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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES
SGC-BBC General Meeting
June 8, 2011

IN ATTENDANCE

Emilio Collyer, Vice President
Kevin Gonzalez, Comptroller
Suyen Fernandez, Chief of Staff
Simbisai Anglene Mubau, Academic Affairs Coordinator
Xinyu “Allen” Tian, International Student Services Coordinator
Farah Yamini, Arts & Science Senator
Alix Sanchez, Hospitality Management Senator
Odimayo Oluwatamilore, Senator At-Large
Oluwatobi Adekoya, Senator At-Large
Melissa Khan, Senator At-Large
Rafael Zapata, Advisor
Larissa Adames, SGA Clerk

Absent

Denise Halpin, President, **LEAVE OF ABSENCE (MEDICAL)**
Julie Goncalves, Intern Coordinator, **EXCUSED**
Michael Cabrera, Athletic Campaign Manager
Daniel Usma, Arts & Science Senator, **EXCUSED**
Pablo Haspel, Honors College Senator, **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**
Xin Zheng, Hospitality Management Senator
Christian Williams, SJMC Senator, **EXCUSED**
Christopher Lawton, Chief Justice, **EXCUSED**

GUEST

Maria Reynaga, SPC Secretary
Catherine Vega, SPC President
Michael Aquino, SOC Vice President
Sanjay Dhawan, Undergraduate Educations Advisor
Fang Shu, Graduate Student

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on June 8, 2011, WUC 155. The meeting was called to order at **3:35pm**, approximately, by Vice President Collyer who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Sanchez motioned to approve the June 1st general meeting minutes, Ms. Khan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Collyer began his report reminding the council about Freshman Convocation and how our attendance to it is mandatory. Freshman Convocations will be Sunday, August 21st, the day before fall classes begin. The committee will need the council help the day of, so please make arrangements to be there. Mr. Collyer needed feedback as to the location of the reception that will follow Freshman Convocation. The two locations that the committee had in mind are the President's House or the street between the US Century Arena and the Parking Garage.

Mr. Collyer also reported that the committee is thinking of taking out the faculty/staff precession out of convocation, to make 20-30 minutes shorter. Instead of the precession, they will put music. If anyone has a song suggestion, please let him know.

Mr. Collyer mentioned that during the retreat, SGA will be deciding the design of the Freshman Convocation shirt. Please have some ideas in mind for the retreat.

Mr. Collyer asked the council to give him names of Freshman and Sophomore who they think will be a good candidate to speak at convocation. They are currently looking for a student to give a speech to the incoming Freshman.

Mr. Collyer reiterated that we need to keep on recruiting student to fill in our available positions. During yesterday's freshman orientation Farah and Odimayo tabled at the resource fair and received two applications from students who are interested in joining. Later that evening Farah and Mr. Collyer went to housing to meet and greet the freshman who stayed overnight. We will be having the meet and greet for all freshman orientations, so if any council members are free after 7pm, please stop by. Also, there is another freshman orientation, please sign up to table for the resource fair. We will also have the meet and greet tomorrow night at housing as well.

COMPTROLLER REPORT

Mr. Gonzalez informed the council that the File for Forms have been changed by the Campus Life & Orientation accountant, Michelle Chapple to better suit each council and department. The forms will be used starting July 1st, which is the beginning of the new fiscal year.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Student Organizations Council

Michael Aquino, Vice President of the Student Organizations Council reported that they are currently promoted all the clubs around campus. They are also working on the point system for the upcoming year. Mr. Aquino announced that during the Summer Bar-B-Que, SOC will be having a mini club fair. At the moment they are not sure what clubs will be attending.

Farah motioned to have Community of the whole to discuss the location of the Freshman Convocation reception location, Mr. Oluwatamilore seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

These are the points that came up during the community of the whole regarding the Freshman Convocation reception:

- If the reception is held at the President Office, we would lose a lot of the students, because they would have to drive to the front of the campus to get to the house. They would also have to park at blue and gold garages and then walk to the president's house.
- At the arena, it will be more welcoming, because as soon as they get out, the reception will be there and you will not lose as many students.
- Having the reception at the President House has a nice ring to it. Students will feel honored to be there.
- It was also suggested that after the reception, students could also stay for the women soccer game that will be going that day as well.

Farah motioned to close community of the whole, Odimayo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. June 9th -10th, 2011- Summer Freshman Orientation
- B. June 14th -15th, 2011- Summer Freshman Orientation
- C. June 17th, 2011- South Florida Collegiate Programming Expo
- D. June 22nd -23rd, 2011- Summer Freshman Orientation
- E. June 24th-26th, 2011- University Wide Retreat
- F. June 27th, 2011- Summer B Bar-B Que Pool Party, Time: TBA, Recreation Center
- G. June 28th, 2011- Mind Freeze Game
- H. June 30th, 2011, Say Hello to SPC
- I. July 6th -7th, 2011- Fall Freshman Orientation
- J. July 13th, 2011- Fall Transfer
- K. July 18th, 2011- Fall Transfer
- L. July 20th -21, 2011- Fall Freshman
- M. July 21st- Summer Splash Pool Party, 7pm-11pm
- N. July 28th, 2011- Fall Transfer
- O. August 2nd -3rd, 2011-Fall Freshman Orientation
- P. August 15th, 2011- Fall Transfer Orientation
- Q. August 16th -17th, 2011- Fall Freshman Orientation
- R. August 21st, 2011, Freshman Convocation

The meeting was dismissed by Vice President Collyer at **4:00pm**.