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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES

SGC-BBC Senate Meeting

February 13th, 2012

IN ATTENDANCE

Emilio Collyer, Vice-President

Pablo Haspel, Speaker of the Senate/Honors College Senator

Alix Sanchez, Hospitality Management Senator

Xue Yan, Hospitality Management Senator

Ami Nakagawa, Business Administration Senator

Inemesit Ekanem, Nursing & Health Sciences Senator

Christopher Morisset, Lower Division Senator

Oluwatamilore Odimayo, Senator At-Large, **3:44pm**

Oluwatobi Adekoya, Senator At-Large, **3:44pm**

Olivia Dehaarte, Senator At-Large, **3:56pm**

Kemeika Clayton, Housing Senator

Kevin Houston, SJMC Senator

Absent

Desir Nonhomme, Arts & Sciences Senator, **absent**

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a Senate meeting on February 13th, 2012, in Locale WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at **3:35pm**, approximately, by Senator Haspel who chaired over the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Sanchez moved to approve the Senate Meeting for January 9th 2012, January 23rd 2012, and January 30th 2012. Senator Clayton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SPEAKER OF THE SENATE REPORT

Senator Haspel started his report by confirming to the Senate that the Hearing part procedure concerning the Budget Deliberation has now ended. The deliberation process is now the next step. Also, the University Wide Committee will vote to approve the budget this Wednesday at MMC. Senator Haspel then mentioned that he has been working on an event for the Honors College that will take place on Wednesday, February 15th, 2012 at 6:30pm in the WUC Theatre. This event will allow students to determine how biases affect the news media.

Senator Haspel later concluded his report by reminding the Senate that there will be a Town Hall Meeting on February 15th, 2012 from 3:30pm-5pm. All council members should pass out flyers because President Rosenberg, the Vice-President, and staff members will come that day in order to answer students' questions and hear their concerns concerning the university. The Sex

Carnival and Budget Deliberations, which will take place in room 157 at 12pm, will also take place on Wednesday, February 15th, 2012.

SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE REPORT

Vacant

FINANCE CHAIR REPORT

Absent

OPERATIONAL REVIEW CHAIR REPORT

Absent

STUDENT ADVOCACY CHAIR REPORT

Vacant

INTERNAL AFFAIRS CHAIR REPORT

Vacant

RULES, LEGISLATION AND JUDICIARY CHAIR REPORT

Absent

OLD BUSINESS

A. NOMINATIONS

Senator Ekanem moved to appoint Senator Morisset as Speaker Pro Tempore. Senator Morisset accepted the nomination.

Senator Sanchez moved to postpone nominations and relocate it after New Business, Senator Adekoya seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 3:45pm.

NEW BUSINESS

A. APPOINTMENTS

Abel Ramos Taype applied for the position of Arts & Sciences Senator.

This is his second year at FIU. He is a senior currently majoring in International Relations and Anthropology. He was an intern during the 2010-2011 school years. He is now aware of the job and purpose of the Student Government, which is to represent and voice the concerns of students.

Senator Odimayo asked if he was available on Mondays and Wednesdays at 3:30pm. Mr. Taype answered yes.

Senator Sanchez wanted to know the reason why he did not apply for a position during the 2010-2011 school years. Mr. Taype responded by saying that he was studying abroad at that time.

Senator Odimayo moved to appoint Abel Ramos Taype for the position of Arts & Sciences Senator, Senator Clayton seconded the motion.

Senator Haspel	Yay
Senator Sanchez	Yay
Senator Yan	Yay
Senator Nakagawa	Yay
Senator Ekanem	Yay
Senator Morisset	Yay
Senator Odimayo	Yay
Senator Adekoya	Yay
Senator Dehaarte	Yay
Senator Clayton	Yay
Senator Houston	Yay
Senator Nonhomme	Abstain-absent

By a vote of 11/0/1 Abel Ramos Taype is appointed as a new Arts & Sciences Senator.

B. U-WIDE FINANCE CODE

According to the Finance Code the Senate doesn't have a final say on the Allocation Fees. The same goes for how the Senator didn't have a final say in the U-Wide Budget. The Student Government on the Modesto Maidique Campus is working on this. If the bill is approved each Senate will have to make an exact bill.

Senator Odimayo moved to suspend Robert Rules for the duration of the discussion, Senator Clayton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Odimayo moved to suspend the rules of 2nd reading, Senator Houston seconded the motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Senator Adekoya moved to approve the bill as it stood, Senator Odimayo seconded the motion.

