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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES
SGC-BBC Senate Meeting
February 17, 2014

IN ATTENDANCE

Maria Pulido- Arts and Sciences Senator
Ana Coronel- Arts and Sciences Senator
Allhan Mejia- Business Administration Senator
Jazmin Felix- Nursing and Health Sciences Senator
Briana Boone- Lower Division Senator
Michema Lafontant- Lower Division
Emerald Nesbitt- Housing Senator
Tobi Adekoya- At Large
Kerline Honore- Senator at Large/ Speaker of the Senate
Richard Azimov- Vice President
Fu Zhou-Wu- President
Mr. Rafael Zapata- Advisor

GUESTS

Yiwen Li- Applicant for Hospitality Senator Position
Daisy Santiago- ISSS Representative
James Wassenaar- WUC Construction Update

ABSENT

Xinguo Tian - Hospitality Management Senator **excused**
Sheni Kathymoon- Journalism & Mass Communications Senator **excused**
Zi Yang- At-Large

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on Monday, February 17, 2014 in WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at **3:39p.m.** by Kerline Honore Speaker of the Senate who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

SPEAKER REPORT

- Speaker Honore stated that the elections are currently in process. If members plan on returning to the council, they should fill out an application form. Speaker Honore added that today is the last time senators will be appointed for this term

VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT

- Vice-President Azimov stated that the U-wide deliberations are finished and that the campus specific hearings are this Wednesday. BBC's deliberations will be next week either Wednesday or Thursday.
- Vice-President Azimov reminded members that the homecoming council applications are available.
- Vice-President Azimov asked Senator Felix if she can lead an information session about how to write proper reports.
- Vice-President Azimov announced that there will be a Rally & Tally event on March 26, where students will participate in a one-day bus trip to Tallahassee to rally for in-state tuition for veterans and international students. Volunteers are needed.

ADVISOR REORT

- Mr. Zapata said that there will most likely be changes made to the elections code and constitution for the next year.

SPEAKER-PRO REPORT

- Speaker-Pro Mejia stated that council members should try to attend Francheska's meeting about Robert's Rules on Thursday.
- Speaker-Pro Mejia also said that he will be going to the Pines Center soon to table about the second road.

FINANCE REPORT

- Senator Adekoya said that the committee will be reviewing finance requests at tomorrow's meeting at 3:30p.m.

RLJ REPORT

- Senator Felix stated that at the meeting two weeks ago, the committee passed the second road entrance resolution, however it was turned down.

STUDENT ADVOCACY REPORT

- Senator Lafontant stated that her committee will meet tomorrow at 3:30p.m. So far, the committee has appointed Senator Kathymoon as the vice-chair and Senator Boone as the secretary.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Minutes Approval

Senator Mejia motioned to approve the last senate meeting minutes. Senator Coronel seconded the motion.

The minutes from the previous meeting was approved by a unanimous decision.

B. Internal Affairs Chair Appointment

Senator Felix motioned to appoint Briana Boone as the new Internal Affairs chair. Senator Coronel seconded the motion.

Vote:

Maria Pulido-yes

Ana Coronel- yes

Allhan Mejia-yes

Jazmin Felix- yes

Briana Boone- yes

Michema Lafontant-no

Emerald Nesbitt- yes

Tobi Adekoya-yes

Kerline Honore-yes

By eight yays and one nay, Briana Boone became the new Internal Affairs Chair.

C. WUC Construction Update

1. Jim Wassenaar updated the council on the panther statue/plaza project. He said that the location is outside the front doors of panther square.

Two options:

-Star Shape

-Circle Shape

2. Mr. Wassenaar asked SGA to make a motion to support a tech fee allocation to support the seating cost for the auditorium renovations.

D. ISSS Presentation

Daisy Santiago, an ISSS representative said that March 3 will celebrate International Women's Day. ISSS is looking for volunteers to help with panel discussion pertinent to the role of women in different countries.

Senator Adekoya motioned to move the hospitality appointment back onto the agenda. Senator Mejia seconded the motion.

E. Hospitality Senator Appointment

Yiwen Li is very excited to improve the campus life on this campus. She also hopes that by joining SGA, she will better improve herself.

Senator Felix motioned to appoint Yiwen Li as the hospitality senator. Senator Coronel seconded the motion.

Vote:

Maria Pulido-yes
Ana Coronel- yes
Allhan Mejia-yes
Jazmin Felix- yes
Briana Boone- yes
Michema Lafontant-yes
Emerald Nesbitt- yes
Tobi Adekoya-yes
Kerline Honore-yes

Yiwen Li became the new hospitality senator by a unanimous decision.

F. Announcements

- 1) Vice-President Azimov said that there is an upcoming Career Services business etiquette dinner. There will be 10 seats available for SGA-BBC members.
- 2) Vice-President Azimov stated that the 2nd road access campaign will resume this week.
- 3) Senator Feliz stated that she will be an ambassador for Womanhood Week on March 24. She asked that members show support by participating.

The meeting was adjourned by Speaker Honore at **4:36p.m.**