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# Florida International University

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

**MINUTES**  
**SGC-BBC General Meeting**  
**November 9, 2011**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Denise Halpin, President,  
Emilio Collyer, Vice President  
Kevin Gonzalez, Comptroller  
Suyen Fernandez, Chief of Staff  
Adrianna Smith, Press Secretary, **3:54pm**  
Weiyi “Max” Wang, Elections Commissioner, **4:06pm**  
Angiela Lazo, Special Events Coordinator  
Julie Goncalves, Intern Coordinator  
Simbisai Anglene Mubau, Academic Affairs Coordinator  
Xinyu “Allen” Tian, International Student Services Coordinator, **3:39pm**  
Fang “Frank” Shu, Marketing Coordinator  
Pablo Haspel, Speaker of the Senate/Honors College Senator  
Daniel Usma, Speaker Pro-Tempe/Arts & Science Senator  
Alix Sanchez, Hospitality Management Senator  
Xue Yan, Hospitality Management Senator  
Kevin Houston, SJMC Senator  
Kenya Tolliver, SJMC Senator  
Kemeika Clayton, Housing Senator  
Diana Deonanan, Lower Division 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  
Richard Azimov, Chief Justice  
Rafael Zapata, Advisor  
Larissa Adames, SGA Clerk

**Absent**

Deyan Ivanov, Arts & Science Senator, **Excused**  
Patrick Milord, Justice, **Excused**  
Micaela Cohen, Justice  
Afiewa Attawia, Justice

## **GUEST**

Harold Clayton, Associate Director of Career Services, BBC  
Dwight Nimblett, Assistant Director of Center of Academic Success  
Brandon Lwiye, BSU BBC Governor  
Giselle Heraux, Student  
Pampam Xie, SGA Intern  
Yanqiu Li, Student  
Wenjia Luo, SGA Intern  
Yuyang Hou, SOC Treasurer  
Myriamme Ismael, Student  
Anthony Cave, The Beacon

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on November 9, 2011, in WUC 155. The meeting was called to order at **3:36pm**, approximately, by President Halpin who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Speaker Haspel motioned to table the minutes for October 26<sup>th</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Senator Sanchez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## **PRESIDNET'S REPORT**

President Halpin began her report by announcing that Mr. Collyer and Mr. Haspel will be emailing Ms. Adames additional Robert's Rules to send out the council.

Ms. Halpin mentioned that the senate has been working on resolutions one of them being the circuit plugs near the loggia. She spoke to Ed Furnas, Assistant Director of Facilities at BBC, and he told Ms. Halpin that there is a form that needs to be filled out to begin on that project. Regarding the tiles in ACII, the first half have been fixed and the second half will be fixed this weekend. As for the covered walkway from the Wolfe University Center and the Marine Science Building, Mr. Furnas is working on getting private donors to pay for it instead of the students. They also would like to do something similar to the walkway leading to the hospitality building.

Ms. Halpin stated that she has vetoed the senate bill regarding the statues. She has some notes she would like the senate to consider.

Ms. Halpin reminded that council that the safety walk is tonight, Vice Provost Moll, Dr. Akens and Mr. Furnas will be a part of the walk. They will be looking at the lighting, walkway, cracks on the wall. She would like for the council to take a part of the walk. The council members who participate will have a choice of a meal voucher for the cafeteria or will have two office hours credit for next week.

Ms. Halpin reiterated that on November 28<sup>th</sup>, the e-board will be meeting with Dr. Jones. The senate and cabinet meetings are cancelled on that Monday.

There was a Pantherization Committee meeting this past Monday, in which Rafael Zapata, Greg Olson, Vice Provost Moll, Terry Witherell, Ed Furnas and Matthew Mielke and Ms. Halpin attended. To give ACI and ACII a “World’s Ahead” look it would cost about \$40,000. Before going to Kenneth Jessell with this proposal, they will be including the Wolfe Center in that proposal. Vice Provost Moll will be submitting the proposal.

Ms. Halpin will be asking Ms. Adames to help her set –up one on one meeting with new council members and the ones she has not met with yet. If you have any questions, please let her know.

As for the panther statue update, MMC originally looked at companies that offered the statue for \$150,000 and \$125,000. But they have found two companies Halin in New Jersey and American Bronze in Orlando, FL. (*Ms. Halpin passed out proposal and pictures of each of the companies to council to look at.*) Any questions regarding the proposal, please address them to her. MMC is working on which company to work with. The company in New Jersey is \$4,000 more due to the delivery and they will give 100 miniature bronze and 3 crystal versions the statues. The Florida company will do the same for an additional cost.

Ms. Halpin ended her report by stating that she looking for a lectures director, if you know anyone who is interested, please let her know.

#### **VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

Vice President Collyer reported that the meeting with architect was last Friday, in which Senator Usma, Senator Odimayo and Senator Adekoya gave their concerns regarding the Wolfe Center. The architect will take all the ideas and concerns into account and meet with Ms. Halpin and Mr. Collyer to discuss them. After that meeting, a final vision for the Wolfe Center will be in place.

Mr. Collyer reminded the council that All-Nighter for the Poor is November 18<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Aziomv has given his \$15 registration fee, he is waiting on Mr. Adekoya for a response. He needs more council members to participate.

#### **COMPTROLLER REPORT**

Mr. Gonzalez has been working with the Campus Life accountant to get the ASBO online account system at BBC. With a password, you will be able to see where you are at with your budget.

