speak, I saw your hand.

Johnson: Yeah, I know that you had mentioned that it might be a smart idea to go ahead and set and place a new standard to use for further requests like this and then to have that standard be brought up in ASRC when the request gets to ASRC, and I was just wondering if you still thought that it may be a smart idea to do that.

Malanga: I’m not going to make any recommendations on standards, that’s going to be up to the committee. I don’t think it’s a bad idea to come up with a way to handle all requests of this nature which kind of fall outside our norms, and I think that probably falls more under ASRC than us procedurally. Is your hand still up? I thought I saw your hand before. Senator Cirillo again.

Cirillo: I think along the lines of Senator Johnson, I think it would be wise, if we can’t do it here, at least to suggest, make a recommendation to ASRC to have, like, a special materials recommendation for ROPs, maybe anything that is unusually high in price, you know, that is not a normal request whether it be or electronics or something club specific.

Malanga: Okay. We have 3 members of ASRC in the room. One of us will certainly bring it up at this week or next week’s meeting. I saw several hands, but they’re all down now. Senator Heffernan, I saw your hand back.

Heffernan: I think that if there’s, like, a precedent of, like, funding, like, with these large requests of funding, like, portions of them, I think that that would be like a fair way to handle this. So, I think then my question would be probably, I don’t know if you sat in on the meeting, but, like, is there
one in particular that the group was, like one or two that the group was really excited about or really, you know, they were like this is what we really want to do this year.

Malanga: I won’t speak on behalf of them, but one of the things I really enjoyed about the meeting was that they seemed very excited about all the requests. I’m not kidding, I think that they were excited about their ideas and I think that’s fantastic. That is a specific question that, if you would like, you may send that to them, since they’re in the room, we have three of their representatives. I’ll allow it as a question if you would like. Senator Cirillo.

Cirillo: Seeing as I wasn’t on the committee last year, I wouldn’t want to break precedent in, like, any organization that has a special funding request like this, if the precedent is to fund a quarter of whatever their request is over a certain amount, then I think we should continue our precedent.

Malanga: So, I will say that, to my knowledge, this year, there hasn’t been a precedent (inaudible). Whatever we do, we’d be setting our own precedent because we tend to fund on a fiscal year basis, so I’m going to recommend that you can take that into account, but someone on the committee come up with a recommendation this year, and I am going to expect that we as a committee try and stick with that if we have further requests (inaudible) for the rest of the year. That can be a recommendation if you would like it to be. Other points from the committee? Pro Tempore Aziz.

Aziz: So, for the stingray camera, I can’t find the price online, but it’s for two. So, hypothetically, if you’re, like, deciding, say you want to fund one camera at a portion of the price, hypothetically, $3,000.00 for two at $1,500.00. But still, I can’t find the price online for it, but…

Malanga: And, again, I’m going to look for a recommendation from the committee unless there are further points. Senator Johnson.

Johnson: Just a point of inquiry. How much is left of the interim budget account?

Malanga: I would be thrill to give you that exact answer, only I don’t have it in front of me. If I’m not mistaken, as of this morning, it was $88,094.00 and change. Don’t hold me to the change number. I think it was 30 cents. Call it $88,000.00 even. Senator Johnson.

Johnson: Well, just based on that number, just the nature of interim budget requests write as that the farther in the year you get, the smaller the requests get, and since we set aside $150,000.00 to allocate student organizations, I don’t really, well, I definitely, since this is not with precedent, there is no
precedent that we should go off of this past fiscal year. I don’t really see by what logic we could not fund more as opposed to less of it. As opposed to why fund just stop at 25%, why not, say, $10,000.00 cap? There really isn’t like a, there really isn’t a reason not to fund more of it especially since what’s (inaudible) is there’s going to be money left over in the interim budget account and we’re just going to be sitting here thinking, well, why didn’t we subsidize more money than we did, you know? (inaudible)

Malanga: What I’ll say to that is I don’t think that we should ever make the funding decision based off the idea that we want to spend the money we allocated. I don’t think that’s a good, as a business major, I frown upon that business practice, Senator Johnson, but you are entitled to your opinion, sir. I think that we should make the request, we should make the allocate based off the merit of the request. That being said, I will still, we have exhausted our caucus and we can either extend it or I will take motion for recommendations. Senator Gluck.

Gluck: Motion to extend time.

Malanga: By how long?

Gluck: By 10 minutes. 1 minute speaking times.

Malanga: Okay, motion to extend time until 2:22 P.M. Are there any objections? Lots of them. Senator Cirillo.

