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Call to Order by Chairman Chris Johnson at 11:06 A.M.
First Roll Call
Present: Chris Johnson, Anika Hasan, Briana Ramirez, Nicholas Gigante, Aladdin Hiba, Abdool Aziz

Gallery: Evan Lieb, Harrison Milanian, Ryan Miller, Alex Johnson, Siladeth Rattanakongkham, Ryan Miller, (inaudible), Gary Manka

Absent: Samuel Shiflett (excused)

C. Johnson: All right, I’m going to call this meeting to order at 11:06 A.M. on October 23rd. First item on the agenda is roll call. Myself, Chair, is here. Anika Hasan?

A. Hasan: Here.

C. Johnson: Senator Shiflett is excused. Briana Ramirez?

Ramirez: Present.

C. Johnson: Senator Gigante?

Gigante: Hello.

C. Johnson: Senator Hiba?

Hiba: In attendance.

C. Johnson: And Pro Tempore Aziz?
Aziz: Here.

C. Johnson: All right, with that, we hit quorum. Excellent. Next up on the agenda is additions or deletions to the agenda.

**Additions/Deletions:**

C. Johnson: Does anyone want to add or delete anything from aforementioned agenda? Seeing none, can I get a motion? Senator Hasan?

A. Hasan: Motion to approve the agenda as is.

C. Johnson: All right, are there any objections? Seeing none, we have approved the agenda. Next we have approval of the minutes but minutes have not been sent out. Can I have a motion to postpone the minutes? Senator Hasan?

A. Hasan: Motion to postpone minutes.

C. Johnson: Are there any objections? Seeing none, thank you very much, Vice Chair. We’re going to move down to open forum.

**Open Forum:**

C. Johnson: I know that Danish Hasan—Danish Hasan and Harrison Milanian both plan on coming and sit on the meeting, so they’re going to be here in a few minutes but they are late, so. But that’s okay, they’re new Senators. They’re babies. That’s how it works.

A. Hasan: Babies.

C. Johnson: Other than that, is there anything else for open forum? Please, Aziz?

Aziz: Starting next week, you’ll have a Senate transcriber in your meeting to take the minutes with you guys. And you’ll be getting a lot more new Senators than the ones that were sent out. Each Committee’s going to have about 10 people, 10+ people. So.

C. Johnson: Awesome.

Aziz: (inaudible) helps.
C. Johnson: Also, go ahead and let the record show that we have Evan Lieb from SGATO and Harrison Milianian, one of our new Senators. Go ahead and take a seat, (inaudible). And then can the gallery please state who’s here?

Miller: Senator Ryan Miller.

C. Johnson: All right, and that’s the gallery. So moving down from open forum, we’re going to go ahead and move into new business unless there’s any objection to that. Seeing none.

New Business:

C. Johnson: First thing up, we’re going to have an icebreaker, so can I have a motion for a 5-minute unmoderated caucus? Senator Hiba?

Hiba: So moved.

C. Johnson: Thank you so much. Any objections? Seeing none, we are now in the 5-minute unmoderated caucus at 11:09 A.M.

So the unmoderated caucus ended at 11:18 A.M. Moving into our new business, er, I’m sorry, into other stuff for new business, the first thing is our off-campus event requests. Um… Okay, so bottom line, we can’t fund this because they want $45.00 to go to a warehouse to pack boxes even though they told me in the meeting that this doesn’t have to be off-campus because the people just want it to be off-campus. But the guy would be more than willing to come to campus to talk about it. So, there’s not really a reason it needs to be off-campus. If that makes any sense, at all. Hiba?

Hiba: Motion to zero fund.

C. Johnson: Is it—do you guys want to talk about it, or? There’s no objections? Did you guys see this when it was sent out? Sort of kind of? You didn’t see it? Okay, well I’m going to not take that just for one second. So here is—one of the things our Committee does is go over off-campus event requests and an off-campus event is typically not funded because it’s harder for people to go to. And the idea is that we want money to be really, really accessible for everyone. One of the things is, like, for example, if an organization wants to have a dinner off-campus, we don’t let them do it because they can eat on-campus.

Milanian: What could they possibly need $45.00 for to accommodate 25 people?
C. Johnson: Right? Um…

Milanian: That doesn’t even make sense, like are each of them getting a soda? I don’t get it.

C. Johnson: No, it’s like, like, for food. So… It is kind of—it’s a small request, and it’s not really necessary, so… There’s more debatable ones later on, but this (inaudible).

Milanian: Gotcha.

C. Johnson: Hiba, do you want to reinstate your motion?

Hiba: I motion to zero fund this.

C. Johnson: Are there any objections? Seeing none, I will inform the organization of this afterwards. Next up, we’re going to go into Timmy Global Health. Timmy Global Health is the—is a school-based… (inaudible) did this…

Aziz: Their spreadsheet was messed up, but I fixed it.

C. Johnson: You did?

Aziz: Just, like, based on my (inaudible) recommendations I did on the spreadsheet here.

C. Johnson: Okay…

Aziz: So I know the first one we can’t fund—Halloween.

C. Johnson: Right.

Ramirez: (inaudible)

C. Johnson: Let’s do this. Let’s, um… As far as…

Aziz: I manually calculated and put it into the allocation because that—that form still works.

C. Johnson: Okay. Can you tell me what the—am I able to change this right here?

Aziz: Yeah, it’s messed up.

C. Johnson: Okay.
Aziz: I just put in the—whatever the Committee decides for that total, food in there, that total, materials, and it calculates the right amount for you when you’re done.

