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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES

SGC-BBC General Meeting

November 30, 2011

IN ATTENDANCE

Denise Halpin, President
Emilio Collyer, Vice President
Kevin Gonzalez, Comptroller
Suyen Fernandez, Chief of Staff
Adrianna Smith, Press Secretary
Angiela Lazo, Special Events Coordinator
Julie Goncalves, Intern Coordinator
Simbisai Anglene Mubau, Academic Affairs Coordinator
Fang “Frank” Shu, Marketing Coordinator
Giselle Heraux, Director of Governmental Relations, **3:59pm**
Pablo Haspel, Speaker of the Senate/Honors College Senator
Deyan Ivanov, Arts & Science Senator
Alix Sanchez, Hospitality Management Senator
Xue Yan, Hospitality Management Senator
Kenya Tolliver, SJMC Senator
Inemesit Ekanem, Nursing & Health Sciences
Kemeika Clayton, Housing Senator
Christopher Morisset, Lower Division Senator
Oluwatamilore Odimayo, Senator At-Large
Sagine Delly, Graduate Senator
Richard Azimov, Chief Justice
Patrick Milord, Justice
Afiewa Attawia, Justice
Francheska Periche, Court Clerk
Rafael Zapata, Advisor
Larissa Adames, SGA Clerk

Absent

Weiye “Max” Wang, Elections Commissioner
Xinyu “Allen” Tian, International Student Services Coordinator
Daniel Usma, Speaker Pro-Tempe/Arts & Science Senator
Kevin Houston, SJMC Senator
Diana Deonanan, Lower Division Senator
Oluwatobi Adekoya, Senator At-Large
Olivia Dehaarte, Senator At-Large
Micaela Cohen, Justice

GUEST

Catherine Vega, SPC President

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on November 30, 2011, in WUC 155. The meeting was called to order at **3:37pm**, approximately, by President Halpin who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Ivanov motioned to approve the minutes for November 16th, Senator Sanchez seconded the motion. With a unanimous vote, the motion passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Halpin began her report by stating that the Spring Semester is expected to be a busy semester. We are expected to have the Town Hall Meeting President Rosenberg and several cabinet events.

Ms. Halpin mentioned that she will be having interviews to fill in her vacant cabinet positions. She asked the council, that if they are not planning to return for the Spring Semester to let us know ahead of time. We are going to be placing an AD in the Beacon for the vacant positions.

President Halpin congratulated the council member(s) who will be graduating this semester. She thanked Senator Ivanov for his time and dedication and wished him good luck in his endeavors.

Ms. Halpin announced that there will be a University Wide Meeting this Friday at BBC. All council members who are considering running for a position next semester, are recommended to attend the University Wide Meetings.

Ms. Halpin stated that she will appoint Mary-Ann to lectures so that she can assist with the lecture series. It was brought to her attention that she can appoint a clerk to take minutes for the meetings.

Ms. Halpin ended her report by stating that if any council member has any events for the Spring Semester, please have the events confirmed so that they could be added to the events calendar.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Vice President Collyer reported that the umbrella bags have been placed at the four locations in the Wolfe Center as indicated in the resolution. He is still waiting on word from Mr. Honoriu Filimon to see where the umbrella bags will be placed in the academic buildings.

Mr. Collyer stated that this past Monday, Mr. Olson had faculty and staff meet with Ms. Maria , the architect. Dr. Jones and Dr. Akens met with her as well. By January, Ms. Maria will have a final plan. The students will have one final look at the plan and give any additional input, and then the plan will be finalized.

Vice President Collyer will contact Mr. Sanjeev to work together on the First Generation Scholarship.

Mr. Collyer ended his report by asking President Halpin if international students are eligible to receive the First Generation Scholarship.

COMPTROLLER REPORT

No Report.

SPEAKER OF THE SENATE REPORT

Speaker Haspel reiterated that the University Wide Meeting will be this Friday in WUC 221 at 3:30pm. If anyone is interested in joining the badminton club, please see him after the meeting.

CABINET REPORT

Ms. Fernandez announced that the intern graduation is in the ballroom right after the meeting. Everyone is welcome to come.

JUDICIAL REPORT

Chief Justice Azimov pointed out that some of the council members have not been performing their assigned duties. He is aware that some of the council members are new. He recommends that everyone look over the statutes and constitution so that they are familiar with their duties. For the Spring Semester the Judicial Branch will issue *Writ of Mandamus* to council members who are not performing their duties. This will begin in the Spring Semester. Mr. Azimov concluded his report by wishing everyone good luck on their finals.

ADVISOR'S REPORT

Mr. Zapata reported that he met with Ms. Maria, the architect regarding the Wolfe Center. Ms. Maria appreciated all his good ideas for the WUC.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

A. SPC- Catherine Vega

Ms. Vega announced that SPC will have several events for the spring semester. They will be kicking off the Spring Semester with an SPC Square Day: Mind freeze Game show on January 10th. The first movie that they will be showing is Paranormal Activity 3 on January 26. Please look out for the rest of events for the spring semester.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November

- A. 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
- B. January 25th, 2012, FIU Day, Tallahassee
- C. January 26th, 2012, Rally in Tally

The meeting was adjourned by President Halpin at **4:20pm.**