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MINUTES
SGC-BBC General Meeting
November 28, 2012

IN ATTENDANCE
Pablo Haspel, President
Oluwatobi Adekoya, Vice President
Emilio Collyer, Comptroller, 3:42pm
Maria N Reynaga, Chief of Staff
Cristina Miralles, Press Secretary
Richard Azimov, Elections Commissioner
Justin Elliot, Special Events Coordinator
Giselle Heraux, Intern Coordinator
Fu Zhou Wu, Director of Lectures
Ethan Roberts, Director of Environmental Affairs
Ismail Hassan, Arts & Sciences Senator
Ami Nakagawa, Business Administration Senator
Darelyne Joseph, Hospitality Management Senator
Christopher Morisset, Lower Division Senator
Magalie Gabriel, 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
Rebecca James, Graduate Assistant
Rafael Zapata, SGA Advisor

ABSENT
Daniel Usma, Director of Governmental Relations
Ye Chen, International Student Service Coordinator
Yuyang Hou, Marketing Coordinator
Kerline Honoroe, Arts & Sciences Senator
Olivia Dehaarte, Arts & Sciences Senator
Jianyi Wang, Housing Senator
CALL TO ORDER
The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on November 28th, 2012 in WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at 3:39pm, approximately, by President Haspel who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
Mr. Odimayo moved to approve the minutes from the last general meeting held on October 31st. Mr. Ramos seconded. The motion passed by acclamation.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
Mr. Haspel mentioned that the paperwork for the statue has been turned in and should probably be given to the company doing the statue, during the winter break.

Mr. Haspel stated that they are in the process of finalizing the speakers for the lecture series in the spring semester. They are now awaiting a reply from Alvaro Uribe’s contacts.

Mr. Haspel announced that starting next week; the game room will be open from Monday to Friday only, with a fulltime attendant present. A study will be done to determine the best opening hours.

Mr. Haspel announced that the Master Planning Forum for the University will be held on December 4th. He encouraged everyone to attend.

Mr. Haspel mentioned that he had a meeting with students from housing, in which they voiced their concerns, including safety and transportation issues. He will be meeting with Eric Arneson from student affairs and Jullisa from the Vice Provost in order to discuss these issues.

Mr. Haspel mentioned that there are plans to have another forum about the second access road, sometime in January.

Mr. Haspel announced that the university is having an all you can eat /drink fundraiser at the Kovens Center on Thursday, November 29th, 6:00pm – 9:00pm, to help the victims of hurricane Sandy and His House. Tickets cost $20.00.

Finally, Mr. Haspel mentioned that there was a U-wide meeting on Tuesday, November 27th. A compromise was reached on the scholarship bill, which will be presented to the senate in January. He also mentioned that there may be a legal review in regards to a U-wide elections code.
**Vice President’s Report**
Mr. Adekoya mentioned that there will be a meeting with the Vice Provost office concerning the limited variety of classes on the Biscayne Bay Campus. Students with ideas are welcome to stop by Mr. Adekoya’s office to have a discussion.

**Senate Speaker’s Report**
Mr. Odimayo announced that the senate passed twelve bills, now awaiting the president’s signature. He also mentioned that the senate has surveys out.

**Justice Report**
Ms. Ochoa mentioned that the scholarship Bill was passed in the U-wide meeting which may go to legal review. An ad hoc committee will be created to legally review the scholarship bill.

**NEW BUSINESS**
Mr. Haspel presented the graduating SGA members with their stoles and medallions: Micaela Cohen, Emilio collier, Maria N. Reynaga, and Oluwatamilore Odimayo.

**Announcements**

A. Ms. James needs a volunteer to sell popcorn and sodas for United Way at 5:00pm.
B. November 29, 2012: All you can eat/drink fundraiser, Kovens Center, 6:00pm
C. December 4, 2012: Master Planning Forum, BBC, 5:30pm

The meeting was adjourned by President Haspel at **3:51pm**.