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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES
SGC-BBC Senate Meeting
May 12, 2014

IN ATTENDANCE

Faedrah Mahotiere – Arts and Sciences Senator
Maria Pulido-Velosa – Arts and Sciences Senator
Allhan Mejia – Business Administration Senator
Gloria Valencia – Honors College Senator
Paige Butler – Lower Division Senator
Jazmin Felix – President
Camille Williams – Vice President
Larissa Adames – Office Assistant
Mr. Rafael Zapata – Advisor

ABSENT

Yuanqiang Pan – At-Large Senator
Jingyi Weng – Graduate Senator
Yudeline Petril – Lower Division Senator

GUEST

Alexi Cardona – Beacon Reporter

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on Monday, May 12, 2014 in WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at **3:37pm**, approximately, by President Jazmin Felix who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

1ST ORDER

A Motion to Suspend Roberts Rules for the Remainder of the Meeting
President Felix motioned to suspend the use of Roberts Rules for the remainder of the meeting.
Senator Mejia seconded the motion.

Faedrah Mahotiere – Yes
Maria Pulido-Velosa – Yes

Allhan Mejia – Yes

Gloria Valencia – Yes

Paige Butler – Yes

Jazmin Felix – Yes

Camille Williams – Yes

By a unanimous decision, the use of Roberts Rules was suspended for the remainder of the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- President Felix welcomed the council members the first meeting of the Summer 2014 semester.
- President Felix introduced herself as the newly appointed President of the Student Government Association of Florida International University Biscayne Bay Campus and also introduced the new Vice President, Camille Williams.
- **Aims / Goals**
 - President Felix would like to improve the FIU BBC campus overall and make it a more student centered and unified campus within itself and with the Modesto A. Maidique Campus as well.
 - President Felix met with Alexis Calatayud and Tiffany Roman, the president and vice president respectively, of the Modesto A. Maidique Campus. They discussed their goals to review and rewrite the outdated constitution, legislations, and statutes. Also they have plans to help graduate students become more involved on campus and be informed of the various opportunities available to them.
 - President Felix would like to continue the campaign for The Second Road to Success by continuing to use petitions and informing the students of the plans and its benefits.
 - President Felix would like to work with campus environmentalists who are worried about The Second Road to Success. She stated that the council needs to form an alliance with the environmentalists and help both parties (Council and Environmentalists) to be clearly informed about the campaign/plans and what they entail.
- **FIU BBC in the Next Two Years**
 - President Felix stated that over the next two years, there will be an influx of people on the FIU BBC Campus for various reasons.
 - The Royal Caribbean plans to be on campus and begin their activities by December 31st, 2014,
 - President Felix stated that the University is working on internship opportunities with the Royal Caribbean for the FIU students, especially those in the Hospitality Management program.
 - Mast Academy will begin expanding their school grounds and will increase the current enrollment of 90 students exponentially over the next three years.
 - Overall, Alonzo and Tracy Mourning Senior High School, Mast Academy, and The Royal Caribbean will all be on campus and will increase the population.

- President Felix stated that there will be a new Starbucks at the BBC campus soon.
- President Felix stated that the construction for the new dormitories will begin on July 1st, 2014 and should be complete by Fall 2015. The new dormitories will be facing the beautiful Biscayne Bay (which means that the council and student's suggestions were taken into consideration). The displaced students from Bay Vista Residence Hall will get first pick of the new dormitories.
- President Felix stated the plans to create a Museum named "Bachelor Wildlife Center" for endangered species. Student committees are being formed to ensure student representation during the planning and thereafter.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Vice President Williams welcomed the council members, gave her best wishes, and stated that she is happy to serve as vice president of the student body.

ADVISOR'S REPORT

- Mr. Zapata welcomed the new council members and stated that as a whole, the council should work on recruiting new SGA members to fill in the currently empty positions.

NEW BUSINESS

- President Felix stated that Vice President Williams will begin chairing the senate meetings from now on and Roberts Rules Workshops will begin soon (when the council positions begin filling up).
- President Felix also stated that senate meetings will continue to be every Monday at 3:30 in WUC 221 until a Speaker of the Senate is chosen and a new schedule is created.

ANOUNCEMENTS

- Larissa Adames stated that the retreat for the SGA Council Members will be held soon at Lynn University, in Boca Raton, FL.

The meeting was dismissed by President Jazmin Felix at **3:54pm.**