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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES
SGC-BBC Senate Meeting
October 28, 2013

IN ATTENDANCE

Kerline Honore- Senator at Large/ Speaker of the Senate
Rafael Zapata, SGA Advisor
Zico Fremont- Arts & Sciences Senator
Jazmin Felix- Nursing and Health Sciences Senator
Yanfei Zhang- Hospitality Management Senator
Dulanga Abeysirigunawardena- Hospitality Management **3:45**
Karen-Michelle Sepulveda- Business Administration Senator
Emerald Nesbitt-Housing 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

GUESTS

Elliot Covington- Intern
Chris Morisset- Comptroller

ABSENT

Sola Adebodun- Senator at Large/ Speaker Pro-Temp **excused**
Ismail Hassan- Arts and Sciences Senator
Junguen Kim- Honors College
Lu Zhang- Graduate Senator

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on Monday, October 28, 2013 in WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at **3:38p.m.** by Kerline Honore Speaker of the Senate who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

SPEAKER REPORT

- Speaker Honore asked that all senate members attend the 5 Year Vision Plan meeting that will be held this Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. instead of the usual scheduled General Assembly meeting. Speaker Honore said since the long-sleeved SGA shirts have not arrived yet, members can wear the polo's, while dressing appropriately.
- Speaker Honore asked that members reserve their spots for the SGA Ropes Course day that is coming up in November.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- To begin his report, Vice-President Azimov reemphasized that members need to be present at the 5 Year Vision Plan meeting this Wednesday
- Vice-President Azimov stated that quite a few members have not turned in their petitions. He asked that those members turn them in by the end of today or tomorrow.

FINABCE REPORT

- Senator Dehaarte announced that the Finance committee has moved their meeting day from Thursday's to Wednesday's.

RLJ CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Felix restated said that the committee had a meeting last Monday and discussed the rules of senate procedure.

INTERNAL AFFAIR REPORT

- Senator Zhang announced that Senator Sepulveda is the new vice-chair.
- In addition, Senator Zhang said that senate members are having problems with correctly filling out their time cards. Time cards must have Larissa's signature on them, to approve the hours completed.

STUDENT ADVOCACY REPORT

- Senator Abeyirigunawardena stated that Senator Lu Zhang has been appointed as the Secretary and that Senator has been appointed as the vice-president of the committee.
- Senator Abeyirigunawardena also said that she is creating Greek and Starbucks surveys that will be completed by Wednesday.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Finance Appeal (continued)

- At the previous senate meeting, the senate approved to postpone voting on a finance appeal until today’s meeting.
- Senator Dehaarte reminded members that the Finance committee received the request for \$300 from Dalton Steele to attend an Algae symposium from October 27-31 to benefit his research. The request was turned in after the due date, but Steele has now sent all of the correct documents that were originally missing.
- Mr. Zapata reminded senate members that the guidelines for granting money for conferences are \$300 for international conferences and \$200 for national conferences.

Senator Abeysirigunawardena motioned to reject the appeal. Senator Nieves seconded the motion.

Vote:

Senator Nesbitt	Yay
Senator Fremont	Yay
Senator Abeysirigunawardena	Yay
Senator Zhang	Yay
Senator Dehaarte	Yay
Senator Felix	Yay
Senator Lafontant	Yay
Senator Boone	Yay
Senator Mejia	Yay
Senator Sepulveda	Nay
Senator Nieves	Yay
Senator Honore	Nay

By a decision of 10 yays and two nays, the vote was approved, rejecting the appeal.

- Senator Felix interjected that the main reason why the council rejected the appeal is because the request was originally turned in late.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Comptroller Morisset said that there is a game of Badminton tomorrow.
2. Senator Nieves announced that there is a movie playing tonight from 6-8p.m. in WUC 157 called “Girl Rising.”
3. Senator Abeysirigunawardena said that there is going to be a SOC Halloween party on Wednesday night.
4. Senator Dehaarte said that there is currently \$11,950 in the grant funds, and \$15,444 in the finance funds.
5. Senator Lafontant said there are movies playing tonight in the library.
6. Vice-president Azimov asked if any council members would like to recite the pledge of allegiance at the next North Miami city council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by Speaker Honore at **3:57p.m.**