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January 7th, 2015

Call to Order by Chairman Michael Malanga at 1:32 P.M.
First Roll Call
Absent: Adeel Syed Hassan (unexcused), Christopher Dono (unexcused), Shelsea Veloz, Mona Petrovska.

Gallery: Holly Imfeld, John Quiroz, Chris Johnson, Masha Galchenko.

Malanga: I call this meeting to order of the Senate Committee on Appropriations and Audits on January 7th the year 2015—Happy New Year, everyone. It is 1:32 P.M. First item on the agenda is roll call. I am present. Anika Hasan.

Hasan: Here.

Malanga: Emily Roach.

Roach: Here.

Malanga: Ryan Miller.

Miller: Present.

Malanga: Hemna Chaudry.

Chaudry: Here.
Malanga: Katie Heffernan is excused. Christopher Dono is unexcused. Josh Gluck, unexcused.

Hasan: Adeel.

Malanga: I’m sorry?

Hasan: Adeel.

Malanga: Adeel Hasan, unexcused. Mona Petro-, Petrovska? I don’t know how to say the last name. She is not here at all. Frank Cirillo.

Cirillo: Here.

Malanga: Oh, sorry. Got to get used to it. And Shelsea Veloz. Is that how you say her last name? She’s not here? No? Never mind. Thought she was. All right, with that, let’s just make sure, we do, in fact, have quorum count of 6, so we’re good to proceed. I can think of nothing better than quorum, right?

Aziz: Plus me, it’s 7.

Malanga: I’m sorry?

Aziz: Plus me.

Malanga: Plus we have Pro Tempore Aziz for 7, and then if we could just go through the gallery and state your name for the record.

Quiroz: Supervisor of Elections, John Quiroz.

Imfeld: Senate Transcriber, Holly Imfeld.

Johnson: Senator Chris Johnson.

Malanga: All right. Thank you very much. Next item on the agenda is additions and deletions to the agenda.

Additions/Deletions:

Malanga: So, as you can see, I made a couple of changes that I am recommending we make. The SGATO Viewpoint Neutrality Presentation will take place next week, I’m adding an ice breaker because there’s going to be an ice breaker on every agenda and I just forgot to put it there, and we’re
moving the Senate Review of the ERC Expenditures to the front so that our ERC Director does not have to sit here through this entire meeting, and, lastly, we are adding SCATTER’s interim budget request to the agenda because they were able to finalize their meeting and their request prior to this meeting. So, if anybody would like to motion to make those changes? Mr. Miller.

Miller: I move to, is it approve the changes?

Malanga: Move to a, yeah, move to approve.

Miller: Close enough.

Malanga: Move to approve the changes. There’s a motion to change the agenda as is shown on the screen. Are there any objections? Seeing none. Are there any additions or deletions to the agenda? All right then. No motion to accept? Mr. Miller.

Miller: I move to accept the agenda as is.

Malanga: All right. There’s a motion to accept the agenda. Seeing no objections, we will move forward. Next item is the approval of minutes. I did not send out any minutes, however, next week, you will be getting a ton of them from last semester, so, can I have a motion to postpone? Vice Chairwoman Hasan.

Hasan: Motion to postpone the minutes.

Malanga: There’s a motion to postpone. Is there any objections? Seeing none. Moving down the agenda. We are now in open forum.

**Open Forum:**

Malanga: Is there anybody who has something for open forum? Pro Tempore Aziz.

Aziz: Just say that, to help transcriptions, wait until Michael calls on you and say your name just for the, yeah, so it’ll make transcription easier.

Malanga: Thank you, Mr. Pro Tempore. Anybody else for open forum? Mr. Miller.

Miller: Happy New Year.
Malanga: Happy New Year. Thank you very much. All right, seeing nothing else for open forum, we are going to roll on into our new business.

New Business:

Malanga: First item in new business is an ice breaker, so I'll take a motion for a 5 minute unmoderated caucus. Senator Cirillo.

Cirillo: So moved.

Malanga: Seeing any objections? Seeing none. We are now in a 5 minute unmoderated caucus at 1:35 P.M.

All right, we are back in session at 1:39 P.M. Mr. Gluck walked in at 1:36 P.M. I'll change that on the attendance sheet. All right. Moving down the agenda, the next item we have is the Senate Review of the ERC Expenditures. So, we are required by statutes to review each semester the expenditures that the Election Rules Commission makes during an election cycle, so we have our Supervisor of Elections here to tell us about their expenditures, and, if we have any questions about expenditures going forward or what they spent in the past, we can definitely take this time to ask him. So, I'm going to pull that up for you if I can find it... All right. The floor is yours.

Quiroz: All right. How are you guys doing? I wanted to first start by thanking Chairman for allowing me to talk about this. So, we had very minimal expenses, almost none, actually, during midterm elections because I was very thankful to have so much material from last year. We had so many cups and so many shirts leftover that really we didn’t have to spend much. And this makes it great for me because then I get to spend much more money this semester on general elections. We ran out, we ran out of all, all materials on the last day of voting. There was only, really only 2 days of voting this, during the midterm elections, and on, and during those two days, we ran out of all of our shirts and all of our cups, and we still had stickers from, like, 3 years ago. So, because we have, we had all these, like, great amounts of resources from years past, I didn’t find it necessary for us to spend any money on the midterm elections. But I do caution that this will probably not be the case next year and probably won’t be the case for years to come. This is really, this was, like, I think once in a, maybe, 5 years kind of situation in which this past ERCs has spent more money than we needed to and had more materials than needed to, and I was just able to take advantage of that and use it, use those materials to the best of my ability. And, you know, with the, with those savings of cost, it
actually increased voting turnout on campus—we went from around 1,300 to 1,600 votes cast on campus.

Malanga: Anybody on the committee have any questions? Senator Miller.

Miller: Aziz, if you could just scroll, er, whoever has the mouse, could you just scroll up to the very top?

Malanga: Sure.

Miller: When, okay, so, my question is, where it says ‘OPS other’ in the budget description, that would be payroll, correct? Okay. That’s about it.

Quiroz: That was the only, the only expense that was eligible to my payroll because I got my staff hired at the end of last semester. And we were (inaudible) during the midterm.

Miller: We’ve only spent, like, about 6%, er, no, 20?

Quiroz: Yeah.

Miller: We’ve, yeah. Okay. Very small amount.

Quiroz: Yeah, thankfully.

Malanga: Anybody else have any questions? I have one question.

Quiroz: Of course.

Malanga: What do you intend on spending, you said you were probably going to spend more money this semester.

Quiroz: Yeah, we already spent a lot more.

Malanga: What type of promotional items are you thinking about buying to increase turnout?