C. Johnson: Okay. (inaudible) I’m just going to keep it like that. As far as—as far as the actual stuff goes, our Fall social… Oh, sorry, by the way—Timmy Global Health is an organization that is about this guy, this kid, Timmy, who passed away from a disease in like Nicaragua or something on a mission trip and since then they try really hard to…to get Americans to go overseas and learn about health issues and whatnot. So they’re a pretty cool organization. None of their events, of course, are in Nicaragua. Actually originally asked for money in Nicaragua and I told them we couldn’t fund that. But, uh… As far as this goes, their Fall social, really straightforward, they’re asking for…

Ramirez: Wait, why did we zero fund the last one?

C. Johnson: It takes place on the 24th.

Ramirez: Oh.

C. Johnson: Yeah, it takes place tomorrow.

A. Hasan: (inaudible)

C. Johnson: So. Huh?

Gigante: (inaudible)

A. Hasan: Oh. I’m sorry.

C. Johnson: That’s okay. Their Fall social takes place—it’s—it is fundable if we want to fund it today. It’s like a straightforward social. They want $30.00 for cupcakes and they have 25 people, so I think that we could do, you know, $30.00 for that. That’s not really—like, $1.00, a little over $1.00 a head. So. Do I have a motion for that? Nick?

Gigante: Sure, motion for $30.00 for food.

C. Johnson: Any objection? Seeing none, we’re going to do that. Why is it… (inaudible) Okay. Okay, then they put down a general body meeting and we’re going to skip that because it doesn’t have any money in it whatsoever. And we couldn’t fund it if it did. This right here, they want to have a Welcome Back social when they come back from the… “January month, (inaudible) celebration for
members, provide trip information, recruitment updates, 50 for pizza, 15 for décor…” So they’re asking for $2.00 a head for food, which is standard, and then they want $15.00 for decorations. Our standards say that—oh, let the record state that Attorney General Johnson just entered the room. Our standards…

Ramirez: For décor?

C. Johnson: For décor… So we can do $15.00 for the first request. Because it’s, you know, because it’s per our standards and décor is just fancy for decorations. Hiba?

Hiba: Just—when I first read through this, I thought it was in alphabetical order, and I realize it isn’t. Can we make it alphabetical order? I (inaudible) investments include after decorations.

C. Johnson: Yeah, I’ll do that, I’ll do that in a minute. But as far as that’s concerned, they’re asking for $2.00 a head and then 15 for this. Is there a motion for that? Harrison?

Milanian: Yeah.

Aziz: Oh—no—he’s not on the Committee yet.

C. Johnson: Oh, that’s true. Yeah, technically you’re not (inaudible).

Aziz: Until next week.

Milanian: Trying to help out.

C. Johnson: Uh, Ryan?

Miller: I have a question, are we allowed to fund two socials per semester?

Aziz: Two different semesters.

C. Johnson: Yeah, this takes place in January.

Aziz: Yeah.

Miller: Oh.

C. Johnson: But, anyways…
Ramirez: 20?

C. Johnson: Hiba?

Hiba: I motion to fund $50.00 for food and $15.00 for materials.

C. Johnson: Are—is there an objections to that? Seeing none. I don’t know how they did that.

Aziz: Yeah, so it’s…

C. Johnson: General body meeting, general body meeting, general body meeting, general body meeting. Movies On the Lawn. Unfortunately, they don’t have movie rights for either of these events. Yeah. Hiba?

Hiba: Motion to zero fund.

C. Johnson: Are there any objections? Seeing none.

Ramirez: How do we know that they don’t have movie rights?

C. Johnson: Because they don’t really have movie rights.

Ramirez: Oh.

C. Johnson: Which is fine—and honestly, I mean, as far as like standards go, I would—I wouldn’t ever really feel comfortable funding an event for movies unless they explicitly state “We have the movie rights.” So. And no new organization has yet been able to do that, so. I think one organization in the past did, with the lemon tree thing or something like that? But, we… I don’t remember who (inaudible) that. Um… Promoting Timmy Global Health, this is a recruitment event that they want. They’re asking for pins and koozies and then…$700.00 for T-shirts. And banners. So with that, on a standards…

Ramirez: (inaudible)

C. Johnson: What, who (inaudible)?

Gigante: That they can put on like…

Miller: Beer cans.
Gigante: Water bottles. And soda. Um, motion to fund 500 because that’s all we can fund.

Aziz: For T-shirts.

C. Johnson: For T-shirts.

Aziz: Yeah.

Gigante: Mm-hmm.

C. Johnson: Is there an objection to that? Seeing none, we’re going to go ahead and (inaudible). And then the last event, they want to have an end of year banquet. But they have $1,500.00 for catering, $40.00 for balloons, $200.00 for decorations, and 430 for promotional items. Uh… Yeah. Hiba?

Hiba: Motion to fund $300.00 for food, $20.00 for decorations, and that’s it.

Gigante: It would be 15.

C. Johnson: Well…

Hiba: We already gave them 15.

C. Johnson: Yeah, we gave them 15 for the first one.

Gigante: Yeah, but then—he says—that the second time it has to be 15, where you go 15, 15, 10. Or would you go 15, 20…10?

C. Johnson: Well, the—that’s what—I think we should do that because in the past with utensils, what we’ve done is if someone asks for like 25 for the first time, and then, but the next time it becomes more (inaudible) 50, we go like 25, 50, 20, 15, 10, 5, 0.

