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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES

SGC-BBC General Meeting

July 3rd, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Council - Biscayne Bay Campus held a meeting on July 3rd 2013, in WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at approximately **3:40pm** by President Wu.

ROLL CALL

In Attendance

Fu Zhou Wu, President
Richard Azimov, Vice President
Sola Adebodun, Senator At-Large
Sheni Kathymoon, Press Secretary
Ismail Hassan, Arts & Sciences Senator
Whitney Saint-Fleur, Arts and Sciences Senator
Kerline Honore, Speaker of the Senate/Arts & Sciences Senator
Emerald Nesbitt, Housing Senator
Francheska Periche, Chief Justice
Abel Ramos Taype, Director of Governmental Relations
Christopher Morisset, Comptroller **4:00pm**
Donaldy Salvant, Chief of Staff
Francisca Ofili, Special Events Coordinator
Dulanga Abeysirigunawardena, Hospitality Management Senator
Rafael Zapata, Student Government Advisor
Larissa Adames, SGA Clerk

PRESIDENT REPORT

- President Zhou Wu appreciated the people who were present during the meeting. In addition, she thanked those who made time available to table during the freshman and transfer orientations, by putting hard work out for those incoming new students.
- The Panther Statue will be unveiled during the Homecoming Week. The location for the statue will be discussed within a campus committee on which Vice President Azimov will be sitting.

- Permission has been obtained from External Relations to start painting the Panther Paws on campus. There was the need to obtain a permission from the City of North Miami to paint the paws starting from Biscayne Bay Blvd.
- In addition, President Zhou Wu has been thinking in ways to request more courses on campus, for majors that are not necessarily Hospitality and Journalism.
- Her administration will be putting emphasis for Bright Futures Futures and the Second entrance.
- There will be banners around campus with the faces SGA council members, so students can approach SGA officers and recognize them.
- The Chief of Staff will be creating videos about SGA officers about their experience of being part of SGA
- During the First U-Wide Meeting, convocation shirts were discussed. The Freshman Convocation will be on Sunday August 25th.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

- SGA Kick-off: It will be on Tuesday at 2:00 pm. Vice President Azimov emphasized the importance of being on time and to be prepared to meet everyone. Faculty will need to be engaged and to be approached. The event will be held in room WUC 221
- In addition, Vice-President Azimov requested SGA officers to not bring friends into the office. He stated that the office is not a social place, it is a work place. Unless it is about official business, concerns or recruitment, it is fine to bring people into the office.
- Finally, Vice President Azimov announced that a MAST academy will be on campus, next to the marine science building. There will be high school students coming into campus.

COMPTROLLER REPORT

None

SPEAKER OF THE SENATE REPORT

- The Senate has been working on placing committee chairs.
- Student Advocacy and Operational review chair have been selected already.
- Hopefully by the end of the semester chair positions will be filled. Other than that, three other chair positions need to be filled.

CHIEF JUSTICE REPORT

- Chief Justice Periche stated the importance of recruitment. There were open positions on the Supreme Court. She has been looking for prospective candidates that might be interested in Florida laws, Federal laws, the constitution, etc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Senator Nesbitt stated that there are not that many majors that are law.
 - Vice President Azimov answered to have everyone on the same boat, any one with the interest in law or want to become lawyers might fit the position.
 - SGA Clerk Adames stated that as far as recruitment goes, when there is an interview, there should be the possibility of recommendations to apply to other branches if they fit more on those.
- Advisor Zapata stated that the Panther Statue will be unveiled on Monday, October 6th. In addition, there should be a 5 year plan for SGA and recommended people to start putting together ideas and unveil those plans during that event.
 - On Thursday, SGA will be going to NACA Student Government Institute in Colorado.
 - On Monday Michael Hepburn will working in our office. He will be in charge of helping on Recruitment and with the Intern program. There will be another graduate assistant for Panther Power that will probably work on Day on the Bay as well.
- President Zhou Wu reminded that no jeans are to be worn during the kick-off. There is the need to have volunteers for the Sign-in Table.
 - She will be leaving to NACA on Colorado and then to Spain after that.
- Senator Abeysirigunawardena stated that a student has been pursuing for more healthy food, cheaper healthy food.
 - Vice President Azimov asked her to find out more information about that particular topic.
- Chief Justice Periche stated that she was looking for an advisor that really wants to start a chess club and other 5 members to create the club. In addition, she encouraged people to be safe during the celebrations of our Independence Day.

Comptroller Morrisset joins the meeting at 4:00pm

Comptroller stated that there is a meeting at MMC on Monday at 2pm to discuss a Graduate request form. And all treasurers of the governing councils need to be met with and become trained on the Finance Code.

President Zhou Wu adjourned the meeting at 4:05pm