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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES
SGC-BBC Senate Meeting
December 2, 2013

IN ATTENDANCE

Ismail Hassan- Arts and Sciences Senator
Zico Fremont- Arts & Sciences Senator
Yanfei Zhang- Hospitality Management Senator excused
Dulanga Abeysirigunawardena- Hospitality Management
Briana Boone- Lower Division Senate
Michema Lafontant- Lower Division Senate
Emerald Nesbitt-Housing Senator
Sola Adebodun- Senator at Large/ Speaker Pro-Temp
Olivia Dehaarte- Senator at Large
Kerline Honore- Senator at Large/ Speaker of the Senate
Lu Zhang- Graduate Senator
Richard Azimov- Vice President
Fu Zhou Wu- President

GUESTS

Malaika Desrameaux- Intern
Anna Coronel – Senator Appointee

ABSENT

Michelle Sepulveda- Business Administration Senator
Jazmin Felix- Nursing and Health Sciences Senator **excused**
Allhan Mejia- Lower Division Senate **excused**
Jungeun Kim- Honors College
Elianis Nieves- Lower Division Senator

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on Monday, December 2, 2013 in WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at **3:36p.m.** by Kerline Honore Speaker of the Senate who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

SPEAKER REPORT

- Speaker Honore stated that today's meeting will be the last of the semester. The next meeting will take place January 13, 2014 for the spring semester.
- Speaker Honore thanked the Senate members that came out to the North Miami Thanksgiving Day parade.
- Finally, Speaker Honore wishes members good luck on final exams.

SPEAKER PRO REPORT

- Speaker Adebodun stated that it's been a successful semester as members worked well as a team. She stated that she will miss everyone since she is graduating this semester.

VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT

- Vice-President Azimov thanked members for participating in the parade.
- Vice-President Azimov stated the important events that will be taking place next semester: the Annual Town Hall meeting with President Rosenberg, the University-wide budget hearings to appropriate budgets among departments and organizations, the student body elections and the Lecture series.
- Finally, Vice-President Azimov said that members do not have to complete office hours next week due to final exams.

FINANCE REPORT

- Senator Dehaarte stated that she had no report.

OPERATIONAL REVIEW REPORT

- Senator Hassan stated that he had no report.

INTERNAL AFFAIR REPORT

- Senator Zhang stated that there will be a committee meeting after today's senate meeting.

STUDENT ADVOCACY REPORT

- Senator Abeyirigunawardena stated that she had no report.

NEW BUSINESS

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

B. Senate Appointment

- Anna Coronel, a member of SOC, is eager to begin networking, learning and having new experiences as a member of SGA.

Senator Dehaarte motioned to appoint Anna Coronel as a new senator. Senator Abeyirigunawardena seconded the motion, and the appointment was approved unanimously.

Vote for Senator Appointment:

Ismail Hassan- Yes
Zico Fremont-Yes
Dulanga Abeysirigunawardena- Yes
Yanfei Zhang- Yes
Emerald Nesbitt- Yes
Briana Boone- Yes
Michema Lafontant- Yes
Sola Adebodun- Yes
Olivia Dehaarte- Yes
Kerline Honore- Yes
Lu Zhang- Yes

Anna Coronel became a new SGA Senate member by a unanimous vote.

C. Finance Code second reading

Point of personal privilege: Speaker Adebodun at 3:53 p.m.

Senator Boone motioned to approve the new additions of the finance code. Senator Hassan seconded the motion.

Vote to approve new finance code:

Ismail Hassan- Yes
Zico Fremont-Yes
Dulanga Abeysirigunawardena- Yes
Yanfei Zhang- Yes
Emerald Nesbitt- Yes
Briana Boone- Yes
Michema Lafontant- Yes
Olivia Dehaarte- Yes
Kerline Honore- Yes
Lu Zhang- Yes

The motion passed by a unanimous decision, and the new additions of the finance code were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Speaker Honore stated since Speaker Adebodun and Senator Hassan will be graduating at the end of this semester, next semester there will be open positions for a new Speaker Pro and an Arts and Sciences senator. The Senate will also need a new Operational Review Chair.
2. Vice- President Azimov reminded members that the Speaker-Pro position requires once-per-month University Wide meetings

3. Vice-President Azimov stated that if members want to do the pledge of allegiance for the North Miami city council meeting on December 10 at 7p.m, they need to let him know in advance so that he can let the city know in advance as well.

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