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# Florida International University

*Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center*

## MINUTES

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

**September 19, 2011**

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Farah Yamini, Arts & Science Senator,  
Jorge Nonell Jr., Arts & Science Senator  
Pablo Haspel, Honors College Senator  
Alix Sanchez, Hospitality Management Senator  
Diana Deonanan, Lower Division Senator  
Grace Ingabire, Lower Division Senator  
Oluwatamilore Odimayo, Senator At-Large,  
Oluwatobi Adekoya, Senator At-Large  
Sagine Delly, Graduate Senator  
Rafael Zapata, Advisor

#### ABSENT

Melissa Khan, Senator At-Large

#### GUEST

Olivia Dehart

#### CALL TO ORDER

The Senate of Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on September 19, 2011, WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at **3:33pm**, approximately, by Speaker pro Tempore Daniel Usma who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Senator Yamini motioned to revise September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011 senate meeting minutes, Senator Deonanan seconded.

Senator Haspel: Yay  
Senator Sanchez: Yay  
Senator Yamini: Yay  
Senator Delly: Nay  
Senator Adekoya: Yay  
Senator Odimayo: Yay  
Senator Deonanan: Yay  
Senator Ingabire: Yay

Senator Nonell: Yay

The motion passed unanimously.

- Senator Sanchez moved to amend the minutes as a whole, Senator Yamini seconded.

Senator Haspel: Yay  
Senator Sanchez: Yay  
Senator Yamini: Yay  
Senator Delly: Yay  
Senator Adekoya: Yay  
Senator Odimayo: Yay  
Senator Deonanan: Yay  
Senator Ingabire: Yay  
Senator Nonell: Yay

Motion passes

- Senator Adekoya moved to approve the minutes of September 12<sup>th</sup>, Senator Sanchez seconded.

Senator Haspel: Yay  
Senator Sanchez: Yay  
Senator Yamini: Yay  
Senator Delly: Yay  
Senator Adekoya: Yay  
Senator Odimayo: Yay  
Senator Deonanan: Yay  
Senator Ingabire: Yay  
Senator Nonell: Yay

Motion passes

### **SPEAKER OF THE SENATE REPORT**

Since he was absent at the time, there was no report.

### **SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE REPORT**

- A. Senator Usma found out from the Senate the date and time each Dean is available for the Meet The Dean event. Senator Sanchez then said the Hospitality Dean has been confirmed for attendance.
- B. Senator Usma also tried to find out if the SGC-BBC senate can have their meetings at the Broward Pines Center. He also stressed the importance of showing the presence of SGA at the Broward Pines Center. Since most Senators have class immediately after meetings,

the entire senate stressed the impossibility of having a meeting at the Broward Pines Center. However, Senator Adekoya, Senator Delly and Senator Yamini said they could make the meetings at the Broward Pines Center on Monday and on Wednesdays.

- C. Senator Usma congratulated the Senate for doing a good job in their weekly reports and also stressed the importance of doing weekly reports for those Senators who don't do weekly reports.
- D. Senator Usma yields.

### **FINANCE CHAIR REPORT**

- A. Senator Odimayo stated that in the finance meeting held on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the committee approved the finance request of Mr. Xiaoyang Zhang for \$300.
- B. Senator Odimayo also stated that two finance request had been received earlier in the week. The Counseling and Psychology Center requested for \$7,180 while an undergraduate from the Hospitality Department requested for \$500. Those requests will be looked into by the senate Finance Committee on Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2011.
- C. Senator Odimayo yields.

### **OPERATION REVIEW CHAIR REPORT**

- A- Senator Adekoya informed the senate that the Operational Reviews Committee consisted of Senator Ingabire and Senator Odimayo.
- B- Senator Adekoya also informed the senate that the first Operational Reviews Committee meeting will be held on Thursday September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2011 at noon.
- C- Senator Adekoya also informed the senate that the different councils on campus will be audited in accordance to the SGA President's request.
- D- Senator Adekoya yields.

### **STUDENT ADVOCACY CHAIR REPORT**

- A- Senator Sanchez pointed that she is working on a survey to find out what students need to see done on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the WUC building.
- B- Senator Sanchez also pointed out that she is working on finding out what students need to see on the Biscayne Bay campus in general. For example, Microwaves.
  - At this moment, Senator Haspel walks into the senate meeting.
  - Senator Nonell asks Senator Sanchez on the progress of the bookstore's inability to have all the needed books on campus.
  - Senator Haspel states that he is lost on the topic in discussion after being recognized by the chair (Senator Usma)
  - Senator Nonell then explains that the bookstore isn't up to date in the book supplies needed by students on campus.
  - Senator Sanchez acknowledges that she would look into the bookstore problem.
- C- Senator Sanchez declares a point of information about the budget for water fountains.
  - Senator Usma points out that isn't money set aside for the water fountains in the budget.
  - The SGA Advisor, Mr Rafael Zapata stated that the money for the water fountains can come out of the Senate Discretionary funds but if it costs more

than \$20,000 then the water fountain reformation will have to be shifted to the next academic year's budget.

- Senator Sanchez yields.

#### **INTERNAL AFFAIRS CHAIR REPORT**

A- Senator Yamini stated that she will schedule an internal affairs informal meeting.

B- Senator Yamini yields.

#### **RULES, LEGISLATION AND JUDICIARY CHAIR REPORT**

A- Senator Delly stated that the RLJ (Rules, Legislation and Judiciary) committee has had no resolutions to look into in the past week.

B- Senator Delly also announced to the Senate that some resolutions are pending. Senator Sanchez acknowledges that she has a resolution pending.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

A- Possible pines meeting/ event

- See Speaker Pro Tempore report above.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS**

A- Senator Yamini announces that everyone should check their emails more often.

B- Senator Usma announces that SGA might have a homecoming promotion at the Bay Vista Hall on Friday September 23<sup>RD</sup> at 5pm.

- Senator Yamini suggested to Senator Usma to speak to the president of the Bay Vista Hall council since it's their responsibility.
- Senator Usma replies to Senator Yamini that since SGA is sponsoring the event, it is also SGA's responsibility to promote homecoming.
- Senator Haspel reminded the council that during the last SGA Eboard meeting, all councils in BBC met to discuss the promotion of the homecoming event.

After a brief discussion, Senator Usma Adjourns the meeting at **4:09pm/ 4:10pm**