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# Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

## MINUTES

### **SGC-BBC Senate Meeting**

July 11, 2011

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Pablo Haspel, Honors College Senator, Speaker  
Daniel Usma, Arts & Science Senator, Speaker Pro  
Farah Yamini, Arts & Science Senator,  
Jorge Nonell Jr. Arts & Science Senator  
Diana Deonanan, Lower Division Senator  
Emmanuel Okwor, Pembroke Pines Senator  
Alix Sanchez, Hospitality Management Senator  
Oluwatamilore Odimayo, Senator At-Large  
Oluwatobi Adekoya, Senator At-Large  
Melissa Khan, Senator At-Large (3:55)  
Emilio Collyer, Vice President  
Kevin Gonzalez, Comptroller  
Rafael Zapata, Advisor

#### **Guest**

Sagine Delly

#### **Absent**

Xin Zheng, Hospitality Management Senator,  
Christian Williams, SJMC Senator,  
Christopher Lawton, Chief Justice (**Excused**)

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Student Government Association [BBC] held a Senate meeting on July 11, 2011. – Locale WUC 155  
The meeting was called to order at 3:35 pm, approximately, by Speaker Haspel, who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Senator Yamini motioned to approve the May 16<sup>th</sup>, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, June 13<sup>th</sup>, and June 20<sup>th</sup> senate meeting minutes, Senator Deonanan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Speaker of the Senate Report**

Speaker Haspel reminded the Senate about the July 30<sup>th</sup> budget appropriation hearing. He explained to Senator Nonell that this budget hearing was due to some extra money from the A&S fees, and that the meeting is to correctly allocate that extra money.

### **Speaker Pro tempore of the Senate Report**

Speaker Pro Tempore Usma informed the Senate about keeping reports and time cards up to date and turning them in into his mailbox for proper storage.

### **Finance Chair Report**

Senator Odimayo asked people that are interested in the committee to meet with him after Senate meeting is over.

### **Student Advocacy Chair Report**

Senator Sanchez informs the Senate that the first committee meeting was held earlier today and, that the next meeting should be held in two weeks. She thanked all of the committee members for attending the meeting.

### **Old Business**

#### **A. Senate Nominations**

- a. Senator Yamini gives speech about why she is the right person to be the Internal Affairs Chair. She mentions that she is going to be unbiased, and that she would do a great job.
- b. Senator Nonell moves to open the floor for discussion, Senator Adekoya seconds.
  - i. Senator Haspel asks if besides the lack of description on statues about the position if she feels comfortably chairing such description less position.
    1. Senator Yamini answered yes.
  - ii. Senator Sanchez asked about the enforcement of dress code rules, and how strict was it going to be.
    1. Senator Yamini answered she would speak to Chief of Staff to come with a solution and possible consequence.
      - a. Senator Haspel explained to Senator Yamini that the committee is solely for the Senate not the entire council.
  - iii. Senator Sanchez moves to close discussion, Senator Yamini seconds.
    1. Motion passes unanimously.
  - iv. Senator Adekoya moves to vote for Senator Yamini as the new Internal Affairs Chair, Senator Sanchez seconds.
    1. Roll Call vote
      - a. Speaker Haspel Yes
      - b. Speaker Pro Usma Abstained
      - c. Senator Yamini Abstained
      - d. Senator Nonell Yes
      - e. Senator Khan Yes
      - f. Senator Adekoya yes
      - g. Senator Odimayo yes
      - h. Senator Okwor yes
      - i. Senator Deonanan yes
      - j. Senator Sanchez yes
  - v. By a vote of 8/0/2 Senator Yamini is elected the new Internal Affairs Chair.

#### **B. Removal of Senator Xing Zheng.**

- a. Speaker Haspel informed the Senate that next General meeting, July 20<sup>th</sup> Senator Zheng has an schedule hearing with the Chief of Justice in order to start the impeachment process

## New Business

### **A. Senate Appointments**

- a. Sagine Delly gave a speech of why she should be appointed as the new Graduate Student Senator. She explained that she has previous experience with SGA and that she feels extremely qualified for the position.
  - b. Senator Yamini moves to open the floor for discussion, Senator Nonell seconds, motion passes unanimously
    - i. Senator Yamini asks about if ms. Delly is willing to represent all Graduate students not just Hospitality graduate students. Ms. Delly says she is aware of her duties and that she will represent all graduate students,
    - ii. Senator Nonell asks about her busy schedule, Ms. Delly emphasizes that she would have the time necessary for the position
    - iii. Senator Sanchez asked if she is involved, Ms. Delly says she is very involved and would be part of any committee necessary.
    - iv. Senator Okwor, he asked about what kind of things she expects to do as a senator if appointed, Ms. Delly says she wants to campaign and promote more the Graduate student funds so more students take advantage of them.
    - v. Speaker Haspel asks if she was going to be as good as last year, Ms. Delly answers yes.
    - vi. Senator Yamini Asked what did she do last year that was good referring to Speakers Haspel question, Ms. Delly said she was involved in the finance committee and was also chair of the rules and regulations committee.
    - vii. Senator Sanchez moves to close discussion, Speaker Pro Tempore seconds the motion, which passes unanimously.
  - c. Senator Sanchez moves to Vote Ms. Delly as the new Graduate Senator, Senator Adekoya seconds. Motion passes unanimously
    - i. Roll Call Vote
      - a. Speaker Haspel Yes
      - b. Speaker Pro Usma yes
      - c. Senator Yamini no
      - d. Senator Nonell Yes
      - e. Senator Khan Yes
      - f. Senator Adekoya yes
      - g. Senator Odimayo yes
      - h. Senator Okwor yes
      - i. Senator Deonanan yes
      - j. Senator Sanchez yes
    - ii. By a vote of 9/1/0 Ms. Sagine Delly is the new Graduate Student Senator.
- ### **B. Possible resolutions for the year**
- a. Speaker Haspel gives speech about possible resolution for the year, he mentions projects such as theater expansion, pantherization paws on the road among others.
  - b. Speaker Haspel introduced resolution about sound proofing the conference center.
    - i. Senator Yamini moves to open discussion, Senator Sanchez seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

1. Senator Yamini ask why sound proofing, Speaker Haspel explains that it was approved before and that it was never completed also explained the urgency since the conference room is shared with the Wellness Center to make it more private.
- ii. Speaker Pro Tempore Usma moves to close discussion, Senator Delly seconds. Motion passes unanimously.
- iii. Speaker Pro Tempore Usma moves to bypass second reading of the bill, Senator Odimayo seconds. Motion passes unanimously.
- iv. Speaker Pro Tempore Usma moves to vote for the resolution, Senator Delly seconds.
  1. Roll call vote
    - a. Speaker Haspel yes
    - b. Speaker Pro Usma yes
    - c. Senator Yamini no
    - d. Senator Nonell yes
    - e. Senator Khan yes
    - f. Senator Adekoya yes
    - g. Senator Odimayo yes
    - h. Senator Okwor no
    - i. Senator Deonanan yes
    - j. Senator Sanchez yes
    - k. Senator Delly yes
  2. Motion passes 9/2/0.

### **Announcements**

- A. Speaker Haspel reminds everyone to think of possible resolutions.
- B. Speaker Pro Tempore Usma reminds council of upcoming orientations, and asked council members to table on behalf of SGA.

The meeting was adjourned by Speaker Haspel at **5:09pm**.