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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES General Meeting March 26, 2014

IN ATTENDANCE

Fu Zhou-Wu, President
Olivia Dehaarte, Comptroller
Elianis Nieves, Chief of Staff
Han Li, Executive Assistant
Guolin Zhou, Special Events Coordinator 3:45
Yanyan Jiang, International Student Services Coordinator
Pan Fan, Marketing Coordinator
Ana Coronel, Arts and Sciences Senator
Maria Pulido, Arts and Sciences Senator
Allhan Mejia, Business Administration Senator
Xinguo Tian, 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 **3:42**
Kerline Honore, Senator at Large
Francheska Pericher, Chief Justice
Whitney Saint Fleur, Justice
Steffy Moreau, Justice
Rafael Zapata, Advisor

ABSENT

Richard Azimov, Vice-President **excused**
Yiwen Li, Hospitality Senator
Zi Yang, Senator at Large
Tobi Adekoya, Senator at Large
Joshua Carasco, Justice
Jessica Sanford, Elections Board Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a General meeting on March 26, 2014, WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at 3:39 PM, approximately, by President Zhou-Wu who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- President Zhou-Wu began her report by saying that council member volunteers are needed to help direct guests at the opening of WUC next Monday.

- President Zhou-Wu stated that the new panther statue will arrive in the summer. She also said that the replacement for the electronic sign is in process.
- President Zhou-Wu said that students are claiming that they don't have enough information about housing for next year. She asked council members to help them understand if students ask questions.
- President Zhou-Wu said that the executive board is still deciding about how to spend their money on a special project for this year.
- Finally, President Zhou-Wu said that she is conducting some research having to do with students attending classes at BBC and about adjunct professors and instructors versus full-time professors. Some students have been having problems getting in contact with instructors, because they do not have to do office hours on campus, unlike professors.

COMPTROLLER REPORT

- Comptroller Dehaarte said that the budget was approved by the senate this Monday.

SPEAKER-PRO REPORT

- Speaker Honor said that the senate recently passes as bill for more funding for graduate students.

CHIEF OF STAFF

- Chief of Staff Nieves said that the justices denied Christopher Morisett's appeal for the elections because he did not meet the qualifications, so he is ineligible to run for this upcoming year.

CHIEF JUSTICE REPORT

- Chief Justice Periche said that she will be hosting the Robert's Rules presentation tomorrow at 1p.m. in the SGA conference room.

ADVISOR REPORT

- Mr. Zapata said that the Candy Crowley lecture is tonight. Volunteers are needed to help usher guests to their seats.
- Mr. Zapata said that as of this Monday, he was named the interim director of Campus Life. He will now be sharing his responsibilities and times between Campus Life and Student Government.

NEW BUSINESS

1. SGA Council Awards - voting
2. End of SGA Year Event Allocations

Speaker Honore reported that there is \$1400 in the discretionary funds.

Senator Felix motioned to allocate \$500 towards catering an end of the year event. Senator Lafontant seconded the motion.

The motion passed by a unanimous decision.

Senator Felix requested a point of personal privilege. It was granted by President Zhou-Wu at 3:56p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. March 2014

- 1) 26th Candy Crowley: Lecture 6p.m.
- 2) 31st WUC Panther Square Unveiling

B. April 2014

- 3) 1st and 2nd SGA Elections
- 4) 7th Mayim Bialik Lecture WUC ballrooms 6-7:30p.m.
- 5) 16th Leadership Banquet 6-8p.m.

The meeting was adjourned by President Zhou-Wu at **3:57 p.m.**