Cirillo: Time motion, can we cut the time in half?

Malanga: There’s a friendly amendment to make it 5 minutes instead of 10.

Gluck: Sure.

Malanga: Senator Gluck accepts. The motion is now for a 5 minute moderated caucus. Any objections? Seeing none. We are now in a 5 minute, excuse me, moderated caucus.

Gluck: So, I googled prices of these cameras, the stingray, they’re averaged is about $1,100.00.

Malanga: Okay. Is that a recommendation?

Gluck: Yes. (inaudible)
Malanga: And you would to fund it for one at $1,100.00?

Gluck: Yes.

Malanga: Okay, there’s a motion to fund the SSL Vision Systems event at one camera for $1,100.00. Do I see any objections? Seeing none. And can I have a, your rationale behind it? That’s what you found online as the standard?

Gluck: Yeah

Malanga: So you decided to fund half, okay.

Gluck: Half, yeah.

Malanga: Moving on down, the Small Size League Robotics. Senator Heffernan.

Heffernan: Can you should the breakdown that they gave you?

Malanga: I can, indeed. And I believe that this is what we’re looking at right now. Oh, sorry. Did you have something further to say?

Heffernan: My… Because, what I’m thinking is that, like, we funded the last event at 50% about. So I don’t know if that’s what that means that, is that, like, what we’re deciding on is that we want to put everything at 50% or is that just, was that just for that just one event?

Malanga: That’s a question to the committee. I saw Pro Tempore Abdool Aziz’s hand.

Aziz: So, this one is multiple robots because if you’re looking at 4 wheels per robot times 24.

Malanga: Is it? Yes, so…

Aziz: That’s not for one.

Malanga: So it’s for six robots, it looks like.

Aziz: So you could decide to fund for one robot and divide up the cost, the cost of what one robot would cost.

Malanga: Yeah, it’s for six robots.
Aziz: So…

Malanga: Again, that is an option. The option, there’s several options on the table. I think we need to come to a consistent means of approaching these. Senator Gluck.

Gluck: I think we should do one, because, like, the other one, it was half of it. Technically, this is only two, so it was one, but now they want six, so we could do a standard of one again.

Malanga: Okay. Senator Johnson.

Johnson: Just going back, sorry, not to beat a dead horse, just going back to that whole ASRC approach, may it might be a smart idea to table it and then have ASRC come up with a standard on Friday and then bring it back up to the committee.

Malanga: Pro Tempore Aziz.

Aziz: I highly do not recommend doing that because ASRC’s process is much longer than this. We’ll end in March and but this, the fiscal year is almost done, so, I think the committee can figure out what to do now.

Malanga: With that, I would like committee members only to present recommendations, although I respect the two non-committee member’s opinions, I would love some committee member opinions, so, Senator Heffernan.

Heffernan: I like the idea of funding the one robot and setting that as kind of like our standard for this.

Malanga: Okay.

Heffernan: If that’s what we did in the first one, then I think that’s fair.

Malanga: Is that a motion?

Heffernan: Yes.

Malanga: So, what you’d like me to do is divide the $9,202.00 by six for six robots and..? Is that how this works? I’m not sure. Would that work for this?

Heffernan: Well…
Gluck: Just divide all that by six and add it up.

Malanga: I’m not sure that quite works because this one they only ordered one of, this one they ordered four of…

Aziz: Well, that’s a reusable thing, so…

Malanga: So I think we should probably—

Aziz: Because (inaudible).

Malanga: Senator Miller.

Miller: I don’t believe we should fund the soldering station, iron (inaudible). Don’t think we funded it in, funded one of those in the past…

Malanga: Do some quick math for me, Aziz.

Miller: Does, I’m, so…

Malanga: You don’t think we should fund it on what basis?

Miller: We haven’t funded that in the past. It’s been asked for in the Engineering Expo before, but this is a different committee, so I’m just taking what I know from there. That and we’d have to keep it in the business office since it is capitol.

Malanga: All right. While Pro Tempore Aziz is doing math, are there further points? Senator Heffernan.

Heffernan: Can I just ask, like, what was the thought process behind that? Just because it had to be kept in the business officer, or..? Do you remember?

Malanga: Senator Miller.

Miller: So, well, actually, I believe it needs to be kept on campus somewhere and just not brought somewhere. Like, I think it can be kept in the engineering building as well, but Siladeth might have a better answer for this.
Siladeth: It, we have, if it’s going to be kept over there in their org, it has to be locked, it has to be in a safe where it’s not easily, can be stolen and stuff. So, a lot of the stuff are housed here, capitol, they would check it out in the business office. If we don’t have the capability, we have to make sure they have the capability to have it, be in a safe environment.