Mr. Gonzalez is working on a scholarship policy with the interest that the ACBA money. Most likely it will be given to the first generation scholarship or given to any other scholarship SGA sees fit. If you have any questions regarding the scholarship policy, please let him know.

#### **SPEAKER OF THE SENATE REPORT**

Speaker Haspel reported that the senate passed the bill on the ACBA policy, regarding how to access the funds. Once it is signed by president Halpin, the MMC senate will pass it and the University Wide council will vote on it. The senate also passed a resolution for a covered walkway from the Wolfe University Center to the Marine Science Building.

## **CABINET REPORT**

Ms. Hernandez announced that the cabinet is having a Thanksgiving food can drive. They are working on sending out an email to all of the councils asking for their assistance on the can drive. If any council member is looking to be a mentor to one of the interns, applications are due today to Ms. Gonclaves.

## **JUDICIAL REPORT**

No report.

## **ADVISOR'S REPORT**

No report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No Old Business

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Career Services**

**Harold Clayton, Associate Director, for Career Services at BBC**, presented to the council the services that Career Service offers and how they are underutilize. On average they have five to six students attend their workshops. It is imperative that students utilize Career Service, since the jobs market has changed drastically since 2007. Companies are looking to hire people who already have certain skills in place. Mr. Clayton has requested that we help to inform students about the service that are offered. Students like Amanda and Rashida Jones have taken advantage their services and have landed internships.

### **B. Center for Academic Success**

**Dwight Nimblett, Assistant Director, for the Center of Academic Success at BBC**, presented to the council the service that the center offers to students. They offer tutoring at no additional cost to the student body. Private tutoring will cost about \$50-\$60 an hour. They are open Monday thru Friday. They offer tutoring in Math (all areas: finite, social choice), reading, chemistry. They also offer study skills like time management, memory, speed reading and note taking. They also offer the CLEP examamination.

*Mr. Collyer stepped out of the meeting at 4:28pm*

### **C. Appointments**

**Giselle Heruax**, presented herself to the council to be appointed to the position of Director of Governmental Relations. She is a communication major. She was the Vice President of the SGA at Miami Dade College- North Campus, She has attended Rally in Tally in previkous years, and is familiar with lobbying.

Senator Odimayo motioned to appoint Giselle Hearuax as the new Director of Governmental Relations, Senator Houston seconded.

Speaker Haspel:       **yay**

Senator Usam:           **yay**

Senator Sanchez:       **yay**

Senator Yan: **yay**  
Senator Houston: **yay**  
Senator Tolliver: **yay**  
Senator Clayton: **yay**  
Senator Morisset: **yay**  
Senator Odimayo: **yay**  
Senator Adekoya: **yay**  
Senator Dehaarte: **yay**  
Senator Delly: **yay**

By a unanimous vote, Giselle Heraux is the new Director of Governmental Relations.

#### **D. BSU**

**Brandon Lwiye**, announced that the potluck with MPAS will be held on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. They will be showing Black in American part 4 at housing on November 13<sup>th</sup>. He has emailed Mr. Houston regarding bringing a speaker for the Spring semester. BSU will be having a World' AIDS event on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Michelle Chapple will be the interim advisor at BBC until they are able to find a permanent advisor. The pillow talk event has moved to the Spring Semester. They are also working on a spring concert.

At 4:38pm, Mr. Haspel asked for a point of personal privilege.

#### **ANNOUCEMENTS**

##### **November**

- A. November 10, 2011, SPC "Transformers: Dark Side of the Moon", WUC Theatre
- B. November 15, 2011, "The Changing Values of Relationship & Marriage", 12:30-1:30pm, WUC 159
- C. November 14, 2011, KICK-OFF DAY, Panther Square, 11:00am-2:00pm, WUC Flag Pole, 1:00pm-2:00pm
- D. November 15, 2011, Venture Abroad Day, Panther Square, 11:00am-2:00pm; WUC159, 12:30pm; WUC Ballroom, 7:00pm
- E. November 16, 2011, Int'l Day for The elimination of Violence Against Women, Panther Square, 11:00am-1:30pm; Panther Square, 1:30pm-2:00pm; WUC 159, 2:00pm-3:30pm
- F. November 17, 2011, International Career Day, WUC 221, 11:00am-12:00pm, WUC221, 12:00pm-1:30pm, WUC221, 1:30pm -2:15pm, WUC363, 3:00pm-4:30pm, WUC flagpole 4:30pm-6:00pm
- G. November 17, 2011, SOC Club fair & International Latte, 4:30-6p, AC-1
- H. November 18, 2011, FIU BBC World Cup, 10:00am-3:00pm, North Miami Athletic Stadium, 10:00am-3:00pm, WUC Ballrooms, 7:00pm-7:00am
- I. November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011, All Nighter for the Poor, 7pm-7am, WUC Ballrooms
- J. November 21, 2011, SOC Fall Feast, 2-5pm, Ballrooms
- K. November 23, 2011, Turkey Trot
- L. November 24, 2011, Late Day Latte Int'l Club Fair, 4:30pm, TBA
- M. November 28, 2011, Freshman Orientation
- N. November 29, 2011, Transfer Orientation
- O. 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

**January**

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

The meeting was adjourned by President Halpin at **4:42pm.**