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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES

SGC-BBC Special Senate Session

March 26th, 2012

IN ATTENDANCE

Pablo Haspel, Speaker of the Senate/Honors College Senator
Christopher Morisset, Speaker Pro Tempore/Lower Division Senator
Ami Nakagawa, Business Administration Senator
Xue Yan, Hospitality Management Senator
Inemesit Ekanem, Nursing & Health Sciences Senator
Desir Nonhomme, Arts & Sciences Senator
Abel Ramos Taype, Arts & Sciences Senator
Oluwatobi Adekoya, Senator At-Large, **5:45pm**
Olivia Dehaarte, Senator At-Large
Kemeika Clayton, Housing Senator
Kevin Houston, SJMC Senator

Absent

Alix Sanchez, Hospitality Management Senator, **absent**
Oluwatamilore Odimayo, Senator At-Large, **absent**

Guest

Rafael Zapata, Advisor

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a Special Senate Session on Monday, March 26th, 2012, in the SGC-BBC Conference Room (308). The meeting was called to order at approximately **5:40pm**, by Speaker Haspel who chaired over the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Clayton moved to table the Senate Meeting minutes for March 26th, 2012 for next Senate Meeting. Senator Nonhomme seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Dehaarte moved to bypass reports. Senator Clayton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Clayton moved to bypass New Business and Old Business. Senator Ekanem seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENT/CONCERNS

- Senator Ekanem started by saying that it was reported that Speaker Haspel had given his writ to the Supreme Court of the Modesto Maidique Campus where the Supreme Court of MMC did not grant him an audience to hear his writ. He mentioned that the Biscayne Bay Campus has a Supreme Court and that issues arising on a specific campus should be resolved on that specific campus.
- Senator Ekanem mentioned that the University Official Anthem will be changed. He wanted to know why there was no representation from SGC-BBC on the committee.

Speaker Haspel gave up chairmanship rights over the meeting and substituted it to Senator Adekoya at **5:49pm**.

- Speaker Haspel agreed that he had submitted a writ to the Supreme Court of MMC. He mentioned that he didn't submit it here because he wanted to guarantee a fair and unbiased trail. He stated that he did not violate any laws. It was his choice to require an audience to the Supreme Court of MMC.
- Senator Inemesit mentioned that the Beacon clearly stated that the MMC Supreme Court rejected Speaker Haspel's writ. He wondered why he asked for an audience for the BBC Supreme Court after being rejected. He wanted to know why Speaker Haspel created all that commotion, which reflects badly on the Student Government.
- Speaker Haspel stated that first and foremost he is a student. As a student, he was entitled to write a writ of anyone to be submitted at any Supreme Court. Furthermore, the writ was filed for a violation of one of our laws.
- Point of Clarification requested by Speaker Haspel where he asked what rules did he violate.
- Senator Ekanem replied by stating that the commotion that Speaker Haspel created put SGC BBC in bad record.
- Senator Nonhomme pointed out that the BBC Campus has a complete government here.
- Senator Clayton agreed that it was a bad idea to go the MMC Supreme Court, but she praised Speaker Haspel's actions since he wanted to be judge fairly.
- Speaker Haspel mentioned that it was fair to be judged by the MMC Supreme Court since they don't know him or the elections board there. He later stated that he has grown bonds with everyone on council, so subconsciously all justices wouldn't judge him or the elections board fairly.

Senator Ekanem moved to adjourn the meeting. Speaker Haspel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Adekoya adjourned the meeting at **6:02pm**.