Gigante: Okay, so you just…

C. Johnson: So we’ll do 20 this time.

Hiba: (inaudible)

Gigante: Okay, cool.

C. Johnson: But, um… On that—so we’re saying 300 for that, and then $20.00 for the decorations.
Hiba: Mm-hmm.

C. Johnson: Do we want to do anything for the balloons, or no? Count that for decorations?

Hiba: Decorations.

C. Johnson: Okay.

Hiba: And also balloons aren’t very expensive.

C. Johnson: Okay, so. Yeah, that’s a lot of balloons. So with that, are there any objections to that? Seeing none. So, I know this is kind of like information (inaudible), but we’ll—be going over that in the future.

Aziz: I think that’s it. Scroll up to the top. Food total is $380.00.

C. Johnson: Okay.

Aziz: And I think for materials, the total is correct. Because 500 for the T-shirts, 15… And 20?

Miller: Yeah.

Aziz: Yeah, so that—so that should be right.

C. Johnson: Somehow that worked. That’s fine.

Aziz: Yeah.

C. Johnson: All right, so do I have a motion to recommend the allomocate—allocation… Allocation of $969.90 to the Senate? Senator Ramirez?

Ramirez: So moved.

C. Johnson: Are there any objections? Seeing none, I’m going to save this. Oops. So that, and that… Okay. Next item on the agenda is National Community Pharmacists Organization—Association. So this is another…medical outreach slash community uplifting organization, just like the (inaudible) looked at with them. Out of the (inaudible). NCPA, the first event we can’t fund due to date, so I’m going to zero fund that right off the bat. The second event, we can’t fund due to date, zero fund that. The third event we would be able to do. They want to have a pharmacy owner come in to
speak about pharmacy stuff. It is their first priority (inaudible) also, so—they’re asking for $250.00 in
food, which we can’t do. We can do up to 120, but as far as materials go, they want utensils, and
honorarium of 150. Hiba?

Ramirez: So…

Hiba: Can we have an event on the 16th of November?

Gigante: Cutting it close.

Hiba: It’s the 23rd today, it’ll go to the Senate by the 28th…

Ramirez: (inaudible)

C. Johnson: That’s one, two, three, four, five, one, two… This is just another situation where it is
totally within the Executive Branch’s power to sign this bill with enough time. So as far as I’m
concerned, I think it’s a fundable event, and I will—what I’ve been doing…

A. Johnson: You can talk to me about it after the meeting. Er, when it passes the Senate, I’ll make
sure it goes.

C. Johnson: Thank you, Attorney—yeah, what I really want to—what I’ve been doing is every single
time, every time a bill is signed, I go ahead and send to the organizations an e-mail that says, “Hey,
your bill’s been signed in the Senate, the President and the President of the Senate of 5-10 days
respectively, or vice versa, to sign this stuff, so if you want to get that signed, go ahead and talk to
them.” And then copy Abdool, Andy, Cocco, and (inaudible) on it, so. It’s worked out pretty well so
far, gotta say. But…

Ramirez: Is—is an honorarium the same as a guest speaker? The same thing?

Aziz: Hmm? Yeah.

C. Johnson: Yeah, that’s just—it means like—you know, to honor, literally (inaudible), so.

Aziz: Yup, they’re the same. Yeah.

C. Johnson: Hiba?
Hiba: Haven’t we not funded honorariums in the past because it means that they would come for free, but the money’s just there as (inaudible) or something?

Ramirez: Oh, yeah…

Gigante: I mean, on there it says speaker.

Hiba: And it’s in our standards not to fund honorariums?

Aziz: Well, it’s the same thing as like a speaker fee.

Gigante: It does say on there “speaker,” though.

Hiba: Yeah, speaker, but the speaker would perform for free. The honorarium’s just…

Gigante: Did they tell you it’s an honorarium, or…?

Hiba: It says an honorarium.

C. Johnson: We haven’t funded honorariums?

Hiba: We have…

Aziz: I think—I think people use the word interchangeably, like speaker, honorarium.

C. Johnson: Yeah, honorarium just sounds nicer, that’s why people use it, in my opinion. But…as far as… I would be willing for the sake of—for the sake of making it so the event is able to be done, I would be willing to subsidize that as a speaker fee. In my opinion. So.

Ramirez: So, it’s the same thing.

C. Johnson: Yeah, but. I can—we can list that down. (inaudible) Not funded due to date…

Aziz: So, (inaudible).

Hiba: (inaudible).

C. Johnson: Not funded due to date… $2.00 a head for food, which comes out to…120. And then we’re saying 150.

Aziz: That’s 100. For the…
C. Johnson: 100?

Aziz: 100 for the sp—honorarium, right?

Gigante: Is this—100 and then 50 for travel.

Ramirez: No…

Aziz: And travel?

Ramirez: Oh, that’s what it is?

Aziz: But we don’t…

Hiba: Do we fund the travel?

Aziz: We pay for the honorarium. The speaker fee.

C. Johnson: If they had listed that as just, as $150.00 for speaker fees, we would have been able to fund it but because they said that it’s not for, like, actual speaker fee, we really can’t fund that. So.

Ramirez: So we can just fund the 100? Because they’re just asking for 100 anyways.

C. Johnson: They asked—yeah.

Ramirez: Well, and then 50.

C. Johnson: We can do 100 for—well, first off, as far as utensils go, we can do two, four, six…

Gigante: Hold on.

Aziz: This—they wouldn’t be able to pay for his travel, anyway.

C. Johnson: $9.00. Oh—yeah.

Aziz: It’d be another request for the Business Office.

