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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES SGC-BBC Senate Meeting February 25th, 2013

IN ATTENDANCE

Oluwatobi Adekoya, Vice-President Jazmin Felix, Nursing & Health Sciences Senator/ Speaker of the Senate Carolina Krauskopf, Honors College Senator/ Speaker Pro Tempore Ami Nakagawa, Business Administration Senator Darelyne Joseph, Hospitality Management Senator Kerline Honore, Arts & Sciences Senator Ismail Hassan, Arts & Sciences Senator Olivia Dehaarte, Senator At Large Jianyi Wang, Housing Senator Ertha Jean Francois, Senator At Large, **3:49pm** Sola Adebodun, Senator At Large Sheni Kathymoon, Journalism & Mass Communications Senator Yiran Ding, Graduate Senator Andres Perez, Senate Page Martha Ochoa, Chief Justice

<u>Absent</u>

Christopher Morisset, Lower Division SenatorExcusedMagalie Gabriel, Lower Division SenatorWhitney Saint-Fleur-Arts & Sciences SenatorPablo Gonzalez, Lower Division SenatorExcused

<u>Guest</u> Monique Lewis, Lower Division Senator Nominee

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a Senate meeting on Monday, February 25th, 2013, in WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at approximately **3:44pm**, by Speaker of the Senate Jazmin Felix.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Krauskopf moved to approve the Senate Meeting minutes for 02/11/13. Senator Dehaarte seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SPEAKER OF THE SENATE REPORT

Speaker of the Senate, Jazmin Felix told the Senate that the Council picks are coming out soon. Some of the senators and other members of SGA including herself attended the WUC director position interview. Had a meeting last Friday with Business Services concerning the vending machines, they ordered new credit card readers. They changed the service from AT&T to Verizon. Speaker Felix asked senator Nakagawa to start a survey concerning the vending machine food options. She also stated that there are some pending resolutions including the vending machines, smaller class sizes, and the Panther cart for Bay Vista Housing.

Speaker Pro Tempore Krauskopf reminded senators that the committee reports are due every two weeks, and that she hasn't received any except from senator Nakagawa. She stated that she expects the committee reports by Friday. She has also been looking through the senate reports.

Speaker Felix reminded senators to reapply for their positions and pick the applications from Larissa. The applications are due by Thursday February 28th at 5:00pm.

SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE REPORT

Speaker Pro Tempore Krauskopf stated that they met with Parking & Transportation and spoke about the issues concerning the buses, like the Wi-Fi service. She spoke with senator Nakagawa in order to start a survey on those issues.

FINANCE CHAIR REPORT

Absent – Excused

RULES, LEGISLATION AND JUDICIARY CHAIR REPORT

Senator Jean Francois stated they had a meeting on Thursday in which they approved three Bills.

OPERATIONAL REVIEW CHAIR REPORT

No Report

INTERNAL AFFAIRS CHAIR REPORT

No Report

STUDENT ADVOCACY CHAIR REPORT

Senator Nakagawa stated that the committee will table this week Wednesday at 11:30pm.

OLD BUSINESS

i. Appointments

A. Monique Lewis- Lower Division Senator

Introduced herself as a Nursing major going for the Lower Division position. She said that she is taking more than 50% of her classes at the Biscayne Bay Campus. She also said that she is able to come to the Senate meetings and that she is willing to work with the other Lower Division senators.

• Senator Krauskopf moved to appoint Monique Lewis as the new Lower Division Senator. Senator Adebodun seconded. Senate proceeded to a roll call vote.

Senator Felix	Yes
Senator Krauskopf	Yes
Senator Morisset	Abstain-Excused
Senator Gabriel	Abstain-Absent
Senator Nakagawa	Yes
Senator Joseph	Yes
Senator Honore	Yes
Senator Hassan	Yes
Senator Dehaarte	Yes
Senator Wang	Yes
Senator Jean-Francois	Yes
Senator Adebodun	Yes
Senator Gonzalez	Abstain-Excused
Senator Kathymoon	Yes
Senator Saint-Fleur	Abstain-Absent
Senator Ding	Yes

• By a vote of 12 yays/ 0 nays/ 4 abstains, Monique Lewis became the new Lower Division Senator.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Senate Bill 1
- b. Senate Bill 2
- c. Senate Bill 3

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ CONCERNS

- Speaker Felix reminded everyone to come to the meetings at 3:30 and to let her know if you're going to be late or absent. She also reminded everyone about the Carl Hiaasen lecture.
- Vice President Adekoya reminded everyone that there will be a general meeting on Wednesday, and that President Haspel won't be attending that meeting.

A. Committee Chair Reports/ Senate Reports

B. Resolutions

- i. Vending Machine
- ii. Smaller Science Class Sizes
- iii. Panther Cart for BVH

Speaker Felix adjourned the meeting at 4:09pm