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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES

SGC-BBC Senate meeting

August 8, 2011

IN ATTENDANCE

Pablo Haspel, Honors College Senator, Speaker
Daniel Usma, Arts & Science Senator, Speaker Pro
Jorge Nonell Jr. Arts & Science Senator
Alix Sanchez, Hospitality Management Senator
Emmanuel Okwor, Pembroke Pines Senator
Diana Deonanan, Lower Division Senator
Grace Ingabire, Lower Division Senator
Oluwatamilore Odimayo, Senator At-Large
Oluwatobi Adekoya, Senator At-Large
Melissa Khan, Senator At-Large
Sagine Delly, Graduate Senator
Kevin Gonzales, Comptroller
Denise Halpin, President
Emilio Collyer, Vice President
Rafael Zapata, Advisor

Absent

Christopher Lawton, Chief Justice (**Excused**)
Farah Yamini, Arts & Science Senator, (**Leave of Absence**)

Call to Order

The Student Government Association [BBC] held a senate meeting on August 8, 2011. – Locale WUC 155
The meeting was called to order at 3:39 pm, approximately, by Speaker Haspel, who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

Approval of Minutes

Senator Khan motioned to approve August 1st Senate meeting minutes, Senator Odimayo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Speaker of the Senate Report

Speaker Haspel reminded the Senate that Fall is about to start. He reminded every Senator that they needed to meet with their respective deans at least once a month. He also mentioned that, there would be no leniency on dress code, and also informed us that there was no Senate meeting the following two weeks.

Speaker Pro tempore of the Senate Report

No Report

Finance Chair Report

Senator Odimayo informed the Senate that the Finance Committee had approved some graduate student request for funds. He specified that the Committee only approved 300 dollars instead of the 500 asked. The reasoning behind this was, that by reducing the amount to 300, the Finance Committee could fund 20 students, as oppose to 12.

Rules and Regulations Chair Report

Senator Delly informed the Senate that the first Rules and Regulations Committee meeting was going to be held on Thursday, August 11, 2011.

Old Business

A. New Resolutions:

- a. Senator Sanchez is thinking on writing a resolution about some loose tiles on ACII.

New Business

A. Budget Allocations

- a. University wide budget allocation.
 - i. Speaker Haspel and President Halpin explained the university wide budget line by line. They explained that is the duty of the u-wide council to fund the big five, which are the Wolf University Center, Graham Center, Both Recreation centers, and the pool. President Halpin informed the Senate that the Mary Ann Wolf Theater got an extra \$109,751 for renovations due to the fact that MMC allocated all the money that they could for campus specific, and they had extra money, which they decided to allocate towards the theater's renovation.
 - ii. Senator Nonell moved to approve the university wide budget allocations at \$245,116, Senator Adekoya seconded.
 - iii. Roll call vote.
 1. Speaker Haspel yes
 2. Speaker Pro Usma yes
 3. Senator Nonell yes
 4. Senator Sanchez yes
 5. Senator Deonanan yes
 6. Senator Odimayo yes
 7. Senator Adekoya yes
 8. Senator Khan yes
 9. Senator Delly yes
 10. Senator Okwor no
 11. Senator Ingabire yes
 - iv. By a vote of 10/1/0 the university wide budget allocations passed
- b. Biscayne Bay budget allocation.

- i. Speaker Haspel and President Halpin went over the campus specific allocations line by line. They also explained that BBC gets only 26% of the money and MMC gets the rest.
- ii. Senator Sanchez moved to approve the Biscayne Bay budget allocations at \$107,184, Senator Adekoya seconded.
 - 1. During Discussion of the motion:
 - a. Senator Nonell asked where is the money coming from? He also asked, did anyone request money that we couldn't allocate?
 - i. President Halpin explained that the money came from an increase of student enrollment at the university. She explained that the budget comes from the activities and services fee that every enrolled student pays. She explained then that over the course of the summer there was an increase of the student population, which consequently increased the budget for the year. President Halpin also explained that this was the first time that this happened.
 - b. Advisor Rafael Zapata explained that the budget allocations are done in the spring semester of each year. Every council requests money and SGA could only allocate up to what is requested. SGA could not allocate anything extra from what each council request. He also explained that in the last budget deliberations, BBC councils were allocated the bare minimum and others were cut completely due to the lack of funds.
 - c. Speaker Haspel explained that due to the extra money we had, we were able to allocate money to the councils and organizations that did not get funded, as well as others that were underfunded.
 - d. Senator Nonell asked why didn't we do something else with the extra money that MMC gave us?
 - i. President Halpin explained that the MMC council allocated the money specifically for the Mary Ann Wolf Theater renovations, and that we had no control over that allocation.
 - e. Senator Sanchez raised the original question
- iii. Roll call vote.

1. Speaker Haspel	yes
2. Speaker Pro Usma	yes
3. Senator Nonell	no
4. Senator Sanchez	yes
5. Senator Deonanan	yes
6. Senator Odimayo	yes
7. Senator Adekoya	yes
8. Senator Khan	yes

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| 9. Senator Delly | yes |
| 10. Senator Okwor | yes |
| 11. Senator Ingabire | yes |
- iv. By a vote of 10/1/0 Biscayne Bay budget allocation passes.

Announcements

- A. Speaker Haspel reminded the council that August 19th is the dorm take over, and wants to make sure everyone is there.
- B. Speaker Haspel informed the Senate that August 21, 2011 is freshman convocation, and that is a mandatory event. He also reminded everyone to dress to impress.
- C. Comptroller Gonzales wanted everyone to be aware of the BYOB event, and wants to meet with the committee who is organizing it.

Speaker Haspel adjourned the meeting at **4:42 pm**.