Quiroz: Yeah, as of right now, we, what we’re going is, I know last year, we had the mints. Well, a lot of people had really bad reviews on the mints, so, what we’re doing is we’re getting chocolate kisses printed with the dates on them, we’re getting little, small keychain bowls that would be given to people when they vote, we’re also spending on shirts which we’ve gotten a lot lower priced than
last year—we got it at $2.98 per shirt—which saved us a couple dollars there, we’re also looking at maybe having some cool activities on campus with, a lot of people have suggest a pancake man for one of the vote, voting days, or, like, some, some kind of attraction that brings people to the booth. Those are kind of our expenditures right now. We’re also spending money on getting those billboards, I don’t know if any of you saw during homecoming where they had these billboards where they give you all the, all the dates and all the data and all that stuff, like, oh, this is what’s going on this day at this place. We’re thinking about doing that on campus. We’re thinking about having 6 of these big poster boards around campus making it more aware for students that there’s an election.

Malanga: Very good. Anyone else have any other questions? All right. Thank you very much for your time.

Quiroz: All right. Thank you very much, Chairman.

Malanga: All right. Moving down the agenda, the next thing we have on the agenda is an interim budget overview. So, I believe everybody except for Anika is new to this, new to the committee. Mr. Miller, you were on the committee, too, in the summer, right? Not in fall. Sorry. Who was on the committee during the summer or fall on this? Oh, okay, you guys were? I didn’t realize that. So, what I want to do is go over the interim budget process. Since you guys were on it, most of you, we don’t need to spend a ton of time on it, but, what I want to focus on this semester is trying to get you guys involved in the entirety of the process as possible outside of just being in these meetings and voting. I’d really like to see you guys be able to get involved in meeting with the organizations and understanding some of the problems that they face on their end and some of our jobs on this, on our said of it. So, I’m basically just going to go through the average interim budget request, what it looks like on our side, and how it works. When a budget request is received, it goes to the SG budgets account. It’s forwarded over to myself or Corey depending on if it’s a grant or interim budget. For the interim budgets, when it comes to me, I email them and set up a meeting. At the meeting, we discuss what types of events they’re putting on, how they relate to the organization’s purpose, and the type of materials that they might be asking for if it’s not entirely clear. Basically, you’re trying to get more clarity on their budget application. After that, I explained to them how the annual budget process works to try to get them in that so they don’t have to do this next year, and I also speak with Chairwoman Truong so that she’s aware and she can start to approve their
constitution because we cannot fund them unless their constitution has been approved. Following that, I set it up for the committee meeting, so, all of these budgets here have already go through these steps. They have now been placed on the committee and I have budget recommendations that I’m going to present to you except for one—one of them Anika met with and she’s going to present the recommendation. Following that, we’re going to take a look at them. When the presentation goes on, what I’d like to see is the person who presents explains how they came to the numbers they came to, whether it be for food or materials, then the committee can ask whatever questions they may have, make any changes they feel or see as being fit, and then we’ll take a vote on it. Assuming the budget passes, it’ll go to the Senate floor and that’s the part that you guys have definitely seen, it would go to the Senate floor, it’ll only have one reading, it’ll be voted on the Senate floor after being explained to the Senate as a whole, and then, after that, it’s signed by both the Senate President and the Student Body President. They each have, the Senate President has 5 days and the Student Body President has 10 days. The part I’d like to see you guys be able to get involved in is meeting with organizations and making the allo—, er, making the recommendations to this committee. So, today, you’ll see I’m making most of them because they were all done over break, and knowing you guys aren’t around, I wasn’t going to ask you guys to come back to make budget allocations—that just doesn’t seem reasonable. But, if you guys are interested, if it’s something you do want to be involved in, you definitely can feel free to let me know—I’m going to reach out to you via email if you want to set up the meetings, and you guys would be able to do the process from, from the very beginning all the way through to the Senate where you’d be able to present it. And, of course, as Anika loves, there will be plenty of positive points along the way for doing all of those things. So, I know I kind of rambled on. What questions do we have about the process or about the way, the way— Mr. Miller.

Miller: How will you get us interview ready when we actually go and meet with an organization so that we don’t need to depend on you?

Malanga: Great question. So, regardless of how ready I may feel you are, the first one, I’m definitely going to sit in on it with you, and for as many more after that as you feel, until you feel comfortable, I’m going to sit in on the meetings. I may even do the first one, like, shadow me, and just see how I handle the meeting this way you get an idea of maybe how you want to ask the questions. We also have a list of, you know, key information, key questions you should be asking, so, for example, you know, obviously, are you an active organization? What are the top events that you’re going to put on
this year? Have you done them in the past? What’s your average attendance? Important questions so that we can make budget allocations. But, as far as getting you guys ready, I’m happy to talk to you guys before you’ve met with an organization, and for the first couple, I’m happy to meet with you, or, actually, be in the meeting with you.

Miller: Thank you.

Malanga: Great question.

Cirillo: Do you look at past audits to determine whether or not, like, what they’re saying is truthful or, like, to determine maybe also budgetary decisions for the new, like, budget requests?

Malanga: So, that’s a question that we’re struggling with in our Audits Adhoc, and the Chairman is here. It’s certainly reasonable to believe that we should be using audits to do that, but because we don’t have really a solidified audits system right now, we’re not doing that, no. We’re pretty much going off of the standards that we have here in committee and making sure that they follow all the, like, in other words, their constitution is in check, and, if we do audit them and there’s a mistake, then we’re going back and fixing it. But, right now, we don’t have an audits system in place that actually allows us to do what you’re suggesting, although I think it’s a fantastic idea. Pro Tempore Aziz.

Aziz: Plus, orgs, their leadership changes every single year.

Malanga: Good point.

Aziz: So, one year we have really good people and next year really bad people. So, it alternates.

Malanga: All right. Any other questions about the process? Senator Johnson.

Johnson: How many organizations do you want to see each senator meet with over the semester? Do you have an estimate?

Malanga: I’m not going to, I—that’s a good question—I don’t have a quota. Like, in other words, I don’t have a number that I’ve got in mind. I would love to see every senator actively involved, but, if there’s ones that want to do more than others, I’m not going to tell them, oh, you just have to get to this number and you’re all set. I’m happy to do them all. If nobody is interested in doing it, I will present every single one if that’s, if that’s the case. You know, I’m not going to force you guys to go,
to, I understand as senators, you already dedicate a lot of time, but, if it’s something you’re interested in, if you want to understand the process better, if you’re intending on taking on leadership next year, I think it’s a great way to get involved, get positive points, and to really learn the process, because I think, and I think you would probably agree with this, Chris, you don’t know how much you don’t know about the process until you actually go through it and meet with the organizations and really do the allocations. I think you learn a lot that way. Do you agree with that?

Johnson: Very much so.

