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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES
SGC-BBC Senate Meeting
March 1, 2010

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Nikolay Chikishev, Senate Speaker, 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. Dametrius Vincent, Graduate Senator

Mr. Rafael Zapata, SGA Advisor

EXCUSED

Mr. Robert Tassy III, Journalism & Mass Communication Senator

ABSENT

n/a

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate of the Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on March 1, 2010 – Locale WUC 308. The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m. by Nikolay Chikishev, Senate Speaker, who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Finance Committee Appropriations

Four (4) appropriations have been brought to the table from Finance Committee. Intersivity Fellowship Chapter, Honors College Students News Literacy Conference, BBQ at the Bay by SGA Interns, and Honors College Lectures.

- 1) BBQ at the Bay by SGA Interns was funded the full requested amount of \$1,386
- 2) Honors College Lectures received an allocation of \$1,870
- 3) Intersivity Fellowship Chapter was awarded an amount of \$1,350 from its request of \$2,000
 - a) The decision was based on funding 10 students' travel expense instead of 15 students
- 4) Honors College Students News Literacy Conference was tabled for the next meeting
 - a) Rafael Zapata suggested to check whether A&S funds could be allocated towards academic-caliber events
 - b) Maria Pacheco questioned whether SGA should sponsor individual group of students
 - c) Nikolay Chikishev brought a point that granting an amount over \$2,000 to only 7 students could be excessive, considering they are not a part of any organization
 - d) Zahra Arbabi Aski explained that the students will be paying for the trip individually, and are requesting funds to be reimbursed; she further added that the stipulation was added to funding an event that requested the recipients to make a presentation event, describing their findings and what they acquired from the conference
 - e) SGA Advisors, Finance Committee Chairperson, and Senate Speaker agreed to check the policy of funding such committee events, which asked for prior funding.

B. Amendment to Statute IV, article 401.4, of the Legislative Branch, was unanimously passed, which adds a provision to include Speaker Pro-Tempore and Finance Chairperson into campus-specific Budget Committee deliberation:

“SGC-BBC Budget Committee shall be composed of the SGC-BBC President, Vice President, Speaker of the Senate, Speaker Pro-Tempore, Comptroller, and Finance Chair.”

C. Senate Speaker emphasized to senators the need to complete campus specific bylaws before the end of the 2009-2010 SGA year. Senators were asked to read the current Constitution and the MMC-Judiciary proposed constitution.

D. Senate Speaker clarified that he will taskforce the surveys for the parking tickets, so that the senate can focus on finishing BBC Bylaws.

OLD BUSINESS

n/a

ANOUNCEMENTS

Senate Speaker announced that Campus Specific Budget Deliberations will take place March 12, 2010, and after will go immediately to the Senate for approval.

The meeting was dismissed by Senate Speaker at 4:43 pm.