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### Florida International University

Student Government Council - Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

# MINUTES SGC-BBC General Meeting August 25, 2010

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Christin Battle, President Denise Halpin, Vice President Katherine Bernardoni, Chief of Staff Oehleo Higgs, Press Secretary Angelena Adams, Elections Commissioner Marie Wray, Special Events Coordinator 3:33pm Silvia Revilla, Inter Coordinator Andrea Cruz, Honors College Senator3:33pm Anaisabel Garcia, SJMC Senator Robert Tassy III, Speaker of the Senate Carolina Levy, Housing Senator Lea Meir, Lower Division Senator Emmanuel Osemota, Senator At-Large Deyan Ivanov, Senator At-Large Dametreus Vincent, Graduate Senator Salvatore DeVito, Dir. Governmental Relations Isabel Maza, Dir. External Relations Rafael Zapata, Advisor Larissa Adames, SGA Clerk

#### ABSENT

Claudia Padgett, Dir. Academic Affairs

#### GUEST

Greg Olson, Director of Wolfe University Center Shana Kaplan, Student Emilio Collyer, Student The Beacon Newspaper

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on August 25, 2010, WUC 155. The meeting was called to order at **3:30pm**, approximately, by President Battle who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Welcome back (Fall semester 2010)
- Thanks to Lea Meir for representing Biscayne Bay campus during presentation at Freshman Convocation
- Presidential vision (President Mark Rosenberg) for FIU 2020 is 62,000 students, which would make FIU the #2 largest university)
- Raising money for FIU
  - Goal: \$1 billion
  - Donors & fundraising
- Will be scheduling meeting with President Rosenberg in order to emphasize visions for BBC:
  - Marine Science to become higher ranked in the nation due to excellent resources
  - Hotel to be built near to the Roz and Cal Covens Centre for students and tourists
  - New dorms to be furnished
  - Education center for Miami Dade and Broward students to be established
  - President Rosenberg will be visiting BBC at least twice per semester for random classroom visits and more general presence
  - More progress will be made for Panther Den
  - Customer service to be reviewed and improved
  - Mentorship/pantherization for high school students (thus increasing interest and incoming students to FIU)
- o FIU Pride Days have been officially set in motion
  - FIU gear to be worn on Fridays esp. by staff [FIU Fridays]
- Panther Den Update
  - Price quotes for ceiling tattoos, panther paws, and banners are in
- Athletics
  - Representative from MMC will have presence at BBC
  - Point-incentive program will be established for students who attend games and show spirit. 100 points=prize
  - Swimming at BBC will be emphasized (events, swim lessons)
- USSA Update
  - Outreach plan will be made to present to the Board of Directors
- Elections
  - Goal is to have more students registered for voting this year
- Two new websites for students:
  - fiusports.com (BLOG)
  - worldsahead.fiu.edu (interactive website)
- Proposals for the Technology fee are in:
  - Free MS Office for students
  - Free Photoshop training for students

- o FIU Panther Express schedules have been changed:
  - More times are available
  - Single-trip tickets have replaced all other tickets

#### **Vice President's Report**

- Student Showcase Event
  - Finance codes are being waited upon
  - Teams will be assembled in September
- o October 6<sup>th</sup> will be the Relay for Life kickoff in GC 243 from 6pm-9pm
- Will be meeting with Bill Foster
  - Card system is underway
- Most recent SGC appointed members:
  - Katherine Bernardoni Chief-of-Staff unanimous vote
  - Emilio Director of Lectures 1 opposed, 8 in favor
  - Shauna Comptroller unanimous

#### Comptroller's Report

(Anything that the Comptroller Reported)

#### **SENATE SPEAKER REPORT**

- Resolution to have pizza oven in cafeteria has been approved and passed
- Chairs appointed:
  - Finance Chair Andrea Cruz
  - Legislation/Judiciary Chair Lea Meir
  - Operational Review Chair Deyan Ivanov

#### **Cabinet Report**

- (Chief-of-Staff Report
  - Website update biographies are to be handed in by 5pm today
  - o Each week, a member of cabinet will prepare a presentation at cabinet meetings

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Time cards will take effect on Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>

#### **Old Business**

- o (BBC Graduate funding: \$5,000 has been allocated for graduate students
- Speaking up in classes: follow-up emails will be sent to professors

#### **ANOUNCEMENTS**

- August:
  - 25<sup>th</sup> Free Area Shopping Shuttle BVHC
  - 26<sup>th</sup> Freshman Luau 11:30am-2pm Panther Square
  - 26<sup>th</sup> Trail of the Torch 7pm MMC Housing Quad
  - 26<sup>th</sup> Monthly Birthday party BVHC

- 27<sup>th</sup> Game Day 11am Panther Square
- 27<sup>th</sup> Scavenger Hunt 7pm BVHC
- 28<sup>th</sup> Volleyball Fun Day BV Volleyball Court 3pm
   28<sup>th</sup> Free Area Shopping Shuttle BVHC 7pm
- 29<sup>th</sup> Manhunt 11am-2pm BVH
- September
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Rec Expo 11am-2pm Panther Square
- October
  - 1<sup>st</sup> -- Diversity Day Photo Contest Deadline

The meeting was dismissed by President Battle at 4:19pm.