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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES
SGC-BBC Senate Meeting
May 19, 2014

IN ATTENDANCE

Faedrah Mahotiere – Arts and Sciences Senator
Maria Pulido-Velosa – Arts and Sciences Senator
Allhan Mejia – Business Administration Senator
Gloria Valencia – Honors College Senator
Jazmin Felix – President
Camille Williams – Vice President
Larissa Adames – Office Assistant

ABSENT

Yuanqiang Pan – At-Large Senator
Jingyi Weng – Graduate Senator
Yudeline Petril – Lower Division Senator
Paige Butler – Lower Division Senator

GUEST

Alexi Cardona – Beacon Reporter
Binson Cressley – Student

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on May 19, 2014 in WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at **3:37**, approximately, by President Jazmin Felix who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- President Felix met with Provost Douglas Wartzok. They spoke about the iReal commission who has plans to increase graduation rates, expand FIU, and to form a student committee for these projects.
- President Felix met with Elias Bardawil, Director BBC Recreation, and they spoke about the recent annual triathlon, which FIU participated in.

- Senator Pulido-Velosa participated in the activities and stated that it went well and that they swam, ran, and biked.

Vice President's Report

- Vice President Williams met with President Felix and Larissa Adames and they discussed plans to have more giveaways that are more desirable to the students.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Minutes Approval

Senator Mejia motioned to approve the last senate meeting minutes. Senator Pulido–Velosa seconded the motion.

The minutes from the previous meeting was approved by a unanimous decision.

B. Mini Roberts Rules Session – President Felix

- a. What is Roberts Rules
 - i. To organize meetings so that they are much more quick, efficient, and effective.
 - ii. Quorum – in order to conduct an official meeting a certain amount of council members (2/3) need to be present.
- b. Motion – in order to state a motion, a council member needs to say: I move to...
 - i. Every motion needs to be seconded.
- c. Roll Call votes are used for attendance, statutes, etc.
- d. To approve meeting minutes, a roll call is not needed. Instead a senator will motion to approve the minutes, another senator will second, and then all in favor (or not in favor) will be asked to the group as a whole.
- e. Points
 - i. Point of Clarification – to question (point of inquiry) or clarify a statement that was made.
 - ii. Point of Personal Privilege – this can be requested by any council member during the meeting if they need to use the rest room, leave early, or make a phone call.
 1. Point of Personal Privilege is not a guarantee. It can be postponed to a later time, or can be denied (e.g.it ruins quorum).
 - iii. Point of Parliamentary Procedure – this is when someone is out of order (e.g. not following Robert's Rules or not adjourning a meeting properly).
- f. Camille is the Vice President of SGA but will serve as the President/Advisor of the senate. The Vice President is an ex officio, which means he or she is a non-voting member but can break ties.

C. Continue Meeting to Next Topic

Senator Mahotiere motioned to complete the Mini Roberts Rules session and continue on to the next topic. Senator Mejia seconded the motion.

The Mini Roberts Rules session ended and the meeting was moved to the next topic by a unanimous acclamation.

ANOUNCEMENTS

- President Felix stated that council members should read the SGA statutes and constitution, especially the legislative branch, so they can clearly understand their roles.
- Larissa Adames stated that she emailed the packing list for the three day retreat and would like everyone to sign the release forms and direct any questions to her.
- Larissa Adames also stated that council members should arrive at the BBC campus at 11AM prior to departure so that Dr. Arneson can wish them good luck and farewell.
- Larissa Adames also stated that transportation will be provided via shuttle bus, the dorms will include lodging and food, she is working on the binders, and students from both campuses (BBC and MMC) will be attending the retreat.
- Senator Mejia stated that badminton will be held at 5pm on Thursday in the ballrooms.

The meeting was dismissed by President Jazmin Felix at **4:09pm**.