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## Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

# MINUTES SGC-BBC Senate Meeting June 10th, 2013

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Richard Azimov, Vice-President
Kerline Honore, Senator at Large **3:32pm**Ismail Hassan, Arts & Sciences Senator
Sheni Kathymoon, Journalism & Mass Communications Senator
Emerald Nesbitt, Housing Senator
Sola Adebodun, Senator at Large **3:32pm**Rafael Zapata, Advisor

#### **Absent**

#### CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a Senate meeting on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at approximately **3:30pm**, by Vice President Richard Azimov

#### SPEAKER OF THE SENATE REPORT

Vice President Azimov mentioned that everyone should be completing their required seven office hours.

He mentioned that there will be a Freshman Orientation on June 17th and it will be from 11:30am-1:30pm.

He also mentioned that the next senate meeting will be on June 17th at WUC 155 unless it is subjected to change.

Vice President Azimov requested that the council should look into running for any committee chair if they are interested.

He will also be having appointments with the senators to hear about their comments and concerns.

#### **ADVISOR REPORT**

Advisor Zapata mentioned that the retreat was very successful.

He mentioned that he will be working with Larissa on recruiting new members by finding out the schedules for the Freshman Experience courses.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Nominations for the Speaker of the Senate.

Senator Kerline Honore was nominated by Ismail Hassain and Sola Adebodun-

• Senator Honore accepted the nomination

Senator Sheni Kathymoon was nominated by Dulanga Abeysirigunawardena-

• Senator Kathymoon did not accept the nomination

Nominations for Speaker Pro-Tempore

Senator Sola Adebodun was nominated by Ismail Hassain.

• Senator Adebodun accepted the nomination

#### • Senator Honore - Speaker of the Senate

Senator Honore introduced herself as a Lower Division Senator and she wants to serve as the Speaker of the Senate because she is ready to move forward. She said she was the Internal Affairs chair last year and she did a good job keeping an eye on the council to make sure they had a good year.

- Senator Abeysirigunawardena moved to appoint Kerline Honore as the new Speaker of Senate. Senator Adebodun seconded. Senate proceeded to a roll call vote.

| Senator Hassan              | Yes |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Senator Kathymoon           | Yes |
| Senator Nesbitt             | Yes |
| Senator Adebodun            | Yes |
| Senator Abeysirigunawardena | Yes |

By a vote of 5 yays/0 nays/0 abstentions, Kerline Honore became the new Speaker of Senate.

#### • Senator Adebodun - Speaker Pro-Tempore

Senator Adebodun introduced herself as the Senator-at-Large. She said she joined SGA last year and was the chair of the Operations review committee and was also a member of the Finance Committee and Internal Affairs committee.

- Senator Nesbitt moved to appoint Sola Adebodun as the new Speaker Pro-Tempore. Senator Abeysirigunawardena seconded. Senate proceeded to a roll call vote.

| Senator Hassan              | Yes |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Senator Kathymoon           | Yes |
| Senator Nesbitt             | Yes |
| Senator Adebodun            | Yes |
| Senator Abeysirigunawardena | Yes |

By a vote of 5 yays/0 nays/0 abstentions, Kerline Honore became the new Speaker of Senate

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/ CONCERNS**

Vice President Azimov mentioned that the orientation sign-up sheets are by Larissa's cubicle.

Speaker Honore mentioned that we will be appointing committee chairs during the next meeting.

Senator Kathymoon mentioned that she talked to her professor regarding recruiting members from his SLS class during Summer B. The professor will allow SGA members to come in to class and talk to the students on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Senator Nesbitt announced that she will be recruiting a candidate for the Honors College Senator.

Vice President Azimov requested the council to learn the Roberts Rules.

Speaker Pro-Tempore Adebodun mentioned that the senators have to be in two committees.

Speaker Honore adjourned the meeting at 4:05pm.