Gigante: It’d be 11.

C. Johnson: $11.00 for utensils?

Gigante: Yeah, because it says 2 packages, 2 per—$2.00 per package.
C. Johnson: Oh. There we go. So…

Hiba: So it’s 4, then.

Gigante: Yeah, plus 2 plus 2 plus 3 is 11.


C. Johnson: Oh my gosh, 1 plus 2 plus 2 is 5. Plus 3 is 8. Where’d you get 11 from?

Aziz: (inaudible)

Hiba: 2 plus 2 is…

Gigante: $3.00 plus $2.00.

Hiba: Plus 4 is 8, plus…

(inaudible, background)

C. Johnson: Okay, I have an overrule. It’s $11.00. As far as utensils go, we can do $11.00 for utensils and then…

Ramirez: Yeah, but did—oh, okay. That’s what they’re asking.

C. Johnson: And then we’re saying $100.00 for…

Hiba: Speaker.

C. Johnson: Not…

Hiba: An honorarium.

C. Johnson: All right, so with that can I have a motion to fund $120.00 for food and $111.00 for materials? Senator Hasan?

A. Hasan: So moved.

C. Johnson: Are there any objections? Seeing none, Briana you had a question?

Ramirez: Yeah, so, the next time they ask for just utensils, what do we do?
C. Johnson: $50.00. I would say.

Ramirez: So you start at the…

C. Johnson: I would count that 11 as the $10.00 (inaudible).

Ramirez: Okay.

Hiba: 15.

C. Johnson: 15? Yeah, it would be—you want to…

Ramirez: What do you mean? So what, you would skip that? That number?

Gigante: Yeah. Yes, like what did for decorations last time. They asked for 15, and then we gave them the 20.


C. Johnson: Okay. Solid question. Next up, they want to have a social, Thanksgiving social. They want to do… 3 large turkeys. Gosh. Well, either way, the food comes out to less than $2.00 a head, so we can fully fund the food.

Aziz: Materials like $18.00.

A. Hasan: Mm-hmm… Question.

C. Johnson: Answer. Hasan?

A. Hasan: Oh, uh, so these large turkeys, are they going to be cooked? Or are they going to cook it?

Hiba: Oh, for… Absolutely.

Gigante: They’re going to be live turkeys.

A. Hasan: If they’re alive, then we cannot fund them.

????: I don’t think they’ll be live.

(inaudible, background)
C. Johnson: We can’t subsidize for slaughtering of animals on USF property.

Hiba: That’s not it, it’s just, we can’t trust their cooking skills.

Ramirez: I don’t think that they’ll be live.

C. Johnson: All right, so, okay, look, when I talked to them, when I talked to them, when I talked to them, they didn’t say they’d be cooking the food. They just said they were going to be getting the food.

A. Hasan: But… 3 large turkeys, 25 each…

Hiba: That sounds like raw turkey.

A. Hasan: Where can you get cooked turkey for 25 each? I think they’re (inaudible).

Ramirez: Is that (inaudible) $25.00 a turkey, is that expensive?

Aziz: All right.

Hiba: $25.00… $25.00 if you go to Publix.


Aziz: You can fund it, just put a note. It has to be already cooked turkey.

C. Johnson: All right.

Gigante: It can’t be live.

C. Johnson: Yeah, “cannot be a living or frozen, has to be cooked.”

Aziz: Yeah, that way they know that they don’t…

Ramirez: Because do we get in trouble if we don’t write that?

Hiba: If they…uh…buy a cold turkey and cook it, and then someone gets sick because the cold turkey that they cooked improperly…then it’s our fault.

Aziz: It’ll come back to the Committee and say, “Why didn’t you guys…”
A. Johnson: Or frozen.

C. Johnson: Cannot be living or frozen.

A. Hasan: Frozen.

C. Johnson: All right, so, I’m okay with—again, because it…

Aziz: No, they have to purchase already cooked turkey.

Hiba: (inaudible)

Gigante: Already cooked.

Aziz: Pre-prepared food. They can’t home cook it.

C. Johnson: Pre-prepared…?

Aziz: Yeah.


A. Hasan: “Do not cook.”

Hiba: 5 boxes of macaroni—it sounds like they’re intending to cook.

C. Johnson: Okay. Again. When I spoke to them, I know—I know—I understand. I hear what you’re saying, I hear what you’re saying. I—still, I’m always on the side of giving the primacy to what they actually said instead of what they poorly articulated in the form of the budget request. But that’s just my kindness, I guess.

A. Hasan: I would have given them the benefit of the doubt, but when I look at this, this looks like a grocery list more than something they’re going to buy. So I’m not comfortable funding for this.

Milanian: They should cater from Boston Market.

Aziz: They—they should, yeah.

C. Johnson: That’s smart. Okay, fine—Nick, Briana, what do you guys think?

Ramirez: Uh.
Gigante: I'm good.

Ramirez: Macaroni, dressing, salad toppings…

A. Hasan: I mean, if you do fund it, make sure you tell them everything needs to be catered, period.

Gigante: “Must be cooked.”

Ramirez: Yeah, I think we should give it to them.

A. Hasan: Must be cooked, which means like they can (inaudible).

Gigante: (inaudible)

C. Johnson: Okay, so you two—you two think that we should fund it. Hiba, do you think we should fund it?

Hiba: Um… It sounds like they want to buy it, but I don’t want to make that assumption and we wrote down that they have to purchase precooked food already, so I would be comfortable funding it.

