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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES

SGC-BBC General Meeting

October 26, 2011

IN ATTENDANCE

Denise Halpin, President,
Emilio Collyer, Vice President
Suyen Fernandez, Chief of Staff, **4:08pm**
Weiyi “Max” Wang, Elections Commissioner, **3:42pm**
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
Pablo Haspel, Speaker of the Senate/Honors College Senator
Alix Sanchez, Hospitality Management Senator
Kevin Houston, SJMC Senator
Christopher Morisset, Lower Division Senator
Oluwatamilore Odimayo, Senator At-Large
Oluwatobi Adekoya, Senator At-Large
Olivia Dehaarte, Senator At-Large
Sagine Delly, Graduate Senator, **3:45pm**
Patrick Milord, Justice, **4:05pm**
Afiewa Attawia, Justice
Richard Azimov, Justice
Rafael Zapata, Advisor
Larissa Adames, SGA Clerk

Absent

Kevin Gonzalez, Comptroller
Adrianna Smith, Press Secretary
Daniel Usma, Speaker Pro-Tempe/Arts & Science Senator, **excused**
Diana Deonanan, Lower Division Senator, **excused**
Micaela Cohen, Justice

GUEST

Jonathan Szydli, Beacon Reporter
Bradley Lwiye, BSU BBC Governor
Joanne Novoa, SOC Representative
Tamicha Roger, Panther Power President
Anastasia Seldinkaya, SOC Events Coordinator

Catherine Vega, SPC President
Kaytien Franco, SAA
Andres Bedoya, Beacon Photographer
Craig Cunningham, Director of Campus Life at BBC

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on October 26, 2011, WUC 155. The meeting was called to order at **3:34pm**, approximately, by President Halpin who presided over the meeting until **4:18pm**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Odimayo motioned to approve October 12th minutes, Senator Adekoya seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Halpin began her report by stating that she attended the Board of Directors meeting on October 25th which was in conjunction with the 3rd Annual Leadership Summit. The meeting included FIU, South Florida Community members and different programs that are interested on where FIU is headed. Some of the things that were discussed is that they expect 5,000 students the Biscayne Bay Campus and 10,000 students at the Modesto Maidique Campus in the next 2 years. They will also expand both campuses to accommodate the increase of enrollment. During the meeting they mentioned how they plan to lobby for FIU regarding the following:

- PICO funds
- fully funding the medical school
- supporting the new _____
- fixed capital outlet
- matching on major gifting (currently the state only matches the 1st Generation Scholarship)
- support to hire 80 faculty/staff

Some of the other updates that were mentioned during the meeting are the following:

- 35,000 _____
- Both libraries serve about 3,000 students daily
- There are 4,180 classes offered
- An apartment like housing facility is expected to open in 2013 that will house 600 beds. This is thanks to the Moss family. Total cost \$41 million.
- There are currently 160,000 registered Alumni

Ms. Halpin updated the board members on the second entrance project, the Wolfe Universtiy Center project, the 1st generation scholarship and the work that the senators have been undertaking.

(before mention the benefit, Denise read a report on the first generation)

Ms. Haplin announced that SGA will be hosting the 1st generation benefit on February 2nd, 2012.

Ms. Halpin mentioned that Catalyst Miami is offering internship opportunities to FIU student. If anyone is interested, let her know after the meeting.

(Denise mentioned Steve Stewart and him developing work for 32 _____)

Ms. Halpin concluded her report by telling the council that If they had any questions about her report, to please speak to her after the meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Mr. Collyer began his report by congratulating our football team for the victory against Troy last night. The meeting with architect will be Friday, November 4, 2011. All the council presidents have been notified. So far we have SGA and SOC representation, he is waiting on Catherine to give him the name of the student who will representing SPC. Mr. Collyer is waiting for Panther Power to respond.

Mr. Collyer addressed the two articles (one opinion, one editorial) that were written about SGC BBC. On the editorial regarding the impeachment and how it was removed from the agenda without explanation, the email explaining the impeachment has been emailed to the Beacon.

Mr. Collyer asked Senator Delly to read her letter:

As the Rules, Legislation and Judiciary chair, I want to voice my concerns regarding President Halpin's duties according to SGC-BBC Constitution and Statutes. I did have a meeting with President Halpin and told her about my concerns 3 Mondays ago, but still feel that progresses are not made which is why I added to the agenda the Process of Impeachment. Our SGC-BBC President is supposed to be an example to the Cabinet and the Senate, and if we are lacking in following the right procedures, it will not look good for the SGC-BBC. I also understand that Ms. Halpin is a student and she is meeting with several parties in accomplishing her goals for the council, but there are still rules that need to be followed.

