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# Florida International University

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

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

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Pablo Haspel, President  
Christopher Morisset, Vice President  
Cristina Miralles, Press Secretary  
Hezheng Wang, Elections Board Commissioner  
Fu Zhou, Director of Lectures  
Eddie Zeng, Internal Affairs Coordinator, **3:37pm**  
Ismail Hassan, Arts & Sciences Senator  
Whitney Saint-Fleur, Arts & Sciences Senator  
Ami Nakagawa, Business Administration Senator  
Carolina Krauskopf, Honors College Senator  
Darelyne Joseph, Hospitality Management Senator  
Sheni Kathymoon, Journalism & Mass Communication Senator  
Magalie Gabriel, Lower Division Senator  
Pablo Gonzalez, Lower Division Senator  
Moneque Lewis, Lower Division Senator  
Olivia Dehaarte, Senator At- Large  
Sola Adebodun, Senator At-Large  
Ertha Jean-Francois, Senator At- Large  
Andres Perez, Senate Page  
Francheska Periche, Justice  
Jungeun Kim, Justice  
Juliana Aragon, Justice  
Bridget Smith, Clerk of Council  
Larissa Adames, SGA Clerk  
Rebekah James, Graduate Assistant  
Rafael Zapata, SGA Advisor

**EXCUSED**

Richard Azimov, Comptroller  
Martha Ochoa, Chief Justice

**ABSENT**

Ethan Roberts, Chief of Staff

Jazmin Felix, Nursing & Health Sciences Senator  
Yiran Ding, Graduate Senator  
Jianyong Wang, Housing Senator  
Ye Chen, International Student Service Coordinator  
Daniel Usma, Director of Governmental Relations  
Yuyang Hou, Marketing Coordinator  
Kerline Honoroe, Arts & Sciences Senator

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on March 27, 2013 in WUC **221**. The meeting was called to order at **3:33pm**, approximately, by President **Haspel** who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Ms. Adebodun moved to approve the minutes from the last general meeting held on February 27th. Mr. Gonzalez seconded. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Haspel mentioned that a group of students visited Tallahassee for FIU Day. There was a delegation of four people from BBC and five from MMC. They met the Miami Dade delegation to advocate for more funding for FIU. The meeting was very successful.

Mr. Haspel announced that Rally Tally is next week. Students interested in attending, please inform Mr. Haspel.

Mr. Haspel announced that elections will be coming up on April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Results will be announced on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Haspel encouraged candidates to be mindful of the way they tell others to vote so that no election code rules are violated.

Mr. Haspel mentioned that the contract for the Panther Statue has been sent to the artist and should be signed by the end of the week. Hopefully, the statue will be unveiled by Week of Welcome.

Mr. Haspel announced that renovations for the WUC building are scheduled to start on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The first phase should be completed by September.

Mr. Haspel mentioned that the money for the Panther Paws has been allocated. They are now awaiting the design for the Panther Paws to be approved by external relations.

Mr. Haspel mentioned that he had a meeting with the committee that deals with sustainability, development and building construction for the Faculty Senate last Wednesday. They are interested in being a part of the second access road discussion.

Finally, Mr. Haspel announced that there will be a MAST academy on campus. The university is in the process of negotiating the final details with Miami Dade county public schools.

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

Mr. Morisset announced that he is now the new Vice President.

Mr. Morisset mentioned that he plans to continue Mr. Adekoya's project with BVH. He has plans to meet Mr. Gary Tan to discuss the project.

### **COMPTROLLER'S REPORT**

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

The A&S Business Office is still in the process of completing the final version of the budget, which will be presented to the senate for approval.

Mr. Azimov met with SOC, SPC and Panther Power to address concerns in regard to these councils following the finance code.

Mr. Azimov and Ive Paul will be meeting with BVH council on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

Ms. Krauskopf mentioned that student advocacy has been passing out surveys regarding the vending machines, the game room and homecoming.

Ms. Krauskopf announced that the last day to turn in finance request forms is April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Office Policies**

Ms. Adames mentioned that everyone who uses the kitchen needs to clean up after themselves.

Ms. Adames encouraged everyone to limit the use of the office after closing hours.

#### **B. Council's Choice Award**

Each council member present wrote the name of the person they think is deserving of the Council's Choice Award. The winner will be announced at the Banquet on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **REMINDER**

Mr. Zapata encouraged everyone to attend the Health Fee Committee public hearing on Thursday.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Health Fee Committee public hearing: March, 28, 2012, 2:00pm RM155
- B. Larry King Lecture: March 28, 2013.
- C. Elections: April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Results: April 11<sup>th</sup>.
- D. SGA pictures: Monday April 15<sup>th</sup>. 2:00pm
- E. BBC Banquet: April 16<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned by President **Haspel** at **4:16pm**.