C. Johnson: Okay.

Ramirez: But does—what about everything else, like, okay, so…

A. Hasan: I'm comfortable funding it, just put it on bold letters, “Must be (inaudible).” Like, you know, prepared food.

Hiba: All food must be pre-pared.

A. Hasan: Do not buy or cook. Just let them know that they can’t cook.

Ramirez: Yeah, because—5 boxes of macaroni? You can’t do that either, then. Right?

Hiba: Should we just not fund for the macaroni?

Ramirez: And 1 large ham?

A. Hasan: Do not cook. We don’t trust you.

???: (inaudible)
????: Must eat raw.

C. Johnson: Okay. We’re going to go ahead and proceed. As far as…

Ramirez: Yeah, wait, should we restate that?

Hiba: 15 (inaudible).

Gigante: Yeah, maybe not state to not cook the food.

Ramirez: Must be precooked.

Gigante: It already says…

C. Johnson: Organization must buy catered food. Thank you.

Aziz: Must buy catered food.

C. Johnson: All right, kids. We’re going to go over more stuff. So with that being said, they’re asking for decorations which we can do 20 for, and then… Who wants to do the math for utensils on this one? Hiba?

????: 18.

Hiba: I did the math for food and it’s above 145 right now.

C. Johnson: Right, but we can still… I mean, they only asked 145, so.

Hiba: Yeah. All right.

C. Johnson: But we have to take a motion for that, I’m sorry.

Hiba: Motion.

C. Johnson: Hiba?

Hiba: Motion. For that.

C. Johnson: You motion for that? Thank you very much. Any objections to that? Seeing none. Materials, what is the cost of utensils?
Miller: 18.

C. Johnson: $18.00 plus $20.00 for decorations. Is that correct?

Aziz: Where is the decorations?

Ramirez: Can I see the…?

Gigante: (inaudible)

Hiba: (inaudible) decorations.

C. Johnson: They want Thanksgiving decorations.

Miller: 18.

C. Johnson: We all (inaudible)…

Gigante: It says, yeah, 100—er, 100 for Thanksgiving, but we can’t give them 100.

Hiba: We give them 20. Or, did we already give them 20?

???: We gave them…

C. Johnson: We did… Nothing, nothing yet, that was last organization.

Hiba: We didn’t, okay. So…

Aziz: That’s…28?

Hiba: Motion for 18 for utensils and 20 for decorations.

C. Johnson: So $38.00 total? Is there an objection to that? Seeing none. That’s (inaudible).

Hiba: You want to write that down?

C. Johnson: I’m going to write that down.

Hiba: (inaudible)

C. Johnson: End of Fall Semester social, is this another social? Yeah, we can’t fund two socials in one semester.
Ramirez: (inaudible)

C. Johnson: Hiba?

Hiba: Motion to zero fund this social on the basis of chronology.

C. Johnson: Is there any objection to that? Briana, you have a question?

Ramirez: No.

C. Johnson: You good? You can ask a question.

Ramirez: No, no, no, no.

C. Johnson: It’s okay.

Ramirez: (inaudible)

C. Johnson: We good?

Ramirez: Yeah.

C. Johnson: Okay. I want to zero fund it. Is there an objection? Zero none. I’m sorry, seeing none. (inaudible) Two socials in one semester… Moving down, we have Spring semester’s Welcome Back social. They want to do…pizza, soda, more utensils—okay, someone count that up. 3 of 2, the 6, 12…

Gigante: 15.

C. Johnson: 3 of 2, 18, 21.

Gigante: Oh. Oh. (inaudible) I was looking at the other two. I’m sorry.

C. Johnson: So…

(inaudible background)

C. Johnson: Awesome, put that down. So with that, we can go ahead and fund—they’re not asking for anything other than food and utensils, so we can do $200.00 for food and $21.00 for materials?

Aziz: Isn’t—it doesn’t the one that we did—the materials decrease?
C. Johnson: Here, you know what—let’s—let me just do this real fast…

Hiba: That’s what they’re asking for.

C. Johnson: Let’s just go ahead and clarify this in our standards, okay? One of the things that we can do, is instead of doing—where’s utensils?

Aziz: Uh, there you go.

C. Johnson: See, how about this. If non-set… What’s the right way to put this? How much is—let’s see, 50 and 25 is 70, plus 20 is 95, plus 15 is 110. Plus 10 is 120, plus 5 is 125, so at the most we can fund up to $125.00 of utensils throughout the year. So I think one of the standards we should have is that we either fund it this way, this mechanical way, or we fund up to $125.00 throughout the year. But it can never be more than that. Which is what we’re saying per our standards. So. Is there an objection to adding that? Since just it’s an internal document? Hiba?

Hiba: So, just motion to…

C. Johnson: It’s not a motion.

Hiba: The motion is to add a maximum of 125 for utensils?

C. Johnson: Yeah.

???: We don’t need a motion.

Hiba: For our own will to distribute as…

C. Johnson: Yeah, because the whole idea of having this utensil standard is that we max out the cap eventually, and if the idea is that they keep asking for like such specific costs and stuff like that…

Hiba: Yeah, I don’t have (inaudible) with that.

C. Johnson: Yeah, so let’s just, I’m going to go ahead and write it in our standards then that if… Sorry. If an organization specifies the cost of utensils per event, fund up to 125 annually…?

Hiba: Annually.

C. Johnson: Is that specific?
Hiba: They don’t refresh every semester, right?

C. Johnson: No. No.

Hiba: 50, 20, (inaudible).

