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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES
SGC-BBC Senate Meeting
March 24, 2014

IN ATTENDANCE

Maria Pulido- Arts and Sciences Senator
Ana Coronel- Arts and Sciences Senator
Allhan Mejia- Business Administration Senator **excused**
Yiwen Li- Hospitality Management Senator
Jazmin Felix- Nursing and Health Sciences Senator **3:37**
Sheni Kathymoon- Journalism & Mass Communications Senator
Briana Boone- Lower Division Senator
Michema Lafontant- Lower Division
Zi Yang-At-Large Senator **3:42**
Tobi Adekoya- At Large
Kerline Honore- Senator at Large/ Speaker of the Senate
Olivia Dehaarte- Comptroller
Richard Azimov- Vice President
Juliette Saint Louis
Larissa Adames

ABSENT

Xinguo Tian- Hospitality Management Senator
Emerald Nesbitt- Housing Senator

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on Monday, March 24, 2014 in WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at **3:35p.m.** by Kerline Honore Speaker of the Senate who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

SPEAKER REPORT

- Speaker Honore stated that SGA-BBC members should attend the WUC grand opening on March 31. Members should wear their blue council shirts.

SPEAKER PRO REPORT

- Senator Mejia stated he will be representing SGA-BBC at the Pines Center from April 14-17 during Stress Relief Week. If members are interested to volunteer promoting SGA-BBC, they should let Senator Mejia know as soon as possible.

VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT

- Vice-President Azimov told members that if they are interested in attending Rally and Tally this Wednesday, they need to let him know as soon as possible. He emphasized that SGA-BBC representation is very important.
- Vice-President Azimov said that council members should RSVP for the Leadership Banquet that will be held on April 16 at 6:30 p.m. At this Wednesday's general meeting, the council will nominate someone for the Council's Choice Award.
- Vice-President Azimov reminded members that the elections will be next week on April 1st and 2nd in Academic One building from 9am to 7pm.

FINANCE REPORT

- Senator Adekoya said that the finance committee is going to cancel Veronica Swine's request. He also said that the committee will meet tomorrow at 4p.m. to review two new requests.

RLJ REPORT

- Senator Felix stated that there will not be a committee meeting today.

INTERNAL AFFAIR REPORT

- Senator Boone said that council members need to staple their time cards and turn them in every week. She also said that committee chairs need to turn in a report each week.

STUDENT ADVOCACY REPORT

- Senator Lafontant stated that there will be a committee meeting on April 1 at 3:20p.m. in the conference room. She also asked council members to complete the recent Greek survey.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Minutes Approval

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

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

B. Budget

This is the first reading of the budget, the voting will occur with the second reading at the upcoming general assembly meeting.

Senator Felix moved to bypass the Robert's Rules and vote for the budget as is today. Senator Adekoya seconded the motion.

The motion passed by a unanimous acclamation.

C. Constitution/Elections Code

Discussion:

Mr. Zapata said that there is no rush to read the constitution now, as it cannot be approved in time for the upcoming elections next week.

The Senate agreed to recommend that the next senate read/vote on the constitution.

D. Open Discussion

Speaker Honore suggested that the entire council celebrate with an end of the year event.

Speaker Honore asked if members would prefer to hold the celebration on April 7 or 14? The general consensus was to have the event on April 14th.

Speaker Honore asked the senate if they want to allocate funding from the senate discretionary funds to pay for the event/

Senator Felix moved to table a decision to allocate funding until Wednesday's general meeting. Senator Lafontant seconded the motion.

The motion was passed by a unanimous decision.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

4:24p.m. Senator Felix requested a point of personal privilege. It was approved by Speaker Honore.

- 1) Larissa Adames asked members to attend the Candy Crowley lecture this Wednesday at 6:30p.m. She asked if members could volunteer to help usher attendees to their seats. All council members are invited to attend the special reception after the event.
- 2) Larissa Adames reminded members about the upcoming Mayim Bialik lecture on April 7. She said that it is probably going to be one of the most popular lectures that SGA-BBC has ever seen.
- 3) Larissa Adames said that attendance is important at the WUC opening next Monday.

The meeting was adjourned by Speaker Honore at **4:29p.m.**