Malanga: And something that did come up during the meeting is that this organization does have access to a lab within engineering where they’re able to store their materials. That is good information for the committee to have. Senator Miller.

Miller: Do they also have access to one of these that is in the engineering building that may be in the engineering building? I’m not sure.

Malanga: That, again, is another question I do not have the answer to and I will allow you to direct it at our quests if you’d like.

Miller: So directed.

Malanga: Would someone from Robo Bulls speak? And could you just state your name for the record, please?

???: As far as the soldering station, no, we do not have one in the lab. And can I mention one other thing while we’re on this subject?

Malanga: I’d prefer if you kept it to the topic that you were asked about.

???: Well, in our lab, it is under lock and key. And we were, there’s six robots to a team, so we do work on those robots, it’s just like a soccer team, you know? So we do have six robots to play, but it’s all locked up under key in a cabinet and you have to have a specific key to get in that in that room at night.

Malanga: Thank you very much. I’m sorry, could you state your—

???: ENG—

Malanga: I’m sorry?

???: ENG (inaudible). It’s in the ENG building.
Malanga: All right. Other questions and comments by the committee? We have exhausted our caucus. Pro Tempore Aziz.

Aziz: So, breaking down the cost minus the soldering station works out to about $1,596.47 if you divide all the, most of those (inaudible)—

Malanga: That is to fund for one?

Aziz: Yeah, and if you divide it by six, breaking down the cost minute the soldering iron is around $1,596.00.

Malanga: So, $1,600.00?

Aziz: Yeah, for one robot.

Malanga: So, that would be the cost for one robot minus the soldering station which is up to the committee if you would like to fund for that event. So, again, I'll take a motion from the committee for a recommendation for this event. Senator Roach.

Roach: Motion to recommend the amount given for one robot.

Malanga: $1,600.00?

Roach: How much are they?

Malanga: $1,600.0 is one robot, it does not include the soldering station.

Roach: Can we… and the reason it was not include it was because it would have to be housed?

Malanga: I do not recall what the reason stated was. Senator Miller.

Miller: So, the reason was it had to be kept lock and key inside the engineering building or within the business office, so, which I believe is perfectly fine if they don’t have this sort of material to work with.

Roach: And if we buy it, then anybody that could, wanted to use it in the future that requested it could use it, right? For student government purposes?
Miller: Yeah.

Malanga: I believe it’s, so, if we buy capital outlay type thing where it has to be stored even in the business office under lock and key, is that open to all student orgs?

Siladeth: Yes. It becomes, they, yes.

Roach: So, can we add that into that amount?

Malanga: You may indeed. Would you like to recommend $1,660.00 then? Is that..?

Roach: Yes.

Malanga: All right, we have a recommendation for this event for $1,660.00. Are there any objections to the motion? Seeing none. It is recommended. The next event was the off campus one. The next event is the humanoid parts and I have a breakdown, I believe… Oh, sorry. They want, the request is for three of them. They are $10,000.00 apiece, but I don’t believe that’s how much was requested.

Aziz: Go down.

Malanga: (inaudible)

Heffernan: No, it’s up.

Malanga: The request is for $7,470.00. We can go to the quote.

Aziz: Just copy that.

Malanga: (inaudible) Let’s see, where are we now?

Aziz: (inaudible)

Malanga: We’re so close, guys. Thanks, Mr. Miller. And this actually has the price at $1,200.00, so, what they’ve requested is $7,470.00, if my memory is any good. Points of discussion from the committee? Senator Miller.

Miller: So, can we go back to the budget request, please, for just a second.

Malanga: We may, indeed.
Miller: I believe they’re asking to build the robot with motors, frames, batteries, controllers, but, that being said, it does still seem like we are subsidizing even if we fully fund this because the price of the robot is more than what they’re asking.

Malanga: Senator Roach.

Roach: They’re… It was for three? Right? Was that what was put on the spreadsheet?

Malanga: On the spreadsheet, it’s three, yes. Pro Tempore Aziz.

Aziz: The Darwin bots are not in the budget request, but it’s in the price sheet. So there’s not—

Malanga: Is this not the same thing?

Aziz: Because, look at this (inaudible). That’s not the…

Malanga: It says humanoid.

Aziz: But look at the price.

Malanga: I see the price.

Aziz: And then I’m like, and then the request…

Malanga: I understand. This is more… that, yes, I understand.