C. Johnson: No. Is that good? Is anyone confused about that? Nick, you have a puzzled look on your face.

Aziz: Wait, if an organization requests the cost of utensils…

Gigante: Yeah…

Ramirez: Is that…plus 20?

Gigante: Yeah, I got a…

Aziz: Fund up to 125 annually.

Hiba: (inaudible)

C. Johnson: Right.

Aziz: Is that…like make sense?

Gigante: Yeah, um, well…

C. Johnson: Hiba?

Gigante: So…

C. Johnson: Sorry—Nick?

Gigante: So if we fund, if they ask like 50, 30, then 30, but don’t specify, we fund that? Even though…

Aziz: (inaudible), yeah.

C. Johnson: There’s got to be a better way to word that.
Hiba: I think we can still keep our own maxes per event at the 50, 25, 20 thing, but if they keep going below them, then we can use the rest that’s saved up to fund for more of their events up to the 125 maximum.

Ramirez: Yeah.

C. Johnson: So, but that means, under that logic, we should never fund more than $50.00 per event.

Hiba: 50. And that makes sense.

C. Johnson: Okay.

A. Hasan: Um, question.

C. Johnson: Answer.

Ramirez: Wait, so…

C. Johnson: Hasan?

A. Hasan: So, an or—if they specify the cost of utensils, we fund up to 125?

Hiba: For the whole year.

C. Johnson: So it’s like…

Ramirez: What if they ask for 125?

A. Hasan: So it’s 50, 25, 75, 20, 95… Okay, I got it.

Hiba: 125, I just…

Ramirez: 10… 105?

Hiba: 125, I just…

Ramirez: So if they say for one event that they want $125.00 for utensils, they’re not going to get it?

Hiba: Mm-hmm.

C. Johnson: Correct.

Hiba: Yeah, we do only 50.
C. Johnson: Yeah, I don’t think that’s a good idea. So then this is kind of like a moot point because at the bottom, at the end of the day, if they always ask for less than the standard, they’re never going to really get to 125. So we don’t really need to cap at 125. But I think it was just… Right? There’s no way they can—if they ask for like 12, 18, 7, 9, 34, they’re never going to get up to $125.00. It’s just—that’s just the cap that we can possibly allot, so we’ll just keep it in there. It doesn’t really do anything, but that’s fine.

Hiba: Yeah.

C. Johnson: So I’m just going to save this as is, we can work on that next week if we want to. But. As far as… Heading out?

Aziz: Yeah. Meeting.

C. Johnson: All right. As far as this goes, though, see if we can finish this one up… We can still do $2.00 a head, and what did we say for materials? 21?

Gigante: 21.

C. Johnson: Was it…21?

Gigante: Yeah.

C. Johnson: Which comes out to…

Hiba: 200. Oh, I just remembered a point.

C. Johnson: Yeah?

Hiba: They give their events a priority.

C. Johnson: Yeah, yeah.

Hiba: And so for the two socials that are in the same semester, should we choose the correct one by voting on it?

C. Johnson: I was thinking, I was thinking about that, this one is priority.

Gigante: We did that. 6th and 7th.
C. Johnson: Yeah, this is December 6th and this is 7th. So. I actually had that exact thought and just did not say it, because it was kind of (inaudible). But good point, thank you for your motion, for pointing that out.

Ramirez: What did we do for materials for the last one?

C. Johnson: For this one here—do we have a motion to fund $200.00 for food and $21.00 for materials? Gigante?

Gigante: So moved.

C. Johnson: Is there any objection to that slow move? Seeing none. Guest speaker… All right, so this is (inaudible) number two, so it’s kind of a bigger deal, but they want to have another honorarium—er, another speaker fee, essentially. Food. And utensils. So… We can fund up to $120.00 for food. Which comes out to 120. And then fund… As far as utensils go, we’re looking at…

Gigante: 11.

C. Johnson: 2, 4, 8, 11. Plus—we want to do another $100.00 for the speaker fee? All right. So do we want to spend… Is there a motion to allocate $120.00 for food and $111.00 for materials? Senator Hiba?

Hiba: So moved.

C. Johnson: Is there an objection? Seeing none. Attorney General Johnson just left the room. Ryan, do you want to sit at the table?

Miller: Sure. (inaudible)

C. Johnson: Speaker fee…and requested utensils… All right. Almost done. For their next one, they have—they want to have a business seminar. Where’s GL? By any chance?

Ramirez: GL?

Gigante: It’s a…

C. Johnson: Is that a building? Some—does anyone know where that is?
Miller: Look it up. I'll look it up.

C. Johnson: Find out (inaudible). As far as this goes, they want to have a giant seminar about management plan things. Which we probably… As far as actually funding goes, they want to do—yeah?

Hiba: Um… GL stands for Group Learning. There's Group Learning rooms at the USF Health.

C. Johnson: Okay.

Hiba: I think I could (inaudible).

C. Johnson: Thank you.

Gigante: Pita Pit. That’s pretty cool.

C. Johnson: But they want to go ahead and get those specific utensils again. And then as far as actually getting food…

Ramirez: 100.

C. Johnson: I’m kind of worried about this one, though. I remember talking to them about this. They want to come out and speak to our members about how to properly conduct an MTM and create a business plan. We expect to have 50 members at this event.

Ramirez: So why is food so high?

C. Johnson: Because, I guess, they want a lot of Pita Pit, which makes sense. Because Pita Pit is pretty good.

Miller: It’s delicious.

C. Johnson: Yeah.

Miller: I understand.