Malanga: Yeah, so, it’s a recommendation. I’d love to see everybody do at least a couple, but there’s just not going to be a requirement. Any other questions? And think as you guys, (inaudible) you’re going to see five of them today, so I think you’ll probably start to see an idea of how, what I’m going to expect if you do choose to meet with the organization and present an allocation. All right. If there are no further questions, we are going to move down the agenda. Next item on the agenda is the Craft Club’s interim budget request. I am the one making the recommendations, so I’m going to let Vice Chair Hasan chair the meeting while I’m making the recommendation. Let’s see if we can pull this up for you… All right. All right, so—

Miller: Zoom out, if you can.

Hasan: Is it there?

Malanga: I don’t, you’re fine there. Unless you want me to move, Chairman, Chairwoman. All right. I'll go down in a second, but first, I'll give you a little bit of an overview of the club. All right, so, the Craft Club is what it sounds like—they do crafting. Basically, they get together with their members, they come up with creative ideas to take raw materials and turn them into something that’s fun for their members to make—it’s kind of a relaxation exercise and just a way for them to be creative. They’re two years old and they’ve been getting larger and larger each year. They say they have 102 active members. It was a little bit less than that if you look on Org Sync, but it’s easy to believe that no everybody is signed up on Org Sync yet. And, one of the questions I had about this organization I was concerned about was whether or not the crafts they were making were personalized items, but I went and checked with the business office and, because they’re making them, we’re not buying personalize items, because they’re making them, it is fine for them to go ahead and take those items home after they make them. So, we’re going to go through each event and I’ll explain why they got
what they got. So, the first one, it doesn’t really matter what it is, it is taking place on January 12th
which is outside the requirement of amount of days we need in order to pass it and get it to the
Student Body President. One of the things we’re going to do this semester is to make sure that bills
don’t get to the President’s desk with expired events, like, in other words, events that have passed,
so, we have agreed on an 8 day window, and this would be outside those 8 days from when we’d
pass it, so this is going to get zero funded. The next item is the winter campus painting. Basically,
they’re going to be buying, like, these little, small canvas squares, and paint, and they’re going to
decorate them. You know, each person, as they see fit. They didn’t ask for any food, so they got
none. As far as art supplies goes, the standard is $10.00, and I also gave them $20.00 for decorations
because they’re buying art supplies and then they’re decorating it, that was how I saw it, but it’s
definitely something, if the committee wants to ask about it, they could. The next item is the
February Calendar craft. They’re buying stickers and cardstock to make calendars of the month of
February. They’re going to decorate them, presumably kind of Valentine’s Day themed with hearts
and whatnot. And the same standard was used, $10.00 for art, but, as our standards for decorations
show, it goes down $5.00 each event, so, the second event, they would get $15.00 for it instead of
$20.00. And again, no food. Let’s see… The Valentine’s Day baskets takes place right around
Valentine’s Day again. They’re requesting money for the baskets and cards and candy. For some
reason, they didn’t want money for food. I asked them. They, they said that they would just scrap
the candy if it couldn’t be materials. I don’t understand why, but, so, that $15.00 wasn’t even
considered, and then I used the exact same standard of $10.00 for art and $10.00 for decorations.
The Washi tape decorating. I really didn’t know what Washi tape was, but that’s apparently the stuff
that you put on your laptop keys. Sounds pretty cool. I’m not the artsy type, so I wouldn’t really
understand it, but I do get what they want to do with them—they want to decorate their laptops.
That’s the point. Again, the same standard has been applied across the board, so, it’s $10.00 for the
art supplies and then $5.00 to decorate. Let’s see… Backpack keychains, again, pretty self-
explanatory—they want to make their own keychains, buying fabric and materials to make them. I
used the same standard, $10.00 for art, $5.00 for decorations. The next one is a do it yourself file
rack. Basically, they want to make filing cabinets. It’s a more creative version of that. And, again, it’s
the same standard being used. They’re just buying stickers, folders, those type of things. I believe
this is the last one, yeah. And last one is a USF Banner craft, so, I don’t know if you guys have ever
seen those banners that people put on their walls and dorm rooms, they kind of look like pennants
for a championship team. They want to buy those banners and then decorate them using stickers
and letter, letter stickers, rather. And the same standard was used. And then every event from here on out, there’s an 8 event maximum we fund for per standards, so these all were over that and so they all got zero funded on that, for that reason. Oh, sorry, I missed one. The, (inaudible) 7, they listed their t-shirts as one of the top three important events, so I gave them t-shirts as their 8th event. They only requested 50 t-shirts, so, instead of, so, I gave them 50 times the $5.00 in standards for a total of $250.00. And, yes, I believe that’s it. Every other event was zero funded for being 8 events.

Hasan: Does anyone have any questions about the budget? Cirillo. Senator Cirillo.

Cirillo: So, what’s the rule of thumb for the amount of material money they get per dollar they ask for? Is it, like, or is it based on the amount of people they’re saying are attending the event?

Malanga: You mean how did I get to the numbers ten and five? Okay, I probably should have set these out, but… One second… The, there you go, standards. One second, let’s pull them up. So, we have standards for everything that we fund off of in this committee and that’s what we’re going off of, so, for example, food is $2.00 a head. If it’s a banquet, it’s $3.00. So, for basic stuff like that, we have standards. For art supplies, for example, or any eligible supplies, we get, we give ten per event. So, here is somewhere I deviated from standards—we say we don’t allocate for more than 4 events per year. To me, that didn’t make sense in this case since the entire organization is based off of art supplies, so I chose not, I didn’t follow that, but, again, if the committee wants to change it, it is entirely up to you. Does that answer your question?

Cirillo: Where can I find that?

Malanga: Sure, I will send it out to everybody.

Hasan: Senator Miller.

Cirillo: (inaudible)

Malanga: No, but I can email it to you right now.

Cirillo: Okay.

Malanga: Go ahead.
Miller: Okay, so, Senator Miller. My issue was with the art supplies thing. I mean, I under-, I know that you deviated from standards with supplying art supplies for all the events. However, the art supplies seem necessary for the event to even happen, so, and that even states it in the standard itself—art supply is essential or unique can be deviated. So, I was just thinking that we actually fund more than just the standard.

Malanga: Is this, are you asking me a question?

Miller: I guess it’s not really a question. It’s more of a statement.

Hasan: Are you, do you have any recommendations to which event you want to be, like, funded even more and reasoning for that? For art supplies, if you want to deviate from a specific funding?

Miller: Well, I would if I could see the budget request.

Malanga: One second, I am getting Mr. Cirillo.

Hasan: (inaudible)

Miller: That was a little backhanded there.

Malanga: All right, and let me show you the budget request, Miller. Which one would you like to look at?

Miller: All of them starting from the...

Malanga: Top, presumably?

Miller: Yeah, and, not that one, okay—that one’s fine.

Malanga: This one’s fine?

