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# **Florida International University**

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

#### <u>MINUTES</u> SGC-BBC Senate Meeting July 8th, 2013

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Kerline Honore, Speaker of the Senate Richard Azimov, Vice President Ismail Hassan, Arts & Sciences Senator Kerline Honore, Arts & Sciences Senator Emerald Nesbitt, Housing Senator Dulanga Abeysirigunawardena, Hospitality Management Senator Rafael Zapata, Student Government Advisor

#### **GUEST**

Sheni Kathymoon, Press Secretary Christopher Morisset, Comptroller Francheska Periche, Chief Justice Zico Fremont, Student Yanfei Zhang , Student

#### CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Council - Biscayne Bay Campus held a meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup> 2013, in WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at approximately **3:42pm** by Speaker of the Senate, Kerline Honore.

#### SENATE SPEAKER REPORT

Speaker Honore mentioned that the kick off was the next day and that everyone should meet in the office at 1:30 pm to talk about what we were supposed to do. She told us that we are supposed to wear the t-shirts given to us in the meeting. She said that there is a Freshman Convocation coming up in August which we must attend. She also said that the U-wide council will distribute the t-shirts in the convocation.

#### VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Vice President Azimov began his report by greeting everyone and saying that we have a big day tomorrow. Azimov asked us to wear our SGA t-shirts, and he asked us to inform any absentees about the kick-off. Azimov wanted us to speak and introduce ourselves to everyone.

#### STUDENT GOVERNMENT ADVISOR REPORT

Zapata mentioned that everyone must be present at the kick off, and that the council must introduce themselves to everyone.

Chief Justice Periche asked if we a RSVP list was made.

Advisor Zapata of student government responded saying that not everyone will be there, just the Vice Provost and the Dean of Hospitality.

Vice President Azimov replied that the E-board will go in depth with SGC-BBC'S goals for the upcoming year.

Speaker of the Senate Honore mentioned that the goals need to be known and that Larissa sent out an e-mail notifying about the goals to be discussed at the kick off.

#### **OLD BUSINESS** – emolument approval

Senator Hassan moved to switch Approval of emoluments as the last item for new business. Senator Nesbitt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### A. Approval of the minute.

Clarification of the minutes was requested by Senator Periche. Senator Nesbitt motioned to approve the minutes of the previous Senate meeting. Senator Abeysirigunawardena seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### B. Art & Science Senator

#### Zico Fremont - Art & Science Senator

Fremont introduced himself. He mentioned that he has an economics background which started in high school and in Miami Dade College. He was a Senator in student government in Miami Dade College. He majored in music.

Richard asked if Fremont was aware that he has to be in two committees and attend Senate meetings every Monday at 3:30 pm.

Senator Hassan asked if Fremont was aware that he had to do seven hours every week in the office.

Speaker Honore entertained a motion to appoint Zico Fremont as Arts and Science Senator

Senator Abeysirigunawardena moved to approve Zico Fremont as the new Arts and Sciences Senator.

Senator Hassan seconded the motion

Roll call

Senator Hassan	yay
Senator Nesbitt	yay
Senator Abeysirigunawardena	yay
Speaker Honore	yay

By a vote of 4/0/0, Zico Fremont became the new Arts and Sciences Senator

Chief justice Periche leaves at 4:01 pm

#### C. Hospitality Senator

Speaker of the Senate introduced Yanfei Zhang.

Yanfei Zhang introduces herself. She is from China and she studied in Netherlands before coming to Miami. Comptroller Morisset asked her how she heard about SGA. She replied that it was through the Vice president Azimov.

Senator Hassan moved to motion Yanfei Zhang as the new Hospitality Senator. Senator Nesbitt seconded the motion

Roll call

Senator Hassan	yay
Senator Fremont	yay
Senator Nesbitt	yay
Senator Abeysirigunawardena	yay
Speaker of the senate, Honore	yay

By a vote of 4/0/0, Yanfei Zhang became the new Hospitality Senator

D. Emolument Approval

Senator Hassan moved to approve the Emoluments of the governing councils. Senator Nesbitt seconded the motion.

#### Roll Call

Senator Abeysirigunawardena	yay
Speaker of the Senate, Honore	yay
Senator Zhang	yay
Senator Fremont	yay
Senator Hassan	yay
Senator Nesbitt	yay

By a vote of 6/0/0, the emoluments were approved

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u> Comptroller Morisset mentioned that a Finance Chair should be nominated by next week

The meeting was adjourned by Speaker Honore at 4:16pm