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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES
SGC-BBC Senate Meeting
October 14, 2013

IN ATTENDANCE

Kerline Honore- Senator at Large/ Speaker of the Senate
Sola Adebodun- Senator at Large/ Speaker Pro-Temp
Michelle Sepulveda- Business Administration
Junguen Kim- Honors College
Dulanga Abeysirigunawardena- Hospitality Management **3:55**
Emerald Nesbitt- Housing
Yanfei Zhang- Hospitality Management Senator **3:43**
Lu Zhang- Graduate Senator
Olivia Dehaarte- Senator at Large
Briana Boone- Lower Division Senate
Allhan Mejia- Lower Division Senate
Michema Lafontant- Lower Division Senate **3:42**
Elianis Nieves- Lower Division Senator

GUESTS

Francheska Pireche- Chief Justice

ABSENT

Ismail Hassan- Arts and Sciences Senator **excused**
Zico Fremont- Arts & Sciences Senator **excused**
Jazmin Felix- Nursing and Health Sciences Senator

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on Monday, October 14, 2013 in WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at **3:40p.m.** by Kerline Honore Speaker of the Senate who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

SPEAKER REPORT

- Speaker Honore started her report by saying that the Homecoming float was a lot of fun and a big success. Speaker Honore thanked the Senate members that came out to help with the float.
- Speaker Honore stated that there were no appointments to be made during today's meeting, however if senate members know anyone who would be good for the open positions of Journalism and Education senators, to recruit them.
- Finally, Speaker Honore said there would be a Robert's Rule of Order quiz after today's meeting.

SPEAKER PRO REPORT

- Speaker Adebodun emphasized that the Homecoming parade was a fun event.

VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT

- Vice-President Azimov said that the City of North Miami invited SGA to a forum at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Johnson and Wales University, where ambassadors from Haiti and Japan will be present. Vice-President Azimov added that this is a great opportunity for any SGA member.

ADVISOR REPORT

- Mr. Zapata stated that the Homecoming week was successful. He said that the float had a good recognition and that the Homecoming dance was an improvement from last year.
- Mr. Zapata reminded members of the upcoming events Day on the Bay and the SGA 5-Year Vision Statement announcement.

FINANCE REPORT

- Senator Dehaarte said that she had no report.

INTERNAL AFFAIR REPORT

- Senator Zhang stated that the committee will be meeting after today's senate meeting and committee members will be counting the time cards.
- Senator Zhang clarified that every second and fourth Monday of the month are reserved for Internal affair meeting times, and every first and third Monday of the month are reserved for RLJ meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

- Senator Nieves motioned to approve last week's minutes. Senator Lafontant seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by a unanimous decision.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Vice-President Azimov spoke about the Second Road Access campaign, asking senators to sign out petitions. Vice-President Azimov said that each senator is expected to get 100 signatures (more or less.)
2. Mr. Zapata explained that there are two roads in mind for the second road access, and that SGA does not have a preference for the exact road yet. The first is 135th street, which is the easiest and cheapest option; however the 135th street community is not complying with that option. Mr. Zapata added that 135th street used to be a second road access to FIU. The second access road is 143rd street, which is more expensive because a new road needs to be built, as well as a bridge to go over the mangroves. Mr. Zapata explained that there needs to be a second road access as a solution to the traffic that FIU students endure on their way to school. After the addition of the Biscayne Landing and the three schools, the traffic on 156th street increased greatly and there needs to be a solution.
3. Chief Justice Pireche announced that she is collecting bottle caps for the Children's Hospital. She said for every 100 caps collected, a child can go through dialysis without having to pay. Chief Justice Pireche asked that if everyone can put their donated caps in a collection in the kitchen at the back of the SGA office.
4. Vice-President Azimov stated that committee's agendas and minutes should be updated and put in the binders 2-3 days after meetings are held so that they are on public record.

The meeting was adjourned by Speaker Honore at **4:00 p.m.**