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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES
SGC-BBC General Meeting
January 11, 2012

IN ATTENDANCE

Denise Halpin, President
Emilio Collyer, Vice President
Kevin Gonzalez, Comptroller
Suyen Fernandez, Chief of Staff
Xinyu “Allen” Tian, International Student Services Coordinator
Fang “Frank” Shu, Marketing Coordinator
Pablo Haspel, Speaker of the Senate/Honors College Senator
Daniel Usma, Speaker Pro-Tempe/Arts & Science Senator
Alix Sanchez, Hospitality Management Senator
Xue Yan, Hospitality Management Senator
Kevin Houston, SJMC Senator, **3:49pm**
Inemesit Ekanem, Nursing & Health Sciences
Kemeika Clayton, Housing Senator, **3:40pm**
Christopher Morisset, Lower Division Senator
Oluwatamilore Odimayo, Senator At-Large
Oluwatobi Adekoya, Senator At-Large
Olivia Dehaarte, Senator At-Large, **3:56pm**
Francheska Periche, Court Clerk
Rafael Zapata, Advisor
Larissa Adames, SGA Clerk

Absent

Adrianna Smith, Press Secretary, **excused**
Weiyi “Max” Wang, Elections Commissioner, **excused**
Angiela Lazo, Special Events Coordinator, **excused**
Simbisai Anglene Mubau, Academic Affairs Coordinator
Giselle Heraux, Director of Governmental Relations, **excused**
Micaela Cohen, Justice
Patrick Milord, Justice

GUEST

Jerron Jackson-Johnson, BSU President
Ami Nakajawa, Student
Junjeun Kim, Student

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on January 20, 2012, in WUC 155. The meeting was called to order at **3:37pm**, approximately, by President Halpin who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Speaker Haspel motioned to approve the minutes for November 30th , Senator Usma seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, the motion passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Halpin began her report by stating that she meet with Howard Litman, before the bowl game, to come up with a strategy to get more students to attend bowl games at possibly a cheaper price. Some ideas that were given was maybe having a banquet where the ticket price would be \$ 100. The only downside would be that students might not want to pay \$100 for a ticket. However the invitation could be extended to alumni. If any council member have ideas on how to increase student turn out at bowl games, please contact Ms. Halpin. This year SGA paid a portion, \$43, of the student package, for those students who attended. Most schools do not offer these types of deals to students. IT should not all rely on SGA or the ACBA, so if you have ideas please forward them.

Ms. Halpin mentioned that she was contacted by the Beacon regarding missing minutes. She would like the minutes to be post up on the website no later than two weeks after the meeting. Please submit you minutes to Ms. Adames.

President Halpin asked the council that if they are interested in helping Emilio with the first generation event, please let Emilio at the end of the meeting. Tickets for this event are \$ 100

Ms. Halpin announced the tentative dates for the 2012-2013 budget process. They are as follows:

- February 8th 9th or 10th at MMC for hearings
- February 20th or 23rd for hearings
- February 13th, 14th, 15th, or 16th for BBC for Deliberations
- February 27th or 28 for deliberations

Ms. Halpin stated that the week January 23rd will be Rally in Tally and FIU Day. SGC _MMC is sponsoring a shuttle to bus students to Rally in Tally, Unfortunately we were not informed that there was an application process for the shuttle. If any of you are interested in attending Rally in Tally, please sign up. If we get enough people to sign up, we will sponsor a shuttle. January 25th is FIU Day and the 26th will be Rally in Tally. Everyone will return on the 27th.

There will be a meeting with the Architect regarding the WUC sometime next week. Will keep the council updated.

The NY Times speaker has been confirmed. Sam Sifton will be speaking on the 2012 Election and how the NY Times covers it. The lecture will be March 22th. Council members, who plan to attend the lecture, please wear business attire.

General Meeting will be in WUC 221 from now on. There are some dates that the meeting will be in WUC 155, the council will be notified of those dates. President Halpin will bring the suggestion of having general meeting on a bi-weekly basis to the senate, since the Spring semester is hectic for the council. Next week's General meeting is cancel. The council member who will be attending FIU Day will be preparing for it. There is no senate meeting next due to the holiday. On January 25th, Speaker Haspel will be chairing the general since President Halpin and Vice President Collyer will be in Tallahassee.

