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# Florida International University

*Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center*

**MINUTES**  
**General Meeting**  
**November 6, 2013**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Fu Zhou-Wu, President  
Richard Azimov, Vice-President  
Christopher Morisset, Comptroller,  
Lizi Wu, Executive Assistant  
Donaldy Salvant, Chief of Staff  
Yanyan Jiang, International Student Services Coordinator  
Kenley Jean-Louis, Director of International Relations  
Ismail Hassan, Arts and Sciences Senator  
Zico Fremont, Arts and Sciences Senator  
Karen Michelle Sepulveda, Business Administration Senator  
Dulanga Abeyvirigunawardena, Hospitality Management Senator  
Jazmin Felix, Nursing and Health Sciences Senator **3:38**  
Emerald Nesbitt, Housing Senator  
Michema Lafontant, Lower Division Senator  
Briana Boone, Lower Division Senator  
Elianis Nieves, Lower Division Senator  
Allhan Mejia, Lower Division Senator  
Kerline Honore, Senator at Large  
Olivia Dehaarte, Senator at Large  
Sola Adebodun, Senator at Large  
Lu Zhang, Graduate Senator  
Francheska Pericher, Chief Justice  
Joshua Carasco, Justice  
Whitney Saint Fleur, Justice  
Juliet Saint Louis, Graduate Assistant  
Larissa Adames, SGA Clerk  
Rafael Zapata, Advisor

**GUEST**

Stefy Moreau, Appointee for Justice  
Elliot Covington, Intern  
Jason Heisselmeyer, New York Times  
Lieutenant Ricardo Torres, FIU Police

**ABSENT**

Sheni Kathymoon, Press Secretary  
Francisca Ofili, Special Events Coordinator  
Peter Campbell, Director of Governmental Relations  
Natasha Russo, Director of Environmental Affairs  
Yanfei Zhang, Hospitality Management Senator

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a General meeting on November 6, 2013, WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at 3:36PM, approximately, by President Zhou-Wu who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- President Zhou-Wu began her report by saying how SGA is trying to find a way to pay for a new electronic monitor Welcome Sign. She said that SGA wants to use the ACBA funds, but that there needs to be discussion with the President of Student Affairs and the MMC SGA president to see if that is feasible.
- President Zhou-Wu stated that the unveiling of the new Panther statue has been delayed until March 31.
- President Zhou-Wu said SGA wants to work with Parking and Transportation to see if a panther-card recharge station can be implemented near the shuttle stop.
- President Zhou-Wu ended her report by saying that the Library computers will be relocating to the second floor soon.

### **VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT**

- Vice-President Azimov asked council members to contact him if they would like to recite the Pledge of Allegiance at the North Miami city council meeting on November 12.
- Vice-President Azimov reminded members to turn in the Second Road to Success petitions by the end of this week.

### **COMPTROLLER REPORT**

- Comptroller Morriset said that he completed the drafting for the finance code, and that it should be presented to the Senate in two weeks.
- Comptroller Morriset also said that there will be an upcoming budget workshop for council members.

### **SPEAKER OF THE SENATE REPORT**

- Senator Honore stated that the Senate is trying to appoint an Arts and Sciences senator by next Monday

### **CHIEF JUSTICE REPORT**

- Chief Justice Periche thanked everyone for achieving almost a full council.

### **Advisor Report**

- Mr. Zapata asked members to attend one of SGA's great traditions this Saturday, Day on the Bay.
- Mr. Zapata stated that volunteers are needed for the United Way Fundraiser tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Mr. Zapata said that the Safety Walk held yesterday was a great success, as things around campus that need to be improved were noticed.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Special Presentation: The New York Times, Jason Heisselmeyer
  - Mr. Heisselmeyer covers the four states of Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia, encompassing over 500 schools.
  - Mr. Heisselmeyer said that 180 NYT papers come to campus daily, Monday through Friday, for the students.
  - IN addition to the papers on campus, there is an online resource called the Academic Pass -- You can log on to the NYT website and view the news for up to 24 hours at a time.
  
2. Special Presentation: FIU Police Department, Lieutenant Ricardo Torres
  - Lieutenant Torres is the Lieutenant Commander of the Biscayne Bay Campus. Previously, Torres worked at the police department at the Modesto Maidique Campus for 20 years.
  - Lieutenant Torres asked council members to be in contact with the University police if any students express safety concerns or suggestions.
  - Lieutenant Torres said that there are 62 police officers between both campuses, and that the average response time is 2-3 minutes for emergency calls.
  
3. Justice Appointment
  - Stefy Moreau is a junior majoring in Accounting, applying to be a Justice.
  - Moreau wants to gain leadership experience, get involved in student functions and be more organized

Senator Nieves motioned to appoint Stefy Moreau as the new Justice. Senator Sepulveda seconded the motion.

Senator Hassan: yay  
Senator Fremont: yay  
Senator Sepulveda: yay  
Senator Abeysirigunawardena: yay  
Senator Zhang: yay  
Senator Felix: yay  
SenatorNesbitt: yay  
Senator Lafontant: yay  
Senator Boone: yay  
Senator Nieves: yay  
Senator Mejia: yay  
Senator Kim: yay  
Senator Dehaarte: yay  
Senator Adebodun: nay  
Senator Zhang: yay

The motioned was carried by unanimous decision. Moreau became the new Justice.

## ANOUNCEMENTS

- President Zhou- Wu reminded members to be present at the Day on the Bay event this Saturday.
- President Zhou-Wu reminded members about signing up to recite the Pledge of Allegiance at the next North Miami city council meeting.
- President Zhou-Wu reminded members about registering for the SGA teambuilding Ropes Course event, which will take place on November 15.
- President Zhou-Wu announced that there will be a SGA Thanksgiving Potluck at 3:30 p.m. on November 27.
- Chief of Staff Salvant stated that positions still need to be filled in the Cabinet. He asked that members recruit interested friends.

The meeting was adjourned by President Zhou-Wu at **4:29p.m.**