Aziz: But yeah.

Malanga: Senator Heffernan.

Heffernan: In the budget, it says humanoid parts and that looks like it’s, like, the whole thing.

Malanga: Yes.

Heffernan: The (inaudible), so I think that’s where, like, the discrepancy is.

Malanga: All right, probably true.

Heffernan: But if three is the number that they’re looking at based on the spreadsheet, then, I mean, I think it would make sense to divide it by three and that would be one, should be the parts for one.
Malanga: All right. Is that a recommendation.

Heffernan: Yes.

Malanga: Can you do the math really quick? Forty-seven seventy and divide by three, er, excuse me, $7,470.00 and divide it by three. All right, Senator Heffernan’s motion is to fund this event at $2,490.00. Do I see any objections? Seeing none. It is recommended. We now have a completed budget recommendation. They total $5,840.60 including overhead. So, I'll take any further points and/or motions from the committee. Senator Heffernan.

Heffernan: Motion to vote on the budget as is.

Malanga: There’s a motion to enter voting procedures. Are there any objections to the motion? Seeing none. We will enter voting procedures. And, again, ‘yes’ is to send this bill to the Senate floor, this recommendation to the Senate floor, and ‘no’ is to fail the bill, and abstention is if you have a conflict of interest. Senator Roach.

Roach: Yes.

Malanga: Senator Miller.

Miller: Yes.

Malanga: Senator Chaudry.

Chaudry: Yes.

Malanga: Senator Heffernan.

Heffernan: Yes.

Malanga: Senator Gluck.

Gluck: Yes.

Malanga: Senator Cirillo.

Cirillo: Yes.
Malanga: And I believe that’s it. I abstain. With a vote of 6 to 0 to 1 with me as the abstaining vote, this budget will be recommended to the Senate. All right, we will move on down the agenda. The next item on the agenda is the Black Female Development Circle interim budget request. Let’s see who’s presenting this one… I’m presenting this one. Cool. Senator Cirillo.

Cirillo: Do we need a motion to extend time?

Malanga: You can move to extend time right now, yes. We’re, we have 4 minutes left in this meeting.

Cirillo: Would that be looked favorably upon the Chair, or..?

Malanga: I think we should try to get through a few more if we can, but it’s up the committee. At 2:30, anybody who needs to leave is, of course, excused, because I understand that our meeting is only scheduled until 2:30. Is there a motion to extend time?

Cirillo: Motion to extend time by 10 minutes.

Malanga: By 10 minutes until 2:40 P.M. Are there any objections to the motion? Seeing none. We are extended. Senator Heffernan, you are going to chair while I present. All right. If I recall, it’s a pretty simple budget request. All right, so, the Black Female Development Circle is an organization that is not just at USF, it is a national organization. The idea is to empower women and to allow for, their phrase was ‘educate, explore, enhance, and celebrate womanhood’. It is still open to all students, but the intention is, of course, to uplift female students specifically. They have 25 active members. They’re a new organization and they requested nine hundred and forty-five dollars, or $954.00, excuse me, for one event. The event is a women’s history event. Basically they want to, they wanted to have speakers come in and talk about women’s history, talk about uplifting women. The cost that I allocated for or that I recommend allocating for, is $120.00 for food, which would be $2.00 a head, exactly per standards. Utensils at $50.00, and then they wanted decorations and art supplies in order to get the room ready for the presentation. So, I recommend a total of $80.00 in materials. The total comes to $200.00 before overhead, and a total of $212.00 with the overhead.

Heffernan: Are there any questions or comments from the committee? Senator Miller.

Miller: So, what was the rationale behind not incorporating the speaker fee standard that we have?
Malanga: They wanted to get, buy gifts for the speaker—they didn’t want to pay the speaker to come in, they wanted to buy, like, gift cards and traditionally, correct me if I’m wrong, we do not fund for that. If it was a speaker fee, I would have, but because they asked specifically for gifts for the speaker, I said no. But, again, it’s a recommendation. To do so would be a break of our normal standards.

Miller: I don’t know if it is because, in their description, it says the materials request includes the cost of various guest speakers that will be presenting.

Malanga: And then it says the cost for guest speaker gifts.

Miller: Yes.

Malanga: When I asked them, they said they wanted gifts.

Miller: They just wanted the gifts and nothing to actually get the speaker into the room?

Malanga: So, to apologize to the committee, if I’m not being clear, when I spoke to the organization, they said they would like gifts for the speaker. And, again, you may choose to disregard my recommendation. However, that is my recommendation.

