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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES

SGC-BBC General Meeting

June 22, 2011

IN ATTENDANCE

Emilio Collyer, Vice President
Kevin Gonzalez, Comptroller, 3:36pm
Simbisai Anglene Mubau, Academic Affairs Coordinator, 3:39pm
Xinyu "Allen" Tian, International Student Services Coordinator
Farah Yamini, Arts & Science Senator
Jorge Nonell Jr., Arts & Science Senator
Pablo Haspel, Honors College Senator
Alix Sanchez, Hospitality Management Senator
Diana Deonanan, Lower Division 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)**
Suyen Fernandez, Chief of Staff
Julie Goncalves, Intern Coordinator, **EXCUSED**
Michael Cabrera, Athletic Campaign Manager, **excused**
Daniel Usma, Arts & Science Senator, **EXCUSED**
Xin Zheng, Hospitality Management Senator
Christian Williams, SJMC Senator
Christopher Lawton, Chief Justice, **EXCUSED**

GUEST

Patrick Milord, Student
Micaela Cohen, Student
Catherine Vega, SPC President
Fang Shu, Graduate Student
Jack Topel, The Effect Academy
Emmanuel Okwor, Student
Jonathan Szydll, Beacon, BBC Editor
Tao Wang, Student

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on June 22, 2011, WUC 155. The meeting was called to order at **3:34pm**, approximately, by Vice President Collyer who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

Approval of Minutes

Speaker Haspel motioned to approve the June 8th general meeting minutes, Senator Oluwatamilore seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Collyer began his report by speaking about the NY Times newspaper program that SGC BBC had. This program was funded university wide. For the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the program was not funded. Mr. Collyer spoke to the rest of the e-board, Mr. Haspel and Ms. Fernandez, about the program and they support the idea of bringing back the program, since the program is popular amongst the students. Mr. Collyer hoping that other departments such as the Department of Global Learning, will help us partially fund the newspaper, since it falls under one their goals.

Mr. Collyer mentioned that last week's programming expo was a success. There were 30 schools from Florida that attended. One of the showcases he would like to bring, as a part of the lectures series for the Fall, would be the Sex Bootcamp. He is looking for another speaker for the Fall Lecture Series.

Mr. Collyer reminded the council that the university wide retreat is this weekend. The bus will be leaving by 10am, please be in the office by 9:30am. We should arrive at Lake Placid by 3pm. He told the senate that they will have a senate meeting during the retreat where they will be passing their first piece of legislation, which is what traditionally happens at the retreat. Please bring any ideas about what should be passed. Mr. Collyer also mentioned that Speaker Haspel will be quizzing the senate on the statues and constitution, so please prepare for that. He also asked the council to look over Ms. Adames email regarding the items that they are required to bring to the retreat.

Mr. Collyer announced that next week's meeting is canceled.

SENATE REPORT

Speaker Haspel began his report by congratulating, Mr. Nonell and Ms. Deonanan, to the senate. Speaker Haspel reiterate that he will be quizzing the senators at the retreat on the constitution and the statues, so please prepare.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointments

Micaela Cohen presented herself to the council as a candidate for the one of the justices positions. She is International Relations major and she will be pursuing a Law Degree with a concentration in International Law. She mentioned that she is very detail oriented and has an "open minded" when looking over things.

Patrick Milord also presented himself to the council as a candidate for the of the justices positions. He is a sophomore majoring in engineering. He hopes to bring the "drive" to excellence in the council. He is also "open minded" and detail oriented.

Speaker Haspel motioned to appointed Micaela and Patrick as Justices, Senator Oluwatamilore seconded. Senator Yamini: **Yay**, Senator Nonell: **Yay**, Speaker Haspel: **Yay**, Senator Sanchez: **Yay**, Senator Deonanan: **Yay**, Senator Oluwatamilore: **Yay**, Senator Adekoya: **Yay**, Senator Khan: **Yay**. By unanimous vote, Micaela Cohen and Patrick Milord are the new Justices.

Emmanuel Okwor presented himself to the council as a candidate for the Broward Pines Center Seante seat. He was approached by Diana Arcentales, Student Coordinator of the Pines Center, about joining SGA. He was interested and applied for the position. One of the main issues he would like to work on at the Pines Center is school spirit.

Senator Haspel Motioned to appointed Emmanuel Okwor as the Broward Pines Center Senator, Senator Nonell seconded. Senator Yamini: **Yay**, Senator Nonell: **Yay**, Speaker Haspel: **Yay**, Senator Sanchez: **Yay**, Senator Deonanan: **Yay**, Senator Oluwatamilore: **Yay**, Senator Adekoya: **Yay**, Senator Khan: **Yay**. By unanimous vote, Emmanuel Okwor is the new Broward Pines Center Senator.

B. The Effect Academy

Jack Topel presented to the council the Effect Academy and the No Label program from Washington, DC. These programs are available to college students who are interested in pursuing a political career with the influence of corporation. They offer classes at a small fee; once the classes are completed you have opportunities for a paid internship. There will be a workshop that will elaborate more on the program, if you are interested in attending the workshop, please speak to Senator Yamini.

ANOUNCEMENTS

- A. June 24th-26th, 2011- University Wide Retreat
- B. June 24th 2011, Laser Tag Intramural Games, Recreation Field, 3pm-5pm
- C. June 27, 2011- Summer A Pool Party, Time: 11am-2pm, Recreation Center
- D. June 27th, 2011- Lunch w/ 12 Strangers, WUC 155, 12 noon
- E. June 28th, 2011- SPC Square Day: Mind Freeze, 12 noon, Panther Square
- F. June 30th, 2011, Say Hello to SPC, Time: 12 noon, Panther Square
- G. July 5, 2011 – Panther Power Game Night. 7-10p, BVH Community Room
- H. July 6-7, 2011- Fall Freshman Orientation
- I. July 8, 2011 – Laser Tag Intramural Games, 3-5p, Recreation Field
- J. July 10, 2011 – Rapids Water park, 9:30a-6p
- K. July 13, 2011- Fall Transfer
- L. July 18, 2011- Fall Transfer
- M. July 19, 2011 – Panther Power “Pantherize Yourself”, 12-3p, Flagpole Area
- N. July 20-21, 2011- Fall Freshman
- O. July 21st- Summer Splash Pool Party
- P. July 28, 2011- Fall Transfer
- Q. August 5, 2011 – Laser tag, 3-5pm
- R. August 2-3, 2011-Fall Freshman Orientation
- S. August 12, 2011 – Amateur Swim Meet, 1-3pm, Aquatic Centre
- T. August 15, 2011- Fall Transfer Orientation
- U. August 16-17, 2011- Fall Freshman Orientation
- V. August 21st- Freshman Convocation
- W. August 22, 2011 – FALL CLASSES BEGIN

The meeting was dismissed by Vice President Collyer at **4:23pm**.