C. Johnson: Well… As far as funding for food goes, we can go ahead and do—we can—$100.00 for catering Pita Pit. And then… What’s our standard for speaker fees? What’s up with that?

Miller: 150.
Ramirez: 150.

C. Johnson: Up to 150? So that means we can do 150 for the speaker fee and then nothing else—we can’t fund utensils. So. That being said, is there a motion? Senator Gigante?

Gigante: Yes, slow.

C. Johnson: All right.

Gigante: Slow move. When I say it slowly. Because it’s a slow move.

A. Hasan: (inaudible)

C. Johnson: All right, (inaudible). All right, next up, they want to do Faculty Appreciation Ceremony. Trophy of appreciation…

Ramirez: Can we do that?

C. Johnson: Uh… No. We can’t do that. Hey.

???: Am I late?

C. Johnson: How are you? Are you late? Uh…

???: I thought we start at 12.

C. Johnson: We start at 11.

???: What?

C. Johnson: It’s okay. Here. First off, can you—can you state your name for the record real fast?

???: (inaudible).

C. Johnson: (inaudible)… What was your last name?

???: (inaudible).

C. Johnson: (inaudible)… Excellent. Well, (inaudible), don’t worry about it. It’s… If you’re not a voting member this meeting, so you really just get to watch and you can feel free to ask some questions, okay? So just go ahead and grab a seat, okay? So. That being said, though, as far as this
Faculty Appreciation Ceremony goes, we cannot fund trophies in any way whatsoever. So… But also, it’s a… I think it’s…

Ramirez: I don’t think we should fund this.

C. Johnson: I don’t think we should fund it either, because I’m—it’s a closed meeting, it looks like.

Ramirez: And… Yeah. It doesn’t really go towards, like…

C. Johnson: Yeah, how does that help out students?

Gigante: It’s like last (inaudible).

C. Johnson: Yeah. I don’t care about their Faculty Advisor, I guess. So that being said, do you guys want to go ahead and—can I get a motion to zero fund? Senator Hiba?

Hiba: So moved.

C. Johnson: Any objections? Seeing none. All right. The last one we can actually fund. They want to do a giant social. It’s a huge thing. They want to have Chipotle, that’s why it’s so expensive. It’d be 8.20 per person. 200 people. All right. We can definitely fund $400.00 for this, because it’s that—it’s a big event. But as far as…

Hiba: Do we want to treat it like a banquet?

C. Johnson: It’s not a banquet.

A. Hasan: It’s a social.

C. Johnson: Yeah. If it was a banquet, I would understand, but it’s a social. So.

Ramirez: What’s…

A. Hasan: Why do they want so much food for?

C. Johnson: Chipotle.


C. Johnson: Which makes sense.
???: Chipotle caters, though.

Hiba: That’s the point.

Ramirez: That’s how they’re doing it though, right?

C. Johnson: Yes. So… They can’t actually—yeah, all the food they have to get, has to be catered. But our standards make it so that we can never fund more than $7.00 a head, like that’s against—it’s against the rules. We would get in trouble as a Committee if we did that. But then our internal standards to make sure that there’s actually enough money left over at the end of the year, we only fund up to $2.00 a head for most food and then $3.00 if it’s like a banquet, so. And that’s just a subsidy. We don’t expect to pay for all the costs of all the organizations, or else we’d have no money. So. But we’ll talk more about that in a bit, okay? So as far as food goes, we can do—who wants to tally up the utensils again?

Gigante: 21.

C. Johnson: Hey, there you go. 21.

A. Hasan: Hey, are you sure, though?

C. Johnson: I don’t want you to be off by $2.00 and have Senator (inaudible) send it back.

Gigante: 3 times 3, 3 times 2, 3 times 2, 3. 21.


C. Johnson: I’m going to go with that math. So we have 4—can I get a motion for $400.00 for food, and then $21.00 for utensils?

Gigante: And decorations.

C. Johnson: Oh.

Ramirez: Decorations…

C. Johnson: Do they ask for decorations?

Gigante: It says that… $100.00.
C. Johnson: Okay. So we can fund 15.

Gigante: We already did it before.

C. Johnson: We did 15?

Gigante: Did we do 20 before? I think so.

Ramirez: Decorations?

Hiba: We did 28. And I'm not sure about 15.

Ramirez: 20, 15.

Gigante: I think so.

C. Johnson: Yeah, we did 20 right here, so we can do 15 for standards.

Gigante: Yeah, mm-hmm.

C. Johnson: So that being said, um… Actually, let’s just do this.

Milanian: Yeah, (inaudible)…

C. Johnson: Thank you very much, Harrison.

Milanian: See you guys next meeting.

C. Johnson: Yeah, so—11:00 every single Thursday, okay, everybody? Peace, bud.

Rattanakongkham: I just wanted to say I’m so sorry, I thought it was at 12.

C. Johnson: No, it’s okay. So did she. It’s all good. Don’t—don’t worry about it.

???: Next time grab me, I’ve been out…

C. Johnson: I just—I assumed that you were still out, so I’m sorry, I should have.

Rattanakongkham: Yeah, I apologized. I’m just like…

???: (inaudible) to the bathroom, to get—to come in. I’m like, wait, they’re all in here.
C. Johnson: Do you want to sit in for the last few minutes?

Rattanakongkham: Um… Yeah, I probably should. I apologize.

C. Johnson: It’s okay. Ryan?

Miller: Can we inform them as to… Well, they—if they want to petition for more than what the allocation is, that they can do that?