Lieb: Just for clarification, they were only, like, that cost is just for gifts?

Malanga: Yes. What they wanted to do was buy gift cards for all the speakers. They were talking about buying, I, they said in the neighborhood of $25.00 to $50.00 gift cards for the speakers.

Siladeth: (inaudible) business office.

Malanga: Yeah, so, that’s something I know we traditionally haven’t done, and apparently the business office is not allowed anyway. That was why I recommended it.

Heffernan: Senator Cirillo.

Cirillo: Motion to vote on the budget as is.

Heffernan: Are there any objections? Okay, now we will enter voting procedures. Chairman Malanga.

Malanga: Yes.
Heffernan: Senator Roach.

Roach: Yes.

Heffernan: Senator Miller.

Miller: Yes.

Heffernan: Senator Chaudry.

Chaudry: Yes.

Heffernan: Senator Gluck.

Gluck: Yes.

Heffernan: Senator Cirillo.

Cirillo: Yes.

Heffernan: And I abstain. So…

Malanga: With a vote of 6 to 0 to 1.

Heffernan: With a vote of 6 to 0 to 1, me being the abstaining vote, this bill passes.

Malanga: All right. The next item on the agenda, if we still have time, is the American Univer—let’s just pull up the agenda. All right. The American University of Women… Association, excuse me, Association of American University of Women—I knew that didn’t sound right—interim budget request. Anika is not here to present it, so I guess I will present it for her. Senator Cirillo, you will chair during this portion. All right, let’s pull up the request. So, since their description is short, I will just give it to you. They try and create a support system and lifelong network for women engineers during, even past graduation, for graduate years and beyond, and they foster professional development geared towards the (inaudible) of engineers with pure mentoring, discussions, leadership opportunities, workshops, and (inaudible). They have 50 active members and they are also a national organization.

So, they requested quite a few events, but many of them could not be funded due to standards purposes. So, this first meeting, I recommend not funding because we don’t fund general body
meetings, which is what this is. The second one could not be funded due to the date—it’s already passed. We also do not fund executive board lunches. They explained to me this is their first time filling out a budget, so I was trying to talk them through it and I believe that, hopefully they’ll do a better job on their annual budget of requesting things that they can actually get funded. This is the first event we funded, so a speaker on non-violent communication. They want to bring a speaker, have food and refreshments, and I funded them per standards. 42 is their estimated attendance times 2 is 84, and they, I told them they could not, they mentioned in here that they wanted to use the money for flyers, which we do not do, but they also do need utensils for the event, so I refunded them fully for that. Next is another executive board lunch, which we cannot fund. This one is a Spring Break social. They want to have it at Riverfront Park after asking them because that beach/park was very unclear. And, let me see what other further notes I have… They’re requesting utensils, so I fully funded them still per standards at $20.00 and $2.00 a head at $84.00 for food. I also mentioned that during Spring Break may not be a good time for them to have an event since it’s hard to attract students.

They said they were open to moving it. But that a lot of their members, they did not believe, would be going home for Spring Break, so they thought it would be a good event to have. Moving on down, Dean Bishop’s Talk, they wanted to have the Dean of Engineering bring in speakers for them. Again, I funded them food per standards and I mentioned to them they cannot use flyers, or they cannot be funded this way through flyers, they have Tech Smart fees for that. The $20.00 is for utensils—this would be the third event, so… Standard for utensils is $50.00 for the first event, $25.00 for the second, and $20.00 for the third, so this is still per standards as far as utensils goes. This event cannot be funded because we do not fund executive board meetings.

This is one that I would like to discuss here in committee. They want to have an advocacy day. Basically meeting up in one place with their members and then going out to, going out throughout the engineering building and talking in classes about advocating for their club’s purpose which, again, is taking women engineers and developing them professionally, giving them opportunities to be leaders, so, this to me was a little bit odd because it’s not really an event. They sort of want to meet up at one place and provide food and then go and actually do what the event is. I didn’t recommend anything, but I do think it’s worth having a discussion about how the committee feels. So, we’ll come back to this one in a second. This one is Equal Pay day. Basically, it’s similar to the speaker events before. They want to bring in speakers regarding equal pay for women in the workplace.
They were fund, er, I recommended $84.00 which, again, is per standards, and utensils at $15.00 which is also per standards. General body meetings we do not fund. Executive board lunches, we don’t fund. If there’s anything we’ve learned today, it’s that we don’t fund executive board lunches. And a Summer Social. They would like to have the social event during the Summer semester in May. This is funded as per standards, although I incorrectly wrote in the notes (inaudible). However, I do have a question for Pro Tempore Aziz, and that is, in the past, have we treated summer as a separate semester for our one social per semester requirement?

