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Florida International University

Student Government Council - Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES General Meeting January 28, 2015

IN ATTENDANCE

Jazmin Felix, President

Camille Williams, Vice-President

Ashley Reid, Comptroller

Geraldine Gascon, Special Events Coordinator

Stephanie Felix, Director of Lectures 3:46 p.m.

Zico Fremont, Director of Governmental Relations

Elina Sibony, Chief of Staff

Christopher Morisset, At-Large

Maria Pulido Velosa, Arts and Sciences/ Speaker-pro

Allhan Mejia, Business Administration/ Speaker

Rebecca Merek, Hospitality Management

Bendjy Calixte, Arts and Sciences

Christopher Morisset, At-Large

Kai Chen, Graduate

Whitney Saint Fleur, Chief Justice

Paola Bayron, Justice

Michema Lafontant, Director of Internal Relations

Adam Azzaoui, Justice

Lauren Peterson, Lower Division

Kenley Jean-Louis, At-Large

Marquele Brown, Elections Commissioner

Abigail Morales, Justice 4:11 p.m.

ABSENT

Kareem Stanbury, Marketing Coordinator

Yumeng Zhang, Hospitality Management

Xuan Di, At-Large

Alexandra Bendayan, Justice

Peiwen Jiang, Marketing/Public Relations Planner

Shaonan Dong, Marketing/Public Relations Planner

Carlos Burgos, International Student Services Coordinator excused

Stefy Moreau, Justice

Ying Lin, Events Coordinator

Ana Correa, Journalism and Mass Communications Bryan Corcoran, Lower Division Henry Dubé, At-Large

GUESTS

Kimberly Elliot – Press Secretary applicant Dulanga Abeysirigunawardena – Clerk of Council applicant Merideth Morgan – Lower Division Senator applicant

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a General meeting on January 28, 2015 in room WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at **3:35 p.m.** by President Felix.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

• President Felix remarked that she would not be running for a second term, along with announcing *Chick Fil A* gift cards, as a reward, for attending events.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

• Vice President Williams touched on government relations at MMC, in regards to the Second Road to Access campaign.

COMPTROLLER'S REPORT

• Ms. Reid reiterated elections hosting commencing within the next few weeks.

SENATE SPEAKER'S REPORT

• Mr. Mejia announced that due to the current Honor's College budget at BBC, the office would not be hiring new staff.

ADVISOR'S REPORT

 Ms. Adames reiterated this weekend's team building Ropes Course and the importance of tabling to raise awareness for future elections, lectures, and the upcoming Town hall Meeting, also announcing applications for the presidential and vice presidential positions to open on Feb 2, 2015 and will be closing Feb 20, 2015 at 5:00pm.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Comptroller Presentation
 - Ms. Reid explicated the process of allocating funds, beginning with taking A&S
 fees and distributing them amongst BBC and MMC through a vigorous process
 completed by a committee including President Felix, Speaker Mejia, Senator
 Pulido-Velosa, and Ms. Reid, herself.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. On January 31, at 8:00am, the SGA Ropes Course event commences.
- **B.** The Career Fair is on February 3, at 9:00am.
- C. Panther Love Fest, at I75, begins from February 9-12, from 4:30pm-6:30pm
- D. The SGA Lecture Series begins February 26, 2015
- E. Panther Alumni Week

- **F.** Career in Gear Jan 29, 2015
- **G.** Jeans for Teens

SENATE BUSINESS

Speaker Mejia moved to proceed onto the appointment of Kimberly Elliot for the Press Secretary position. Senator Morriset second the motion.

Vote

Lauren Peterson- yay Bendjy Calixte- yay Kai Chen- yay Rebecca Merek- yay Maria Pulido- yay Allhan Mejia- yay Kenley Jean-Louis- yay Christopher Morriset-yay

> By a unanimous vote, Kimberly Elliot became the new Press Secretary. Speaker Mejia moved to appoint Dulanga Abeysirigunawardena for the Clerk of Council position. Senator Calixte second the motion.

Vote

Lauren Peterson- yay Bendjy Calixte- yay Kai Chen- yay Rebecca Merek- yay Maria Pulido- yay Allhan Mejia- yay Kenley Jean-Louis- abstain Christopher Morriset-yay

By a vote of seven, and one abstained, Dulanga Abeysirigunawardena became the new Clerk of Council.

Speaker Mejia moved to add the appointment of a Lower Dividion Senator to agenda. After a unanimous "yay", motion passes.

Speaker Mejia moved to appoint Merideth Morgan for the Lower Division Senator position. Senator Morriset second the motion.

Vote

Lauren Peterson- yay Bendjy Calixte- yay Kai Chen- yay Rebecca Merek- yay Maria Pulido- yay Allhan Mejia- yay Kenley Jean-Louis- yay Christopher Morriset-yay

By a unanimous vote, Merideth Morgan became the new Lower Divirion Senator.

President Felix adjourned the meeting at 4:17 p.m.