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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES
SGC-BBC General Meeting
October 31, 2012

IN ATTENDANCE

Pablo Haspel, President
Oluwatobi Adekoya, Vice President
Emilio Collyer, Comptroller
Richard Azimov, Elections Commissioner
Justin Elliot, Special Events Coordinator
Giselle Heraux, Intern Coordinator
Fu Zhou Wu, Director of Lectures
Yuyang Hou, Marketing Coordinator
Daniel Usma, Director of Governmental Relations
Ethan Roberts, Director of Environmental Affairs
Kerline Honoroe, Arts & Sciences Senator, **3:46pm**
Ismail Hassan, Arts & Sciences Senator
Olivia Dehaarte, Arts & Sciences Senator
Ami Nakagawa, Business Administration Senator
Darelyne Joseph, Hospitality Management Senator
Jianyi Wang, Housing Senator
Christopher Morisset, Lower Division Senator
Jazmin Felix, Lower Division Senator
Oluwatamilore Odimayo, Senator At-Large
Abel Ramos, Senator At-Large
Martha Ochoa, Chief Justice
Micaela Cohen, Justice
Francheska Periche, Justice
Jungen Kim, Justice
Bridget Smith, Clerk of Council
Larissa Adames, SGA Clerk
Rafael Zapata, SGA Advisor

EXCUSED

Maria Reynaga, Chief of Staff
Cristina Miralles, Press Secretary
Sola Adebodun, Senator At-Large

ABSENT

Ye Chen, International Student Service Coordinator
Xue Yan, Hospitality Management Senator
Kimberly Jurgensen, SJMC Senator
Magalie Gabriel, Lower Division Senator
Mahfoudh Oubadji, Graduate Senator

GUEST

Jessica Tassy, Events Coordinator
Klimenty Ponyatovoky, Student
Pablo Gonzalez, SGA Intern

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on October 31st, 2012 in WUC **221**. The meeting was called to order at **3:40pm**, approximately, by President **Haspel** who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Senator Odimayo moved to approve of the minutes from all general meetings held so far in this semester. Senator Felix seconded. The motion passed by acclamation.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Haspel began his report by stating that he attended a U-Wide meeting, on Tuesday, October 30th at MMC, in which representation for the Lincoln Road and Brickell Centers was discussed. It was deemed that the Lincoln Rd. Center does not need representation as only one class is held there. More research will be done to see if the Brickell Center needs representation.

Mr. Haspel mentioned that there was discussion about SGA funding at the meeting. It was decided that the U-wide council will be funding shuttle buses for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of finals week. Students will ride the shuttle on these days free of cost.

Mr. Haspel mentioned that there was also discussion about re-organizing the current fee structure. He explained that there are three fees that can go up for review, in a particular year, which are athletic, activation service and health fees. A policy will be crafted to establish what students prefer as a method of choice.

Mr. Haspel announced that First Generation Scholarship was able to raise an additional \$40,000 or \$50,000, during the Cory Lee meeting that was held last Saturday.

Mr. Haspel stated that they are in the process of finalizing the SGA scholarship proposal. This should be completed shortly.

Mr. Haspel mentioned that he has been talking to Dean Raze from Journalism and Mass communication about having a post-election conference, where different media guests from the area will be invited to discuss how coverage of the elections has changed due to technology over the past few years.

Finally, Mr. Haspel mentioned that he met with Dean Hampton from Hospitality to discuss ways in which communication and representation between SGA and Hospitality can be improved.

Vice President's Report

Mr. Adekoya announced that there will be a safety walk on November 6th at 6:00pm. This is where representatives from the council, facilities and the Vice Provost Office, walk around the campus to check for safety hazards and any repairs needed.

Mr. Adekoya ended his report by announcing that the Senate is currently working on making changes to the BBC Statutes. He advised everyone to get updated as soon as the bill is passed.

Comptroller's Report

Mr. Collyer reported that he has been in contact with the ASBA office, and will start an auditing process for the NCs at BBC, to ensure that ANS funds are being spent as they should. He will be contacting a Senate Committee to help with the auditing report. Mr. Collyer suggested that the senate create an ad hoc auditing committee to review the documents.

Senate Speaker's Report

Mr. Odimayo began his report by announcing that there will be changes to the Senate Finance Committee request form.

Mr. Odimayo mentioned that Internal Affairs has concluded that there will be a review of office hours. Those behind in office hours will be informed.

Mr. Odimayo announced that the Students Advocacy Committee has surveys out for students' voices. The council was encouraged to fill out the survey and also spread the word to fellow students.

Mr. Odimayo announced that the impeachment proceedings hearing for the Chief Justice will be held on November 5th, 2012. The Chief Justice at MMC will preside over this meeting.

Mr. Odimayo stated that the Statutes will be passed on Monday after the impeachment hearing. Seventeen bills have been created and will be passed by the senate.

Finally, Mr. Odimayo announced that the Finance Committee passed a request for \$2000 plus, for MIC and \$3000 for the Caps Palooza. This was passed by the majority of the senate.

Justice Report

Ms. Ochoa mentioned that there would be refresher training on Roberts Rules and also a mock trial right after the general meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Day on the Bay.

Mr. Haspel announced that Saturday, November, 3rd is Day on the Bay. Attendance is mandatory.

B. Potluck

Mr. Haspel reminded the council to reply to the email regarding the different dishes that they plan to bring to the SGA potluck which will be held on November 28th.

C. Appointments

Klymenty Ponyatovoky presented himself to the council for the position of Court Clerk. Klymenty Ponyatovoky is the newly appointed Court Clerk.

Approval of Senate Meeting Minutes

Mr. Morisset moved to approve of the senate meeting minutes from October 22nd, 2012. Mr. Ramos seconded. The motion passed by acclamation.

Reminders

- A. Larissa needs to be informed of anyone graduating at the end of this semester.
- B. Anyone leaving the council should try to find a replacement, in order to avoid vacancies.
- C. Start thinking about proposals or ideas for the spring semester.

ANOUNCEMENTS

- A. Tickets may be available to see Michelle Obama on Thursday, November 1st. Please respond to Larissa if interested.
- B. November 3rd, 2012: Day on the Bay, 9:00am
- C. November 4th, 2012: Beer Festival, 12:00pm – 4:00pm
- D. November 6th, 2012: Safety Walk, 6:00pm
- E. November 6th, 2012: Presidential Elections Watch Party, 8:00pm

The meeting was adjourned by President **Haspel** at **4:15pm**.