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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES
SGC-BBC General Meeting
August 10, 2011

IN ATTENDANCE

Denise Halpin, President
Suyen Fernandez, Chief of Staff
Simbisai Anglene Mubau, Academic Affairs Coordinator, **3:37pm**
Xinyu “Allen” Tian, International Student Services Coordinator
Jing Dong, Marketing Coordinator
Jorge Nonell Jr., Arts & Science Senator
Pablo Haspel, Honors College Senator
Alix Sanchez, Hospitality Management Senator
Diana Deonanan, Lower Division Senator
Grace Ingabire, Lower Division Senator
Oluwatamilore Odimayo, Senator At-Large,
Oluwatobi Adekoya, Senator At-Large
Melissa Khan, Senator At-Large
Sagine Delly, Graduate Senator, **3:57pm**
Christopher Lawton, Chief Justice
Micaela Cohen, Justice
Afiewa Attawia, Justice
Rafael Zapata, Advisor
Larissa Adames, SGA Clerk

Absent

Emilio Collyer, Vice President
Kevin Gonzalez, Comptroller
Julie Goncalves, Intern Coordinator, **excused**
Michael Cabrera, Athletic Campaign Manager, **excused**
Daniel Usma, Arts & Science Senator
Farah Yamini, Arts & Science Senator, **excused**
Emmanuel Okwor, Broward Pines Center Senator
Patrick Milord, Justice

GUEST

Dona Walcott, Assistant Director of BBC Wellness Center
Richard Azimov, Student
Catherine Vega, SPC President
Anastasia Seldinskaya, SOC Events Coordinator
Ezra Mintz, SOC Treasurer

Juliana Argon, Student

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on August 10, 2011, WUC 155. The meeting was called to order at **3:34pm**, approximately, by President Halpin who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

Approval of Minutes

Senator Haspel motioned to approve of the July 20th general meeting minutes, Senator Odimayo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Halpin began her report by stating that she met with Vice Provost Moll regarding the comments box for the campus. There will be 5 comment boxes, which will be placed in ACI, ACII, the Library, Wolfe University Center, and the cafeteria. The Vice Provost office and SGA BBC will be splitting the cost, \$500 each. The comment boxes will help us get feedback from the students about the campus.

Ms. Halpin also met with Terry Witherell, Vice President of External Relations about branding the Biscayne Bay Campus and find the appropriate places to do this. She has some pictures of the images that they are planning to use for the ACI and ACII. Some of the ideas are a blue and gold sheet like material that will hover above the stairs in ACII, a long banner hanging from the third floor, a curved a wall cover above the vending machine area and a panther near the cafeteria entrance. This project will help “amp up” our campus. Terry, Kenneth Jessell, Ms. Halpin and the WUC will work together to come up with something similar for the Wolfe University Center.

Ms. Halpin reiterated the importance of our presence at the Freshman Convocation, Sunday, August 21st. This is one event that all of us will have to attend. As soon as the convocation is over, there will be a Bar-B-Que at the Regan House that we are invited to attend.

SENATE REPORT

Mr. Haspel announced that the senate approved our budget specific allocation. The next step in the process is that Dr. Jones approves the budget.

CABINET REPORT

Ms. Fernandez reported that the cabinet is working on a welcome letter to email to the students during the first week of classes. She also mentioned that he cabinet is work on the B.Y.O.B, Bring Your Own Book event for the second week of classes, where student can exchange or sale their books to other students. The Academic and International Student chairs will help with the event.

Ms. Fernandez announced that the intern applications are now available.

ADVISOR'S REPORT

Mr. Zapata announced that the United Way kick off will be September 30th for BBC will be in panther square.

NEW BUSINESS

Senator Deonanan motioned to move Dona Walcott to the top of new business, Senator Nonell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

A. Dona Walcott- Wellness Center

Dona Walcott, Assistant Director of the BBC Wellness Center, announced that the Wellness Center a conducted the National College Health Assessment for the second year. The survey helps the Wellness Center find out what the health needs the students are more concerned about. The survey is about 50-60 questions long and will be sent to 8,000 FIU students. The survey will be opened for about 6-8 weeks. If you receive the survey, please fill it out. The Wellness Center will be giving out shirts for the first students who bring their confirmation page to the office. The survey will remain anonymous and last year's results are on the wellness website.

B. Appointments

Richard Azimov presented himself to the council as a candidate for justice position. He is an undergrad student majoring in Biology. He looks forward to working with the council. He currently works in the Career Services office at BBC. He is a great communicator, likes enforcing the law, likes when going on and make objective decisions.

Senator Sanchez motioned to appoint Richard Azimov to the justice position, Senator Odimayo seconded. Senator Nonell: Nay, Senator Haspel: yay, Senator Sanchez: yay, Senator Deonanan: Yay, Senator Ingabire: yay, Senator Odimayo: Yay, Senator Adekoya: Yay, Senator Khan: Yay. With a 7-1 vote, Richard Azimov is our new Justice.

C. Student Programming Council

Catherine Vega announced that SPC has a tentative list of events for the Fall semester. They are looking forward to the Pool Party scheduled for Saturday, September 3rd for Labor Day weekend; it will be open to the public. SPC General Meetings are every Wednesday at 1pm

D. Council for a Cause

Catherine Vega announced that councils for a cause have chosen All-nighter for the Poor as the organization that they will be working with. SGA does not have a representative as of yet. Once all of the BBC councils/clubs have confirmed, they will go the MMC councils for support. Next Tuesday is the next meeting, please come in with the \$30 registration and your team captain.

E. Student Organizations Council

Anastasia Seldinskaya, Events Coordinator and Ezra Mintz, Treasurer invited the council to their annual SOC mixer on September 27th from 3-6pm in the Ballroom. At the mixer, you will be able to meet Clubs and their advisors. Mr. Mintz mentioned the he will be sending out the points to all the clubs from the spring semester. The points effect the funding of each club. He also

reminded us that next Monday SOC will have their orgsyn trading at 1pm in WUC 159. There will be 3 club fairs in the Fall semester.

ANOUNCEMENTS

- A. August 12, 2011 – Amateur Swim Meet, 1-3pm, Aquatic Centre
- B. August 15, 2011- Fall Transfer Orientation
- C. August 16-17, 2011- Fall Freshman Orientation
- D. August 18, 2011- SGA Leadership Training, 12pm-3pm, WUC 155
- E. August 19, 2011- Housing Check-in Tabling, 9am
- F. August 21- Freshman Convocation
- G. August 22, 2011 – FALL CLASSES BEGIN
- H. August 22, 2011- Welcome BBQ, 11am-2pm, Panther Square
- I. August 23, 2011- Blue & Gold Breakfast, 9am, Panther Square
- J. August 24, 2011- Restaurant Fair, 12noon, Panther Square
- K. August 25, 2011- Freshman Luau, 11:30am, Panther Square
- L. August 25, 2011- Trail of the Torch, 7pm, MMC Housing Quad
- M. August 26, 2011- Kayak Day, 12-2pm, Rec Center
- N. August 31, 2011- SGA Day, 11am-2pm, Panther Square
- O. September 1, 2011-North Texas vs. FIU, 7pm, Home Game
- P. September 9, 2011- FIU vs. Louisville, 7pm, Away Game
- Q. September 13, 2011- Broward Pines Meet & Greet, 4:30pm-6:30pm

The meeting was dismissed by President Halpin at **4:11pm.**