Aziz: Usually we don’t fund summer socials. We usually fund spring and fall.

Malanga: Okay. Is there a rationale behind that or is that just how we’ve done it in the past?

Aziz: There’s more students on campus, more reach, more bang for your buck.

Malanga: Okay. So, again, that’ll be another one that’s up to the committee if they would like to keep the recommendation or change it. We’ll have discussion once we finish. This one was zero funded because, even if we do fund, we’re not going to fund two during the summer. And that is their last event.

Cirillo: Thank you, Chairman Malanga. Are there any motions? Senator Heffernan.

Heffernan: Can we discuss the two events that were, like, not funded?

Cirillo: Is that a motion for a moderated caucus?

Heffernan: Yes. Motion, well, can we just discuss it?

Cirillo: Yeah.

Heffernan: Okay.

Malanga: Do you have a recommendation?

Heffernan: As far as the Summer Social goes, I don’t know. Personally, I feel like, if it’s a new semester, like, it should be funded. Those are my personal thoughts.

Cirillo: Oh, yes.

Roach: Should we set a standard for summer?
Malanga: That is an option that we have as a committee.

Cirillo: Senator Miller.

Miller: I think just setting a standard for summer is not necessary. I agree with Senator Heffernan in saying that it should be funded regardless of the extra reach that you can get from spring and fall, it’s still another semester.

Cirillo: Chair would look favorably on a motion. Senator Heffernan.

Heffernan: Motion to fund social, the social as is.

Cirillo: Are there any objections? Seeing no objections, that motion passes. Any motions on—?

Senator Heffernan.

Heffernan: Okay, so, from what this sounded like is, when I think, because there’s, like, the funding for food and then there’s funding for, like, snacks. To me, this sounds more like a, like something where you would want to have snacks if you’re, like, going in to different classrooms and stuff. So, I would say fund them based on that and not off of the $2.00 a head of food like we usually do.

Cirillo: Senator Miller.

Miller: How you described this event, Mr. Malanga, er, Senator Malanga, about Advocacy Day, how they would be eating before they would be going out and doing the event itself, it seems exclusive to the club members itself, so I don’t feel comfortable funding this.

Cirillo: Seeing that there’s only 2 minutes left in the committee time, I motion to extend…

Malanga: I move to extend by an additional 10 minutes.

Cirillo: Are there any objections? Seeing none, time is extended until 2:50 P.M. Senator Miller, did you have a—?

Malanga: Motion.

Cirillo: Motion?

Miller: I move to not fund this project.

Malanga: Further questions?

Cirillo: Further questions? Is, are all events funded? Are all the events requested that you had questions for?

Malanga: Yeah, all of the ones I had questions for the committee unless the committee has questions for me on any of the recommendations I made.

Cirillo: Are there any motions? Senator Miller.

Miller: I move to vote on this budget request.

Cirillo: Are there any objections? Seeing none, we are now moving into voting procedures.

Malanga: Oh, sorry, I should probably (inaudible). My bad. All right.

Cirillo: Chairman Malanga.

Malanga: Yes.

Cirillo: Senator Roach.

Roach: Yes.

Cirillo: Senator Miller.

Miller: Yes.

Cirillo: Senator Chaudry.

Chaudry: Yes.

Cirillo: Senator Heffernan.

Heffernan: Yes.

Cirillo: Senator Gluck.

Gluck: Yes.
Cirillo: And with myself as the abstaining vote, this bill, budget—

Malanga: 7 to 0 to 1.

Cirillo: This budget passes with a vote of 6 to 0 to 1.

