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# Florida International University

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

## MINUTES

### **SGC-BBC General Meeting**

**September 7, 2011**

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Denise Halpin, President, **3:55pm**

Emilio Collyer, Vice President

Kevin Gonzalez, Comptroller,

Suyen Fernandez, Chief of Staff, **3:55pm**

Arianna Smith, Press Secretary

Angiela Lazo, Special Events Coordinator,

Julie Goncalves, Intern Coordinator

Simbisai Anglene Mubau, Academic Affairs Coordinator

Xinyu “Allen” Tian, International Student Services Coordinator

Fang “Frank” Shu, Marketing Coordinator

Michael Cabrera, Athletic Campaign Manager,

Pablo Haspel, Speaker of the Senate/Honors College Senator

Farah Yamini, Arts & Science Senator,

Jorge Nonell Jr., Arts & Science Senator, **3:35pm**

Alix Sanchez, Hospitality Management Senator

Diana Deonanan, Lower Division Senator

Grace Ingabire, Lower Division Senator, **3:33pm**

Robyn Melvin, Lower Division Senator

Oluwatamilore Odimayo, Senator At-Large,

Oluwatobi Adekoya, Senator At-Large

Melissa Khan, Senator At-Large

Richard Azimov

Rafael Zapata, Advisor

Larissa Adames, SGA Clerk

#### Absent

Daniel Usma, Speaker Pro-Tempe/Arts & Science Senator, **Excused**

Sagine Delly, Graduate Senator

Christopher Lawton, Chief Justice

Patrick Milord, Justice

Micaela Cohen, Justice

Afiewa Attawia, Justice, **Excused**

#### GUEST

Diana Arcentales, Broward Pines Coordinator

Sabrena O’Keefe, Assistant Director for Center for Leadership & Women’s Center, BBC

Catherine Vega, SPC President  
Bradley Lwiye, BBC BSU Governor  
Jonathan Simmon, Beacon Reporter

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on September 7, 2011, WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at **3:31pm**; approximately, by Vice President Collyer who presided over the meeting until President Halpin arrive at 3:55pm.

### **VICE PRESIDENT REPORT**

Mr. Collyer began his report by stating that he met with architect who will be working with the WUC remodeling project and it was suggested to have a focus group consisting of students, faculty and staff to help come up with the vision of the WUC. BBC Council Presidents have been asked to join the focus group. The meetings will be held on Mondays at 2pm, which is when all council presidents are able to meet. If anyone is interested joining the focus group, please see him after the meeting.

For the United Way, Mr. Collyer is planning a weeks' worth of events in October, in which BBC students can participate. Once he has more details on the events, he will inform the council.

Mr. Collyer attended the Councils for a Cause (All-Nighter for the Poor) along with Mr. Odimayo and we need 10 members to donate \$15 each. If you donate the \$15, you have to stay the entire night (12 hours) in order for our team to get awarded spirit points. You do not have to be in student government to join our team. Please contact Mr. Collyer if you are interested in joining our team.

### **COMPTROLLER REPORT**

Mr. Gonzalez reported the grand prize that was being offered for the SPC Mind Freeze event was against the Activities and Service fee code. An alternative prize was given instead of the promoted prized.

Mr. Gonzalez announced that there is a free leadership conference in Orlando. If anyone is interested, please sign up with him. A list of student leaders is being compiled to see how many students are interested in attending. The conference will be either November 5<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>, once the date is confirmed, he will inform the council.

Mr. Gonzalez mentioned that he would like to plan a grand opening event for the second floor lounge. If anyone is interesting in assisting the event, please see him after the meeting.

### **SENATE REPORT**

Mr. Haspel reported that the tentative date for the Meet Your Dean event is Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> 12 noon. He will be emailing the dean regarding the event.

Mr. Haspel reminded the senate that there is a meeting this upcoming Monday and to read all the emails that were sent regarding the senate meeting on Monday.

## **ADVISOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Zapata reminded the council that Dean Lillian Kopenhaver's appreciation reception is today. If any of the council is available after the meeting, please stop by the reception and make a presence for Student Government.

Mr. Zapata announced that the intern retreat will be October 15<sup>th</sup>. He also mentioned he will be calling a meeting with the judicial branch.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Diana Arcentales- Broward Pines Coordinator**

**Ms. Arcentales** invited the council to visit the Pines Center. The center is "tiny but mighty." The council is welcome to have a general meeting there. There is a meet and greet scheduled for Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> and we are welcome to come. If you have any questions, please speak to Ms. Adames for her contact.

### **B. Student Programming Council- Catherine Vega, President**

**Ms. Vega** thanked the council for their support in SPC's Mind Freeze event. She announced that the movie series will premiere tomorrow with the Pirates of the Caribbean on Strangers Tides at 3pm and 7pm in the Mary Ann Wolfe theatre.

### **C. Student Alumni Association- Catherine Vega, Traditions Chair**

**Ms. Vega** thanked the council for their support for the All-nighter for the Poor. She confirmed that all BBC councils are involved and they will move on to the MMC councils for support. Ms. Vega announced if you are caught wearing any UM, FSU, UF or any other college's apparel, the panther patrol will issue you a citation. If you have any other colleges' apparel, you can trade it in for FIU apparel.

### **D. Black Student Union- Bradley Lwiye, BBC Governor**

**Mr. Lwiye** announced that the State of the Union Ball will be September 15<sup>th</sup> in the WUC ballroom. If you plan to attend, you will have to sign up thru Orgsync to become a member. The attire for the event is semi-formal.

## **ANOUNCEMENTS**

- A. September 9, 2011- FIU vs. Louisville, 7pm, Away Game
- B. September 13, 2011- Broward Pines Meet & Greet, 4:30pm-6:30pm
- C. September 17, 2011, UCF vs. FIU, 6pm, Home Game
- D. September 24, 2011, Louisiana vs. FIU, TBA, Home Game
- E. September 25, 2011 Homecoming Concert, 7pm, Football Stadium
- F. September 26, 2011, Pep Rally, 12 noon, Panther Square
- G. September 26, 2011, Panther Prowl Featuring Shawn & Marlon Waynes, 7pm, US Century Bank Arena
- H. September 27, 2011, NPHC Step Show, 7:30pm, US Century Bank Arena
- I. September 28, 2011, SGA Alumni Reception, 6pm-8pm, WUC 223
- J. September 28, 2011, Variety Show, 8pm, Mary Ann Wolfe Theatre
- K. September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011, King & Queen Voting, 10a-6pm MMC & BBC Computer Labs
- L. September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Homecoming Dance, 8pm, WUC Ballrooms

- M. September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011, United Way Kick-Off, 1pm, WUC Ballroom
- N. September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Lip-sync/ Talent Show, 8pm, TBA
- O. October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011, Homecoming Game Duke vs. FIU, 7pm, Home Game
- P. October 5, 2011, General Meeting at Pines Center
- Q. October 20, 2011, Diversity Day, 9am-4pm, TBA
- R. November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011, All Nighter for the Poor, TBA

The meeting was dismissed by President Halpin at **3:57pm.**