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# **Florida International University**

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

<u>MINUTES</u> General Meeting April 16, 2014

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Fu Zhou-Wu, President Richard Azimov, Vice-President 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 Yiwen Li, Hospitality 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 Zi Yang, Senator at Large Francheska Pericher, Chief Justice Whitney Saint Fleur, Justice Joshua Carassco, Justice Steffy Moreau, Justice Rafael Zapata, Advisor

# ABSENT

Olivia Dehaarte, Comptroller Zi Yang, Senator at Large Tobi Adekoya, Senator at Large Jessica Sanford, Elections Board Commissioner

# CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a General meeting on April 16, 2014, WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at 3:36 PM, approximately, by President Zhou-Wu who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

Senator Coronel motioned to move the special presentation by Dr. Jaffus Hadrick to the beginning of the meeting. Senator Kathymoon seconded the motion and the motion passed.

# **PRESIDENT'S WELCOME**

- President Fu Zhou-Wu thanked all the council members for their hard work this year in SGA. She said that the members have become a family and should stay connected.
- President Fu Zhou-Wu recognized Senators Adekoya, Honore and Carrasco as they are graduating in the summer.
- Vice-President Azimov recognized President Zhou-Wu, Senator Nesbitt and Comptroller Dehaarte as they are also graduating in the summer.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- President Zhou-Wu began her report by saying that Jasmine Felix will take over as president on May 12.
- President Zhou-Wu stated that she went to see the walls be erected at the Royal Caribbean building on campus today. She recognized the positives of the FIU-RC partnership.

#### VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

• Vice-President Azimov recognized Senators Mejia and Pulido for receiving the outstanding student leadership awards. He also recognized President Zhou-Wu for winning the VP of Student Affairs award.

#### SPEAKER-PRO REPORT

• Speaker Honor thanked the entire council for making it a productive year.

#### **CHIEF JUSTICE REPORT**

- Chief Justice Periche thanked Justices Carassco and Moreau for being such great additions to the judicial branch. She encouraged Justice Moreau to continue with student government.
- Chief Justice Periche said that she looks forward to working with everyone on the council in summer and fall.

#### **ADVISOR REPORT**

• Mr. Zapata said that he appreciates everything that the council has done.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Minutes Approval

Senator Boone motioned to approve the minutes from the March and April meetings. Senator Kathymoon seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

2. Appropriation of ACBA Funds

An appropriation to allocate \$5,500 toward installing cellphone recharging stations in AC1, and to allocate \$4,500 to fund the addition of picnic table and chairs outside the bay area.

Senator Honore motioned to approve both appropriations. Senator Kathymoon seconded the motion.

Vote: Ana Coronel, Yes Maria Pulido, Yes Allhan Mejia, Yes Xinguo Tian, Yes Yiwen Li, Yes Sheni Kathymoon Yes Jazmin Felix, Yes Emerald Nesbitt, Yes Michema Lafontant, Yes Briana Boone, Yes Kerline Honore, Yes Zi Yang, Yes

The motion carried by a unanimous decision.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. April 2014
  - 1) 13-18 Release Week
  - 2) 16<sup>th</sup> Leadership Banquet 6-8p.m.
  - 3) 21 Midnight Breakfast 10p.m.-1a.m.

The meeting was adjourned by President Zhou-Wu at 4:54 p.m.