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# Florida International University

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

**MINUTES**  
**SGC-BBC General Meeting**  
**November 16, 2011**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Denise Halpin, President,  
Kevin Gonzalez, Comptroller  
Suyen Fernandez, Chief of Staff  
Adrianna Smith, Press Secretary  
Weiyi “Max” Wang, Elections Commissioner  
Angiela Lazo, Special Events Coordinator, **3:55pm**  
Julie Goncalves, Intern Coordinator  
Simbisai Anglene Mubau, Academic Affairs Coordinator  
Xinyu “Allen” Tian, International Student Services Coordinator  
Fang “Frank” Shu, Marketing Coordinator  
Giselle Heraux, Director of Governmental Relations, **3:55pm**  
Pablo Haspel, Speaker of the Senate/Honors College Senator  
Daniel Usma, Speaker Pro-Tempe/Arts & Science Senator, **3:47pm**  
Deyan Ivanov, Arts & Science Senator  
Alix Sanchez, Hospitality Management Senator  
Xue Yan, Hospitality Management Senator  
Kevin Houston, SJMC Senator  
Kenya Tolliver, SJMC Senator  
Inemesit Ekanem, Nursing & Health Sciences, **3:40pm**  
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  
Afiewa Attawia, Justice  
Francheska Periche, Court Clerk  
Rafael Zapata, Advisor  
Larissa Adames, SGA Clerk

**Absent**

Emilio Collyer, Vice President, **Excused**  
Patrick Milord, Justice, **Excused**  
Micaela Cohen, Justice

## **GUEST**

Brad Silver, Court Clerk  
Catherine Vega, SPC President  
Brandon Lwiye, BSU BBC Governor  
Kaytien Franco, SAA PR Chair  
Gretchen Vanderhaagen, Department of South Florida Transportation  
Jonathan Szydlo, BBC the Beacon Editor  
Sherezade Rodriguez, SGA Intern  
Desir Monhomme, Student  
Jessica Paek, SGA Intern  
Wenjia Luo, SGA Intern  
Pampam Xie, SGA Intern

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on November 16, 2011, in WUC 155. The meeting was called to order at **3:40pm**, approximately, by President Halpin who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Speaker Haspel motioned to approve the minutes for October 26<sup>th</sup>, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and November 9<sup>th</sup>, Senator Ivanov seconded the motion. With a 13-2 vote, the motion passed.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Halpin began her report by discussing the safety walk. The council members who participated can either choose a meal voucher or a two office hour credit. These are the points that were brought up during the safety walk:

- The trees that are located near ACI and ACII have uprooted the concrete. Facilities plans to shave down their roots to avoid any more uprooted concrete
- The mud trail that people use to drive behind Hospitality will be paved to
- Additional Non-smoking signs will be placed around campus
- The lighting issues will be looked into, since the lighting is dim. FIU is currently the most energy efficient university in Florida
- Biscayne Bay Campus is the safest out of the two campuses

Ms. Halpin mentioned that our football team won the last home game.

Ms. Halpin stated that she had a DC phone call yesterday with Carlos Becerra, Director of Federal Relations, regarding student advocacy on the Pell Grant and other federal issues. FIU receives 48% of its funding from Pell Grants, cutting it will show significantly. There are several options on the table as to how to get students involved in this issue: media blast, contact Petra Kohlman from the NY Times, as the Beacon to push the issue, possible lobby visits with MMC.

Ms. Halpin reminded the council that tomorrow is the ribbon cutting of the second floor student lounge and game room. She will not be able to attend, because she has a meeting with Dr. Jones but Kevin will be there to take her place.

Ms. Halpin mentioned that out of the three resolutions that the senate recently passed, she vetoed the one with the swinging chairs for the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor outside balcony. She did not think it was fair since that section of the building is part of the ten year plan for the WUC. She will be sending Speaker Haspel and email explaining her veto.

If the council is planning any events for January, please turn them in by Friday in order for them to be considered for the Spring events calendar.

Ms. Halpin ended her report by stating that November 30<sup>th</sup> will be the last general meeting of the semester. Next week's general meeting has been canceled. However there will still be an e-board meeting next Wednesday.

#### **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

No Report.

#### **COMPTROLLER REPORT**

No Report.

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

Speaker Haspel reported that the senate passed three resolutions and they overruled the veto on the statues bill and were enacted. Ms. Adames will email everyone a copy of the statues for their records by tomorrow morning. As for All Nighter for the Poor, he will email to see who interested in participating, Ms. Adames will email everyone the link where donations could be made. Monday is the potluck.

#### **CABINET REPORT**

No Report.

#### **JUDICIAL REPORT**

Chief Justice Azimov reported that the Writ that was filed has been properly addressed. The person who filed the writ will receive proper notification. For future writs to be filed, please be specific as to what the writ is about.

