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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES

SGC-BBC Senate meeting September 26, 2011

IN ATTENDANCE

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

Absent

Grace Ingabire, Lower Division Senator (Excused)
Farah Yamini, Arts & Science Senator, (Excused)

Call to Order

The Student Government Association [BBC] held a senate meeting on September 26, 2011 – Locale WUC 221 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 Odimayo motioned to approve September 19th Senate meeting minutes, Senator Adekoya 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 informed the Senate that most of the events have already been planned out, and that the event is going to happen on October 28th. He also informed the Senate that after Wednesday's general meeting the CLS department is going to have a reception to inaugurate their new location and that we should pass by and show support.

Speaker Pro tempore of the Senate Report

No Report

Finance Chair Report

Senator Odimayo informed the Senate that the Finance Committee had a \$7,000 request and that they only approved \$1,500. He also informed the Senate that there was a graduate funds request that was returned due to incorrect information.

Operational Review Chair Report

Senator Adekoya informed the senate that he held the first meeting last Thursday, and they decided to start scheduling meetings with all the different councils to see if they are in compliance.

Student Advocacy Chair Report

Senator Sanchez informed the senate that the survey regarding the 2nd floor was nearly completed and should be going on in the next few days. Also, she informed the senate that she is looking for members to join the committee.

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. She also asked sponsors of resolutions to read the resolutions completely before sponsoring.

New Business

A. Appropriations

a. Funding of CAPSpalooza2011!

- i. Speaker Haspel explained that the CAPSpalooza2011! is an event that is going to educate students about alcohol and drug abuse. He also explained that this is a week-long event and is going to be partially funded by different departments. He also explained that another reason we are only funding \$1,500 is that by sponsoring the event the student government would also be funding room rentals for the week, which is free for us but it would cost Capspalooza2011! an estimated amount of \$1,600.
- ii. Senator Odimayo moved to write “in effort to” Senator Adekoya seconded, by a vote of 3/5/0, motion failed
- iii. Senator Nonell moved to take off “ fund in effort” Senator Odimayo seconded
 1. Discussion on motions
 - a. Senator Haspel explained that, we need to be very specific in the way we write this appropriation; since we are not covering the entire event it needs to indicate that we are covering part of the event.
 2. Senator Nonell retracted his motion.
- iv. Senator Sanchez moved to change the document to read “The Senate will appropriate \$1,500 and also facilitate in room and equipment reservations in an effort to cover part of the cost of CAPSapalooza 2011!”, Senator Adekoya seconded.

1. Senator Nonell asked to add a friendly amendment to the amendment Senator Sanchez denied the friendly amendment.
2. Motion passed unanimously.
- v. Senator Sanchez moved to add the words “part of” after “help”, Speaker Pro Usma seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- vi. Senator Nonell raised a point of inquiry asking Speaker Haspel where does the funding for this comes from.
 1. Speaker Haspel explained that the funding comes from the Activities and Service fees, which every student pays with their tuition. He also suggested for Senator Nonell to speak to the Comptroller for further and more detailed explanation of how these funds are divided.
- vii. Senator Sanchez moved to vote upon the appropriation In support of funding Capspalooza2011! Senator Deonanan seconded.
 1. Before the motion was carried Senator Sanchez retracted her motion.
- viii. Senator Odimayo moved to approve the appropriation 2011.0007 As it stands, Speaker Pro Usma Seconded.
 1. Roll call vote
 - a. Speaker Haspel yay
 - b. Speaker Pro Usma yay
 - c. Senator Nonell yay
 - d. Senator Odimayo yay
 - e. Senator Adekoya yay
 - f. Senator Deonanan yay
 - g. Senator Sanchez yay
 - h. Senator Delly yay

B. Resolutions

a. Soccer Field Resolution

- i. Speaker Haspel explained that after President Halpin got the resolution, she decided to veto it. Because the resolution was vetoed, we need to review the resolution again and vote to either overthrow the veto, or amend the Resolution to be presented to President Halpin again.
- ii. Senator Odimayo moved to overturn veto
 1. Vice President Collyer advised the senate to reconsider overturning.
 2. Senator Odimayo retracted motion
- iii. Senator Deonanan moved to open discussion about the veto, Senator Adekoya seconded, and motion passed unanimously.
 1. Senator Odimayo asked Speaker Haspel why the Resolution was vetoed. Speaker Haspel explained that President Halpin had concerns with the wording of the resolution; she explained that the description of a bad field was not specific enough and that no direction as to what the Student