Miller: Actually, all of them seem like—

Hasan: Senator Cirillo.

Cirillo: This is also where I had a question. Why did we start at $20.00? Is that the initial amount that’s listed in the...?
Malanga: Yeah, so, to go back to, I just sent them to you, but to go back to standards, in our standards for decorations, we allocate $20.00 for the first event and $5.00 less for every event past that.

Hasan: The thing with decorations is you cannot cha-, deviate from that because it’s for everyone.

Cirillo: Yeah. Okay.

Hasan: Senator Johnson.

Johnson: I think with decorations standard, we put it so that it was 20, 15, 10, 5, 0, not 20, 15, 10, 5, 5, 5.

Malanga: And then 5 continuing? I, I recognize that I did deviate from it. And, again, this is up to the committee. This one was tough for me, one for me to allocate because I don’t feel, personally, that $10.00 for art supplies is enough for them to do most of their events. However, we do have an art supplies standard, so it’s up to the committee if you’d like to change, if you’d like to change the standard or if you’d like to deviate from it. I felt that what I did was a fair compromise of following standards and also giving them enough, enough leeway to actually put their events on.

Hasan: Senator Johnson.

Johnson: I’m not part of the committee, apparently, so I can’t make recommendations (inaudible), but if you were hypothetically to change the standards so that there was an essential, essential ingredients or essential materials standard to go in there, you’d have, like, a written justification for deviating from that. Because, right now, I don’t think there is one, personally.

Malanga: There is not. That’s correct.

Hasan: Senator Gluck.

Gluck: I don’t think we should change it because, with the amount of members that they have listed attending the events, it’ll be less than one dollar for each of them to throw down with the money that he already allocated.

Hasan: Senator Miller.
Miller: So, I think that your compromise, Senator Malanga, was very fair is subsidizing art supplies for all the events that you did, because we are subsidizing and we should not fully fund, in my opinion. So, I will stick by you in this.

Malanga: Yeah? I will make a recommendation. We open up to an automatic question and answer, but if we want to discuss and make some recommendations, let’s, we can go ahead and do that, but this is my rec-, the budget I presented is my recommendation. Feel free to make any changes you guys see fit—all you have to do is motion to do so. I think Pro Tempore Aziz has a point.

Hasan: Pro Tempore Aziz.

Aziz: I was going to say that most of the clubs you’re going to experience are not going to be the craft club, so you’re not going to have this discussion very often.

Malanga: That’s why I put it first.

Hasan: Does anyone else have a motion or recommendation? Chairman Malanga.

Malanga: If there are no changes to be made, I move to vote on this bill, er, on this recommendation.

Aziz: Scroll up to the top one.

Malanga: Scroll up to the top.

Hasan: Do we have any objections?

Malanga: Just so you know, the total is, with overhead, four oh eight, $408.10.

Hasan: (inaudible)

Malanga: I'll write it for you—I got you.

Gluck: Question.

Hasan: Oh, do you rescind?

Malanga: I rescind for a question.

Hasan: Okay. Senator Gluck.
Gluck: When you give them the budget of $408.00, so they have to use it exactly how it was allocated or could they use it all for t-shirts if they wanted to?

Malanga: Great question. They can use, they can use it any way they want assuming they are following our proviso which is in our statutes. So, like, in other words, we have the standards that we allocate the money based off, but then they can request up to a certain amount as per standards. So, like, they don’t have to do it this way—they could request all their money for one event if they wanted to.

Cirillo: So…

Hasan: Senator.

Gluck: But it’s the (inaudible)—

Cirillo: Anything (inaudible)?

Malanga: In short, no, they don’t have to do it the way, like, we allocated—they can…

Gluck: They can choose to use it on this event and, even though you allocated for that event? Even if it was allo-, as long as it was allocated too?

Masha: No, they can have a completely new event.

Malanga: Yeah, like, exactly, they can allocate for, like, anything that’s within rules, they can then request that money for once we allocated. We’ve given 408, if we pass this, we’d have given them $408.10 and that’s their, that’s their budget. As long as they follow the rules of spending, they can use it pretty much any way they want.

Hasan: Okay. Please wait until I call upon you. It makes it really hard for the transcriber.

Malanga: My apologies, Chairwoman.

Hasan: Anyone else? Senator, er, Chairman Malanga.

Malanga: I would like to reinstate my motion to vote.

Hasan: Any objections? Seeing no objections, we move on to vote. Senator Miller.
Miller: Yes.

Hasan: Senator Cirillo.

Cirillo: Yes.

Hasan: Senator Gluck.

Gluck: Yes.

Hasan: Senator Chaudry.

Chaudry: Yes.

Hasan: Senator Roach.

Roach: Yes.

Hasan: Senator Malanga.

Malanga: Yes.

Hasan: Oh, sorry, Chairman Malanga. And with…

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

Hasan: With a vote of 6 to 0 to 1 with me as the abstaining vote, the Craft Club has been allocated $408.10.

Malanga: It’ll go to Senate.

Hasan: And it’s going to go to Senate.

Malanga: This one you did, right?

Hasan: Yeah.

Malanga: All right, I’ll take that back then.

Cirillo: Point.

Malanga: Mr. Cirillo.
Cirillo: Point of inquiry. So, I did receive the revised standard, organizations standards.

Malanga: Yes.

Cirillo: I’m looking at our student statutes. So, does our committee control those standards or does the Senate as a whole have to vote on a revised standards if we want to change them?

Malanga: Typically speaking, ASRC controls the standards and we follow them for, the funding committee, ASRC makes standards that we follow for, in the year. If we encounter situations that we feel standards don’t cover, we can then create or further elaborate on standards. Is that accurate, Pro Tempore Aziz?

Aziz: So…

Malanga: Pro Tempore Aziz.

Aziz: So, standards are for most situations but there are special situations, like Craft Club. That’s why you’re able to deviate from them, but, in most budgets, it helps you out to have a consistent number you’re giving orgs for food and materials, decorations, instead of being, like, for every org, like, you get $5.00, you get $100.00. It’s more consistent.

Malanga: Frank Cirillo.

Cirillo: Another points of inquiry. So, if I understand Senator Gluck’s question earlier, so, if the organization asks for a certain amount of money and we allocate that for food and materials for a number of org, like, events that they ask for, but we don’t follow up with what they’re using the money we gave them for, the specific purposes, why wouldn’t they just say they’re going to get food when they know that we’re not going to follow up to see if they’ve bought’n food so they’re just going to ask for money knowing they’re going to get funded for that allocation?

Gluck: Great question.

Malanga: That’s an extremely fair question. I’m going to defer to the, to the business office if Masha would like to respond to that.

