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# Florida International University

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

**MINUTES**  
**SGC-BBC General Meeting**  
**May 18, 2011**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Denise Halpin, President  
Emilio Collyer, Vice President  
Kevin Gonzalez, Comptroller  
Suyen Fernandez, Chief of Staff  
Julie Goncalves, Intern Coordinator  
Daniel Usma, Arts & Science Senator  
Farrah Yamini, Arts & Science Senator  
Pablo Haspel, Honors College Senator, **4:06pm**  
Oluwatamilore Odimayo, Senator At-Large  
Rafael Zapata, Advisor  
Larissa Adames, SGA Clerk

**Absent**

Xin Zheng, Hospitality Management Senator  
Christopher Lawton, Chief Justice, **EXCUSED**

**GUEST**

Diana Deonanan, Student  
Melissa Khan, Student  
Alix Sanchez, Student  
Simbisai Angie Mubau, Student  
Greg Olson, Senior Director of Wolfe University Center  
Catherine Vega, Student Programming Council President  
Michael Aquino, Student Organizations Council Vice President

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on May 18, 2011, WUC 155. The meeting was called to order at **3:31pm**, approximately, by President Halpin who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Ms. Halpin welcomed the new 2011-2012 council to their first meeting. She asked everyone to introduce themselves to our guest. Ms. Halpin continued with her expectation for the council. She hopes that everyone is civil, respectful and communicates with everyone. She would like for everyone to follow the chain of command when issues arise; Cabinet member will speak to Suyen Fernandez, Chief of Staff,

Senators will speak to Pablo Haspel, Speaker of the Senate. Until the council shirts arrive, the council is asked to wear business attire for the general meetings. Once the council shirts come in, attire will be discussed for general meetings, SGC events and events that council members are asked to attend. Ms. Halpin also reminded the council that we are student leaders and we should act as such.

Ms. Halpin reported that she attend the Freshman Convocation meeting with Dr. Jones. The date for Freshman Convocation is Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. All council members are expected to attend Freshman Convocation and help out with the event.

Ms. Halpin will be attending the BBC Leadership meeting this upcoming Monday. At that meeting, Ms. Halpin will present SGC BBC tentative goals to Dr. Cathy Akens and Greg Olson.

Last week the Miami Dade Mayoral Candidate forum was held at the Modesto Madique Campus. Three of the Candidates were present for the forum. Mr. Oreinte personally approached Ms. Halpin and gave her info on his campaign. If anyone is interested at looking his information, please stop by her office.

Lastly, Ms. Halpin informed the council that she will be out until the retreat due to the surgery she must undergo. In her absence, Emilio Collyer, Vice President will be in charge. Suyen will oversee the cabinet. She reminded that the retreat is mandatory for everyone to attend.

### **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Collyer welcomed everyone to the first meeting. The senate's main focus for now will be to fill all the open positions that are available. Emilio thanked Oluwatamilore Odimayo, Senator At-Large, for recruiting 3 potential senators. There are plenty senate positions available, such as School of Journalism and Mass Communication, Senator At-Large and Lower Division to name a few.

### **ADVISOR REPORT**

Mr. Zapata welcomed all the council members. He mentioned that his door is always open if you have any questions or need any guidance on the projects you will be working on. He will be setting up one on one meeting with everyone to go over your goals and to answer any questions you may have.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Appointments**

Simbisai Angie Mubau presented herself to the council as a candidate for the Academic Affairs Coordinator position Daniel motion to open the floor for discussion, Farrah second. The senators discussed Ms. Mubau appointment. Pablo motioned to appoint Simbisai Angie Mubau as Academic Affairs Coordinator, Daniel seconded. Daniel Usma: **Yay**, Farah Yamini: **Yay**, Pablo Haspel: **Yay**, Simbisai Angie Mubau: **Yay**. By unanimous vote, Simbisai Angie Mubau is the new **Academic Affairs Coordinator**.

Pablo moved that we have a short recession, Daniel second.

Returned from recess at 4:15pm.

#### **B. SPC Report**

Catherine Vega introduced herself as the new Student Programming Council. She informed the council that SPC recently updated their constitution. There is now a Vice President of programming that will oversee the different directors. They will be introducing the PAR (Program Approval Request) process which is for new

events. The form will have to be turned 1-3 months in advance so that there is enough time to plan for the event. In the new constitution, there is also a co-sponsorship request form where departments and other organizations request SPC sponsorship for their events. The form has the protocol that must be followed to receive sponsorship and it also ask for the amount they are requesting.

SPC will be collaborating with the office of Campus Life and Orientation's Week of Welcome game show Mind Freeze. The winner of the game show will be receiving a \$200 book stipend. The vendor will be providing the book stipend to the winder.

Here are some upcoming SPC events:

June 28<sup>th</sup>- Mind Freeze

June 30<sup>t</sup>- Say Hello to SPC

July 21<sup>st</sup> – Summer Splash

### C. Statue Changes Bill

Section 311.8 of the Biscayne Bay Statues, Daniel motioned a friendly amendment to delete the 2/3 vote

Section 408.4, Farah Moved to approved, Oluwatamilore seconded, motion failed.

Simbisai Angie Mubau, asked for a point of personal privilege at 4:41pm, Ms. Halpin approved.

Pablo moved to a committee of the whole, Daniel second. The motion was passed unanimously.

Pablo motioned to table section 901.4 to next week's meeting, Daniel seconded. Motion was passed unanimously.

Pablo motioned to vote each changed individually, Daniel second. Motion was passed unanimously.

Pablo moved to approve section 311.8, Farrah second. Motion was passed unanimously.

Pablo motion to approve section 403.1, Daniel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Pablo moved to approve section 407.1, Farrah seconded. Motion passed by a vote of 3-2. Daniel Usma: **Nay**, Farah Yamini: **Yay**, Pablo Haspel: **Yay**, Oluwatamilore Odimayo: **Nay**, Emilio Collyer: **yay**.

Pablo motion to table voting of section 408.4 to next week's meeting, Daniel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Pablo motioned to approve section 901, Daniel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Pablo Motion to approve section 904, Daniel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Daniel motioned to table entire bill to next meeting, Pablo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## **ANOUNCEMENTS**

- A. May 20, 2011- Custodial/Staff Appreciation Luncheon, WUC 155, 2:00pm
- B. May 23, 2011- SGC Tabling. ACI and HM
- C. June 7-8, 2011- Summer Freshman Orientation,
- D. June 9-10, 2011- Summer Freshman Orientation
- E. June 14-15, 2011- Summer Freshman Orientation
- F. June 17, 2011- South Florida Collegiate Programming Expo
- G. June 22-23, 2011- Summer Freshman Orientation
- H. June 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 2011- University Wide Retreat
- I. June 27, 2011- Summer A Pool Party, Time: TBA, Recreation Center
- J. July 6-7, 2011- Fall Freshman Orientation
- K. July 13, 2011- Fall Transfer
- L. July 18, 2011- Fall Transfer
- M. July 20-21, 2011- Fall Freshman
- N. July 28, 2011- Fall Transfer
- O. August 2-3, 2011-Fall Freshman Orientation
- P. August 15, 2011- Fall Transfer Orientation
- Q. August 16-17, 2011- Fall Freshman Orientation

The meeting was dismissed by President **Halpin** at **5:10pm**.