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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES

SGC-BBC Senate meeting August 29, 2011

IN ATTENDANCE

Pablo Haspel, Honors College Senator, Speaker
Daniel Usma, Arts & Science Senator, Speaker Pro
Jorge Nonell Jr. Arts & Science Senator
Farah Yamini, Arts & Science Senator,
Diana Deonanan, Lower Division Senator
Oluwatamilore Odimayo, Senator At-Large
Oluwatobi Adekoya, Senator At-Large
Melissa Khan, Senator At-Large
Sagine Delly, Graduate Senator
Emilio Collyer, Vice President

Guest

Robyn Melvin

Absent

Alix Sanchez, Hospitality Management Senator (**Excused**)
Grace Ingabire, Lower Division Senator (**Excused**)
Emmanuel Okwor, Pembroke Pines Senator (**Unexcused**)
Christopher Lawton, Chief Justice (**Excused**)

Call to Order

The Student Government Association [BBC] held a senate meeting on August 29, 2011. – Locale WUC 155
The meeting was called to order at 3:53 pm, approximately, by Speaker Haspel, who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

Approval of Minutes

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

Speaker of the Senate Report

Speaker Haspel Informed the Senate about a meeting he had regarding the United Way philanthropic efforts. He mentioned that this organization is the only organization the university promotes, and therefore, we needed to make a big event for it. Farah asked how legitimate is United Way, Pablo explains that this organization is supported by not only Florida International University, but also many other state universities.

Speaker Pro tempore of the Senate Report

No Report

Finance Chair Report

Senator Odimayo informed the Senate that the Finance Committee failed to pass one of the request made because it was not properly submitted.

Operational Review Chair Report

Senator Adekoya informed the senate that he is planning on starting the committee soon, and that he already emailed his counterpart at MMC, for further clarifications of the job.

Internal Affairs Chair Report

Senator Yamini wants to write a model and is going to talk to her counterpart at MMC to mirror their model.

Rules and Legislations Chair Report

Senator Delly informed the Senate that the Rules and Legislation Committee is holding a meeting on Thursday at 4:00pm.

New Business

A. Appointments

- a. Senator Odimayo moved to put appointments before resolutions, Senator Adekoya seconded. Motion passes unanimously.
- b. Robin Melvin talked to the senate explaining that she really wants to be a Lower Division Senator, she explained that she is a freshman/ sophomore, and that she is very driven person. She also explained she is very eager to learn.
 - i. Senator Yamini asked if she knew what the position of Lower Division Senator entitles? Ms. Melvin answered yes, she also mentioned she had read the constitution to before making the decision of applying for the position
 - ii. Senator Nonell asked if she has an extracurricular activity? Ms. Melvin answered that she has been part of the debate team among others.
 - iii. Senator Adekoya asked if she is free Mondays and Wednesday from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm the times of the mandatory meetings? She answered no, she explained she has English class at that time.
 - iv. Speaker Haspel asked Ms. Melvin if it was possible for her to take the class at another time and day. She replied that needed to check the availability of the course, she also stated she had no problem changing her class as long as it was available.
 - v. Senator Delly motioned to table the appointment, Senator Khan seconded. motion failed.
 - vi. Senator Yamini moved to lay it on the table, Speaker Pro Usma seconded, motion passed.

B. Resolutions

- a. Resolution 2011.0005
 - i. Speaker Haspel moves to go into committee of the whole, Speaker Pro Usma seconded. by a vote of 5/3/1 motion passes.
 - ii. Speaker Pro Usma, pointed out many mistakes with the resolution. Speaker Haspel mentioned that the resolution was sent to Rules and Legislations Committee and it was approved to be presented.

- iii. Speaker Pro Usma advised to sent the resolution back to the author to be corrected.
 - iv. Senator Yamini moved to close committee of the whole, Senator Odimayo seconded, motion passed unanimously.
 - v. Senator Yamini moved to discuss strategy to take on resolution, no one seconded motion failed.
 - vi. Senator Odimayo moved to table Resolution until next meeting, Senator Deonannan seconded. Motion passes unanimously.
 - vii. Senator Odimayo moved to amend motion by sating that the author needs to rewrite the Resolution 2011.0005, and sent it again to the Rules and Legislation Committee before being presented on the next senate meeting. Senator Khan seconded. By a vote of 8/0/1 motion passes
- b. Resolution 2011.0006
 - i. Speaker Pro Usma moves to table the resolution until next Senate meeting, with the author making any corrections, and sending them to the Rules and Legislations Committee before presenting them to the Senate. Senator Yamini seconded, motion passed unanimously.
 - c. Jorge moved to raise from the table.
- C. Appointments.**
- a. Ms. Melvin informed the council that she was able to change her class to meet the requirements.
 - b. Senator Odimayo moved to appoint Ms. Melvin by unanimous acclamation, Senator Adekoya seconded, motion passes unanimously.
 - c. Ms. Melvin is the new Lower Division Senator.

Announcements

- A. SGA Day august 31st.
- B. Vice President Collyer explained the councils for a cause and asked for volunteers

Speaker Haspel adjourned the meeting at **4:41 pm**.