Masha: Okay, so, the student organizations, first of all, you can’t hold them to what is it that they’ve been asked, asking for, because a normal student organization that makes a request, they would
make a request (inaudible), right now in January, for the next fiscal year. By the time the next fiscal year comes in July, they might be graduated out of it, so, it’s not nec-, you can’t hold the next administration accountable to what the other one has submitted, okay? They might have a completely different direction that they’re going to. They have requested the funds, you do, they request the funds based on the events—that’s the way you guys set up in this institution. The organization, in the past, it used to be that the food and materials were used, were two different lines, too, so, if you allocate them for the food and you allocate them a certain amount of materials, they only are bound to spend it in the category, not necessarily on the same event, but they could only spend it within that category. But there are so many budget transfer requests going back and forth as far as ‘I want to transfer money from food to materials, from materials to the food’ that it was completely unmanageable by a committee in Senate to do so. So, they have said, okay, the event typically takes food and materials and that’s what most organizations are doing, therefore we’re going to allocate them for the event, both the food and material, yes, they are going to request. If they’re asking for materials, they need to justify as to what kind of materials they’re getting and whatnot. We allocate them based on what is it they requested and then they are free to spend however they want that if, in case you allocate them too much in food and they want to spend it into materials, they certainly can do that or vice versa so that you don’t have to deal with the constant budget transfer forms too. The concern of if you allocate for a specific event but then they do something else… Or, you, not following, okay, ASRC, when they look at organization budgets, they actually do take into consideration last year’s performance. They look and see what is it that they have spent the money on or they look at the total, really, as to what is it that it has been spent on. Some organizations have these big events, like, Salsa Bhangra—it’s a massive event, collaboration of a few organizations. The entire university community knows about it. So, what happens during ASRC process of those kind of events, they actually go back and look as to how successful or not successful that event was. If an organization, completely new organization comes up and says ‘we’ve done this event in the past. This is the event we’re going to do’ and it’s a huge, massive event and they’re asking for tens and thousands of dollars and you have nothing to go on, yes, you’re going to need and talk with them and whatnot, but that kind of event doesn’t have as much of a credibility as Salsa Bhangra does which happens over year and year and year and year, you could allocate the first year a big amount of money and then the next year, you’re going to come back and say, you know what, you didn’t put that event on. What is it that you spent the money on? So, I, I wouldn’t say that
this is a huge concern, the ones that you guys bring, because student organizations are not that devious, okay?

Cirillo: So, if I understand correctly, then ASRC is the one that’s following up, not Audits and Appropriations, with how—?

Masha: Well, that’s what the adhoc committee is going through now as far as the audits are concerned. The audits have always been done based on the events that organizations actually put on. It’s not based on how much funding they receive for this particular event, it’s just how much funding they requested for this particular event and what is it they’ve done with that funding for this particular event too. So, the audits always have been done, but the question is what is that you do with those audits afterwards too, so, that’s what the adhoc committee is looking at as far as the auditing is concerned. How is that going to factor in either within this committee or within ASRC committee?

Malanga: Does that answer your question?

Cirillo: Yes.

Malanga: It was a more detailed explanation than I could possibly have given you, I promise. All right. Next item on the agenda is the Global Public Health Brigades interim budget request which Vice Chair Hasan has, will be recommending.

Hasan: Okay, so, G—…

Malanga: Mr. Johnson, you have a question?

Johnson: If, if I may. The, the Audit Adhoc meets on Mondays and Wednesdays until February 2\textsuperscript{nd} at 2:30, which is (inaudible) on this committee. I know a couple people on (inaudible) aren’t going to be able to make it regularly, and if any senators would like to sit in it for them, please go ahead and make it a point to, Frank and Ryan especially because you guys (inaudible) stuff like this, so… Sorry to interrupt your meeting.

Malanga: Let me know. If you let me know, I’ll forward your name along to Mr. Johnson.

Johnson: See you next week.
Hasan: Okay, so, the Global Public Health Brigade is an organization, they did not have much of a description on what, because they’re still a new organization and they did not give me a specific description and they didn’t have a description printed out where they’re supposed to, but I talked to them about their events. They’re basically a public health organization. They’re currently active. They have 60 members. They have done one event so far, which is the move night, and they don’t do collaborations with any other organizations and they do do fund raising, but I have made them, I made it very clear that you’re not allowed to use A&S funds to do fundraising. So, there are only two, if their budget, there’s only two events which we can fund—the first one, money night social, we cannot do it for two multiple reasons. A date—

Malanga: Is there a mistake on here? My fault.

Hasan: Oh, based, no, because they don’t have copy, they don’t have copyrights for the movies and we’re not allowed to fund events where we don’t have copyrights for the movies.

Masha: Is this an annual budget?

Gluck: It’s (inaudible) right?

Hasan: Is it?

Malanga: (inaudible)

Aziz: No, it’s interim budget.

Malanga: Let me see yours. I may have pulled up on the wrong thing. Sorry about that.

Miller: Maybe they should apply for annual.

Masha: It appears that they are applying for an annual budget.

Malanga: Yeah, I think they put—, either the date is wrong or they were applying for annual. Did you ask them about that when you were in the meeting?

Hasan: 2015?

Aziz: Look at the dates.

Malanga: Yeah, the dates all say…
Aziz: You look at, the form is wrong.

Miller: November.

Masha: November 2015 is the next fiscal year.

Aziz: November, July…

Hasan: Oh…

Malanga: They’re out of order, too.

Aziz: Then that’s…

Gluck: A one…

Aziz: A one is, there’s two…

Hasan: Let me tell you why this happened. Because I’m from where I am, we do date, month, year, and it confuses me a lot.

Gluck: It’s correct, it’s the—

Hasan: It’s correct.

Gluck: It’s the February 11th.

Hasan: Maybe they put it down date, month, year?

Malanga: Oh, so, this is—

Aziz: Oh.

Masha: No, no, no, that is fine, but then the, oh, you mean—

Malanga: Yeah, so, this is February 11th, this is March 3rd.

Aziz: Oh.

Miller: Day, month, year.

Malanga: Okay.
Miller: That’s cool.

Malanga: So, this…

Hasan: This event—

Malanga: Could not be funded.

Hasan: The rest of them could not be funded because they don’t have copyright to the movie. The second event, they ask, basically, they did not put in description for what kind of, like, materials they ask for, so I tried asking them, like, what kind of materials did you want, but for the second event, they could not tell me a specified kind of materials they wanted, so, I went ahead, did $2.00 per head of food, 40 people attending, that’s $80.00. The third event, just because we do one social every semester, we cannot fund the second, er, the third event.

Malanga: And that’s in standards, correct?

Hasan: Yes. And the last event is a banquet. They asked, I ask, again, they did not put what kind of ut-, materials they wanted, but, under further inquiry, they told me it was utensils, so I went ahead and did $50.00 for utensils, and they also said that they wanted decorations. And aside that, for food, I went ahead and gave them $400.00, I did 405, but it’s $400.00 which is 135 people, $3.00 per head. Does anyone have any questions?

