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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES
SGC-BBC Senate Meeting
February 2, 2015

IN ATTENDANCE

Bendjy Calixte, Arts and Sciences
Maria Pulido-Velosa, Arts and Sciences
Allhan Mejia, Business Administration
Rebecca Merek, Hospitality Management
Yumeng Zhang, Hospitality Management
Ana Correa, Journalism and Mass Communications
Meredith Marseille, Lower Division
Lauren Peterson, Lower Division
Bryan Corcoran, Lower Division
Kenley Jean-Louis, At-Large
Christopher Morisset, At-Large
Henry Dube, At-Large
Kai Chen, Graduate
Camille Williams, Vice-President
Jazmin Felix, President
Larissa Adames, Advisor

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on Monday, February 2, 2015, in WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at **3:35 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 previous meeting minutes. Senator Correa seconded the motion. By a unanimous decision, the motion passed and the minutes were tabled.

SPEAKER REPORT

- Speaker Mejia said that the Ropes Course on Saturday was fun, but only six council members participated. He told senators to please participate next year if they stay in the council.

SPEAKER-PRO REPORT

- Senator Pulido said that she had no report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- President Felix began her report by welcoming Senators Dube and Marseille into the council.
- President Felix asked members to participate in tomorrow's Career Day.
- President Felix stated that she was disappointed in the attendance at the Ropes Course.
- Lastly, President Felix said that she needs three people to serve on the Tech Fee committee.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Vice-President Williams said that she had no report.

ADVISOR REORT

- Ms. Adames said that she created a photo folder in DropBox so that council members can upload pictures from events.
- Ms. Adames said that Soledad O'Brien is looking for volunteers to shadow her.
- Ms. Adames said that she needs two volunteer to interview faculty about what it's like to be black in America.
- Ms. Adames asked members to promote the Town Hall meeting by distributing flyers to students.
- Ms. Adames announced that applications for elections are out today.
- Ms. Adames said that there will be a table at the upcoming Sex Carnival to promote the Town Hall Meeting and Elections.

FINANCE REPORT

- Senator Morisset said that there is a request for \$500, which will be presented to the senate floor next meeting.

RLJ REPORT

- No report.

OPERATIONAL REVIEW REPORT

- Senator Peterson said that she had no report.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT

- There will be a meeting tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Internal Affairs Chair Appointment

Senator Morisset moved to open discussion about the Internal Affairs appointment. Senator Merek seconded the motion.

Senator Morisset nominated Senator Jean-Louis for the Internal Affairs Chair. He accepted the nomination.

Senator Morisset also nominated Senator Merek for the Internal Affairs Chair. She accepted the nomination.

Senator Jean-Louis says he has excellent skills and that he is willing to communicate to everyone if problems with office hours arise.

Senator Merek said that she wants to try something new by being chair of another committee.

Senator Merek moved to end the discussion. Senator Correa seconded the motion.

Senator Peterson moved to appoint a new chair. Senator Merek seconded the motion.

Vote

Ana Correa- Rebecca

Lauren Peterson- Rebecca

Rebecca Merek- Rebecca

Chris Morisset- Rebecca

Kai Chen- Rebecca

Kenley Jean-Louis- Kenley

Henry Dube- Kenley

Meredith Marseille- Kenley

Yumeng Zhang- Rebecca

Bendjy Calixte-Kenley

Maria Pulido-Velosa- Kenley

Allhan Mejia-Rebecca

By a vote of 7 for Senator Merek and 5 for Senator Jean-Louis, Senator Merek became the new Internal Affairs Chair.

B. RLJ Chair Appointment

Senator Peterson moved to add the RLJ Chair appointment to the agenda. Senator Merek seconded the motion.

Speaker Mejia nominated Senator Correa to be the RLJ chair. Senator Chen seconded the motion.

Vote

Ana Correa- Yes
Lauren Peterson- Yes
Rebecca Merek- Yes
Chris Morisset- Yes
Kai Chen- Yes
Kenley Jean-Louis- Yes
Henry Dube- Yes
Meredith Marseille- Yes
Yumeng Zhang- Yes
Bendjy Calixte- Yes
Maria Pulido-Velosa- Yes
Allhan Mejia- Yes

By a unanimous vote, Senator Correa became the new RLJ Chair.

C. Student Advocacy Chair Appointment

Senator Correa moved to add the Student Advocacy chair appointment to the agenda. Senator Peterson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Senator Correa nominated Senator Jean-Louis to become the Student Advocacy chair. He accepted the nomination.

Senator Peterson moved to appoint Senator Jean-Louis. Senator Chen seconded the motion.

Vote

Ana Correa- Yes
Lauren Peterson- Yes
Rebecca Merek- Yes
Chris Morisset- Yes
Kai Chen- Yes
Kenley Jean-Louis- Yes
Henry Dube- Yes
Meredith Marseille- Yes
Yumeng Zhang- No
Bendjy Calixte- No
Maria Pulido-Velosa- Yes
Allhan Mejia- Yes

By a vote of 10 yays and 2 nays, Senator Jean-Louis became the new Student Advocacy chair.

D. Finance Committee Appointment

Senator Morisset nominated Senator Merek to become a new member of the finance committee. She accepted the nomination.

Senator Peterson moved to appoint Senator Merek as a new finance committee member. Senator Chen seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Vote

Ana Correa- Yes

Lauren Peterson- Yes

Rebecca Merek- Yes

Chris Morisset- Yes

Kai Chen- Yes

Kenley Jean-Louis- Yes

Henry Dube- Yes

Meredith Marseille- Yes

Yumeng Zhang- Yes

Bendjy Calixte- Yes

Maria Pulido-Velosa- Yes

Allhan Mejia- Yes

By a unanimous vote, Senator Merek became a new member of the finance committee.

E. Finance Code Reading

Speaker Mejia opened the floor for discussion.

Senator Correa asked when the finance code needs to be passed. Speaker Mejia answered by the end of February.

Senator Peterson moved to table the reading of the Finance Code. Senator Correa seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Morisset announced that there's Badminton this Wednesday and Thursday from 5-7 p.m.

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