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# Florida International University

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

**MINUTES**  
**SGC-BBC General Meeting**  
**February 27, 2013**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Oluwatobi Adekoya, Vice President  
Eddie Zeng, Internal Affairs Coordinator  
Kerline Honoroe, Arts & Sciences Senator, **3:44**  
Ismail Hassan, Arts & Sciences Senator  
Whitney Saint-Fleur, Arts & Sciences Senator  
Ami Nakagawa, Business Administration Senator  
Carolina Krauskopf, Honors College Senator  
Sheni Kathymoon, Journalism & Mass Communication Senator  
Christopher Morisset, Lower Division Senator  
Magalie Gabriel, 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  
Juliana Aragon, Justice  
Yiran Ding, Graduate Senator, **3:42**  
Bridget Smith, Clerk of Council  
Rafael Zapata, SGA Advisor

**EXCUSED**

Pablo Haspel, President  
Richard Azimov, Comptroller  
Ethan Roberts, Chief of Staff  
Jazmin Felix, Nursing & Health Sciences Senator  
Cristina Miralles, Press Secretary

**ABSENT**

Fu Zhou Wu, Director of Lectures  
Ye Chen, International Student Service Coordinator

Daniel Usma, Director of Governmental Relations  
Yuyang Hou, Marketing Coordinator  
Darelyne Joseph, Hospitality Management Senator  
Pablo Gonzalez, Lower Division Senator  
Klimenty Ponyatovoky, Court Clerk  
Zhiran Liu, Court Clerk

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on February 27, 2013 in WUC **159**. The meeting was called to order at **3:40pm**, approximately, by Vice President **Adekoya** who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Mr. Morriset moved to approve the minutes from the last general meeting. Ms. Adebodun seconded. The motion passed by acclamation.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Adekoya read Mr. Haspel's report in his absence and elaborated on each point.

We continue to move forward with the creation of a Panther Statue at BBC. It is my hope that it is placed by the week of welcome during the fall semester.

A small delegation of students from both BBC and MMC will be going to Tallahassee for FIU day, in an effort to continue to advocate for more resources for FIU and all SUS.

There will be upcoming discussion to review the Health Fee, CTIF and the health insurance the university offers. I will be one of the student reps in these committees.

The university continues to search for a new VPSA. Candidates should be visiting campus in the next month or so.

The search committee for the Wolfe will be concluding and a new candidate could potentially start around April.

Parking and Transportation has been looking for solutions for the issues raised during the Town Hall, and they are working on them. Internet should improve in the next few days, with many improvements in the weeks to come.

I would like to thank all who attended the lecture and Town Hall. We continue to have strong showings which are beginning to be truly noticed by the university.

The President has approved the redesigned concept for WUC, which means that construction can now start. We are hoping that it can kick off during the summer.

Ms. Jean-Francois asked for a personal privilege. Ms. Jean- Francois left the meeting at 3:51pm.

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

Mr. Adekoya mentioned that he spoke with Gary concerning transportation for the BVH members. They are now reviewing insurance and security issues. Ideas for the insurance aspect are welcome.

Mr. Adekoya announced that the Lecture by Judge Marcia Cooke, will no longer take place during black history month. However, he is still working on getting her to come at some other time.

### **COMPTROLLER'S REPORT**

Mr. Adekoya read Mr. Azimov's report in his absence.

Mr. Azimov emailed the organizations funded by SGA in order to meet with them, and is now awaiting a reply.

BBC and U-wide campus specific deliberations will be held on March 8<sup>th</sup>, at MMC.

### **SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE'S REPORT**

Ms. Krauskopf announced that the Senate has been reviewing bills left over from last semester.

Ms. Krauskopf mentioned that senators are working on resolutions regarding class size and power outlets.

Ms. Krauskopf mentioned that the student advocacy committee has been passing out surveys, and they will be working on surveys for parking and transportation, following discussions with the Parking Director in the last e-board meeting.

### **JUSTICE REPORT**

Ms. Ochoa announced that there was a hearing last Wednesday at MMC, concerning a u-wide issue. It was decided that each campus will remain autonomous, each having its own finance and elections code.

### **ADVISOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Zapata mentioned that the Panther Statue will be placed in a location where it will be accessible to students, somewhere around the Panther Square area.

Mr. Zapata encouraged everyone who is not graduating to run for office again in the upcoming elections, and also to spread the word to fellow students, in order to have a full council next year.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013: Lecture by Larry King, WUC Ballrooms. Tickets are available at MMC and BBC campus life.
- B. February 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm: Elections application deadline.
- C. There will be another Day on the Bay event following spring break.

The meeting was adjourned by Vice President **Adekoya** at **4:02pm**.