Malanga: Pro Tempore Aziz.

Aziz: Does the spreadsheet add up correctly?

Malanga: I will check it for you, but, just looking at it quickly, 405, er, 450 and 80 would be 530, it does not add up correctly. I have no idea how it gets to that number. I think this is one of those ones they messed with when you guys see (inaudible).

Aziz: So, this is a…

Malanga: I’ll make sure we check it before we go. Any other questions? Senator Cirillo.

Cirillo: It’s not specific to this bill, bit it’s just about the interim budget process. Is there any penalty for a student organization that decides to do a budget request in the middle of the year instead of doing an annual budget at the beginning of the year?
Malanga: So, there is a re-, a penalty. It’s a 25% penalty. It only applies if the organization has already been around for a year and they’ve already requested funding in the past and, remind me of the date. It’s January..?

Masha: January 15th.

Malanga: January 15th. If they submitted it after January 15, so, in other words, they were late last year and they could have applied, then there’s a 25% reduction.

Masha: And they can’t (inaudible).

Malanga: I have it written down. There’s only, I only have one organization so far that has a penalty that applies to them, but I can show you which one that is.

Miller: I don’t think you need to do that.

Malanga: No?

Cirillo: It’s okay.

Malanga: I’ll tell, there’s one organization on this agenda that has that and I’ll make sure it gets applied, but this is not the one.

Cirillo: Okay.

Malanga: Any other questions? All right then. I will entertain a motion to enter voting. Mr. Miller.

Aziz: What’s the total that they’re voting on?

Malanga: Total is four hundred and, $530.00, it looks like, if I’m not mistaken. So, just to add it up quickly, zero, eighty…

Aziz: Times overhead.

Malanga: Zero, and 450, which is 530.

Hasan: Times overhead.

Malanga: Plus overhead, $550.00 plus overhead.
Aziz: They have $550.00?

Malanga: Why is this..?

Hasan: 530.

Malanga: $530.00 plus overhead.

Aziz: It’s $561.80.

Malanga: $561.80?

Aziz: Yeah.

Malanga: Change that later. The total you’re voting on, if you vote, is one, is $561.80. Mr. Miller.

Miller: I move to enter voting procedures.

Malanga: Motion to enter voting procedures. Do I see any objections? Seeing none. We will go around the table. Mr. Miller.

Miller: Yes.

Malanga: All right. Cirillo.

Cirillo: Yes.

Malanga: Mr. Gluck.

Gluck: Yes.

Malanga: Remind of your last, ch, ch..?

Chaudry: Chaudry.

Malanga: Chaudry. I’m saying it wrong, there we go. Chaudry.

Chaudry: Yes.

Malanga: Last name. I know, Emily——

Roach: Roach.
Malanga: Roach. All right. Senator Roach.

Roach: Yes.

Malanga: Yes. And Vice Chairwoman Hasan.

Hasan: Yes.

Malanga: All right. But a vote of 6 to 0 to 1, with myself as the abstaining vote, this recommendation will be adopted and will be sent to the Senate floor. All right. The next one on the agenda is Active Minds, I do believe. Let’s just check. Oh, sorry, it is the Pediatric Pharmacy Advocacy Group, which I will be presenting. All right. All right, so, basically, their purpose is to provide career opportunities and opportunities for learning for students in the field of pediatric care. So, most of their events are centered around kind of a, increasing information about the field and getting them ready for their careers, so we’ll just go through them quickly.

Miller: Enable editing first.

Malanga: Good call, Mr. Miller. So, they request $545.90 and they were allocated $84.80, just for reference. This first event is off campus, so it was not funded—there’s a process for that. If they want to request an off-campus event, once they’ve been allocated funding, they can then come back and request something off-campus, but we do not allocate for that here. The second event is the CVS Health Fair. Basically, they’re going to set up a booth. Remind me of where they said they were going to have it… Oh, they want to do it over at the elementary school, which is on campus, for the students out there. It’s on campus, Mr. Miller.

Miller: Technically.

Malanga: It is, and it will be open to all students who want to get involved and it’s going to be to try and inform students, and especially the younger students, about their purpose and about, you know, the pharmacy safety and being safe with prescription drugs and that type of thing. So, they asked for food, they were allocated per standards for $20.00, 10 times, $10.00, 10 people times $2.00 a head, and then materials, they were funded at the decorations standard, which, that’s basically what they’re asking for—tape, poster boards, that type of stuff. This next one is another off campus event, so it was zero funded. March of Dimes is also off campus, was not funded. That was something I had to explain to them and for the yearly process next year, hopefully they will, will understand that. They
are doing a second health fair, again over at the USF elementary schools. Very similar, but it was about a different topic. I'll be honest, I wrote it down, I don’t remember where I put it. So, the first one is about medication safety and the second one is about being active and, like, being outdoors and exercising, so it’s still about health and fits their purpose. The funding is the same—it’s 10 times 2 and you get to $20.00 for food. And decorations is a mistake now that I’m looking at it—it should be $15.00 because the standard is $5.00 per event less, if that makes sense. And that is all their events. Chairwoman. Questions? Oh, sorry, scroll up. Show you guys (inaudible).

Masha: I’m guessing the year is supposed to be 2015?

Malanga: Yeah, there were…

Masha: Go down on the events.

Aziz: They time traveled.

Malanga: Yeah. When I spoke to them, they were talking about the events coming up in the semester. I think the dates are wrong, but, technically, the dates are wrong. Are there other questions? Chairwoman.

Hasan: Oh, sorry. Senator Miller.

Miller: So, technically, if it is 2014 on the budget request, is, are we allocating for 2014 or 2015?

Malanga: We’re allocating for 2015. When I spoke to them, they were very clear that the events were coming up in this previous year. You can choose not to fund them based off the typo, but I would not recommend it.

Hasan: Senator Gluck.

Gluck: So, since they’re having two CVS fairs, you deduct $5.00 from… what did you do?

Malanga: The reason I deduced $5.00 is that our standard for decorations is, the first time we allocate for decorations, it’s $20.00, and it goes down $5.00 for each event we allocate decorations from then on. So, it didn’t matter that it was a CVS fair. It just happens to be that the next one they use decorations was the second CVS fair.

Hasan: Senator Cirillo.
Cirillo: For off-campus events, if we don’t fund off-campus events, what is the distinction between an off-campus event and a travel grant, then? Because could they apply for that under a travel grant to get the money instead?

Malanga: I don’t believe this would qualify under travel grant. Can you maybe give me a more official description, Pro Tempore Aziz?

Hasan: Pro Tempore Aziz.

Aziz: So, for travel, it’s usually something for, like, a conference or, not for something that you are holding yourself. Something you’re going to.

Cirillo: Okay.

