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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES
SGC-BBC General Meeting
April 17, 2013

IN ATTENDANCE

Pablo Haspel, President
Christopher Morisset, Vice President
Richard Azimov, Comptroller
Ethan Roberts, Chief of Staff
Cristina Miralles, Press Secretary
Fu Zhou, Director of Lectures
Donaldy Salvant, Elections Board Deputy
Nadia Bryhau, Events Coordinator
Kerline Honoroe, Arts & Sciences Senator
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
Moneque Lewis, Lower Division Senator
Olivia Dehaarte, Senator At- Large
Sola Adebodun, Senator At-Large
Ertha Jean-Francois, Senator At- Large
Yiran Ding, Graduate Senator
Andres Perez, Senate Page
Francheska Periche, Justice
Jungeun Kim, Justice
Juliana Aragon, Justice
Bridget Smith, Clerk of Council
Larissa Adames, SGA Clerk
Rafael Zapata, SGA Advisor

EXCUSED

Martha Ochoa, Chief Justice

ABSENT

Jazmin Felix, Nursing & Health Sciences Senator
Hezheng Wang, Elections Board Commissioner
Eddie Zeng, Internal Affairs Coordinator
Jianyi Wang, Housing Senator
Pablo Gonzalez, Lower Division Senator
Ye Chen, International Student Service Coordinator
Daniel Usma, Director of Governmental Relations
Yuyang Hou, Marketing Coordinator

GUEST

Scott Jones, Director, Wolfe Center
Steven James, Renovation, Wolfe Center

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on April 17, 2013 in WUC **221**. The meeting was called to order at **3:36pm**, 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 March 27th. Ms. Nakagawa seconded. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Haspel announced that the Awards Ceremony held on April 16th, went very well.

Mr. Haspel announced that he along with Mr. Morisset has been meeting with Parking and Housing in regards to the initiative to provide transportation for students late at night. It has been proposed that a new bus will be made available to pick up students from Biscayne Blvd back to campus, between the hours of 9:00pm and 11:00pm Monday to Friday. This will probably begin in the fall semester.

Mr. Haspel mentioned that the Panther Statue has been ordered and should be arriving soon.

Mr. Haspel mentioned that the renovations for the Wolfe Center are scheduled to start on the 1st of May. The first phase of the renovation should hopefully be completed by the beginning of the fall semester.

Mr. Haspel mentioned that the patio area between WUC and AC1 on the second floor has been enhanced. The elevator has been enhanced as well.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Morisset announced that he met with Melinda Parrott from transportation, who agreed to do a trial period with the new transportation system for students at night, starting in the fall.

COMPTROLLER'S REPORT

Mr. Azimov mentioned that at Ms. Adebodun's request, he met with SOC, SPC, Panther Power and Bay Vista Hall Council. Hopefully, reports should be on time next semester.

SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE'S REPORT

Ms. Krauskopf mentioned that the student advocacy committee has been working hard to get surveys done. They have reached a hundred people per survey.

Ms. Krauskopf mentioned that the finance committee presented three appropriations for the senate.

Ms. Nakawaga mentioned that two of the appropriations were from graduate, and the other was for an aquarium on the BBC campus. Ms. Nakawaga announced that the appropriation for the aquarium passed along with one from graduate.

ADVISOR'S REPORT

Mr. Zapata thanked everyone for their hard work and expressed that it was a pleasure working with everyone.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Career Event

Mr. Haspel announced that they have been working with the office of the Vice Provost to institute an initiative to help with networking and employment strategies. As a result, an event will be held on May 6th. Flyers were distributed with details of this event.

B. Accomplishments

Mr. Haspel read a list of accomplishments over the past year:

- A microwave was placed in the cafeteria
- Funding for the Panther Statue was secured
- Funding for WUC renovations was secured
- Extra funding for the soccer field renovation was secured
- Three successful lectures were held
- Co-sponsored lectures with Campus Life for Jose Vargas
- Co-sponsored lecture with journalism for Steve Wozniak
- Instituted a new mentoring program
- Secured permission to place Panther Paws on roads in and around campus
- Successful Day on the Bay
- Looked at Statutes and Governing Documents and also made changes
- Co-sponsored Jose Marti scholarship breakfast

Mr. Haspel presented everyone with plaques in appreciation of their hard work.

Mr. Haspel thanked everyone for their effort in making the past year a successful one.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. VPSA interview: April 18, 2013, 11:00 am
- B. Career Event: May 6, 2013, 10:00am – 3:00pm, WUC Ballrooms

The meeting was adjourned by President **Haspel** at **4:04pm**.