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# Florida International University

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

## MINUTES

**SGC-BBC Senate meeting  
October 24, 2011**

### IN ATTENDANCE

Pablo Haspel, Honors College Senator, Speaker  
Daniel Usma, Arts & Science Senator, Speaker Pro  
Diana Deonanan, Lower Division Senator  
Oluwatamilore Odimayo, Senator At-Large  
Oluwatobi Adekoya, Senator At-Large  
Sagine Delly, Graduate Senator  
Alix Sanchez, Hospitality Management Senator  
Olivia Dehartee, Senator At-Large  
Kevin Houston, SJMC Senator

### Absent

None

### Guest

Emilio Collyer, Vice President  
Kevin Gonzalez, Comptroller  
Christopher Morisset  
Jonathan Szydlo  
Elizabeth

### Call to Order

The Student Government Association [BBC] held a senate meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – Locale WUC 221. 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 Odimayo motioned to table the minutes for October 10<sup>th</sup> and October 17<sup>th</sup>, Senator Adekoya seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### Speaker of the Senate Report

Speaker Haspel mentioned that during the U-Wide meeting, Accumulated Cash Balance Policy was approved. He also mentioned that he would be sending this approved document to the senate, so we can take a look at it and approve it. Lastly, Speaker Haspel informed the Senate that the next U-Wide Meeting will be on November 4<sup>th</sup>, the next one December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Speaker Haspel is also assigning dishes for the holiday pot luck.

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

### **Finance Chair Report**

Senator Odimayo explained that there are two requests that will be looked at this week.

### **Operational Review Chair Report**

Senator Adekoya informed the Senate that he would hold a meeting this Thursday at 4:00 PM.

### **Student Advocacy Chair Report**

Senator Sanchez informed the Senate that there would be a meeting after the general meeting. Senator Haspel asked for updates about the survey. Senator Sanchez explained that the survey will be opened until Friday.

### **Internal Affairs Chair Report**

No Report.

### **Rules and Legislations Chair Report**

Senator Delly informed the Senate that the RLJ Committee would have a meeting this Friday after Finance Committee.

### **Old Business**

#### **A. Impeachment of President Halpin.**

- a.** Senator Delly moved to remove the Impeachment of President Halpin from the agenda. Senator Sanchez seconded.

- i.** Discussion on motion

1. Senator Adekoya asked why it is being removed
2. Senator Delly explained that she believes that everyone talked to President Halpin, and reached the conclusion it is no longer necessary.
3. Speaker Haspel said that if it was added last week, it was for a reason; therefore we need to take a good look at it.
4. Senator Odimayo said that the office hours was the big issue and that we need to make her accountable for it.
5. Comptroller Gonzalez said that we need to really think about it
6. Senator Delly mentioned that she had emailed everyone a list with the concerns, and hadn't gotten any responses.
7. Senator Sanchez and Senator Deonanan stated that they spoke to Senator Sanchez.
8. Senator Adekoya moved for a ballot vote
  - a. Senator Odimayo Abstain
  - b. Senator Sanchez Yay
  - c. Senator Dehartee Yay
  - d. Senator Adekoya Yay
  - e. Senator Sanchez Yay
  - f. Senator Houston Yay
  - g. Speaker Haspel Nay

- h. Senator Deonanan Yay
  - i. Speaker Pro Usma Abstain
9. By a vote of 5/1/2/ motion passed.

## New Business

### A. Appointments

#### i. Christopher Morisset for Lower Division Senator.

1. Mr. Morisset said that he is Haitian and speaks 4 languages, his major is biology and he would like to be involved in student government for the experience.
2. Senator Sanchez asked if Mr. Morisset was involved in any other organizations.
  - a. Mr. Morisset responded no.
3. Senator Odimayo asked if Mr. Morisset is able to attend all the meetings.
  - a. Mr. Morisset responded yes.
4. Senator Adekoya asked if Mr. Morisset was a freshman.
  - a. Mr. Morisset responded yes.
5. Speaker Pro Usma asked Mr. Morisset what he planned to do for his constituency.
  - a. Mr. Morisset responded that he intended to improve his GPA.
6. Senator Delly asked Mr. Morisset what his GPA was.
  - a. Mr. Morisset responded that it was a 2.8
7. Senator Adekoya asked Mr. Morisset if he knew the responsibilities of the job.
  - a. Mr. Morisset responded yes
8. Speaker Pro Usma asked Mr. Morisset what is an issue he feels needs to be corrected.
  - a. Mr. Morisset responded that he wants to work on the office hours offered by professors.
9. Senator Adekoya moved to appoint Mr. Morisset as Lower Division Senator. Senator Odimayo seconded the motion.
10. Senator Deonanan asked Mr. Morisset if he wouldn't mind stepping out during discussion
  - a. Senator Houston asked about office hours for statutes.
  - b. Senator Deonanan stated that she was a little concerned about the office hours and she thinks that he wasn't enthusiastic about the position.
  - c. Senator Delly stated that she is concerned with the fact that he is registered for 5 classes.
  - d. Senator Sanchez mentioned that she did not quite like his personality.
  - e. Senator Odimayo asked how do you judge someone's personality.
  - f. Senator Sanchez said that the way he came out to everyone made her feel that way.
  - g. Rafael said that we should be judging the person on the questions answered, not on their personality.

- h. Vice President Collyer felt that the discussion was going out of order.
- i. Speaker Haspel believed that discussing the schedule is relevant.
- j. Comptroller Gonzales stated that the duties are not that hard.
- k. Senator Odimayo moved to raise previous question.

11. Senator Deonanan asked for ballot vote:

- a. Speaker Pro Usma      Nay
- b. Senator Odimayo      Yay
- c. Senator Houston      Abstain
- d. Speaker Haspel      Nay
- e. Senator Dehartee      Yay
- f. Senator Delly      Nay
- g. Senator Deonanan      Nay
- h. Senator Adekoya      Yay
- i. Senator Sanchez      Yay
- i. By a vote of 4/4/1 there is a tie

12. Vice President Collyer broke the tie by voting Yay.

13. Mr. Morisset was appointed as a Lower Division Senator.

- B. Sagine moved to go into a two minute recess. Senator Odimayo seconded the motion.
  - i. Motion passes unanimously.

C. Statues

- i. Speaker Haspel begins to read the Statutes.
- ii. Senator Odimayo left at 4:45 PM
- iii. Speaker Pro Usma, Senator Deonanan, and Senator Dehartee left at 4:55 PM
- iv. Senator Houston moved to read by chapter title. The motion was seconded by Senator Adekoya
  - 1. Motion passed by a vote of 5/2/0
- v. Senator Delly moved to amend the word "government" in statue 203.02
- vi. Senator Sanchez moved to amend the word "ceremonies" to "ceremony" in statue 202.08
- vii. Senator Adekoya moved to continue reading the resolution from Chapter 204. The motion was seconded by Senator Sanchez.
  - 1. Motion fails
- viii. Senator Delly moves to approve the resolution
  - 1. Vice President Collyer calls parliamentary procedure
  - 2. Senator Delly retracts her motion
- ix. Senator Delly motions to bypass the second reading of the resolution. The motion is not seconded.
- x. Senator Houston moves to table the statues until the special session. The motion was seconded by Senator Adekoya.
  - 1. Motion passed

**Announcements**

none

Speaker Haspel adjourned the meeting at **5:25 pm**.