Malanga: All right. Thank you very much. All right, the next item on the agenda since we have a few more minutes now is Total Praise Gospel Ministry. Am I presenting this one too..? Senator Miller, you get to chair during this. (inaudible) All right, we’re going to try to get through as many as we can without rushing. This is a relatively quick one, yes. Okay. So, Total Praise Gospel Ministry is a new student organization. Let me pull up my notes on them. They have 13 active Bull Sync members, but they say their attendance is closer to 25 for the weekly Bible study meetings, and, for their larger social events where they try and track students, they’ve had up to 150 at an event. So, that is what I got from them. Their purpose is to be a student ministry open to all students. They do a Bible study, they do social events, and the like. And, again, a safe environment to practice Bible study. Their first event is a game night. They didn’t give me exact numbers for how many people they thought would attend. They gave me a range of 50 to 75, I took a middle ground for the allocation which came out to $120.00 for food. As far as materials, they requested board games and utensils. Board games we don’t have a standard for, so I made a recommendation. If they wanted to buy two, I figured, with $20.00, that sounded about right, but that’s not actually standard, that’s just, that was my recommendation. And then $50.00 for utensils which is as per standards. And the second event is their banquet. They told me between 50 and 100 students, I took middle ground again of two hundred and twenty-five, er, excuse me, of $75.00 times 3 for a banquet which came to $225.00, and for, excuse me, for materials, they… what did I do here? Sorry. Okay, so they got $25.00 for utensils, which is as per standards, and then they requested the rest for awards, but when I asked them, like, if they wanted to buy plaques or something, they said certificates. I couldn’t imagine that could cost more than $50.00, although we can allocate up to, let me give you the exact number… We as a committee can choose to allocate… hold on… (inaudible). Okay, I think it’s in titles, it’s in Title VIII, I think it’s up to $100.00, but that’s just my interpretation. But that was my recommendation, $50.00, and that is the end of the budget.


Roach: Could Tech Smart do certificates?
Malanga: That is a good question. I don’t know if Tech Smart does certificates.

Aziz: Does what?

Malanga: Certificates.

Miller: Senator Malanga.

Malanga: Thanks, Miller.

Aziz: Paper… That’s a good question. Maybe. They do card stalk. Like, if you show them, if you have the file, they’ll print the certificate file on it.

Malanga: Sounds like they could.

Cirillo: Yeah.

Malanga: Is that a motion?

Roach: It’s a motion to subtract the $50.00.

Miller: There’s a motion to subtract the $50.00. Are there any objections? Seeing none. Moving on. Frank.

Cirillo: Motion to pass the budget as is.

Miller: There is a motion to pass the budget as is. Are there any objections? I saw Senator Malanga’s hand first.

Malanga: I object—we should vote. I mean, an actual vote. Like, move into voting.

Cirillo: Oh, yeah, to vote on it, yeah. Sorry. To vote on the budget. Sorry.

Malanga: We’re not allowed to just do it.

Roach: Motion to enter voting procedures.

Miller: We have a motion to enter voting procedures from Senator Roach. Are there any objections? Seeing none. All right, we will be going into voting procedures. Senator, er, Chairman Malanga.

Malanga: Yes.

Roach: Yes.


Chaudry: Yes.

Miller: Senator Heffernan.

Heffernan: Yes.

Miller: Senator Gluck.

Gluck: Yes.

Miller: Senator Cirillo.

Cirillo: Yes.

Miller: With a vote of…

Malanga: 6 to 0 to 1.

Miller: 6 to 0 to 1 with me as the abstaining vote, the budget request does pass.

Malanga: Senator Cirillo.

Miller: Senator Cirillo.

Cirillo: Motion to correct the minutes. Was the last vote count 7 to 0 to 1?

Malanga: Someone walk out of the room?

Gluck: No, it was minute, it’s been 6 to 0 to 1 these past, like, five times.

Malanga: My apologies, I must have made a mistake. Thank you, Senator Cirillo. Moving on down the agenda, we now have college, college… how do you say that?

Aziz: Collegian.
Malanga: Collegian. Wow. That’s very collegiant of me. So, we have 6 minutes left. We have two budget requests. This one is Senator Heffernan’s, so let’s see if we can…

Heffernan: Okay, Collegiate 100 is an organization that is on campuses, it sounded like it was a big organization, like, around the country, and they’re meant to mentor and empower, promoting the 4 pillars of success, mentoring economic development, health awareness, and education. So, they especially reach out to it sounds like minority students in order to try and help them in the, like, transition to college between, especially between, like, community college and the university. So, they’re first event was the financial planning workshop. They are thinking about 25 people will attend. They requested $50.00 for food, so we fully funded them for that. The $10.00 for materials, and we funded them for that for, like, art supplies so they could do, yeah, sorry.

Gluck: You (inaudible).

Malanga: Yeah.

Heffernan: Yeah, so, yeah, for pens and highlighters, sorry. (inaudible)

Malanga: Next to that.

Heffernan: Okay, this one was a little, like, this one is definitely open for discussion because this one was a little hard to fund, like, figure how to fund it exactly, but what they want to do basically is go out to bull market and, the bull market before Valentine’s Day and hand out, like, roses and chocolates to anybody who looks like they needed a valentine, basically. So, they, or anybody, anybody.

