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# Florida International University

*Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center*

## MINUTES

### **SGC-BBC General Meeting**

**April 4, 2012**

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Denise Halpin, President  
Madison Moreno, Press Secretary  
Weiyi “Max” Wang, Elections Commissioner  
Fang “Frank” Shu, Marketing Coordinator  
Giselle Heraux, Director of Governmental Relations  
Abel Taype Ramos, Arts & Sciences Senator  
Ami Nakagawa, Business Administration Senator  
Pablo Haspel, Speaker of the Senator/Honors College Senator  
Xue Yan, Hospitality Management Senator  
Kevin Houston, SJMC Senator  
Kemeika Clayton, Housing Senator  
Christopher Morisset, Lower Division Senator  
Oluwatamilore Odimayo, Senator At-Large  
Oluwatobi Adekoya, Senator At-Large  
Olivia Dehaarte, Senator At-Large, **3:53pm**  
Francheska Periche, Justice  
Jungeun Kim, Court Clerk  
Rafael Zapata, Advisor  
Larissa Adames, SGA Clerk

#### Absent

Emilio Collyer, Vice President, **excused**  
Kevin Gonzalez, Comptroller  
Suyen Fernandez, Chief of Staff, **excused**  
Angiela Lazo, Special Events Coordinator, **excused**  
Simbisai Angie Mubau, Academic Affairs Coordinator  
Xinyu “Allen” Tian, Academic Affairs Coordinator  
Adrianna Smith, Athletic Campaign Manager  
Desir Nonhomme, Arts & Science Senator  
Alix Sanchez, Hospitality Management Senator, **excused**  
Inemesit Ekanem, Nursing & Health Sciences Senator, **excused**  
Martha Ochoa, Chief Justice, **excused**

#### Guest

Carlos Verona, Tech Committee  
Cecilia Hamilton, Tech Committee

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on April 4 2012, in WUC 155. The meeting was called to order at **3:31pm**, approximately, by President Halpin who chaired over the meeting.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Senator Adekoya moved to table last week's minutes, Speaker Haspel seconded. Motion passed.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Halpin announced that our last meeting will be next week. She reminded the council that there are two events that are mandatory to attend, the BBC Banquet hosted by Campus Life at BBC and the our end of the year reception. We have to remind the interns to attend both of those events.

Ms. Halpin reminded the council that are elections are this week. Please keep campaigning clean. Voting ends today at 7pm. You can vote at [my.fiu.edu](http://my.fiu.edu), click on campus resources and then click on student elections. The first thing that you will see when you vote will be the green fee and then you will be able to vote.

Ms. Halpin mentioned that she spoke with Terry Witherell about the pantherization project. The quote for the project is about \$40,000. Ms. Witherell will be able to put in half of the funds. She will be meeting with the Vice Provost and the various Deans about their contributions. Ms. Witherell would like to see the project done in 8 weeks.

President Halpin announced that there will be a group of council members who will be going to Washington, DC for a lobby visit and an alumni reception. We will be contacting the council members who will be attending.

## **SENATE REPORT**

Speaker Haspel reported that the senate both budgets. MMC senate approved both budgets as well.

## **JUDICIAL REPORT**

No report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. University Admiration Tech Steering Committee**

Mr. Carlos Verona presented to the council a proposed change in the way the university will receive payments. Currently the university does not accept VISA credit cards because of the restriction that the credit card has. What they came up with is that there will be a flat rate of \$11.50 fee for credit card payments and students will be able to use VISA credit cards. Students will still have the options of using e-checks or other forms of payments. If implemented, it will begin in spring or summer of 2013. If the proposal passes, they will be informing students of the change with enough time to prepare. Senator Houston brought up the fact that students who pay

less than \$1000 for tuition and fees will be paying more of processing fee than they currently do now. The general consensus of the council is that they approved the new propopals.

**B. Hand Dryer Resolution**

Senator Adekoya presented a resolution on Handdryers to the council. Senator Houston motioned to pass the resolution as is, Senator Odimayo second.

Roll Call Vote

Senator Ramos	Yay
Senator Nakagawa	Yay
Senator Haspel	Yay
Senator Yan	Yay
Senator Houston	Yay
Senator Clayton	Yay
Senator Morisset	Yay
Senator Odimayo	Yay
Senator Adekoya	Yay
Senator Dehaarte	Yay

With at 10-0-3 vote, the resolution passed.

**ANNOUCEMENTS/CONCERNS**

April

- A. April 4, SGA Elections, 9am-7pm, ACI
- B. April 5<sup>th</sup>, SGA Election Announcements, Panther Square
- C. April 10, Tuesday Times Roundtable, 12:30-1:30pm, WUC 159
- D. April 12, SOC Super Stars, 4-7pm, Ballrooms

Speaker Haspel adjourned the meeting at **4:06pm.**