List of the concerns with President Halpin:

Under Tittle II Chapter 205.1 of the Statutes, President Halpin classifies for removal of office for the following categories:

205.1.3 Incompetence

205.1.4 Nonfeasance

205.1.7 Violations of the SGA Constitution and Statutes

LIST OF VIOLATIONS

In Office hours which are not supposed to include meetings time.

Title III, Chapter 302.2 Subsection A of the statutes

There is a lack in following the productivity of the Cabinet. For example: Press Secretary is not performing her job duties according to SGC-BBC statutes and Senate is not informed of the projects that the Executive Branch is working on except for the Day on the Bay. Furthermore, according to the SGC-BBC Statutes, The President should administer and ensure that all provisions of the SGA Constitution and SGC-BBC Statutes are faithfully executed

There is a lack of communication with the Senate. For example, adding or creating Cabinet positions without informing the Senate. Furthermore, according to the SGC-BBC Statutes, Appointments or creations of positions not provided for in the Constitution or SGC-BBC Statutes require Senate approval as prescribed in Article IX Section 4 of the Constitution

Title III, Chapter 302.2 Subsection C of the statutes

Not enforcing Executive Branch attendance at school events except for sporting events.

Failure to address the Senate at the beginning of each semester and at other times upon invitation by the Senate.

Title III, Chapter 302.2 Subsection H of the statutes

Failure to meet with all council presidents at least once a month.

Title III, Chapter 302.3 Subsection E of the statutes

Failure to appoint a Chief Justice

Failure to meet with the University President and BBC Vice-Provost on a consistent basis.

Failure to complete emoluments for all councils at BBC in a timely manner.

Failure to hold accountable members of the executive branch.

Failure to know the needs of the student body, due to her limited time spent at BBC.

Failure to comply with Article IV Section 3 Subsection A Paragraph 5 of the constitution in a timely manner.

Failure to be properly knowledgeable with the SGA Constitution and SGC-BBC statues in accordance with Tittle III, Chapter 302.2 Subsection B of the statutes

Failure to conduct the executive council meetings in accordance to Roberts Rules of Order in accordance with Tittle III, Chapter 302.2 Subsection E of the statutes

Failure to complete the weekly timecard as stated in Tittle III, Chapter 302.6 Subsection E of the statutes

by,

Sagine Delly
RLJ Chair

Mr. Collyer hopes that everything was clear with everyone and these issues. This concluded his report.

SPEAKER OF THE SENATE REPORT

Speaker Haspel reported that the Soccer Field, Career Services and Academic II tiles resolutions. The senate is currently working on the Statues Bill. Speaker Haspel mentioned to the council the senate is planning a Thanksgiving potluck, he will be speaking to Ms. Fernandez to involve the cabinet.

ADVISORS REPORT

Mr. Zapata reminded the council that Day on the Bay is this weekend at 8:30 am. Please arrive on time. We will be cleaning up the bay, kayaking, the pool will be available and there will be 2 food trucks.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointments

Richard Azimov presented himself to council as the Chief Justice candidate. He addressed the council by saying that there are two keys characteristics that a Chief Justice should possess: Responsibility and Objectivity.

Speaker Haspel motioned to appointed Richard Azimov as the new Chief Justice, Senator Houston seconded.

Speaker Haspel: **yay**
Senator Sanchez: **yay**
Senator Houston: **yay**
Senator Morisset: **yay**
Senator Odimayo: **yay**
Senator Adekoya: **yay**
Senator Dehaarte: **yay**
Senator Delly: **yay**

By unanimous vote, Richard Azimov is the new Chief Justice.

B. SOC

Anastasia Seldinkaya, SOC Events Coordinator, reported that SOC had an eboard meeting last Friday and has forward the minutes to Ms. Halpin. This upcoming Monday is their Halloween club, everyone is welcome to come.

Senator Adekoya motioned to add Panther Power, SPC and BSU to New Business, Senator Odimayo seconded. Motion passes with a 7-1-0 vote.

C. Panther Power

Tamicha Roger, Panther Power President, reported that they had a full shuttle to yesterday's game. The next pep rally will be November 10th at 1pm. She apologized about the late Event Audit Reports.

D. SPC

Catherine Vega, SPC President invited the council to the comedy show tonight featuring Cerrone Russell, doors open at 7:30pm. She announced that they will be showing Scream 4 tomorrow afternoon. On Friday October 28th, will be there Halloween party, please wear your costumes, masks are not allowed.

Food for the Poor update: they have tripled the money. Please raise as much as you can. SOC is in first place and the Three Amigos are in second place. All Nighter for the Poor is November 18th from 6:30pm-7am.

