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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES
SGC-BBC Senate Meeting
March 3, 2014

IN ATTENDANCE

Maria Pulido- Arts and Sciences Senator
Ana Coronel- Arts and Sciences Senator
Allhan Mejia- Business Administration Senator
Xinguo Tian- Hospitality Management Senator
Yiwen Li- Hospitality Management Senator
Jazmin Felix- Nursing and Health Sciences Senator
Emerald Nesbitt- Housing Senator
Briana Boone- Lower Division Senator
Michema Lafontant- Lower Division
Oluwatobi Adekoya- At-Large Senator **3:55p.m.**
Richard Azimov- Vice President

ABSENT

Sheni Kathymoon- Journalism & Mass Communications Senator **excused**
Kerline Honore- At-Large Senator **excused**
Zi Yang- At-Large

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on Monday, March 3, 2014 in WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at **3:35 p.m.** by Allhan Mejia Speaker Pro/Tempor who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

SPEAKER-PRO REPORT

- Speaker Mejia stated that returning members should apply for SGA by this Friday. If members of the senate are not returning, they should recruit reliable future members.

VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT

- Vice-President Azimov stated that the Business Etiquette dinner is this Thursday from 5-8p.m. If members would like to attend, they need to RSVP as soon as possible. There is a \$20 fee if someone RSVPs and then does not attend.
- Vice-President Azimov said that he accompanied VP of Governmental Relations Steve Sauls to look at the area of 143rd Street on last Thursday. In his opinion, Vice-President Azimov said he does not think it is worth it to build a bridge over the mangroves because they are very tall. FIU and SGA-BBC are still looking into other options for second road access ways.
- Finally, Vice-President Azimov stated that the 2nd Road To Success campaign currently has around 2,200 signatures.

RLJ REPORT

- Senator Felix stated that there is no meeting this week. The next meeting will be held the week after Spring Break.

OPERATIONAL REVIEW REPORT

- Senator Nesbitt stated that some councils have not been turning in receipts.

INTERNAL AFFAIR REPORT

- Senator Boone stated that senate members need to complete no less than seven office hours per week.
- Senator Boone also said that members should complete the senate surveys

STUDENT ADVOCACY REPORT

- Senator Lafontant stated that there will be a meeting tomorrow at 3:30p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Minutes Approval

Senator Felix motioned to approve the last senate meeting minutes. Senator Pulido seconded the motion.

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

B. Constitution

Speaker Mejia asked the senate if everyone had read over the constitution.

Some people insinuated that they had skimmed through the document.

Vice-President Azimov would prefer if members would fully read through the constitution. He proposed tabling any voting on the constitution until the next meeting on March 17, giving members ample time to read through the constitution and come up with any changes they may want to make to it.

C. Council Bill

A bill to increase the maximum graduate funding that can be granted from \$400 to \$500.

Discussion:

Senator Boone does not feel comfortable voting on this bill because it does not address BBC or the Pines Center.

Senator Felix said she does not mind increasing the funding, but she does not like the delivery of the way the bill was drafted and proposed without BBC's input or recognition.

Senator Felix motioned to approve the Council Bill. Senator Boone seconded the motion.

Vote:

Maria Pulido-yes
Ana Coronel- yes
Allhan Mejia-yes
Xinguo Tian-yes
Yiwen Li-yes
Jazmin Felix- yes
Emerald Nesbitt-yes
Briana Boone- yes
Michema Lafontant-yes
Tobi Adekoya-yes

The Council Bill was approved by unanimous acclamation.

The meeting was adjourned by Speaker Mejia at **4:00 p.m.**