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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES
SGC-BBC Senate Meeting
February 8, 2010

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Nikolay Chikishev, Speaker Pro Tempore, Lower Division Senator

Ms. Victoria Aguila, Arts & Science Senator

Mr. Gregory Jean-Baptiste, Art & Science Senator, 3:59 p.m.

Ms. Andrea Cruz, Honors College Senator

Mr. Robert Tassy III, Journalism & Mass Communication Senator

Ms. Zahra Arbabi Aski, Lower Division Senator

Mr. Rafael Zapata, SGA Advisor

EXCUSED

Ms. Christin “Cici” Battle, Vice-President

ABSENT

Ms. Tanya Williams, Speaker of the Senate, Graduate Senator

Ms. Leatrice Gachette, Nursing & Health Science Senator

Ms. Maria Pacheco, Lower Division Senator

Mr. Josh Numa, Senator At-Large

Mr. Emmanuel Osemota, Senator At-Large

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate of the Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on February 8, 2010 – Locale WUC 308. The meeting was called to order at 3:38 p.m. by Nikolay Chikishev, Speaker Pro Tempore, who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Goal Development: Senators Gregory Jean Baptiste and Nikolay Chikishev agreed to work on researching where funds received from replaced ID's go. They will also contact ID office at MMC to discuss lifting of replacement fee from students.
- B. Resolution on A&S Fee Disclosure: VP Cici Battle delivered several copies of the current SGC BBC balance sheet to the Senate for review, which will be discussed at the next Senate meeting.
- C. Current Senate Voting Procedures: Nikolay Chikishev proposed using anonymous voting due to potential presence of Asch Effect during Senate and Finance Committee voting. It would be applied to "controversial" issues, such as election or budget allocations. The Senate positively received the proposition, agreeing to discuss guideline under which this voting will be implemented.
 - 1) Rafael Zapata, SGA Advisor, advised to check the constitutionality of such voting, if it is in accordance to Sunshine statutes.

OLD BUSINESS

Zahra Arbabi Aski, Finance Committee Chairperson, presented a \$1,000 Finance Committee Appropriation directed to funding OrgSync for SGC BBC clubs and organizations. The deadline for OrgSync sign up is March 1st, so the Senate has to pass the bill prior to the date. Unable to meet the quorum, the appropriation will be brought up next Monday Senate meeting on February 15, 2010.

ANOUNCEMENTS

Zahra Arbabi Aski requested additional members to the Finance Committee, because current appropriations were being voted on by only 3 members. Andrea Cruz and Victoria Aguila agreed to volunteer to serve on the committee. The meetings will continue to be held on Monday at 2:30 p.m.

The meeting was dismissed by Speaker Pro Tempore at 4:16 pm.