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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES

**SGC-BBC Senate Meeting
28 March 2011**

IN ATTENDANCE

Analsabel Garcia
Pablo Haspel
Jerveris Floyd
Daniel Usma
Nam "Diana" Jia
Sagine Delly
Denise Halpin
Rafael Zapata
Shana Kaplan

EXCUSED

None

ABSENT

None

GUESTS

None

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate held a general meeting on March 28, 2011 – Locale WUC 308. The meeting was called to order at **3: 36pm**, approximately, by Speaker Garcia who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

MINUTES

- A. Senator Floyd moved to table the voting of the minutes until the next senate meeting, which was seconded by Senator Usma.

Reports

Senator Floyd moved to skip reports and proceed to New Business. This was seconded by Senator Delly.

FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

- A. Senator Floyd reminded the senators that meetings are held weekly every Wednesday.

RULES, LEGISLATION AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

- A. No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Armed Weapons Resolution
 - a. Speaker pro Tem Haspel moved to vote on the resolution, which was seconded by Senator Delly.
 - b. Senator Usma proceeded to read the resolution, at which point Senator Floyd moved to bypass the second reading, which was seconded by Senator Delly.
 - c. Senator Floyd moved to approve the resolution, which was seconded by Senator Delly.
 - d. The resolution passed unanimously with a vote of 6 -0.
- B. Chair Nominations
 - a. Speaker Pro Tem Haspel moved to initiated special elections for the Operational Review Chair, which was seconded by Senator Floyd.
 - b. Senator Usma was nominated for the Operational Review Chair.
 - c. Senator Floyd moved to bypass the Speech, which was seconded by Senator Delly.
 - d. Senator Floyd moved to appoint Senator Usma as the Operational Review Chair, which was seconded by Senator Delly.
 - e. The motion was approved unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approve BBC Specific Budget
 - a. Speaker Pro Tem Haspel moved to open discussion which was seconded by Senator Floyd.
 - b. Senator Floyd moved to close and then proceeded to move to vote on the budget as it stood, both times being seconded by Senator Delly.
 - c. Speaker Pro Tem Haspel moved to reopen discussion, which was seconded by Senator Usma.
 - d. Speaker Pro Tem Haspel moved to close discussion, which was seconded by Senator Usma.
 - e. Speaker Pro Tem Haspel moved to vote on the budget as it stood, which was seconded by Senator Usma.
 - f. The budget was passed unanimously by a vote of 6-0.
- B. BBC Finance Code
 - a. Comptroller Kaplan suggested that section 804.6 of the Finance code contradicts the constitution and should be removed, at which time Senator Delly decided to do what is necessary to make the Finance code follow the constitution.
- C. U – Wide Finance Code
 - a. The University Wide Finance Code is being finalized, and all senators are encouraged to read and comment on the current code in order to point out any areas which need to be worked on.
- D. Senate Discretionary Funds
 - a. Speaker Garcia reminded the senators of the senate discretionary fund, and asked if there were any ideas for what the money could be used for.
- E. Spring Break Kayak Request
 - a. A \$150.00 request was brought up to the senate in order to partially fund the Spring Break Kayak event.
 - b. Senator Usma moved to approve the amount in its entirety, which was seconded by Senator Jia.

- i. The Motion failed with Speaker Garcia, Speaker Pro Tem Haspel, and Senators Floyd and Delly voting against the motion.
 - c. Speaker Pro Tem Haspel moved to fund the event at \$75.00 with the rest being funded by the cabinet discretionary. This was seconded by Senator Jia.
 - i. The motion passed with a vote of 4 – 2, with Senators Delly and Usma voting against the motion.
- F. First Generation Scholarship Benefit
 - a. A \$1500.00 request was brought up to the senate in order to partially fund the First Generation Scholarship Benefit event.
 - b. Senator Floyd moved to fund the event at its full amount of \$1500.00. This was seconded by Senator Jia.
 - i. The motion passed with a vote of 4 – 2, with Senators Usma and Jia voting against the motion.
- G. International Student Meet and Greet ropes course.
 - a. A \$1678.00 request was brought up to the senate in order to fund the International Student Meet and Greet ropes course event.
 - b. Speaker Pro Tem Haspel moved to fund the event at \$1200.00 with the rest being funded through the cabinet. This was seconded by Senator Floyd.
 - i. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 6 – 5

Announcements

- A. D.C. USSA Trip Report
 - a. The trip was a great success by allowing students to rally and lobby for issues relevant to students.
 - b. Many Senators attended the event, and were able to meet their elected officials in Washington D.C.
- B. Accumulated Cash Balance Reserve Policy
 - a. All senators are encouraged to read and comment on the document as it is in the process of being finalized.

The meeting was adjourned by Speaker Garcia at 4:50 pm