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## Florida International University

Student Government Council - Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

# MINUTES SGC-BBC Senate Meeting June 30, 2014

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Camille Williams – Vice President – **4:08**Allhan Mejia – Business Administration Senator / Speaker of the Senate Maria Pulido-Velosa – Arts and Sciences Senator / Speaker Pro-Tempore Faedrah Mahotiere – Arts and Sciences Senator Sheni Kathymoon – Journalism and Mass Communication Senator Christopher Morisset – At Large Senator Larissa Adames - Coordinator

#### **ABSENT**

Paige Butler – Arts and Science Senator Yuaqiang Pan-At-Large Gloria Valencia- Honors College Jingyi Weng – Graduate Senator-Excused

#### **GUEST**

Alexi Cardona – Beacon Reporter Ana Correa – Journalism and Mass Communication Candidate Eli Jean-Mary – Lower Division Candidate

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on Monday, June 30, 2014 in **WUC 321** The meeting was called to order at approximately **3:48pm** by Speaker of the Senate Allhan Mejia who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

#### **Minutes Approval**

Senator Pulido-Velosa moved to approve the last senate meeting minutes. Senator Morisset seconded the motion.

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

#### SENATE SPEAKER REPORT

- Speaker Mejia stated if the senators wanted to meet every Monday or every second Monday, and meet on August 25<sup>th</sup>, the first day of fall.
- Speaker Mejia stated Constitution committee, is pushed back. Coordinator Adames said we need to two senate members to be apart of the committee.

#### SENATE SPEAKER PRO-TEMPORE REPORT

• Speaker Pro-Tempore Pulido-Velosa reminded the council of Coordinator Adames's homework for the council, which is to bring at least 3 students each into the SGA office and show them around so that more students are aware of the SGA's presence on campus and goals. That 10:30 AM and 3 PM to be avaised that the fiu tours will be stoping by.

#### **ADVISOR'S REPORT**

- Coordinator Adames, spoke about website changes, and asked senators for any changes needed.
- Coordinator Adames, need senators to present at an SLS class on July 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM.
- Coordinator Adames, spoke about SGA kickoff august 11<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>, Council introduce their goals, visions to the faculty and staff. Freshman conversation is August 24<sup>th</sup>, Sunday.
- Coordinator Adames, asked for the senator of the colleges to deliver the SGA colleges shirts, to build a relationship with the deans office.
- Coordinator Adames, spoke about a half day retreat sometime in August to help plan for the fall semester.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### 1. Meeting Dates

Senator Mejia reiterated meeting dates every Monday or bring up a motion to have meetings the 14<sup>th</sup> and the 28<sup>th</sup>. Every second week.

Senator Mahotiere motion to start a discussion Senator Sheni seconded the motion.

Senator Morisset and Senator Mahotiere agreed on bi-weekly meetings.

Senator Mejia Ended discussion

Senator Mahotiere moved to have bi-weekly meetings, and Senator Morisset seconded.

Senator Mahotiere – Yay Senator Kathymoon – Yay Senator Morisset – Yay Senator Pulido-Velosa – Yay Senator Mejia – Yay

Motion carries by unanimous consent.

Senator Pulido-Velosa moved to open discussion on meeting August 25<sup>th</sup>. Senator Kathmoon seconded the motion.

Senator Mejia said that August 25<sup>th</sup> is the only available meeting in August. Senator Mahotiere said that senators need to get a accustomed to the fall schedules. Coordinator Adames said that senators could always call a meeting.

#### Discussion Ended

Senator Pulida-Velosa moved to meet on august  $25^{th}$  for a senate meeting. There was no senator that seconded the motion; hence the motion failed

Senator Morisset moved to hold meeting on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, for the first senate meeting of fall semester. Senator Kathymoon Seconded

Senator Mahotiere – Yay Senator Kathymoon – Yay Senator Morisset – Yay Senator Pulido-Velosa – Yay Senator Mejia – Yay

Motion passes by unanimous consent.

Senator Mejia asked the senators constitution committee if any senator wanted to be part of the committee.

Senator Mejia motion to table the constitution committee appointment to next senate meeting.

#### 2. Appointments

#### A. School of Journalism and Mass Communication Senator

\* Ana Correa is a sophomore for SJMC. She want to join SGA to represent the student of SJMC and loves SGA. Ms. Correa is part of a club called Wine to Water and is the president and is involved in the badminton club, and will start being part of ISSS. She is a part Alternative breaks site leader and is a peer leader for an SLS class. Ms. Correa would like to get student of SJMC more involved. Ana Correa was a part of the SGA intern program.

Senator Kathymoon moved to appoint Ana Correa as a new School of Journalism and Mass Communication Senator.

Senator Morisset seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Mahotiere – Yay Senator Kathymoon – Yay Senator Morisset – Yay Senator Pulido-Velosa – Yay Senator Mejia – Yay

By a vote of 5/0/0 Ana Correa was appointed as a Senator of SJMC.

• Eli Jean-Mary is a freshman applying for lower division senator, he is the oldest of ten siblings. Eli is honest and is willing to support a quase. He is the president of the audiovisual at his church. Eli is a skilled musician and plays the trumpet. He has helped students in his Psychology class. He is a people person and hard working. Eli accepts everyone for who they are.

Senator Mahotiere moved to appoint Eli Jean-Mary as a new Lower Division Senator Senator Pulido-Velosa seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Mahotiere – Yay Senator Kathymoon – Yay Senator Morisset – Yay Senator Correa - Yay Senator Pulido-Velosa – Yay Senator Mejia – Yay

By a vote of 6/0/0 Eli Jean-Mary was appointed as a Lower Division Senator.

#### **ANOUNCEMENTS**

- Speaker Mejia gave a final reminder of the Freshman Orientation next week.
- Speaker Mejia reminded about Senator Pulido-Velosa about giving office tours.
- Speaker Senator Morriesset reminded everyone that there will be badminton practice on Monday and Thursday this week from 5-7pm.
- Senator Mahoriere about the BSU and Caribbean student July 25<sup>th</sup> by the housing pool.
- Senator Mahoriere reminded senators to be up to date with upcoming events.
- Coordinator Adames asked if anyone is interested in recruitment, which can be set up.

• Speaker Mejia asked senators to join "Human Rhythm" a club based off of the retreat.

The meeting was adjourned by Speaker of the Senate Allhan Mejia at  ${\bf 4:32pm}$