C. Johnson: They can’t.

Miller: They can’t petition for more even if, like…

A. Hasan: Interim, no.

C. Johnson: Not for Interim, no.

Miller: No?

C. Johnson: (inaudible)

A. Hasan: That’s Travel Grant…

Miller: Okay.

C. Johnson: Yeah. You’ve got your ASRC cap on right now, that’s why. But as far as actually this social goes, so we can again do—can I get 400 and then we’ll do 15 and, what’d we say, 21? So that’s $36.00? So can I get a motion for 436? Senator Ramirez?

Ramirez: So moved.

C. Johnson: Is there any objections? 436… I’m saying that’s because of…

Ramirez: 20—21 for utensils.

C. Johnson: Funding… Funding 20 for utensils?

Ramirez: 21.

Gigante: 21.
C. Johnson: Funding 15… Okay. So last but not least, they want a cooler, which we can’t fund. So. Uh… Senator Hasan?

A. Hasan: Motion to zero fund.

C. Johnson: Is there an objection? Seeing none, we’re going to zero fund that. So that is all their events. Can I have a motion…

Rattanakongkham: Should we notate there that they (inaudible) come here to get it?

A. Hasan: Yes.

Rattanakongkham: Zero funding because of that?

C. Johnson: This is why we didn’t—this is why we need—(inaudible) in here?

Ramirez: I like how we’re writing why they’re not getting funding for these things.

C. Johnson: Yeah.

Ramirez: At the beginning, I don’t think we did that. But now we are. It’s good.

C. Johnson: I’ll keep doing that. I’m sorry about that. Borrowed from the… So with that, do I have a motion to recommend the allocation of $1,400.26 to the Senate? Senator Hiba?

Hiba: I am so moved.

C. Johnson: Is there an objection to that? Seeing none. We have done that, now. Good job, team.

Next up on the list is the Advertising Club. Okay, so. First up, we cannot fund this because it’s off campus. So I’m just going to zero fund—oh, I’m sorry, we cannot fund this because it’s off campus, and we cannot fund this because…

A. Hasan: We don’t do (inaudible).

Gigante: (inaudible)

C. Johnson: Yeah.

????: So you don’t fund anything off campus?
Hiba: They would have to apply.

Gigante: (inaudible)

Ramirez: You should send them the standards. You should send them (inaudible).

C. Johnson: Yeah. I will.

Hiba: You should just send (inaudible).

C. Johnson: So this is—yeah, Hiba, do you want to explain why we don’t fund things off campus?

Hiba: Well, the whole point of events is so students can go to them, and if it’s off campus, it’s hard for students to go to. So they can have an off campus request form very specifically saying that “we’re going to help students get to and this is why it’s necessary and this is why we can’t have it on campus.”

????: Okay.

Hiba: But otherwise we don’t fund it.

????: Okay.

C. Johnson: Good question. As far as yearly club T-shirts go, they’re asking for 30 T-shirts at…

They’re—we—we can’t subsidize the entirety of it. We can…

A. Hasan: 300.

C. Johnson: Yeah, so we can subsidize up to $300.00. No? 150.

A. Hasan: Why is the reason?

Gigante: You do 5 a shirt.

Ramirez: Why do they have…

C. Johnson: 5 a shirt, so 150. 5 times 30 is $150.00.

Hiba: Mm-hmm.

Gigante: Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.
Ramirez: (inaudible).

C. Johnson: Hiba?

Hiba: Motion to fund them $150.00.

C. Johnson: Is there any objection to that?

Hiba: Um.

Ramirez: Oops.

C. Johnson: Say 150. Seeing none. We’ll leave it there.

Rattanakongkham: Do those change themselves or do you have to change it?

C. Johnson: No, what happens is a lot… Yes, they do…

Rattanakongkham: What you should do is lock those so they can’t change.

A. Hasan: You can teach him (inaudible).

C. Johnson: Yeah, thank you.

Rattanakongkham: Yeah, the cells that you don’t want them to touch, you can lock it. So they can’t make any changes.

C. Johnson: (inaudible)

Manka: We have a meeting, starts here at 12.

C. Johnson: Yeah? Okay… We’re going to be done with…

Manka: Did you all know that?

C. Johnson: No, I did not. Okay.

Ramirez: Okay.

C. Johnson: Okay, we’ll finish up like right now. All right, um…

???: Chair, sir?
C. Johnson: Vice Chair?

A. Hasan: Can we table this?

C. Johnson: Yeah, we can table this.

A. Hasan: Motion to table this until next week.

C. Johnson: All right.

A. Hasan: Is there (inaudible)?

C. Johnson: Yeah, there’s one more.

A. Hasan: Motion to table the rest of business until next week.

C. Johnson: That’s fine, are there any objections? Senator Hiba?

Hiba: The ref—the messed-up numbers, you can just undo until before you move back over, and then just copy the numbers over by typing instead of by moving the cell and that should fix it.

C. Johnson: Are you saying—we’re doing this next week. Any other—Senator—what’s up, (inaudible)?

???: Just curious if any of those events will be…

C. Johnson: No, they’re…

???: That no events will be hindered because of those tablings.

C. Johnson: Can I have a motion to move into announcements? Senator Hiba?

Hiba: Motion to move into announcements.

**Announcements:**

C. Johnson: Guys, if you don’t mind, can you go back to the Senate workroom after this so we can talk a little bit? Because we gotta get out of the room. After that. So can I get a motion to adjourn? Senator Hiba?

Hiba: So moved.
C. Johnson: Are there any objections? Seeing none, we have adjourned at 12:02 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 P.M.

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