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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES
SGC-BBC Senate Meeting
January 12, 2015

IN ATTENDANCE

Maria Pulido-Velosa, Arts and Sciences
Akheim Paisley, Arts and Sciences
Allhan Mejia, Business Administration
Rebecca Merek, Hospitality Management
Yumeng Zhang, Hospitality Management
Ana Correa, SJMC
Eli Jean-Mary, Lower Division
Lauren Peterson, Lower Division
Brian Corcoran, Lower Division
Bendjy Calixte, At-Large
Christopher Morisset, At-Large
Kai Chen, Graduate
Camille Williams, Vice President
Larissa Adames, Advisor

ABSENT

Xuan Di, At-Large
Faedrah Mahotiere, Arts and Sciences

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on Monday, January 12, 2015 in WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at **3:33 p.m.** by Allhan Mejia, Speaker of the Senate, who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

Senator Merek moved to table the approval of the minutes for next meeting. Senator Correa seconded the motion.

Everyone was in favor of the motion and the approval of the minutes was tabled by unanimous acclamation.

SPEAKER REPORT

- Speaker Mejia reminded the senators to make sure they have at least fifty percent of their classes at BBC, since this is a requirement for them to remain as SGA council members
- Speaker Mejia asked the senators to start recruiting for the open senate positions: 2 lower division, 1 At-large and 1 SJMC.
- Senator Mejia said that he would like senators to come to FIU day, and asked the senators to come see him if they were interested in attending

SPEAKER-PRO REPORT

- Senator Pulido welcomed the senators to the new semester and reminded everyone that to continue working on transportation and classes surveys this semester.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- President Felix encouraged the senators to come to the MLK dinner and breakfast.
- President Felix said that the spring semester will be very busy because the executive board will be attending budget hearings, there is the Leadership Summit, the Townhall Meeting, and Lecture Series.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Vice-President Williams encouraged the senators to attend MLK day of service on Saturday January 17th.

ADVISOR REORT

- Ms. Adames reminded everyone to turn in their schedules and their office hours to Marcy
- Ms. Adames advised the senators to attend the Leadership Summit.
- Ms. Adames said that applications for SGA elections will be out in February.
- Ms. Adames mentioned that budget hearings will start next week.

Senator Merek moved to bypass the committee reports. Senator Morisset seconded this motion.

Motion passed by unanimous acclamation.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Elections Code

Speaker Mejia explained the modifications that were done to the elections code by the MMC senate.

Senator Paisley said the phrasing of a paragraph regarding open period of recruitment for open positions was incorrect.

Senator Paisley made a motion to approve the elections code with the modification of phrasing regarding open period of recruitment for open positions. Senator Correa seconded the motion.

Vote:

Maria Pulido-Velosa- yay
Akheim Paisley, - yay
Allhan Mejia, - yay
Rebecca Merek, -yay
Yumeng Zhang -yay
Ana Correa, - yay
Eli Jean-Mary, -yay
Lauren Peterson- yay
Brian Corcoran- abstain
Bendjy Calixte - yay
Christopher Morisset - yay
Kai Chen - yay

The motion passed with 11 yays and 1 abstain

NEW BUSINESS

A. Operational Review Chair Appointment

Senator Paisley nominated Senator Calixte to be the new Operational Review Chair. Senator Calixte did not accept the nomination.

Senator Morisset nominated Senator Peterson to be the new Operational Review Chair. Senator Peterson accepted the nomination.

Senator Peterson presented herself and shared why she wanted to be appointed to this position.

Senator Correa moved to proceed to vote to appoint Senator Peterson as the new Operational Review Chair. Senator Merek seconded the motion.

Motion passed by a unanimous acclamation.

Vote:

Maria Pulido-Velosa- yay

Akheim Paisley, - yay

Allhan Mejia, - yay

Rebecca Merek, -yay

Yumeng Zhang - yay

Ana Correa, - yay

Eli Jean-Mary, -yay

Lauren Peterson- yay

Brian Corcoran -yay

Bendjy Calixte - yay

Christopher Morisset - yay

Kai Chen - yay

Senator Peterson was appointed as the new Operational Review chair by a unanimous decision.

B. Senator At-Large Appointment

Kenley Jean-Louis presented himself to the senate and discussed why he wanted to be a part of SGA.

Speaker Mejia opened the floor for questions.

President Felix asked: what position did you previously hold in SGA?

Kenley answered that he used to be the Director of Internal Relations

Ms. Adames asked: are you able to attend senate meetings every Monday at 5pm and what is your major?

Kenley answered that he will be able to attend senate meetings and he said he is a finance major.

Senator Merek moved to proceed to a roll call vote to appoint Kenley Jean-Louis as Senator At-Large, Senator Calixte seconded the motion.

Motion passed by unanimous acclamation

Vote

Maria Pulido-Velosa- yay
Akheim Paisley, - abstain
Allhan Mejia, - abstain
Rebecca Merek, -yay
Yumeng Zhang - yay
Ana Correa, - yay
Eli Jean-Mary, -yay
Lauren Peterson- abstain
Brian Corcoran -yay
Bendjy Calixte - yay
Christopher Morisset - abstain
Kai Chen – yay

Kenley Jean-Louis was appointed as Senator At-Large by a vote of 8 yays and 4 abstains.

C. Finance Committee member appointment

Speaker Mejia opened the floor for any nominations for a Finance Committee member.

Senator Morisset nominated Senator Corcoran. Senator Corcoran accepted the nomination.

Senator Jean-Louis nominated himself. Senator Paisley seconded his nomination.

Senator Corcoran presented himself and described why he was suited best to be part of the Finance Committee. He described that he has experience managing finances. Senator Jean-Louis proceeded to present himself after Senator Corcoran, he said he had experience in SGA and that he would be a good contribution to the Finance Committee.

Senator Calixte moved to proceed to vote to appoint a Finance Committee member. Senator Merek seconded the motion.

Motion passed by unanimous acclamation.

Vote:

Maria Pulido-Velosa- Kenley
Akheim Paisley, - abstain
Allhan Mejia, - abstain
Rebecca Merek, -Brian
Yumeng Zhang - Brian
Ana Correa, - Brian
Eli Jean-Mary, -Kenley
Lauren Peterson- abstain

Brian Corcoran – Brian
Bendjy Calixte - Brian
Christopher Morisset - abstain
Kai Chen – Brian
Kenley Jean-Louis, - Kenley

Senator Corcoran became a member of the Finance committee by a vote of 6 votes for him, 3 for Senator Jean-Louis and 4 abstains.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Ms. Adames reminded everyone to participate in the Involvement fair and to table during campus events. She also reminded the senate that this events count towards office hours.
2. Senator Morisset announced that the Finance Code would be in the Senate floor in approximately two weeks

Speaker Mejia adjourned the meeting at 4:29 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:29 p.m.