E. BSU

Brandon Lwiye, BSU BBC Governor, reported that they are working with a fraternity to bring the Overtown Youth to visit the Frost Museum. They will be having their second general meeting next Thursday at 5pm

President Halpin had additional business to report. She met with Petra Kolhmann from the NY Times regarding a speaker for our lecture series. She would need to give Mrs. Kolhmann a theme by November 18th. The speaker would be an editor, writer or photographer from the NY Times.

Ms. Halpin announced that she has met with almost everyone in the council. She will be scheduling the follow-up one on one meeting sometime in the near future.

The long sleeved shirts have arrived, for those who have not picked them up, please do so after the meeting.

At **4:18pm**, President Halpin step down as chair, Vice President Collyer chaired for the remainder of the meeting.

Senator Delly moved to impeach President Halpin, Speaker Haspel seconded. Motion carried.

Vice President Collyer asked the senate if they have any concerns, please speak now. Senator Delly had the following concerns:

- Did not fulfill her office hours
- Her cabinet does not know their job duties
- President Halpin does not know the constitution
- Schedule the one on one meetings with council until late into the semester
- Did not appoint a new Chief Justice for about two months
- Has not been meeting with President Rosenberg and Vice Provost Moll on a regular basis

Chief Justice Azimov asked for a point of information, if this discussion could be tabled for the senate meeting. Vice President Collyer, it could not be tabled since there is a motion on the table.

President Halpin's response to Senator's Delly's concerns:

- Medical leave for most of the summer, left Vice Preside Collyer and Ms. Hernandez in charge
- Failure to address senate meetings was_____
- Office hours are 20 according to the statues, is looking to see if the SGC BBC operating hours could be extended
- Is having hers second meeting with President Rosenberg this Friday
- Has been meeting with SPC president weekly, SOC president monthly, has not been meeting with Panther Power regularly
- The Executive board has attended meeting she was not able to attend
- Weiyi Wang applied for executive assistant, but was a better fit for Elections Commissioner
- Certain task were not completed while on medical leave

Senator Sanchez raised previous question, Speaker Haspel seconded.

Speaker Haspel: **yay**

Senator Sanchez: **nay**

Senator Houston: **nay**

Senator Morisset: **nay**

Senator Odimayo: **abstain**

Senator Adekoya: **nay**

Senator Dehaarte: **nay**

Senator Delly: **yay**

With a 2-5-1 vote, the motion to impeach President Halpin failed.

Senator Odimayo left the meeting at 4:59pm

ANNOUCEMENTS

October

- October 27,2011 SPC "Scream 4", 2:30/7:30pm, WUC Theatre
- October 27, 2011, Late Day Latte, 4:30-6pm, AC-1
- October 28, 2011, SPC Halloween Party
- October 29, 2011, Day on the Bay, 8am, Bay Area

- E. October 31, 2011, Halloween Club Fair, 12-3pm, Panther Square/Ballrooms
- November
- F. November 1, 2011, Tuesday Times, WUC 159, 12:30pm-1:30pm
 - G. November 1, 2011 SPC Java Vibes
 - H. November 9, SAA Yoga by the Bay
 - I. November 10, 2011, SPC “Transformers: Dark Side of the Moon”, WUC Theatre
 - J. November 15, 2011, “The Changing Values of Relationship & Marriage”, 12:30-1:30pm, WUC 159
 - K. November 17, 2011, SOC Club fair & International Latte, 4:30-6p, AC-1
 - L. November 18, 2011, BBC World Cup
 - M. November 18th, 2011, All Nighter for the Poor, 7pm-7am, WUC Ballrooms
 - N. November 21, 2011, SOC Fall Feast, 2-5pm, Ballrooms
 - O. November 23, 2011, Turkey Trot
 - P. November 24, 2011, Late Day Latte Int’l Club Fair, 4:30pm, TBA
 - Q. November 28, 2011, Freshman Orientation
 - R. November 29, 2011, Transfer Orientation
 - S. November 30, 2011, SPC “Captain America”, WUC Theatre, 2:30/7:30pm

December

- A. December 5, 2011 Midnight Breakfast, Bistro by the Bay
- B. December 8, 2011, Transfer Orientation
- C. December 12, 2011, Freshman Orientation
- D.

January

- A. January 21st, 2012, Carnival Club Fair, 10-4pm
- B. January 25th, 2012, FIU Day, Tallahassee
- C. January 26th, 2012, Rally in Tally

Vice President Collyer returned the chair to President Halpin.

The meeting was dismissed by President Halpin at **4:59pm.**