Senator Haspel	Yay
Senator Sanchez	Yay
Senator Yan	Yay
Senator Nakagawa	Yay
Senator Ekanem	Yay
Senator Morisset	Yay
Senator Odimayo	Yay
Senator Adekoya	Yay
Senator Dehaarte	Yay
Senator Clayton	Yay
Senator Houston	Yay
Senator Taype	Yay
Senator Nonhomme	Abstain-absent

By a vote of 12/0/1 the Bill is now approved.

C. GENDER NEUTRAL BATHROOM

The purpose of this resolution is to incorporate Gender neutral bathroom and Family Bathroom in the university. Senator Haspel mentioned that reports shall be conducted and reported to the Senate twice a month.

Senator Odimayo motioned to move to Committee of the Whole. Senator Adekoya seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Odimayo mentioned that a gender neutral bathroom isn't ideal for this campus and requested if a survey has been taken. Vice President Collyer replied by stating that according to a study made in 2007, FIU has the lowest LGBT percentage rate in the country.

Senator Ekanem asked about the financial involvement/investment. He requested for a new survey because a 2007 survey isn't up to date.

Senator Adekoya stated that he needs facts concerning this since the duty of the Student Government is to represent the students and constituencies. Senator Sanchez replied by saying to look at the benefits of the resolution because it is also a family room. There are students who bring their child on campus in the evening and at night.

Senator Odimayo mentioned how the gender neutral bathroom could be used as a rape site or could be seen or viewed as a sexual assault magnet for sexual predators. He later adds where the bathroom would be incorporated. Senator Nakagawa agreed because sexual predators could fake using the bathroom.

Senator Haspel replied that there will be one in WUC and AC1.

Senator Adekoya stated that there are two already too many restrooms on every floor. There would be no need to add more.

Senator Odimayo mentioned if a survey has been taken on FIU students on this issue.

Senator Odimayo moved to table the Gender Neutral Bathroom resolution when a survey has been taken or completed, Senator Adekoya seconded the motion.

Senator Haspel	Nay
Senator Sanchez	Nay
Senator Yan	Yay
Senator Nakagawa	Yay
Senator Ekanem	Yay
Senator Morisset	Yay
Senator Odimayo	Yay
Senator Adekoya	Yay
Senator Dehaarte	Yay
Senator Clayton	Yay
Senator Houston	Yay
Senator Taype	Nay

Senator Nonhomme

Abstain-absent

By a vote of 9/3/1 motion passed

D. BVH FURNITURE

Senator Clayton presented to the Senate the BVH resolution whose purpose is to add tables and chairs in the BVH Community Room because when there is an event there are not enough seats for student to sit in.

Senator Odimayo moved to approve resolution as it stood; Senator Haspel disregarded the motion due to resolution's lack of information such as the number of desks and table it will add.

Senator Odimayo moved to table the BVH Furniture resolution to next week Senate Meeting. Senator Clayton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Point of Personal Privilege requested by Senator Ekanem at **4:29pm**.

OLD BUSINESS

A. NOMINATIONS

Senator Dehaarte has been nominated for the position of Student Advocacy Chair. Senator Dehaarte stated that the job of the Student Advocacy Chair was to bring more students to the community and she believed she has the best ability to do so.

Senator Yan has been nominated for the position of Student Advocacy Chair. Senator Yan stated that she would like to maximize student participation around this campus and she would give them proper recommendations to events on-going on campus.

Senator Adekoya moved to close nominations for Student Advocacy chair and move on to a vote, Senator Sanchez seconded the motion.

Senator Haspel	Senator Dehaarte
Senator Sanchez	Senator Deeharte
Senator Yan	Senator Dehaarte
Senator Nakagawa	Senator Yan
Senator Morisset	Senator Yan
Senator Odimayo	Senator Yan
Senator Adekoya	Senator Dehaarte
Senator Dehaarte	Senator Yan
Senator Clayton	Senator Dehaarte
Senator Houston	Senator Dehaarte
Senator Taype	Senator Yan
Senator Nonhomme	absent
Senator Ekanem	absent

By a vote of 6 against 5, Senator Dehaarte is now appointed as Student Advocacy Chair.

Senator Houston has been nominated for Internal Affairs Chair. Senator Houston stated that he will enforce and oversee if everyone in council is doing their respective office hours and duties. He will ensure that everyone is working hard.

