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Student Government Association BBC, Florida International University

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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 3:31 pm, 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 elections are this week. Please keep campaigning clean. Voting ends today at 7 pm. You can vote at 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 accepted VISA credit cards because of the restriction that the credit card has. What they came up with it 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 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 proposals.

**B. Hand Dryer Resolution**
Senator Adekoya presented a resolution on Hand dryers to the council. Senator Houston motioned to pass the resolution as is, Senator Odimayo second.

Roll Call Vote
Senator Ramos  
Senator Nakagawa  
Senator Haspel  
Senator Yan  
Senator Houston  
Senator Clayton  
Senator Morisset  
Senator Odimayo  
Senator Adekoya  
Senator Dehaarte  

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS**

April
A. April 4, SGA Elections, 9am-7pm, ACI
B. April 5th, 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**.