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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES
SGC-BBC General Meeting
June 20, 2011

IN ATTENDANCE

Emilio Collyer, Vice President
Kevin Gonzalez, Comptroller
Suyen Fernandez, Chief of Staff
Simbisai Anglene Mubau, Academic Affairs Coordinator,
Xinyu “Allen” Tian, International Student Services Coordinator
Daniel Usma, Arts & Science Senator,
Farah Yamini, Arts & Science Senator,
Pablo Haspel, Honors College Senator
Alix Sanchez, Hospitality Management Senator
Oluwatamilore Odimayo, Senator At-Large
Oluwatobi Adekoya, Senator At-Large
Melissa Khan, Senator At-Large
Rafael Zapata, Advisor
Larissa Adames, SGA Clerk

Absent

Denise Halpin, President, **LEAVE OF ABSENCE (MEDICAL)**
Julie Goncalves, Intern Coordinator, **excused**
Michael Cabrera, Athletic Campaign Manager, **excused**
Xin Zheng, Hospitality Management Senator,
Christian Williams, SJMC Senator,
Christopher Lawton, Chief Justice

GUEST

Emmanuel Okwor,
Diana Deonanan,
Jorge Nonell Jr.
Martin W. Calixte
C Barrett

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on July 6, 2011, WUC 308. The meeting was called to order at **3:43pm**, approximately, by Vice President Collyer who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

Approval of Minutes

Speaker Haspel motioned to table the May 16th, May 23rd, and June 13th senate meeting minutes, Senator Kahn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Of Staff Report

Chief of Staff Fernandez states that the cabinet need to continue sending reports, also she stated that Academic Affairs Coordinator Mubau, has not turned in her report.

Speaker of the Senate Report

Speaker Haspel remembered the Senate that coming back from the retreat, we must abide by the constitution and complete our office hours, and fill out weekly reports to be given to Speaker Pro Tempore Usma. He also advised the council to Follow up with emails.

New Business

A. Senate Nominations

- a. Speaker Haspel explains, that nominations for Senate seats where open since June 6th and that on the senate meeting of June 13th they went into a vote and some of the comitee chairs where filled, however, there was a tie for the Finance Chair between Senator Yamini and Senator Odimayo. This tie was to be resolved in todays meeting.
- b. Speaker Haspel moves to hear candidates speeches, Senator Kahn seconds.
- c. Senator Yamini gives speech where she explains she is responsible, and that she would benefit from having this expierence since she wants to follow a political career. Senator Odimayo speech is focus on the experience and training he allegedly says he has.
- d. Senator Haspel moves to open voting, Senator Yamini seconds
- e. Roll Call vote
 - i. Senator Odimayo – Senator Odimayo
 - ii. Senator Kahn - Senator Odimayo
 - iii. Senator Adekoya - Senator Odimayo
 - iv. Senator Sanchez - Senator Odimayo
 - v. Senator Yamini - Senator Odimayo
 - vi. Speaker Haspel – Senator Yamini
 - vii. Speaker Pro Tempore Usma – Senator Yamini
 1. Senator Odimayo is the new Finance Chair.
- f. Senator Yamini opens nomination, Senator Sanchez seconds.
- g. Motion passes 5/2/0 with Speaker Haspe, and Speaker Pro Tempore Usma voting nay.
- h. Senator Sanchez nominates Senator Yamini for Rules and Legislation Chair, Senator Yamini respectfully declines.
- i. Senator Yamini nominates herself for internal affairs chair, Senator Yamini seconds.
- j. Speaker Haspel moves to close nominations, Senator Yamini seconds.

B. Removal of Senator Xing Zheng.

- a. Vice President Collyer explained that he emailed Senator Zheng and he has not responded, also informed the council that senator Zheng has been breaking the rules.
- b. Speaker Haspel moves a motion to remove Senator Zheng from council, Speaker Pro Tempore Usma seconds.

- c. Point of Parliamentary Procedure, Comptroller Gonzalez Informs the council that the Senate cannot remove Senator Zheng from office, he does inform that the Senate can start an impeachment procedure against Senator Zheng to be solved with the Chief of Justice.
- d. Speaker Haspel moves to start an Impeachment process against Senator Zheng, Speaker Pro Tempore Usma seconds.

C. Appointments.

- a. Diana Deonannan gives speech about how great she would be for the position of Lower Division Senator, she mentions her involvement with ISA.
- b. Speaker Haspel moves to appoint Diana Deonannan as the new Lower Division Senator, Senator Kahn seconds
- c. Roll Call vote
 - i. Senator Sanchez - yay
 - ii. Senator Yamini – yay
 - iii. Senator Kahn - yay
 - iv. Senator Adekoya - yay
 - v. Senator Odimayo - yay
 - vi. Speaker Haspel - yay
 - vii. Speaker Pro Tempore Usma – yay
- d. Diana Deonannan is the new Lower Division Senator.
- e. Jorge Nonell gives speech, mentioning his vast interest and involvement with faculty of the College of Arts and Science, he also proclaims himself as a person who seeks the best interest for students at all times. Speaker Pro Tempore ask Mr. Nonell, if current love relationship with fellow Arts and Science Senator Farah Yamini, would affect his decision making and unbiased decisions. Mr. Nonell states that this would not be an issue at all.
- f. Speaker Haspel moves to appoint Mr. Nonell as the new Arts and Sciences Senator, Senator Odimayo seconds.
- g. Roll Call vote
 - i. Senator Sanchez - yay
 - ii. Senator Yamini – yay
 - iii. Senator Kahn - yay
 - iv. Senator Adekoya – yay
 - v. Senator Deonannan - yay
 - vi. Senator Odimayo - yay
 - vii. Speaker Haspel - yay
 - viii. Speaker Pro Tempore Usma – yay
- h. Jorge Nonell Jr. is the new Arts and Science Senator.

D. Bills and Resolution Workshop

- a. Speaker Haspel moves to leave the Bills and Resolutions Workshop for the end after Robert Rules of Order Workshop. Senator Adekoya seconds. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Bills and Resolution Workshop resumed at 5:21 pm after Robert Rules of Order Workshop.

E. Robert Rules of Order Workshop.

- a. Senator Yamini moves to go into committee of the whole, Speaker Haspel seconds. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Workshop is given by Vice president Collyer and Chief of Staff Fernandez, the workshop ended at 5:20 pm.

Announcements

- A. Speaker Haspel advises the council to have ideas ready for the retreat, and thanks everyone for being so patient.
- B. Speaker Pro Tempore Usma reminds council of upcoming orientations, and ask council members to table in behalf of SGA.

The meeting was adjourned by Vice President Collyer at **5:49pm**.