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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES

SGC-BBC Senate Meeting

June 2, 2014

IN ATTENDANCE

Jazmin Felix – President
Camille Williams – Vice President
Faedrah Mahotiere – Arts and Sciences Senator
Maria Pulido-Velosa – Arts and Sciences Senator
Allhan Mejia – Business Administration Senator
Gloria Valencia – Honors College Senator
Mr. Rafael Zapata – Advisor
Juliette Saint Louis – Graduate Assistant
Larissa Adames – Office Assistant

ABSENT

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

GUEST

Karla Marte – Chief of Staff Applicant
Whitney Saint – Fleur – Chief Justice Applicant
Sheni Cathymoon – SJMC Senator Applicant
Sofia Galiano – Beacon Reporter
Christopher Morisset – Guest
Emerald Nesbit – Guest

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on Monday, June 2, 2014 in WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at approximately **3:31pm**, by President of the Senate **Camille Williams** who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- President Felix met with President Mark Rosenberg. They discussed the new museum and The Royal Caribbean's presence on the BBC campus.
- President Felix and President Rosenberg also discussed the main campaign for each campus: MMC is focused on acquiring university owned land that is used for the fairgrounds while BBC will work on acquiring the Second Road to Success.
- President Felix is also planning "Know Your Vote" with Larissa Adames.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Vice President Williams received an invitation from Grisel Dominguez, Assistant Librarian of the Hubert Library, to attend a Reference and Research Workshop and would like assistance on knowing what the student body would like from the library.

ADVISOR'S REPORT

- Mr. Zapata reminded the council about the retreat that will begin on Friday, June 6, 2014. He stated that they will all meet first at WUC 155 and then board the shuttle.
- Mr. Zapata stated that Governor Rick Scott signed and approved the state's budget and FIU will receive the money we expected.
- Mr. Zapata stated that the Panther Statue and Plaza should be completed for Welcome Week and he is currently working on ideas for the celebration.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Minutes Approval

Senator Mejia motioned to approve the last senate meeting minutes. Senator Mahotiere seconded the motion.

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

2. Appointments

a. Chief of Staff

- Karla Marte is senior majoring in Biology. She is caring, organized, and dedicated. She would like to be more involved on campus and help others.

Senator Pulido-Velosa moved to appoint Karla Marte as the Chief of Staff
Senator Mahotiere seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Mahotiere - Yay
Senator Pulido-Velosa - Yay
Senator Mejia - Yay
Senator Valencia– Yay

By a vote of 4/0/0 Karla Marte is appointed as the Chief of Staff.

b. Chief Justice

- Whitney Saint-Fleur introduced herself as a senior majoring in Biology. She has been an SGA member for two years, first serving as an Arts and Sciences Senator and then as the Chief Justice. She knows that she can properly oversee the Supreme Court.

Senator Mejia moved to appoint Whitney Saint-Fleur as the Chief Justice
Senator Valencia seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Mahotiere - Yay
Senator Pulido-Velosa - Yay
Senator Mejia - Yay
Senator Valencia - Yay

By a vote of 4/0/0 Whitney Saint-Fleur is appointed as the Chief Justice.

Senator Pulido-Velosa motioned to move Sheni Cathymoon's appointment as SJMC Senator down on the agenda. Senator Mahotiere seconded the motion.

The change in the agenda was approved by a unanimous decision.

3. Nominations

a. Speaker of the Senate

- Senator Mejia moved to nominate himself for Speaker of the Senate. Senator Pulido-Velosa seconded the motion.
- Senator Mahotiere moved to nominate herself for Speaker of the Senate. Senator Valencia seconded the motion.
- Senator Mejia stated that he is a Business Major, has experience in the SGA, and would like to make changes in the statutes.
- Senator Mahotiere stated that she would like to create mentorship and self-esteem conferences through fundraising projects. She is the Vice President of The Black Student Union and a member of SPC, Panther Power, Disability Office, and is a tutor.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Mahotiere - Mahotiere
Senator Pulido-Velosa - Mejia
Senator Mejia - Mejia
Senator Valencia– Mahotiere

After a Roll Call Vote and having a tie, President of the Senate Williams voted for Senator Mejia. Senator Mejia was appointed as the new Speaker of the Senate.

b. Speaker Pro-Tempore of the Senate

- Senator Mejia moved to nominate Senator Pulido-Velosa as Speaker Pro-Tempore of the Senate. Senator Pulido-Velosa seconded the motion.
- Senator Valencia moved to nominated Senator Mahotiere and Speaker Pro-Tempore of the Senate. Senator Mahotiere seconded the motion.
- Senator Pulido-Velosa introduced herself as an Environmental Major. She is on the E-Board of the Badminton club, President of the International Students Club, Secretary of Wine to Water. She also has strong leadership skills, is creative, and responsible.

Senator Mejia motioned to Table the Matter and Senator Pulido-Velosa seconded the motion.

The motion to table the matter was approved by a unanimous decision.

Senator Pulido-Velosa motioned to continue senate seat appointments. Senator Mahotiere seconded the motion.

The motion to table the matter was approved by a unanimous decision.

4. Appointments

- a. Shení Cathymoon is a senior majoring in Advertising. She is a previous member of the SGA and is the Vice President of the International Students Club.

Senator Valencia motioned to appoint Shení Cathymoon as the SJMC Senator. Senator Mahotiere seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Mahotiere - Yay
Senator Pulido-Velosa - Yay
Senator Mejia - Yay
Senator Valencia - Yay

By a vote of 4/0/0 Shení Cathymoon is appointed as the SJMC Senator.

5. Nominations

a. Speaker Pro-Tempore of the Senate

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Mahotiere - Mahotiere
Senator Pulido-Velosa - Pulido-Velosa
Senator Mejia - Pulido-Velosa
Senator Valencia - Mahotiere
Senator Kathymoon - Pulido-Velosa

By a vote of 3/2/0 Senator Pulido-Velosa is appointed as the Speaker Pro-Tempore of the Senate.

ANOUNCEMENTS

- President Felix stated that the senate members need to commit 7 hours a week and should begin joining the 5 committees (Finance, Operational Review, Student Advocacy, Internal Affairs, and Rules, Legislation & Judiciary) soon.
- President Felix also reminded everyone of the main goal which is for FIU BBC to become more student centered and unified.
- Larissa Adames confirmed attendance to the retreat. She stated that the council members need to bring bed sheets and linens. She stated that council members should practice goal setting and knowing their role as a SGA member in preparation for the retreat. She will send a reminder via email.
- Larissa Adames stated that everyone should arrive at the SGA office on Friday by 9:45 AM, and then go to WUC 155 where they will have a continental breakfast, speak to Assistant Vice President Dr. Arneson, Director of Recreation Elias W. Bardawil, and WUC Director Scott Jones.
- Senator Mejia asked the council to please recruit more members and stated that there is badminton on Tuesday and Thursday.

The meeting was dismissed by President of the Senate Camille Williams at **4:17pm**