Aziz: It’s for an organization. And then off-campus event is an event that would be normally held on campus but for some reason cannot be held on campus, so you request it to be held off campus.

Hasan: Senator Miller.

Miller: I move to enter voting procedures.

Hasan: Do we have any objections? Seeing none. We move to enter voting procedure for the Pediatric Pharmacy Bureaucracy Group. Senator Miller.

Miller: Yes.

Hasan: Senator Cirillo.

Cirillo: Yes.

Hasan: Senator Gluck.

Gluck: Yes.

Hasan: Senator Chaudry.

Chaudry: Yes.

Hasan: Senator Roach.
Roach: Yes.

Hasan: Chairman Malanga.

Malanga: Yes.

Hasan: With 6 to 0 to 1 with me as the abstaining vote, the bill passes and is going to go to Senate.

Malanga: All right.

Hasan: Next we have on our agenda Active Minds interim budget request. Mike, Chairman Malanga, would you go ahead and present that?

Malanga: Absolutely. Active Minds is another one that messes around with the spreadsheet (inaudible). Either way, it works. Anyway, thankfully fixed them—that’s for the new ones. Active Minds is all about promoting better mental health, er, promoting mental health issues so that there’s more awareness and trying to lead to healthier ways to live so that you don’t have, so you can avoid them. They were requesting $798.18. They were allocated, per recommendation, $146.28. So, we’ll go through all their events. The first event is a blue heart campaign about human trafficking. It’s going to be in the Marshall Center. They’re going to have snacks and they’re going to give information, show some videos about human trafficking. It’s going to be in the Marshall Center. They’re going to have snacks and they’re going to give information, show some videos about human trafficking. For the food, they said, they only requested $15.00 event though they say 150 students will be attending, so, we don’t allocate more than is requested—that’s one of our standards—so, they got $15.00 for food. As far as materials, most of what they were asking for when I asked them were art supplies. I wrote it down, they wanted felt to make little blue heart, hearts out of, so, it’s pretty much art supplies, and they were given $10.00 as per standards. They explained it here—safety pins and felt, (inaudible). All right, the second event is not being funded because it does not fall outside the 8 day window. In fact, as of today, half the window has passed, so this is zero funded. Next event is Fall in Love with Yourself. It’s Valentine’s Day and it’s about promoting self-awareness and a positive body image. So, let’s see, their plan, just reading from the description, each person is going to make a heart with their least favorite body part on it and then people are going to list reasons that they should love it as opposed to being self-conscious about it. So, again, with food, they fell under standards, so I just gave them what they requested and, as far as materials goes, they were asking for both art supplies and decorations, so they were given a total of $30.00 there. And that’s all explained right here. Next one is Mental Health Awareness Reducing Stigma. It’s about,
again, spreading awareness about mental health issues, especially, which one, this one is about depression, bipolar, and PTSD. They want to present to the local elementary school, so, another one that ones to go to the, when I asked, they wanted to talk to the elementary schools on campus, so, they’re going to take any students who want to go in and learn about it and talk about it and go talk to these students about mental health issues. They requested no money for food and they were given $15.00 for the decorations that they asked for—ribbons and notebooks and such—as per standards. And I believe the last event here is the second part of the mental health awareness. They are, again, going to the campus schools, and they want to give the students a more, more information about these disorders. So, this one, they’re talking about general anxiety, obsessive compulsive, and autism. So, some relevant diseases, er, disorders, rather. And, again, following the standards for decorations. This time, they would be allocated $10.00 for the event, and that is it. That is their request. The total comes to $146.28 that I recommended.

Hasan: Does anyone have any questions or recommendations? Senator Roach.

Roach: Okay, on the, when they requested them and they said they were going to the elementary school, in the description, it says they’re going to a local high schools and other places, so that would be off-campus.

Malanga: Yeah, I actually asked about that because that bothered me. When I asked them, the first thing they said was, well, we mean the ones one camp-, the elementary schools on campus. So, they won’t be able to request it from the business office. Like, in other words, if they go to say, oh, we want to go to—I’m not from Tampa, so I don’t know any of the schools here—but if they want to go to another high school or elementary school in Tampa, they won’t be allowed to because it’ll be off-campus—they’d have to request it through us.

Roach: Okay. And, also, the date for the, there’s no dates, there’s just months.

Malanga: They, yeah, they did, they didn’t give any dates of, again, that is something we can hold against them—

Roach: So, the first January one, has that passed?

Malanga: They told me it was going to be the last week of January when I asked. I wrote that down.

Hasan: Does anyone else have any questions or motions? Senator Cirillo.
Cirillo: I move to enter into voting procedure.

Hasan: Seeing no ob-, er, any objections? Seeing none. We enter into voting procedures. Senator Miller.

Miller: Yes.

Hasan: Senator Cirillo.

Cirillo: Yes.

Hasan: Senator Gluck.

Gluck: Yes.

Hasan: Senator Chaudry.

Chaudry: Yes.

Hasan: Senator Roach.

Roach: Yes.

Hasan: Chairman Malanga.

Malanga: Yes.

Hasan: With 6 to 0 to 1 with me as the abstaining vote, the budget will go to Senate this Tuesday. I pass, oh, we have SCATTER?

Malanga: Yeah, we have SCATTER and then one off-campus request. It should be quick.

Hasan: Okay, uh…

Malanga: We do need to…

Hasan: Senator, er, Chairman Malanga.

Malanga: I move to extend time by 10 minutes in order to finish out our agenda.

Hasan: Does anyone have any objections to that? The time is extended by 10 minutes.
Malanga: So, the next item is SCATTER. And let me pull it up for you guys. All right. So, SCATTER is the Suncoast Area Teacher Training and Education Research… organization, I guess. Basically, what they do—, sorry, had it. I would have gotten there eventually. Basically, what they do is try and take students who are becoming teachers or interested in the teaching profession, get them more information, and kind of open up career opportunities for them. Yes, Mr. Miller? All right. They requested $2,279.00 and my recommendation is $636.00. The first event, the date has passed—it was in the fall semester—so, I recommended zero dollars. The second event would be their Spring Graduation event to celebrate any of their members who are graduating. I allocated for food. When I asked about the attendance, they said 100 people, which was in line with what they said their active members, active membership was, but I can’t, actually, sorry, which is about half of what they say their active membership is, is about 200. So, recommending $200.00 for food seemed reasonable. As far as materials, they wanted door prizes and promo items which we don’t fund for, so they got zero dollars. Yes, the next event is the Ice Cream Social. They have several socials requested and I asked them which one was most important, that one is down on the list, it’s funded, however, this one could not be funded as a result. The next event is T-shirts. They want to give out t-shirts at Bull Market or something similar. They asked for 30 t-shirts times $5.00, they got $150.00 instead of the requested $500.00. Next event would be a bonfire which was not funded due to safety reasons. We can’t fund them (inaudible). The next event is a themed get to know you party. This would be the next social, the one that they said was more important, so, we will be funding it. It’s just an event for their members to have some food, play some games, and sort of hang out and get to know each other. They said 100 members would attend, so the food was in line with $200.00, and the materials at $50.00, for utensils is right in line with standards, so, they got a total of $250.00 for that event. And they wanted to buy stress balls to give out during finals week to relieve stress which is probably a good idea for many students. However, it is a promo item and we do not fund promo items, so it is zeroed out. And that is my recommendation. The total is $636.00.