Malanga: There were better ways to say that.

Heffernan: I wasn’t thinking about that, I’m sorry.

Miller: Wow.

Heffernan: Cool. So, yeah. So this one is kind of open for discussion. Recommended $20.00 based on, like, decorations, but there isn’t really a standard for funding flowers. The third event was t-shirts, so $25.00 and then $5.00 per standards. And then the last one was the table cloth and this one is, again, kind of up for discussion—there isn’t a standard that I could find, at least, that talked about
it, but it’s, basically, they want a table cloth that they can put on their table at bull market while they are doing different events. So, but there was for a banner, so, that’s kind of up to the committee.

Malanga: All right. Questions, comments, concerns, suggestions? Senator Miller.

Miller: Correct me if I’m wrong, but isn’t there, isn’t there something in proviso about banners? Oh, there’s something in standards.

Malanga: What was different about this? So, oh, okay, they requested it as a table cloth, technically. The discussion is whether or not we want to consider it under the banner standard. That was what the, I believe, the discussion was when we talked about it.

Heffernan: Well, my other concern would be that there’s something in standards that says we can’t fund, like, long term, or, like, investment, and so I didn’t know if that would be considered an investment piece or if it could be considered a banner. I was really…

Malanga: If we consider it under banners, it wouldn’t be long term investments, but it is something that they could use over and over again, but that’s up to the committee how they’d like to treat it. Any suggestions? Senator Cirillo.

Cirillo: So, if my interpretation of what Senator Heffernan just said is correct, we can’t fund long term items because we’re supposed to be funding items for specific events, so the banner would be advertising a dated event, so that banner could not be used over again because it would be… no?

Malanga: Generally speaking, we don’t fund long term investments. If there, if we fund something that they can use over again, there’s not, we encourage them to use it over again because it saves us money in the long term and more money for us to allocate to new student organizations. So, we have a standard for banners. If we choose to consider this table cloth as a banner for the organization, we can subsidize it up to $150.00. Senator Cirillo.

Cirillo: I would like to make a request to fund the banner $150.00 as per standards.

Malanga: All right, there is a motion to recommend funding at $150.00 for the banner. Seeing any objections? Seeing none. It will be recommended. Moving on… what did I do? Moving up, t-shirts, did anybody… no… Is there anybody that wants to discuss this one or are you guys okay with the recommendations? Senator Cirillo.
Cirillo: Motion to extend time by 5 minutes.

Malanga: Motion to extend time by 5 more minutes to get through this request and then I promise we’re done. Are there any objections? Seeing none. We’re extended until 2:55. Go Bulls. Would anybody like to make a comment or recommendation on this request? All right. Any other points or motions from the committee? Senator Cirillo, I saw your hand first.

Cirillo: Motion to move into voting procedures on this bill.

Malanga: There’s a motion to enter voting procedures on this bill. Are there any objections? Seeing none. We are now in voting procedures. Senator Roach.

Roach: Yes.

Malanga: Senator Miller.

Miller: Yes.

Malanga: Senator Chaudry.

Chaudry: Yes.

Malanga: Senator Heffernan.

Heffernan: Yes.

Malanga: Senator Gluck.

Gluck: Yes.

Malanga: Senator Cirillo.

Cirillo: Yes.

Malanga: And I abstain. With a vote of 6 to 0 to 1 with me as the abstaining vote, this bill will, well, this recommendation will be sent to Senate. We have one more budget request. I am going to recommend that we table it since you guys have already put 20 minutes of overtime in, and we’re not union paid, so… Are there any recommendations from the committee? Senator Heffernan.

Heffernan: Motion to table the Spoken Word Poetry interim budget request.
Malanga: There’s a motion to table Spoken Word Poetry. Are there any objections? Senator Miller.

Miller: Will any of their events be harmed because of this?

Malanga: We can pull it up and check for you. Their first event is March 13th, so I do not believe so.

Miller: Then I rescind my objection.

Malanga: There is no objection. There’s still a motion on the floor to table this bill. Seeing no objections, it is tabled and we are now in announcements.

Announcements:

Malanga: Anybody have an announcements? Seeing no—sorry. We have ‘Go Bulls’ from Senator Gluck and, echoed by the rest of the committee, my announcement is thank you for sticking it out today. I know it was a long meeting. Thank you very much, and I will take a motion to adjourn.

Senator Heffernan.

Heffernan: Motion to adjourn.

Malanga: There’s a motion to adjourn at 2:51 P.M. Are there any objections? Seeing none, we are adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 2:51 P.M.

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