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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES
SGC-BBC Senate Meeting
March 22, 2010

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Nikolay Chikishev, Senate Speaker, Lower Division Senator

Ms. Victoria Aguila, Arts & Science Senator

Ms. Maria Pacheco, Lower Division Senator, came in at 3:43 p.m.

Mr. Gregory Jean-Baptiste, Art & Science Senator, stayed until 3:58 p.m.

Ms. Andrea Cruz, Honors College Senator

Mr. Emmanuel Osemota, Senator-at-Large

Mr. Robert Tassy III, Journalism & Mass Communication Senator

Ms. Zahra Arbabi Aski, Lower Division Senator

Mr. Dametrius Vincent, Graduate Senator

Ms. Christin Battle, Vice President, via conference-call

Mr. Rafael Zapata, SGA Advisor, via conference-call

EXCUSED

n/a

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 3:30 p.m. by Nikolay Chikishev, Senate Speaker, who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

NEW BUSINESS

A. BBC Budget Approval

Meeting for approval of BBC and Broward Pines Center was conducted. The \$717,050 budget was passed in a 5-2 vote, with Nikolay Chikishev and Dametrius Vincent voting “Nay”. During the discussion, the following concerns were brought up:

- 1) Senators believed that SPC was given an excessive budget amount of \$145,600 ; Rafael Zapapta, commented that the budget was being used to the fullest, but closer to the end of the year
- 2) New York Times Readership program was received with disapproval due to its low publicity amongst students.
 - a) Dametrius Vincent proposed having an oversight over newspaper usage as well marketing New York Times online service already provided to students. Andrea Cruz commented that New York Times is necessary for School of Journalism and Mass Communication students; Rafael Zapata also brought up a point that this program provides students with a free lecture from New York Times staff or writers.
 - b) Senators disapproved of funding 10 brand new computers requested by Campus Life, even having an amount reduced to \$6,000 from \$13,890 originally requested.
- 3) All senators expressed resentment to having the budget proposed so close to March 26 deadline and feeling the pressure to approve the budget, especially because of disapproval of certain line items.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Constitution and Bylaws

A motion was made and unanimously passed to move to Dan Rather Appropriation due to time constraint of maintaining the quorum, since Andrea Cruz and Robert Tassy had to attend class.

B. Dan Rather Appropriation: \$2,500

- 1) Zahra Arbabi Aski, the Finance Chair, presented the appropriation for the Dan Rather Event, which took place March 9, 2010.
- 2) Emmanuel Osemota moved to approve the appropriation; Zahra Arbabi Aski seconded the motion; the motion was passed unanimously, 6-0.

ANOUNCEMENTS

n/a

The meeting was dismissed by the Senate Speaker at 4:37 p.m.