Senator Odimayo moved to appoint Senator Houston as Internal Affairs Chair, Senator Adekoya seconded the motion.

Senator Haspel	Yay
Senator Sanchez	Yay
Senator Yan	Yay
Senator Nakagawa	Yay
Senator Morisset	Yay
Senator Odimayo	Yay
Senator Adekoya	Yay
Senator Dehaarte	Yay
Senator Clayton	Yay
Senator Houston	Yay
Senator Taype	Yay
Senator Nonhomme	Abstain-absent
Senator Ekanem	Abstain-absent

By a vote of 11/0/2 Senator Houston was appointed as the new Internal Affairs Chair.

Senator Morisset has been nominated for the position of Speaker Pro Tempore. Senator Morisset started by saying that he's not sure he can replace Senator Usma because he was doing a good job; however, he will try to meet everyone's expectations. He will fulfill his duty assigned to him, one of them being writing minutes and ensuring that the minutes are written and turned in one time.

Senator Haspel asked Senator Morisset if he will be available on Wednesdays and Fridays for Budget Deliberations and the University Wide Council. Senator Morisset answered yes.

Senator Odimayo moved to appoint Senator Morisset as Speaker Pro Tempore, Senator Adekoya seconded the motion.

Senator Haspel	Yay
Senator Sanchez	Yay
Senator Yan	Yay
Senator Nakagawa	Yay
Senator Morisset	Yay
Senator Odimayo	Yay
Senator Adekoya	Yay
Senator Dehaarte	Yay
Senator Clayton	Yay
Senator Houston	Yay
Senator Taype	Yay

Senator Nonhomme
Senator Ekanem

Abstain-absent
Abstain-absent

By a vote of 11/0/2 Senator Morisset has been appointed as the new Speaker Pro Tempore.

Senator Sanchez nominated Senator Nakagawa as Rules, Legislation and Judiciary Chair. Senator Nakagawa accepted the nomination.

Senator Sanchez nominated Senator Taype as the Rules, Legislation and Judiciary Chair. Senator Taype accepted the nomination.

Senator Nakagawa has been nominated for Rules, Legislation, and Judiciary Chair. Senator Nakagawa started by saying that she is still in the learning phase or process concerning the Student Government's duties. Now being nominated, she has the opportunity to learn more and excel.

Senator Taype has been nominated for Rules, Legislation, and Judiciary Chair. Senator Taype mentioned that during his year being an intern, he has learned a lot of how the Student Government operated. Now being on council he will do his best and use the upmost of his capabilities if he is nominated for this position.

Senator Sanchez moved to close nominations for Rules, Legislation and Judiciary Chair and move on to a vote, Senator Adekoya seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Haspel
Senator Sanchez
Senator Yan
Senator Nakagawa
Senator Morisset
Senator Odimayo
Senator Adekoya
Senator Dehaarte
Senator Clayton
Senator Houston
Senator Taype
Senator Nonhomme
Senator Ekanem

Senator Taype
Senator Taype
Senator Nakagawa
Senator Nakagawa
Senator Taype
Senator Taype
Senator Nakagawa
Senator Nakagawa
Senator Taype
Senator Nakagawa
Senator Taype
absent
absent

By a vote of 6 against 5, Senator Taype has been appointed as Rules, Legislation and Judiciary Chair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS

A. RECRUIT

Senator Haspel announced that there are open positions in the council. He asked the council to recruit and spread out the word to those interested in joining council since the vacancies must be filled.

B. RUSSEL SIMMONS

On Wednesday, February 22nd, 2012 in the Wolfe University Center Ballroom at 6:00pm in 244, Russell Simmons will be coming on campus. It is free for FIU Students. Tickets are available at the SGC-BBC Office. Mr. Simmons will talk about how the evolution of Hip-Hop affects today's society.

C. TOWN HALL MEETING

On Wednesday, February 15th, 2012 in WUC 221 at 3:30pm, President Rosenberg will be coming on the Biscayne Bay Campus along with the Vice President and his staff. This is very important for students to participate since it will be a chance for students to ask questions concerning the university. Senator Haspel wanted the Senate to take and pass flyers. This will be a mandatory event for the council and everyone is expected to come.

The Sex Carnival shall be held on Wednesday, February 15th, 2012

Budget Deliberation will be held on Wednesday, February 15th, 2012 at 12pm in room 157.

The Badminton Club will be playing Friday, February 17th, 2012 at 5:30pm.

Senator Haspel adjourned the meeting at **4:51pm.**