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Florida International University

Student Government Council - Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES SGC-BBC Senate Meeting March 17, 2014

IN ATTENDANCE

Maria Pulido- Arts and Sciences Senator
Ana Coronel- Arts and Sciences Senator
Xinguo Tian- Hospitality Management Senator
Yiwen Li- Hospitality Management Senator
Jazmin Felix- Nursing and Health Sciences Senator
Emerald Nesbitt- Housing Senator
Zi Yang-At-Large Senator
Kerline Honore- Senator at Large/ Speaker of the Senate
Elianis Nieves- Chief of Staff
Richard Azimov- Vice President
Larissa Adames

ABSENT

Sheni Kathymoon- Journalism & Mass Communications Senator Briana Boone- Lower Division Senator Michema Lafontant- Lower Division Allhan Mejia- Business Administration Senator **excused** Tobi Adekoya- At Large **excused**

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on Monday, March 17, 2014 in WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at **3:36p.m.** by Kerline Honore Speaker of the Senate who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

SPEAKER REPORT

• Speaker Honore stated that before spring break, a group of SGA representatives (including her) lobbied in Tallahassee on behalf of FIU for FIU Day.

VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT

- Vice-President Azimov stated Elections are approaching, considering that there is now an established Elections Board. He informed the senate, that if they have applied for positions, they should be hearing from the board soon.
- Vice-President Azimov reminded members to RSVP for the Candy Crowley and Mayim Bialik lectures. He said that Larissa Adames has requested that members volunteer to help out with the Candy Crowley event, which is coming up on March 26.

RLJ REPORT

• Senator Felix stated that there will be a committee meeting immediately following today's senate meeting.

OPERATIONAL REVIEW REPORT

• Senator Nesbitt stated that her committee has received the audits from Panther Power, and will be reviewing them soon.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Minutes Approval

Senator Pulido 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. Chief of Staff Report

Chief of Staff Nieves asked members to participate in the upcoming Rally & Tally event. It will be held on March 26. The two upcoming information sessions for the event, can be accessed through a teleconference, so that SGA-BBC members do not have to go to MMC to attend them. The information sessions for Rally & Tally will be held on March 19 from 1-2p.m. and March 24 from 2-5p.m. If members are interested, they should RSVP as soon as possible.

C. Constitution/Elections Code

Discussion:

Vice-President Azimov advised that the senate should not vote until a full senate is in attendance.

Senator Felix agreed with Vice-President Azimov and also thinks that it is important to have Rafael Zapata in attendance so that he can advise and give clarification about the new changes made to the documents.

Speaker Honore stated that the senate can vote on the constitution/elections code at the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) Larissa Adames said that there will be a meeting with Dr. Hardrick, the VP for Human Resources and the Vice Provost for Access and Success, next Wednesday, March 19th at 3:00pm in WUC 159. The meeting needs BBC leaders in attendance, and it is important to have SGA-BBC presence there.
- 2) Chief of Staff Nieves said that there is an event hosted by the Wine to Water club called "Walk for Water" which will be held Thursday from 11a.m.-3p.m. by the bay.

The meeting was adjourned by Speaker Honore at **3:49p.m**.