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# Florida International University

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

**MINUTES**  
**SGC-BBC General Meeting**  
**July 20, 2011**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Emilio Collyer, Vice President  
Kevin Gonzalez, Comptroller  
Suyen Fernandez, Chief of Staff  
Xinyu “Allen” Tian, International Student Services Coordinator  
Jorge Nonell Jr., Arts & Science Senator, 3:43pm  
Pablo Haspel, Honors College Senator, 3:39pm  
Alix Sanchez, Hospitality Management Senator  
Emmanuel Okwor, Broward Pines Center Senator  
Diana Deonanan, Lower Division Senator  
Oluwatamilore Odimayo, Senator At-Large, 3:57pm  
Melissa Khan, Senator At-Large  
Sagine Delly, Graduate Senator  
Christopher Lawton, Chief Justice  
Patrick Milord, Justice  
Micaela Cohen, Justice  
Rafael Zapata, Advisor  
Larissa Adames, SGA Clerk

**Absent**

Denise Halpin, President, **LEAVE OF ABSENCE (MEDICAL)**  
Julie Goncalves, Intern Coordinator, **excused**  
Simbisai Anglene Mubau, Academic Affairs Coordinator, **excused**  
Michael Cabrera, Athletic Campaign Manager, **excused**  
Daniel Usma, Arts & Science Senator, **excused**  
Farah Yamini, Arts & Science Senator  
Xin Zheng, Hospitality Management Senator  
Oluwatobi Adekoya, Senator At-Large

**GUEST**

Michael Aquino, SOC Vice President  
Jonathan Szydł, Beacon, BBC Editor  
Sanjay Dhawan, Undergraduate Education Advisor  
Ezra Mintz, SOC Treasurer

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on July 20, 2011, WUC 245. The meeting was called to order at **3:32pm**, approximately, by Vice President Collyer who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Senator Delly motioned to approve the July 13<sup>th</sup> general meeting minutes, Senator Odimayo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Collyer began his report by stating that Ms. Halpin and he met with President Rosenberg and Kenneth Jessell, Vice President of Finance at FIU, about our goals for the Biscayne Bay Campus. President Rosenberg brought the hot topic of the panther statue as well as the Wolfe University Center renovations. He is happy to see that we are pushing forward with the renovations and agrees with hiring an interior designer. Dr. Jessell also is excited about the BBC goals. He will be scheduling a visit to the Biscayne Bay Campus sometime in August. The visit will be something similar to the safety walk that the Vice Provost has with student government. During his visit he would like meet the student leader of BBC as well. Once Mr. Collyer finds out the date of the visit, he will ask Ms. Adames to email it to everyone.

Mr. Collyer mentioned that President Rosenberg wishes to “pantherize” the Biscayne Bay Campus, for example, the south entrance of Academic One is bare and the side entrances of Academic one and two are also bare. One of the ways to help with this problem is to bring the competition that the architect students have at MMC and bring it over BBC. What the competition entitles is that the students will have to pick a section or building at BBC and “pantherize” it. The winner will receive a cash prize.

Mr. Collyer also reported that the reason the panther statue project was delayed, is because they were looking for quotes that were significantly lower that it was originally priced. They are trying to see if the cost of the statue would come out of the ACB (Accumulated Cash Balance) Budget. Dr. Jessell asked them if there was only one statue, where would they put it. They both suggested having it placed at the arena, since that is where freshman convocations and graduation happens.

Mr. Collyer bought up the Pell Grant issues. Patrick O’Keefe and Sanjeev Udhnani along with Ms. Halpin and himself are still working on the Pell Grant letter that will be sent to the other schools. So far, Mr. O’Keefe’s view on the Pell grants issues reflect the views of the representative he is interning with in Washington, DC. Mr. Collyer would like any personal stories for the Pell Grant to be emailed to him by Friday. He would like to compile them and present the Governor and the State Representatives, while in Tallahassee for the USSA congress.

Mr. Collyer reminded the council that tomorrow is Summer Splash. It is the first event of the semester that we are collaborating with SPC with. It will be held at the rec center pool, but if it rains it will be held at the WUC Ballrooms.

## **Comptroller Report**

Mr. Gonzalez reported that during yesterday's university wide meeting the issues of the ACB (Accumulated Cash Balance) was discussed. Throughout the years the A&S money that was not used was put into that account. Thus far, there is about 4-5 million dollars in the account, to which the Vice President of Student Affairs only has access to. SGA has been in talks of creating a policy to have access to this money. If you would like to see what the policy looks like so far, please see Mr. Gonzalez.

### **Senate Report**

Mr. Haspel reiterated the policy that the university wide council is working on for the ACB budget and informed the council that each senate has to approve the policy before it becomes valid.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Appointments**

**Jing Dong** presented herself to the council as the candidate for the marketing coordinator position. She is hospitality management graduate student. She hopes to learn from student government and also hopes to instill her knowledge to us. She also has experience with marketing

Senator Odimayo motioned to appoint Jing Dong as marketing coordinator, Senator Khan seconded. Senator Nonell: **Yay**, Senator Haspel: **Nay**, Senator Sanchez: **yay**, Senator Okwor: **Yay**, Senator: Deonanan: **yay**, Senator Odimayo: **yay**, Senator Khan: **Yay**, Senator Delly: **Nay**. By a 6-2 vote, Jing Dong is the new marketing coordinator.

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

**Michael Aquino, SOC Vice President**, announced that they will be having their first general meeting Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> in WUC 159 12-5pm. They will be conducting their one on one's with clubs as well. He hopes to see SGA at the meeting. Mr. Aquino also mentioned that SOC is having a contest for their new slogan for their new t-shirts. If you have any ideas, please submit them.

#### **C. Student Alumni Association**

Mr. Collyer announced (on behalf of Catherine Vega) that the first meeting for the councils for a cause meeting will be August 2<sup>nd</sup>. He also reiterates that Summer Splash is tomorrow at 7:30pm. If anyone is interested in helping with the decorating, please stop by the Campus Life office at 4:15 tomorrow.

### **ANOUNCEMENTS**

- A. July 20-21, 2011- Fall Freshman
- B. July 21- Summer Splash Pool Party
- C. July 28, 2011- Fall Transfer
- D. July 28, 2011- SOC General Meeting & One on One, 12-5pm, WUC 159
- E. July 30, 2011, Budget Deliberations
- F. August 5, 2011 – Laser tag, 3-5pm
- G. August 2, 2011- SAA Councils for a Cause Meeting
- 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 19, 2011, Dorm Move-in Tabling
- M. August 21- Freshman Convocation
- N. August 22, 2011 – FALL CLASSES BEGIN
- O. August 30, 2011- SGA Day, 11am-2pm, Panther Square
- P. September 13, 2011, Pines Center Meet & Greet
- Q. September 28, 2011, SGA Alumni Reception, 6pm-8pm, TBA

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