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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES

SGC-BBC Senate Meeting

May 14th, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Council - Biscayne Bay Campus held a Senate meeting on May 14th, 2012, in WUC 205. The meeting was called to order at approximately **3:32pm**, by the President of the Senate Oluwatobi Adekoya, Student Government Vice President.

II. IN ATTENDANCE

Oluwatobi Adekoya, President of the Senate
Ertha Jean-Francois, Arts & Sciences Senator
Kevin Houston, Journalism & Mass Communication Senator (**Tardy 3:55pm**)
Christopher Morisset, Lower Division Senator (**Tardy 3:43pm**)
Ami Nakagawa, Business Administration Senator
Desir Nonhomme, Arts & Sciences Senator
Oluwatamilore Odimayo, Senator At-Large
Abel Ramos Taype, Senator At-Large
Xue Yan, Hospitality & Tourism Management Senator

III. GUESTS

Pablo Haspel, Student Government President

- Senator Ramos Taype moved to include an Executive Report to the Agenda.
Senator Yan seconded.

IV. EXECUTIVE REPORT

Student Government President Haspel welcomed all senators to the 2012-2013 academic year. He reminded the importance of attending all meetings and recruiting people to fill the vacant positions at the Senate or to apply to Cabinet seats. He continued by remaining the upcoming retreat which would be hold between June 1st and June 3rd at Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers. President Haspel ended by thanking all senators and reminding that his doors are always open.

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Nominations and elections

1. Speaker of the Senate

- **Motion:** Senator Nonhomme moved to nominate Senator Ramos Taype. Senator Ramos Taype accepted the nomination.
- **Motion:** Senator Odimayo moved to nominate himself. Senator Yan seconded the motion.
- **Motion:** Senator Odimayo moved to suspend the rules, approve the nominations and move to voting. Senator Ramos Taype seconded. *(Passed unanimously)*
- **Motion:** Senator Yan moved to have a candidate introduction and Q&A as debate. Senator Nonhomme seconded. *(Passed unanimously)*
- **Motion:** Senator Odimayo moved to release previous question. Senator Ramos Taype seconded the motion. *(Passed unanimously)*

Roll Call Vote

Tamilore Odimayo	Odimayo
Abel Ramos Taype	Ramos Taype
Xue Yan	Odimayo
Ertha Jean-Francois	Ramos Taype
Desir Nonhomme	Ramos Taype
Ami Nakagawa	Odimayo
Christopher Morisset	Abstain
Senator Houston	Abstain- absent

By a vote of 3/3, the President of the Senate Adekoya exercised his right to vote in favor of Senator Odimayo. Senator Odimayo became the new Speaker of the Senate.

2. Speaker Pro Tempore

- **Motion:** Senator Yan moved to nominate Ramos Taype.

Senator Ramos Taype accepted the nomination.

- **Motion:** Senator Nonhomme moved to nominate Senator Nakagawa. Senator Nakagawa respectfully declined the nomination.
- **Motion:** Speaker Odimayo moved to suspend Robert's Rules and continue to vote. Senator Yan seconded.

Roll Call Vote

Senator Ramos Taype	Yes
Senator Nakagawa	Yes
Senator Nonhomme	Nay
Senator Yan	Yes
Senator Morisset	Yes
Speaker Odimayo	Yes
Senator Houston	Abstain- absent

By a vote of 6/1, Senator Ramos Taype became the new Speaker Pro Tempore of the Senate.

President of the Senate Adekoya relinquished chairmanship rights over the meeting and transferred them to Senator Odimayo, Speaker of the Senate at **3:52pm**.

- Senate Speaker Odimayo announced that meetings will be hold biweekly, all senators agreed on the announcement.
- **Motion:** Senator Nakagawa moved to open nominations for all Senate Committee Chairs. Senator Yan seconded.

3. Committee Chairs Nominations

- **Motion:** Senator Yan moved to nominate herself as Finance Chair.
- **Motion:** Senator Ramos Taype moved to nominate Senator Morisset as Finance Chair. Senator Morisset respectfully declined the nomination.
- **Motion:** Senator Ramos Taype moved to nominate Senator Houston Senator Houston respectfully declined the nomination.
- Speaker Odimayo reviewed the SGC-BBC Statues in order to mention the purpose and responsibilities of the different committees: article 408.03 Finance Committee, section ii,

subsections 1 and 2, paragraphs a, b, c and d; article 408.04 Rules, Legislation and Judiciary Committee section i, subsections 1 and 2; article 408.05 Operational Review Committee, section i, subsection 1; article 408.06 Internal Affairs Committee section i, subsection 1; article 408.07 Student Advocacy Committee section i, subsection 1.

- **Motion:** Senator Nakagawa nominated herself as Operational Review Chair.
Senator Nonhomme seconded.
 - **Motion:** Senator Morisset nominated Senator Nonhomme as Internal Affairs Chair.
Senator Nonhomme respectfully declined the nomination.
 - **Motion:** Senator Nonhomme nominated Senator Jean-Francois as Rules, Legislation and Judiciary Chair.
Senator Jean-Francois accepted the nomination.
- Speaker Odimayo stated that previous motions for nominations will be open for the next two weeks.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS

- Senator Ramos Taype made a reference to article 404.01 in the SGC-BBC as a rule broken during the meeting.
- Student Government President Haspel recommended to all senators to review the SGA Constitution, SGC-BBC Statues, University Wide Statues and Robert's Rules of Order.
- Senate President Adekoya made reference to the importance of knowing all governing documents in order to be prepared for any kind of discussions during the retreat.
- Senate Speaker Odimayo recommended all senators to start working with their fellow students in order to find student needs.
- Speaker Pro Tempore Ramos Taype encouraged all senators to start recruiting more people in order to fill the vacant positions at the Senate.
- SGC President Haspel encouraged all senators to sign up for tabling during all orientation sessions at BBC in order to recruit people to be involved in Campus Life.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Senate Speaker Odimayo adjourned the meeting at **4:17pm**