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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES
SGC-BBC Senate Meeting
October 21, 2013

IN ATTENDANCE

Kerline Honore- Senator at Large/ Speaker of the Senate
Sola Adebodun- Senator at Large/ Speaker Pro-Temp
Rafael Zapata, SGA Advisor
Ismail Hassan- Arts and Sciences Senator **3:46**
Jazmin Felix- Nursing and Health Sciences Senator
Dulanga Abeysirigunawardena- Hospitality Management
Karen-Michelle Sepulveda- Business Administration Senator
Lu Zhang- Graduate Senator
Olivia Dehaarte- Senator at Large
Briana Boone- Lower Division Senate **3:45**
Allhan Mejia- Lower Division Senate
Michema Lafontant- Lower Division Senate
Richard Azimov- Vice President
Mr. Rafael Zapata- Advisor

ABSENT

Zico Fremont- Arts & Sciences Senator **excused**
Yanfei Zhang- Hospitality Management Senator
Emerald Nesbitt-Housing Senator

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on Monday, October 21, 2013 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 some of the Senate members have been having attendance issues. She reiterated for members to be present at all meetings and make it there on time.

- Speaker Honore said that the committee chairs need to update the folders with the agendas and the approved minutes after committee meetings.
- Speaker Honore said that members need to be wearing their SGA shirts to the meetings. In the case that members do not have the SGA shirt, Speaker Honore asked that members dress professionally.
- Speaker Honore finished her report by announcing that the movie “Girl Rising: will be playing next Monday, October 28 in WUC. She asked members to attend the movie, if they are available.

SPEAKER-PRO REPORT

- Speaker Adebodun asked Mr. Zapata to shed some light on the finance aspect of the second road access plan.
- Mr. Zapata answered by saying that the university will have to find the necessary resources or finances to fund the project.

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- To begin his report, Vice-President Azimov stated that the Second-Road Access petitions are due Friday, and can be submitted to his mailbox or office.
- Vice-President Azimov stated that next week Wednesday, October 30, will be the 5 year Vision Plan meeting, in which the executive board will mainly be conducting the presentation.
- Finally, Vice-President Azimov said that the monthly general assembly meeting, which would have been held on October 30, will be postponed until further notice.

ADVISOR’S REPORT

- Mr. Zapata said that he had no report.

RLJ CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Felix announced that the committee will be having a meeting right after the Senate meeting.
- In addition, Senator Felix said that the committee will be discussing the rules of senate procedure at their meeting.

STUDENT ADVOCACY REPORT

- Senator Abeysirigunawardena stated that she had no report.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Finance Appeal

- Senator Dehaarte stated that the Finance committee received a request for \$300 from Dalton Steele to attend an Algae symposium from October 27-31 to benefit his research.
- Senator Dehaarte explained that Steele’s request was submitted on October 1, which was past deadline for when it should have been submitted, since all requests need to be made in advance.
- Senator Dehaarte explained that aside from missing the deadline, Steele failed to provide a letter of acceptance for the event, a letter of support and a class schedule, which are all necessary documents.
- Senator Dehaarte stated that in order for Steele to be considered to receive the grant, the Senate would have to appeal to fund him, since the Finance committee already rejected his request. If the senate decides to grant Steele the money, it will be reimbursed to him after the event has already passed.
- Senator Felix interjected that she feels of Steele was not properly informed of the necessary documentation he needed to provide, then he cannot be faulted for not knowing.

Senator Nieves motioned to table or postpone the vote until next meeting. Senator Felix seconded the motion.

Vote:

Senator Abeysirigunawardena	Yay
Senator Zhang	Nay
Senator Kim	Yay
Senator Lu Zhang	Yay
Senator Hassan	Yay
Senator Dehaarte	Yay
Senator Felix	Yay
Senator Lafontant	Nay
Senator Boone	Nay
Senator Mejia	Nay
Senator Sepulveda	Yay
Senator Nieves	Yay
Senator Adebodun	Yay
Senator Honore	Yay

By a decision of nine yays and three nays, the vote was approved to be tabled for the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Senator Honore said that the Robert’s Rule of Order tests have been graded. Senator Honore added that the highest scores were achieved by Senator Felix and Senator Dehaarte at 90%.

The meeting was adjourned by Speaker Honore at **4:01p.m.**