Hasan: Senator Miller.

Miller: Do we enter a question and answer period now?

Malanga: It’s automatic, yeah.

Miller: Okay, well, the get to know you party, I want to be, I just want to be clear about the date since it says ‘insert’.
Malanga: Sorry, did I miss the date?

Miller: Yeah. There’s no date there.

Malanga: When… Let me see if I asked if I can give you a better answer on that.

Hasan: Or a location.

Malanga: They have it as happening in March. They didn’t give me a specific date. I asked them and they said early March.

Hasan: Michael, there’s no location.

Malanga: They, for the ones, that I have written down, they have, they said MSC for any event that doesn’t have a location, but I did instruct them next time they need to actually put a location. That’s why we have the box, but…

Hasan: Does anyone else have any other questions or motions? Senator Miller.

Miller: I move to enter voting procedures.

Hasan: Seeing no objections, we move to enter voting procedures. Senator Miller.

Miller: Yes.

Hasan: Senator Cirillo.

Cirillo: Yes.

Hasan: Senator Gluck.

Gluck: Yes.

Hasan: Senator Chaudry.

Chaudry: Yes.

Hasan: Senator Roach.

Roach: Yes.
Hasan: Chairman Malanga.

Malanga: Yes.

Hasan: With a vote of 6 to 0 to 1, the budget is going to go to Senate. Moving on in our agenda, the next is an off-campus request, American Students of Mechanical Engineering, and Chairman Malanga is going to present it.

Malanga: All right. This one should be very easy. We simply cannot fund this. They requested substantially more than they have in their budget. The way an off-campus requests work is that they have a budget, they can request money from it for an off-campus event. They requested $15,000.00 for this event, and the event, the amount that they have in their budget, I don’t have it off the top of my head, but I believe it was about $1,500.00 or a little bit less than that. More importantly, even, is that, for the event, they want to charge an entrance fee to students that they’re going to take. So, there were several reasons I recommended to zero fund. I didn’t even bother making a spreadsheet because it’s pretty much just a matter of housekeeping. So, that’s my recommendation if you have any questions.

Hasan: Does anyone else have any questions or recommendations or motions? Senator Miller.

Malanga: Oh—

Aziz: (inaudible)

Malanga: What do you want me to do?

Aziz: The request, so they can see it.

Malanga: I mean, yeah, sure. The event itself is very good though, I should point that out. It is a conference that they’ll be hosting here in Tampa. But I didn’t talk to them about alternate sources of funding and they thought that the school of engineering may actually help them out with it a little bit. But this is the request.

Hasan: Senator Miller.

Miller: So, given that what’s, Chairman Malanga said was true, and, as I can see now it is, I would like to move to enter voting procedures.
Hasan: Any objections? Seeing none. We enter voting procedures.

Aziz: Yes is to approve, no is to deny, right? Senator?

Malanga: Yes, but—

Aziz: I mean, because it—

Malanga: Effect, okay, in effect, these two things, voting yes or no does the same thing, right? If we deny it, they get zero dollars, if we approve this, they get zero dollars, right? This is a matter of housekeeping just to, in other words, to finalize the request, which, do you not agree we have not been passing?

Aziz: Might as well vote on it.

Malanga: Oh, in other words, you want to vote on their request as opposed to my recommendation?

Aziz: No, no—

Malanga: I think that makes more sense—you’re right.

Aziz: Either way, it’s just…

Hasan: It’s the same thing.

Malanga: No, it’s different. So, a yes—

Hasan: I got it.

Malanga: A yes would be to approve $15,000.00, a no would be to say no to the off-campus.

Hasan: But if he said that a motion to zero fund or something?

Malanga: Oh, is that what you said?

Hasan: He said motion to zero fund.

Malanga: Okay.

Aziz: So just, yeah.
Hasan: Did you say motion to zero fund?

Miller: I said motion to enter voting procedures.

Aziz: So, how about you say a motion not to approve the request?

Miller: I would like to amend my motion to what Aziz has just said on the record, so…

Hasan: Senator Miller said what he just said. We now enter voting procedures. Senator Miller.

Aziz: Yes it to not approve.

Hasan: Yes.

Miller: Yes is to not approve?

Malanga: Yes means zero dollars.

Miller: K, I want that one.

Hasan: Senator Cirillo.

Cirillo: Yes.

Hasan: Senator Gluck.

Gluck: Yes.

Hasan: Senator Chaudry.

Chaudry: Yes.

Hasan: Senator Roach.

Roach: Yes.

Hasan: Chairman Malanga.

Malanga: Yes.

Hasan: With 6 to 0 to 1, we deny this off-campus request and this is going to still go to Senate, right?
Malanga: No. Off-campus requests only come to us. All right, guys. Thank you very much for your patience today. We’re in announcements now, by the way.

Announcements:

Malanga: Thank you for your patience. The off-campus request, I promise, will be more clear. I hadn’t thought of it like that—you’re right, it makes more sense to vote on it like that. As far as next week’s meeting and all the meetings following it, next week, we’re going to discuss a budget request from CSI for USF Week, and we also have a budget request for Chairman Ulloa for the grant program, and you’ll get more information on that when it comes, but I’m going to send out an email to all you guys to see if you’re interested in meeting with organizations. I’m sure we can all agree that nobody wants to hear my voice this much in a one hour period, right? So, we’re going to try and get as many of you guys involved with that process as is possible and I hope you guys see how we, er, we’re going to do it, and it’ll get smoother and smoother as we go through the semester. But we’re in announcements, so, does anybody have an announcement? Anybody else have an announcement?

Gluck: I (inaudible) this committee and actually, it seems very interesting and I would love to work with you.

Malanga: Definitely. And I’m going to send out the standards to all you guys because I feel bad I didn’t do that, I think it’s standard, so, if you review those, I think it’ll be all lot helpful, er, a little bit more helpful to see that. Senator Miller.

Miller: Greek Expo tonight for anybody interested in rushing a Greek organization, 6:00, I don’t where, anybody else, yeah, okay. That’s about it.


Cirillo: Motion to adjourn.

Malanga: I have a motion to adjourn. Do I see any objections? Seeing none. We are adjourned at 2:37 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 2:37 P.M.

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