#### **ADVISOR'S REPORT**

No report.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

No Old Business

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Florida Department of Transportation**

**Gretchen Vanderhaagen**, works for the Florida Department of Transportation with the South Florida Commuter program. The green ribbons that you have been seeing around campus is a part of the program. She has been working directly with Edward Furnas but is hoping to work with students directly. She is asking student to pledge that they will use public transportation, carpool or use the shuttle in the month of November. Once you pledge, you enter a chance to win a \$100 Visa gift card and you receive a free notebook. The current carpooling program that FIU has cost them money; The Florida Department of Transportation offers the same program for free.

#### **B. SOC**

Did not show up.

#### **C. Introduction of Court Clerks**

Chief Justice Azimoz introduced Francheska Periche and Brad Silver as the new Court Clerks. Ms. Periche mentioned that she attended a high school that had a law program. She attended one of our SGA events, which sparked an interest and was eager to join SGA. Mr. Silver is currently a business student and will be assisting Ms. Periche.

Speaker Haspel motioned to add meal vouchers to the agenda, Senator Usma seconded.

#### **D. Intern Affairs Nominations**

Since Senator Yamini resigned, the Internal Affairs chair position is open. Senator Houston and Senator Tolliver had been nominated for the position. Senator Tolliver said that she will be able to uphold the responsibilities as chair. Senator Houston mentioned that he has read the code of ethics.

Senator Adekoya motioned to vote in a new Internal Affairs Chair, Senator Ivanov seconded. Motion passed with a 14-1 vote.

Senator Deonanan requested a paper ballot. Request was denied.

Speaker Haspel:	<b>Kenya</b>
Senator Usam:	<b>Kenya</b>
Senator Ivanov:	<b>Kenya</b>
Senator Sanchez:	<b>Kenya</b>
Senator Yan:	<b>Kenya</b>
Senator Houston:	<b>Kevin</b>
Senator Tolliver:	<b>Kevin</b>
Senator Ekanem:	<b>Kenya</b>
Senator Clayton:	<b>Kenya</b>
Senator Deonanan:	<b>Kenya</b>
Senator Morisset:	<b>Kenya</b>
Senator Odimayo:	<b>Kevin</b>
Senator Adekoya:	<b>Kevin</b>
Senator Dehaarte:	<b>Kenya</b>
Senator Delly:	<b>Kenya</b>

Senator Tolliver is the new Internal Affairs Chair.

### **E. Meal Voucher**

Senator Sanchez reported that 198 people responded to the second floor lounge survey. 67 of the respondents are to be considered for meal voucher. The student Advocacy committee would like to give out 20 vouchers. The senate will have to vote on the amount of vouchers they approve to give out. Some of the questions asked in the survey were: What would they like the lounge to be called? What games would like to see there?.

Senator Delly motioned to approve 15 meal vouchers, Senator Sanchez seconded.

Speaker Haspel:	<b>yay</b>
Senator Usam:	<b>nay</b>
Senator Ivanov:	<b>nay</b>
Senator Sanchez:	<b>yay</b>
Senator Yan:	<b>yay</b>
Senator Houston:	<b>yay</b>
Senator Tolliver:	<b>yay</b>
Senator Ekanem:	<b>yay</b>
Senator Clayton:	<b>yay</b>
Senator Deonanan:	<b>yay</b>
Senator Morisset:	<b>yay</b>
Senator Odimayo:	<b>yay</b>
Senator Adekoya:	<b>nay</b>
Senator Dehaarte:	<b>yay</b>
Senator Delly:	<b>yay</b>

Senator Ekanem introduced himself to the council as the new Nursing and Health Science Senator. He wanted to fill the position and represent his constituents.

Ms. Goncalves announced that the interns will be graduating from the program and everyone is invited to attend. The graduation will be right after the November 30<sup>th</sup> general meeting.

Desir Monhomme, a student sitting in the meeting, presented the issue of the printing policy in the WUC. He brought up the point that there was no notice of the change of the free printing and he presented a petition with 128 signatures from students who want the free printing back. President Halpin promised the student that she will personally look into the policy with Mr. Greg Olson.

Senator Odimayo motioned to adjourn the meeting.

President Halpin did not acknowledge the motion.

There was more discussion on the printing policy.  
Speaker Haspel stepped out of the meeting at 4:35pm

Spekaer Haspel returned to the meeting at 4:36pm.

Senator Odimayo motion to adjourn the meeting, Senator \_\_\_\_\_ seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by President Halpin at **4:47pm.**

## **ANNOUCEMENTS**

### **November**

- A. 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 flagpole4:30pm-6:00pm
- B. November 17, 2011, SOC Club fair & International Latte, 4:30-6p, AC-1
- C. 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
- D. November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011, All Nighter for the Poor, 7pm-7am, WUC Ballrooms
- E. November 21, 2011, SOC Fall Feast, 2-5pm, Ballrooms
- F. November 23, 2011, Turkey Trot
- G. November 24, 2011, Late Day Latte Int'l Club Fair, 4:30pm, TBA
- H. November 28, 2011, Freshman Orientation
- I. November 29, 2011, Transfer Orientation
- J. 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