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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES
SGC-BBC General Meeting
January 30, 2013

IN ATTENDANCE

Pablo Haspel, President
Oluwatobi Adekoya, Vice President
Ethan Roberts, Chief of Staff
Cristina Miralles, Press Secretary
Fu Zhou Wu, Director of Lectures
Yuyang Hou, Marketing Coordinator
Kerline Honoroe, Arts & Sciences Senator, **4:09**
Ami Nakagawa, Business Administration Senator
Carolina Krauskopf, Honors College Senator
Darelyne Joseph, Hospitality Management Senator
Christopher Morisset, Lower Division Senator
Pablo Gonzalez, Lower Division Senator
Magalie Gabriel, Lower Division Senator
Jazmin Felix, Lower Division Senator
Olivia Dehaarte, Senator At- Large
Sola Adebodun, Senator At-Large
Ertha Jean-Francois, Senator At- Large
Jianyi Wang, Housing Senator
Andres Perez, Senate Page
Martha Ochoa, Chief Justice
Francheska Periche, Justice
Jungeun Kim, Justice
Julliana Aragon, Justice
Klimenty Ponyatovoky, Court Clerk
Bridget Smith, Clerk of Council
Larissa Adames, SGA Clerk
Rafael Zapata, SGA Advisor

EXCUSED

Richard Azimov, Comptroller
Justin Elliot, Special Events Coordinator
Daniel Usma, Director of Governmental Relations
Ismail Hassan, Arts & Sciences Senator

ABSENT

Ye Chen, International Student Service Coordinator
Giselle Heraux, Intern Coordinator

GUEST

Eddie Zeng, Student
Sheni Kathymoon, Student
Ariel Ortiz, ISSS Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on January 30, 2013 in WUC **221**. The meeting was called to order at **3:37pm**, approximately, by President **Haspel** who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Haspel began his report by announcing that Mr. Usma has been working on the Aim Higher event at BBC, which started on Monday, January 28th at the Career Bash. There will be an event on February 12th, from 12:00pm – 2:00pm, where students can sign a post card with a short message, saying why an increase in tuition would be detrimental to their future at the university. These post cards will be hand-delivered to the legislature. Please pass the word along to other students.

Mr. Haspel mentioned that the Torch Awards are coming up, which are the annual big awards that the Alumni Association has to recognize FIU graduates who have done good things for the community and society. The proceeds will be given to Legacy Scholarships for siblings or children of FIU graduates.

Mr. Haspel mentioned the 13th annual Jose Marti Breakfast was held on Monday January 28th. He mentioned that it was a very unique experience and an opportunity to mingle with people from the community. Mr. Haspel encouraged anyone who attended and have ideas for the next annual breakfast to contact him.

Mr. Haspel reported that the funding for the panther statue has been secured, and he is currently working on securing funds for the base of the statue. There are plans to unveil the statue during homecoming week.

Mr. Haspel mentioned that he has a meeting with the Dean of libraries last Monday. They have been working on re-designing the library to make it more inviting. There are plans to place all the computers in one location, on the second floor. There are also plans to have a speaking lab, where students can practice their speech. The lighting on the third floor will also be increased. Ideas and suggestions are welcome.

Mr. Haspel mentioned that the analysis of inventory was presented at the forum, which was held late last semester. Changes were made subsequent to the feed-back given by the students who attended the forum. There will be another meeting coming up in April. Anyone with additional concerns, please see Mr. Haspel.

Mr. Haspel concluded his report by announcing that there will be a Magnet School on campus.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Adekoya began his report by announcing that the Senate appointed new people to open positions.

Mr. Adekoya mentioned that he has been working a few of the Senators, on giving surveys to the residents of BVH concerning starting a transportation system. Surveys will be done on ipads to find out how many students are interested in having this service.

Finally, Mr. Adekoya announced that SGA will collaborate with BSU during Black History month to have a lecture by a federal judge. Anyone who wants to get involved, please contact Mr. Adekoya.

SPEAKER OF THE SENATE'S REPORT

Ms. Felix reported that the senate appointed a few people last Monday. Pablo Gonzales was appointed as Lower Division Senator, Andres Perez as Senate Page and Ertha Jean-Francois was re-elected as Senator at large.

Ms. Felix mentioned that they are currently working on resolutions and bills. They are also revising the statutes.

Ms. Felix announced that there will be a Robert's Rules workshop on Monday, February 4th, from 3:30pm-5:30pm, WUC 221. Everyone is invited.

Finally, Ms. Felix announced that if anyone has ideas for council-wide bonding activities, please contact her.

JUSTICE REPORT

Ms. Ochoa mentioned that MMC received a writ for an elections code, as MMC wants both campuses to have their own elections. Ms. Ochoa mentioned that she is in the process of creating an ad-hoc court. She mentioned that the MMC Chief Justice is stepping down as he was part of an endorsed bill concerning elections, so as to avoid conflicting issues. Ms. Ochoa mentioned that she will be chairing the hearing which will be held at MMC.

There will be an ethics training for the judicial branch, next month. The date will be announced. All are invited.

Finally, Ms. Ochoa announced that judicial meetings are the last Wednesday of every month at 3:00pm.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointments.

Mr. Eddie Zeng presented himself to the council to be appointed as Director of Internal Affairs. Mr. Morissett moved to appoint Mr. Zeng as Director of Internal Affairs. Ms. Krauskopf seconded.

Senator Nakagawa: **Yay**

Senator Krauskopf: **Yay**

Senator Joseph: **Yay**

Senator Wang: **Yay**
Senator Morisset: **Yay**
Senator Gabriel: **Yay**
Senator Felix: **Yay**
Senator Gonzalez: **Yay**
Senator Jean-Francois: **Yay**
Senator Dehaarte: **Yay**
Senator Adebodun: **Yay**

By unanimous vote, Eddie Zeng is now the new Director of Internal Affairs

B. Goals.

Mr. Haspel mentioned that some council members are coming to the end of their terms, so if there are any projects or missions they would like to see accomplished for this semester, they should contact him.

REMINDERS

Mr. Haspel announced that budget hearings will begin next week Tuesday at BBC from 10:00am- 2:00pm and MMC on Wednesday. The following week will be deliberations for BBC specific organizations.

Announcements

- A. Thursday, January 31, 2013: Lecture by Brian Stelter, WUC Ballrooms, 2:30pm. There will be a reception prior to the lecture at 12:30pm.
- B. Saturday February 02, 2013: Leadership Summit
- C. February 18th, 2013: Town Hall Meeting
- D. February 25, 2012: Lecture by Carl Hiassen, WUC Ballrooms
- E. March 28th, 2013: Lecture by Larry King, WUC Ballrooms
- F. There will be an upcoming career fair.

The meeting was adjourned by President **Haspel** at **4:12pm**.