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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
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 3:40 pm, approximately, by President Halpin who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Speaker Haspel motioned to approve the minutes for October 26th, November 2nd and November 9th. 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 place around campus
- The lighting issues will be looked into, since the lighting is dim. FIU is currently is the most energy efficient university in Florida
- Biscayne Bay Campus is the safest out of the two campus

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 involve 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 2nd 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 30th 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 Adekoy a motioned to vote in a new Internal Affairs Chair, Senator Ivanov seconded. Motion passed with a 14-1 vote.

Senator Deonananan requested a paper ballot. Request was denied.

Speaker Haspel: Kenya
Senator Usam: Kenya
Senator Ivanov: Kenya
Senator Sanchez: Kenya
Senator Yan: Kenya
Senator Houston: Kevin
Senator Tolliver: Kevin
Senator Ekanem: Kenya
Senator Clayton: Kenya
Senator Deonanan: Kenya
Senator Morisset: Kenya
Senator Odimayo: Kevin
Senator Adekoy a: Kevin
Senator Dehaarte: Kenya
Senator Delly: Kenya
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 they like to see there?

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

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

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 30th 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

Speaker 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 flagpole 4:30pm-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 18th, 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 21st, 2012, Carnival Club Fair, 10-4pm
C. January 26th, 2012, Rally in Tally