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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES **General Meeting** **January 29, 2014**

IN ATTENDANCE

Fu Zhou-Wu, President
Richard Azimov, Vice-President
Olivia Dehaarte, Comptroller
Elianis Nieves, Chief of Staff
Yanyan Jiang, International Student Services Coordinator
Ana Coronel, Arts and Sciences Senator
Maria Pulido, Arts and Sciences Senator
Allhan Mejia, Business Administration Senator
Xinguo Tian, Hospitality Management Senator
Yanfei Zhang, Hospitality Management Senator
Sheni Kathymoon, Journalism Senator
Jazmin Felix, Nursing and Health Sciences Senator
Emerald Nesbitt, Housing Senator
Michema Lafontant, Lower Division Senator
Briana Boone, Lower Division Senator
Kerline Honore, Senator at Large
Tobi Adekoya, Senator at Large
Zi Yang, Senator at Large
Lu Zhang, Graduate Senator
Francheska Pericher, Chief Justice
Joshua Carassco, Justice
Whitney Saint Fleur, Justice
Steffy Moreau, Justice
Rafael Zapata, Advisor

GUEST

Guolin Zhou, Appointee for Events Coordinator
Han Li, Executive Assistant
Jessica Sanford, Intern
Alyssa Elso, Beacon
Malaika Desrameaux, Intern
Julie Shillington, MAST Treasurer
Juliana Kaboudi, MAST Homeroom Delegate
Reunie Fauston, MAST Secretary
Gina Koch, MAST Lead Teacher
Saad Masud, MAST President
Daniel Rivera, MAST Vice-President
Zuriel Galvez, MAST Homeroom Delegate

ABSENT

Tian Zhang, Marketing Coordinator
Yanfei Zhang, Hospitality Management Senator
Briana Boone, Lower Division Senator
Michema Lafontant, Lower Division Senator **excused**

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a General meeting on January 29, 2014, WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at 3:33PM, approximately, by President Zhou-Wu who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

- President Zhou-Wu recognized the newly elected SGA-BBC members, as well as the MAST Academy's Student Government members, who were guests at today's meeting.
- Chief Justice Periche asked everyone in attendance to refrain from using their cell phones during the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- President Zhou-Wu began her report by saying that SGA-BBC was successful in getting a One Card reload station moved closer to the bus stop; a re-load station will be added near the entrance of AC1.
- President Zhou-Wu stated that the broken electronic sign near the entrance of campus will be replaced soon, with an upgraded model that should last at least 10 years
- President Zhou-Wu said that the renovation of WUC should be completed by March 31. She said that she needs one or two more members to volunteer to be a part of the WUC advisory committee, since the prior member Kenley Jean-Louis, left. The WUC advisory committee assists in making decisions for the renovations being made to WUC.
- Finally, President Zhou-Wu stated that SGA-BBC has been working closely with SGA-MMC on working to lower tuition for veterans. More info to follow soon.

VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT

- Vice-President Azimov stated that there should be a Starbucks installed in the Hubert Library by fall of 2014. A Subway sandwich shop, which will take over the space of Bistro subs and the Bay Café, is expected to be installed by fall of 2014.
- Vice-President Azimov reminded members to keep tabling for the Second Road Access campaign. He also thanked members for all of their involvement
- Vice-President Azimov asked council members to take flyers for the upcoming Town Hall Meeting and Lecture and to pass them out in classes.

COMPTROLLER REPORT

- Comptroller Dehaarte said that there is an upcoming budget hearing on Feb. 6 at the south campus.

SPEAKER OF THE SENATE REPORT

- Speaker Honore stated that there are two new at-large senators, one arts and sciences senator, one journalism senator, and two hospitality senators. She stated, however, that there are still open positions that need to be filled.
- Speaker Honore also said that the finance code was approved at the last meeting.

CHIEF OF STAFF

- Chief of Staff Nieves said that all cabinet members should be tabling for two hours for the second road campaign. She emphasized the need for involvement with this campaign.
- Chief of Staff Nieves said that there are still some cabinet positions that need to be filled. Current members should recruit potential members.

CHIEF JUSTICE REPORT

- Chief Justice Periche thanked everyone for coming to the meeting on time.
- Chief Justice Periche announced that the first Justice meeting will be on Feb. 2 at 3:30 p.m.
- Finally, Chief Justice Periche stated that she would like to have a potential council wide presentation on how to create an agenda/chair a meeting on Feb. 3 at 1p.m.

ADVISOR REPORT

- Mr. Zapata encouraged members to sign up for the Leadership Summit this Saturday.
- Mr. Zapata stated that council members should show up and support SGA at the W. KAmou Bell lecture event on Feb. 5 at 6:30 p.m.
- Mr. Zapata said that members are expected to be present and involved in the potential upcoming North Miami city council meeting concerning the second road access.
- Finally, Mr. Zapata said that members should encourage fellow students to attend the Town Hall meeting on Feb.10, because President Rosenberg is typically very engaged and concerned with the students.

NEW BUSINESS

1. New Appointment: Special Events Coordinator
 - Guolin Zhou is a senior studying hospitality. She is currently the marketing coordinator for China’s Hospitality Association and has held an internship with the Hilton Hotels Corporation.

Senator Adekoya motioned to appoint Guolin Zhou as the new Events Coordinator.
Senator Coronel seconded the motion.

Vote:

Senator Coronel- yes
 Senator Pulido-yes
 Senator Mejia-yes
 Senator Tian-yes
 Senator Kathymoon-yes
 Senator Felix-yes
 Senator Nesbitt-yes

Senator Honore-yes
Senator Adekoya-yes
Senator Yang-yes
Senator Lu Zhang-yes

By a unanimous decision, Guolin Zhou was made the new Events Coordinator.

2. New Appointment: Internship Coordinator

Senator Felix moved to remove the internship coordinator appointment from the agenda. Senator Tian seconded the motion.

3. Guest Speakers

- A few of the MAST Academy SGA students stood up and said how much they appreciated the opportunity to attend the general meeting. The sentiment was that the general meeting was very informative and that it has sparked some ideas for them to take back into their own meetings.
- When asked, a few members expressed concerns for MAST:
 - 1) Some students want to use the FIU facilities. For instance, the library would be a good resource for them.
 - 2) Some students would like to use/join the FIU science labs.
 - 3) Some students would like to use the FIU sports facilities. Currently, they are taking physical education classes on virtual school.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. February 2014

- 1) 1st: FIU Leadership Summit BBC 8a.m.
- 2) 5th: W. Kamau Bell Lecture 6:30p.m.
- 3) 10th: Townhall Meeting 3:30p.m.
- 4) The tentative schedule for the North Miami Council meeting is in two weeks.

The meeting was adjourned by President Zhou-Wu at **3:59 p.m.**