President Halpin announced that there will be a council forum on February 1st where all four council presidents are invited to address student concerns, issues, or programming ideas student may have. The event will be in Panther Square during general meeting time.

Ms. Halpin concluded her report by stating that there will be a recruitment events to fill in vacancies in the councils. Those of you who are available during the event, please assist.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Vice President Collyer reported that First Generation event will be February 2nd at 5 pm, it is a business attire event. Mr. Collyer met with Valeries regarding the first generation. They are waiting first RSVPs first generation event. Mr. Collyer will be contacting Jan Soloman to help him reach out our local community for first generation event. If you are a first generation student and would like to share your story at the event, please let him know at the end of the meeting.

Mr. Collyer mentioned that the panther statue has been selected. We are looking to see how we are going to fund our panther for BBC.

Mr. Collyer ended his report by stating that we have confirmed two speakers for our lecture series. Russell Simmons is scheduled for February 22 and Adrian Grenier for March 7th.

COMPTROLLER REPORT

No Report.

SPEAKER OF THE SENATE REPORT

Speaker Haspel mentioned that there is a University Wide meeting on January 20th at MMC at 3pm. The budget process will begin soon. For those council members who plan on coming back next year, it is recommended that you attend the budget hearing and deliberations. Ms. Adames will email everyone the final dates for the hearing and deliberations.

CABINET REPORT

Ms. Fernandez announced that the cabinet is working on a recruitment event to fill in the vacancies in the cabinet. They are also planning to do a food truck day and an end of the year banquet.

JUDICIAL REPORT

No Report.

ADVISOR'S REPORT

No Report.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointments

President Halpin announced that Chief Justice Azimov had to resign because of his classes. Justices Cohen was recommended to be interim Chief Justice until someone who can attend the meeting.

Senator Odimayo motioned to appoint Micela Cohen as interim Chief Justice, Senator Dehaarte seconded.

Speaker Haspel:	Nay
Senator Usma:	Yay
Senator Sanchez:	Yay
Senator Yan:	Yay
Senator Houston:	Yay
Senator Ekanem:	Yay
Senator Clayton:	Yay
Senator Morisset:	Yay
Senator Odimayo:	Yay
Senator Adekoya:	Yay
Senator Dehaarte:	Yay

With a 10-1-0 votes, Micela Cohen is the Interim Chief Justice.

President Halpin recommended Adriana Smith for the Athletic Coordinator position.

Speaker Haspel motioned to appoint Adrianna Smith as the new Athletic Coordinator, Senator Adekoya seconded.

Speaker Haspel:	Yay
Senator Usma:	Nay
Senator Sanchez:	Yay
Senator Yan:	Yay
Senator Houston:	Yay
Senator Ekanem:	Yay
Senator Clayton:	Yay

Senator Morisset: **Yay**
Senator Odimayo: **Yay**
Senator Adekoya: **Yay**
Senator Dehaarte: **Yay**

With a 10-1-0 vote, Adriana is the new Athletics Campaign Manager.

ANNOUCEMENTS

January

- A. January 12th, 2012, Brunch at the Bay, 10am-11:30am, Panhter Square
- B. January 13th, 2012, Game Day by Recreation, 11am-2pm, Panther Square
- C. January 14th, 2012, FIU vs. Connecticut State Swim Meet, 12pm Rec Pool
- D. January 20th, 2012, University Wide Meeting, 3pm, MMC
- E. January 21st, 2012, Carnival Club Fair, 10-4pm
- F. January 24th, 2012, Tuesday Times Round Table, 12:30pm-1:30pm
- G. January 25th, 2012, FIU Day, Tallahassee
- H. January 26th, 2012, Rally in Tally

February

- A. February 4th, 2012, Leadership Summit
- B. February 11th, 2012, Ropes Course

The meeting was adjourned by President Halpin at **4:10pm.**