- Government Council should take. She believed that the Resolution was vague and needed more details.
2. Speaker Pro Usma told the senate that we should amend what is necessary and present the Resolution back President Halpin.
 3. Senator Odimayo explained that a lot of work was put into the resolution and that it needs to remain the same and that the council should just overturn the veto.
 4. Vice President Collyer once again explained that by doing so President Halpin might see it as a direct attack against her and it can create animosity between her and the Legislative branch, he then explained that this would be counterproductive and it would not be for the benefit of the student body.
 5. Speaker Pro Usma moved to close discussion, Senator Delly seconded.
 6. With a vote of 3/3/2 and a tie-brake vote by Vice President Collyer of nay, the motion failed.
 7. Senator Adekoya said that as the author of the Resolution, he is willing to amend the Resolution. He then proceeded to explain what the definition of a bad field was in order to abide with President's Halpin request.
 8. Senator Sanchez moved to close discussion, Senator Odimayo seconded.
 9. With a vote of 7/1/0 motion passed.
- iv. Senator Sanchez moved to table this Resolution until next week when it would be brought up with the necessary changes made, Senator Deonanan seconded
 1. With a vote of 2/4/2 motion failed.
 - v. Senator Delly moved to overturn the veto.
 - vi. Vice President Collyer advised the Senate to reconsider.
 - vii. Senator Delly retracted her motion.
 - viii. Senator Sanchez moved to amend the Resolution, by adding "bad fields will be defined as an uneven field filled with potholes, rocks, and lacking grass in many areas making it unsuitable for safely practicing sports," as well as "The Biscayne Bay Campus Student Government Council is in support of the rehabilitation of the soccer pitch and construction of stands, by having the Executive Branch partake in meetings with the corresponding departments in an effort to achieve a healthy and safe field" Speaker Pro Usma seconded.
 1. Discussion on the motion
 2. Senator Delly motioned to amend the amendment by replacing Executive Cabinet with President Halpin. Senator Nonell Seconded.
 - a. Vice President Collyer raised a point of parliamentary procedure stating that since there is a

motion on the floor there cannot be another motion, he then advised Senator Delly to make a friendly amendment.

- b. Senator Delly explained that she wanted the President to take charge of this situation, since it is on her duties to represent the students, and by her being the President of the student body more could get done.
 - c. Senator Sanchez refused this idea explaining that President Halpin has a very full agenda and that by targeting this on her, it would make her not want to do it and it would not get done ultimately harming the student body.
3. Senator Delly made her motion as a friendly amendment, Senator Sanchez denied the friendly amendment.
 4. Senator Nonell moved to limit speeches to 1 minute, Senator Deonanan seconded, motion passed unanimously.
 5. Senator Delly Raised the question
 - a. By a vote of 5/2/0 the motion passed, and the amendment is added.
- ix. Senator Delly moved to amend the document by adding “President Halpin” and taking away “the Executive Branch”, Senator Nonell Seconded.
1. Discussion on the motion.
 - a. Once again Senator Delly and Senator Adekoya, gave the argument that it is the president’s responsibility to do this.
 - b. Senator Sanchez, and Vice President Collyer advised that it seemed like a personal attack against the president, and it was not for the best interest of students.
 2. Speaker Pro Usma moved to have a secret ballot to vote for this amendment, Senator Nonell Seconded.
 - a. Secret Ballot Vote
 - i. Speaker Haspel abstained
 - ii. Senator Sanchez nay
 - iii. Senator Nonell yay
 - iv. Senator Delly yay
 - v. Speaker Pro Usma abstained
 - vi. Senator Deonanan abstained
 - vii. Senator Adekoya yay
 - b. Motion passed
 3. Senator Adekoya moved to add “ and the Executive Branch” after “President Halpin,” Speaker Pro Usma Seconded.
 - a. Roll call vote
 - i. Speaker Pro Usma yay

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| | ii. Senator Nonell | yay |
| | iii. Senator Adekoya | yay |
| | iv. Senator Delly | yay |
| | v. Senator Deonanan | abstained |
| | vi. Speaker Haspel | abstained |
| | vii. Senator Sanchez | nay |
- b. Motion passed
- x. Senator Nonell moved to approve the soccer field resolution as amended, to be resubmitted to President Halpin, Senator Adekoya seconded.
1. Senator Sanchez moved to bypass second reading, Speaker Pro Usma seconded
 - a. By a vote of 6/0/1 motion passed
 2. Roll call vote
 - a. Speaker Pro Usma yay
 - b. Senator Nonell yay
 - c. Senator Adekoya yay
 - d. Senator Delly nay
 - e. Senator Deonanan yay
 - f. Speaker Haspel abstained
 - g. Senator Sanchez yay
 3. Motion Pases.

Announcements

- A. Speaker Haspel informed the senate about the Meet Your Dean event and urged Senators to talk to their deans.
- B. Vice President Collyer announced that at next week's meeting there is going to be a conflict resolution workshop.
- C. Speaker Haspel wants the council to have their Worlds Ahead ideas ready by the next meeting.

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