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# Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

**MINUTES**  
**SGC-BBC General Meeting**  
**July 13, 2011**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Emilio Collyer, Vice President  
Kevin Gonzalez, Comptroller  
Suyen Fernandez, Chief of Staff, 3:45pm  
Simbisai Anglene Mubau, Academic Affairs Coordinator, 3:35pm  
Xinyu “Allen” Tian, International Student Services Coordinator  
Daniel Usma, Arts & Science Senator  
Farah Yamini, Arts & Science Senator  
Jorge Nonell Jr., Arts & Science Senator, 3:55pm  
Pablo Haspel, Honors College Senator  
Alix Sanchez, Hospitality Management Senator  
Emmanuel Okwor, Broward Pines Center Senator  
Diana Deonanan, Lower Division Senator  
Oluwatamilore Odimayo, Senator At-Large, 3:57pm  
Oluwatobi Adekoya, Senator At-Large  
Melissa Khan, Senator At-Large  
Sagine Delly, Graduate Senator  
Christopher Lawton, Chief Justice  
Patrick Milord, Justice, 3:37pm  
Micaela Cohen, Justice  
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, **excused**  
Xin Zheng, Hospitality Management Senator  
Christian Williams, SJMC Senator

**GUEST**

Jonathan Szydll, Beacon, BBC Editor  
Catherine Vega, SPC President  
Maria Reynaga, SPC Secretary/ SAA  
Anastasia Seldinskaya, SOC Events Coordinator  
Ivana Barrera, SOC Secretary  
Zahra Aski Arababi, SAA President

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on July 13, 2011, WUC 245. 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 July 6<sup>th</sup> general meeting minutes, Senator Delly seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Collyer began his report by informing the council that Mr. Gonzalez, Mr. Haspel, and Ms. Halpin (via Skype) and himself met with Greg Olson, Director of the Wolfe University Center and Honoriu Filimon, Coordinator of Construction Projects at BBC about the tile project in the Wolfe Center. They discussed pricing and the money that was allocated for this project will not be enough to cover it. The Wolfe Center is about \$170,000 short. The reason why the project is so much is that once the old tile is removed from the second and third floor, a one inch layer of concrete must be laid out before installing the tile in order for the building to be ADA (American with Disabilities Act) compliant. They will be holding off on the tile project until they hire an interior designer. They hope to hire to an interior designer to match sure everything plan on changing in the Wolfe Center coordinates. They currently are waiting on different quotes from different interior design companies.

Mr. Collyer gave a breakdown on some of the cost of the tile project:

- \$100,000- for placing the tiles
- \$190,000 for demolition of tiles and the concrete placement on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> floor
- \$18,750 for the architect
- \$68,000 for the tile, custom color, imported

Mr. Collyer mentioned that there will be budget deliberations on Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at MMC for the Activities & Service funds that were not allocated due to the increase in student enrollment. There is about \$552,000 that has to be reallocated university wide and campus specific. For the deliberation, they will not be looking at new request but will be looking over the request that were originally turned in. Ms. Halpin, Mr. Gonzalez, Mr. Haspel, Mr. Odimayo, and Mr. Collyer will be looking over the BBC request, while the university wide request will be looked by everyone expect for Mr. Odimayo.

## **Senate Report**

Mr. Haspel reported that the sound proof resolution was signed and approved by President Halpin. He also introduced and welcomed the new graduate senator, Sagine Delly to the council.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Student Alumni Association (SAA)**

**Zahra Arababi Aski** presented herself to the council as president of the Biscayne Bay Campus Student Alumni president. She mentioned that she was a previous member of the SGA BBC council and that she is happy to see a full active council for the summer. Ms. Arababi Aski informed the council that SAA is largest student run organization with over 3,000 members. The reason for this is that they offer scholarships, discounts and networking events to their members. This is the second year that they are present at the Biscayne Bay Campus and they hope to remain very active. She also mentioned that the SGA Alumni

event is annual event that the Alumni Association helps co-sponsor with SGA BBC, which brings SGA Alumni and the current SGA together to network.

### **B. Student Organizations Council (SOC)**

**Anastasia Seldinskaya** presented herself as events coordinator and also introduced Ivana Barrera as SOC Secretary. She informed the council that 19 clubs that have renewed their applications for the upcoming year. SOC will be having a general meeting with the clubs in the next two weeks. They will inform us the exact date once they have decide on it. Ms. Seldinskaya mentioned that they will be having their one on ones with each club to discuss their funding. The list of SOC events were sent to Ms. Halpin and Mr. Collyer.

### **C. BBC Futbol Club**

**Maria Reynaga** presented herself as president of the BBC Futbol Club and an active SAA member. Her club has a personal initiative to fix the soccer field. The current state of the field is not the greatest. The field should be at the same standards as the MMC fields. They are hoping to get the “ball rolling” in getting a new field. Ms. Reynaga has been in contact with the BBC Recreation Center to see about funding the new field. For now her club will begin a petition about getting a new field. Ms. Reynaga pointed out that she did hurt her ankle because of the field (did sign a waiver before playing).

### **D. Pell Grant**

Mr. Collyer commented that there are talks about decreasing the amount of money students receive with the Pell Grant. One of the requirements that Congress might change is the amount of course students are required to take, instead 12 they will be require to take 15 credit hours. 48% of FIU students rely on the Pell Grant, so this will greatly impact FIU. We are using Facebook and Twitter to ask student for their personal stories regarding the possible change on the Pell Grant. All the stories will be compiled and sent over to the Miami Herald and Sun Sentinel to be published. Mr. Collyer also mentioned that Ms. Halpin and the MMC President and Vice President are going to draft up a letter to send to Miami Dade College, University of Miami, Barry University and Johnson and Wales asking for their help on this issue. He also asked the council for help in getting student testimonials. They can be emailed to [sgcbbc@fiu.edu](mailto:sgcbbc@fiu.edu)

## **ANOUNCEMENTS**

- A. July 13, 2011- Fall Transfer
- B. July 18, 2011- Fall Transfer
- C. July 19, 2011 – Panther Power “Pantherize Yourself”, 12-3p, Flagpole Area
- D. July 20-21, 2011- Fall Freshman
- E. July 21- Summer Splash Pool Party
- F. July 28, 2011- Fall Transfer
- G. August 5, 2011 – Laser tag, 3-5pm
- H. August 2-3, 2011-Fall Freshman Orientation
- I. August 12, 2011 – Amateur Swim Meet, 1-3pm, Aquatic Centre
- J. August 15, 2011- Fall Transfer Orientation
- K. August 16-17, 2011- Fall Freshman Orientation
- L. August 21- Freshman Convocation
- M. August 22, 2011 – FALL CLASSES BEGIN
- N. August 30, 2011- SGA Day, 11am-2pm, Panther Square
- O. September 28, 2011, SGA Alumni Reception, 6pm-8pm, TBA

The meeting was dismissed by Vice President Collyer at **4:03pm**.