



Appropriation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 09/15/2023

I. Call to Order

- a. Meeting called to order at 5:03

II. Roll Call

Name	Position	Present/Absent	Required Attendance
Anne Martinez	Chair	Present	Yes
Mikele Mancuso	Vice Chair	Present	Yes
Alyssa Andreus	Member	Present (Late)	Yes
Gabriella Ruiz	Member	Absent	Yes (Excused)
Chanita Jacques	Member	Present	Yes
Hua Hui Vogel	Member	Present	Yes
Karina Hernandez	Senate Floor Leader	Present	No
Larissa James	SGA Advisor	Present	No

III. Unfinished Business

a. Advisor Larissa Clarification Points

- i. Larissa tells everyone to be aware of the sections of the statutes that outline the responsibilities of the appropriations committee as well as the funding process,
- ii. Larissa also specifically addresses the Model USAID bill, and how the affiliation of Vice Chair Mancuso may violate the statutes and rules of the appropriations committee,
- iii. Chair Martinez asks Larissa to clarify the exact process of the appropriations committee requests,
- iv. Larissa responds by clarifying gray areas about who writes the bills after a given appropriations request,

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- v. Chair Martinez then clarifies that thanks to the clarifications made by Larissa, this indicates that today we would not be reviewing the Model USAID bill today,
- vi. Larissa confirms this and then adds what else would be needed like flyers and specifics on who would be paying,

IV. New Business

- a. S.B. 04 000: Model USAID Bill
- b. The Model USAID bill will not be discussed today as per the clarifications made by Larissa
- c. An addition made to new business: sustainability fair request
 - i. Chair Martinez begins to go through the sustainability fair appropriations request,
 - ii. Floor Leader Hernandez clarifies the identity of the person who submitted the act,
 - iii. Floor Leader Hernandez expands on the key points of the act, which is to have a recurring event every fall and spring, and encourage an environment and culture of sustainability at fiu,
 - iv. Both files in the appropriations request are then reviewed by the committee,
 - v. Floor Leader Hernandez explains the designs for shirts and the breakdown for them and why it was included in the request,
 - vi. Floor Leader Hernandez then breaks down the quote for the entire appropriation and the logic behind buying certain items,
 - vii. Chair Martinez opens the floor to a 10-minute discussion,
 - viii. Senator Vogel asks a question regarding how much bamboo utensils are expected to decrease
 - ix. Floor Leader Hernandez states that the exact amount it is expected to decrease over time is unknown
 - x. Vice Chair Mancuso asks a question regarding the frequency of the event and how it would take quite a chunk of the budget of the senate line
 - xi. Floor Leader Hernandez responds by saying that it is vital to have the event both in the spring and the fall due to student population in the fall versus the spring,
 - xii. Senator Andreus asks if a downsizing for the event is possible in particular for the spring or if it is possible buying in bulk bamboo disposables from amazon

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- xiii. Floor Leader Hernandez talks about how downsizing is not something they are willing to do but buying in bulk is a good idea,
- xiv. Senator Vogel asks about what exactly the office of sustainability is helping pay for,
- xv. Floor Leader Hernandez goes thoroughly in depth on what exactly OUS is paying for,
- xvi. Senator Jacques asks a question regarding how many people are to be fed by the catering provided,
- xvii. Floor Leader Hernandez answers the question by clarifying how many people are to be fed by the catering,
- xviii. Senator Vogel asks a final question about representing BBC in the sustainability fair,
- xix. Floor Leader Hernandez responds by saying she has been working with the BBC governor to submit another appropriations request later to have a sustainability fair at BBC.

V. Reports

- a. Senate Leadership
 - i. Karina announces to please come to the senate meeting in BBC on Monday and to let senate leadership know if we cannot make it to the senate meeting or to the retreat after the meeting,
- b. Committee
- c. Advisor

VI. Announcements

- a. Agenda Appropriations Bills Review: Sustainability Fair Act
 - i. An appropriations request was made about an hour before the meeting regarding the sustainability fair act
- b. New Procedures for Appropriations Committee
 - i. New procedures for appropriations might come in the future

VII. Meeting Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 6:02

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