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# Florida International University

*Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center*

**MINUTES**  
**SGC-BBC Senate Meeting**  
**September 8, 2014**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Faedrah Mahotiere, Arts and Sciences  
Maria Pulido-Velos, Arts and Sciences  
Allhan Mejia, Business Administration  
Ana Correa, SJMC  
Paige Butler, Lower Division  
Eli Jean-Mary, Lower Division  
Christopher Morisset, At-Large  
Camille Williams, Vice-President  
Jazmin Felix, President  
Larissa Adames, Advisor

**GUESTS**

Rebecca Merek  
Pierre Lahoud  
Yumeng Zhang  
Geraldine Gascon  
Marianna Jimenez  
Alexi Cardona

**ABSENT**

Jingyi Weng, Graduate  
Gloria Valencia, Honors College

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on Monday, September 8, 2014 in WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at **3:37p.m.** by Allhan Mejia, Speaker of the Senate, who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

Senator Pulido motioned to table the approval of the previous meeting minutes. Senator Morisset seconded the motion. By a unanimous decision, the motion passed.

### **SPEAKER REPORT**

- Speaker Mejia asked that committees start setting times for their meetings. He also reminded members that office hours begin this week.

### **SPEAKER-PRO REPORT**

- Senator Pulido said that some members attended the county commissioners meeting downtown last week to show support for FIU obtaining the fairgrounds property.
- Senator Pulido said that at the end of the week, members need to fill out their weekly senate reports.

### **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

- President Felix announced that there will be another football game this Saturday. If members want tickets for the suite, they should contact Larissa.
- President Felix thanked members for wearing the new council shirts. If you haven't received one, go to front desk to pick one up.
- Jazmin Felix announced that she met this morning with the Alumni president. She mentioned how they are trying to organize a Panther Alumni week for the first week of February, in an effort to connect current students with alumni. There's the possibility of hosting an alumni day here at BBC.
- President Felix announced that this Wednesday from 11:30-1:30 pm in WUC 157 there will be a Women of Color mentoring program.
- President Felix announced that this week is Fall Fest. There will be many programs, including Dormtainment on Thursday.

### **VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT**

- Vice-President Williams said that she is happy to see everyone at the first senate meeting.

### **ADVISOR REORT**

- Ms. Adames said that she is still looking for students to sit on the student panel regarding their majors. The event will be held the first week of September, if anyone is interested.
- Ms. Adames said that she is looking for a student to serve on the Wolfe day committee.
- Ms. Adames said that she will be setting up one-on-one meetings with everyone to see what their goals are for the year.
- Ms. Adames reminded members to turn in their class schedules and office hours to the front desk.
- Ms. Adames reminded members that Homecoming court applications are due September 19. She also said that she will sign up the office for a Homecoming decorating contest.

- Finally, Ms. Adames said that the first Tuesday Times Roundtable will be tomorrow from 12:30-1:30pm in Room 159.

### **FINANCE REPORT**

- Senator Morisset said that he sent an email to everyone in the finance committee to set a meeting time for this week.

### **OPERATIONAL REVIEW REPORT**

- Senator Jean-Mary said that no one has joined the operational review committee yet.

### **INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT**

- Senator Mahotiere said that she will be sending out emails to recruit members and set up a meeting time.

### **STUDENT ADVOCACY REPORT**

- Senator Correa said that she is also recruiting for members and will set up a meeting time soon.
- Speaker Mejia reminded members that they need to be a part of two committees. Each committee should have 3-4 members.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. RLJ Chair Appointment**

Senator Morisset motioned to table the RLJ chair appointment until next meeting. Senator Butler seconded the motion and the motion passed.

#### **B. Finance Committee Appointments**

Senator Morisset nominated Senator Butler to become a member of the Finance Committee. Senator Butler accepted the nomination.

Vice-President Williams motioned to appoint Senator Butler to the Finance Committee. Senator Jean-Mary seconded the motion.

#### **Vote**

Faedrah Mahotiere- yes

Ana Correa-yes

Paige Butler-yes

Eli Jean-Mary-yes

Christopher Morisset-yes

Maria Pulido-Velos-yes

Allhan Mejia-yes

By a unanimous decision, Senator Butler became a new member of the Finance committee.

Senator Morisset nominated Senator Mahotiere to become a member of the Finance Committee. Senator Mahotiere accepted the nomination.

Senator Morisset motioned to to appoint Senator Mahotiere to the Finance committee. Senator Correa seconded the motion.

**Vote**

Faedrah Mahotiere- yes  
Ana Correa-yes  
Paige Butler-yes  
Eli Jean-Mary-yes  
Christopher Morisset-yes  
Maria Pulido-Velos-yes  
Allhan Mejia-yes

By a unanimous decision, Senator Mahotiere became a new member of the Finance committee.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. TRAC Ropes Course Presentation by Jennifer Cooper**

— Ms. Cooper explained that the Ropes Course is a teambuilding opportunity that can be customized for any group’s needs. She also said that many people do not know the TRAC course exists, so she is asking for SGA’s help to publicize the program. Student fees are reduced to \$35 per person.

**B. Special Projects Coordinator Appointment**

— Geraldine Gascon is a sophomore who wants to be more involved on campus. She wants to get incoming freshman involved on campus so that they can become a part of the FIU family.

Senator Mahotiere motioned to appoint Geraldine Gascon. Senator Eli seconded the motion.

**Vote**

Faedrah Mahotiere- yes  
Ana Correa-yes  
Paige Butler-yes  
Eli Jean-Mary-yes  
Christopher Morisset-yes  
Maria Pulido-Velos-yes  
Allhan Mejia-yes

By a unanimous decision, Geraldine Gascon became the new Special Events Coordinator.

### **C. Executive Assistant Appointment**

- Marianna Jimenez volunteers in a brain development lab at MMC. She would like to get more involved on campus, since all of her classes are here.

Senator Pulido motioned to appoint Marianna Jimenez. Senator Mahotiere seconded the motion. Faedrah second the motion.

#### **Vote**

Faedrah Mahotiere- yes  
Ana Correa-yes  
Paige Butler-yes  
Eli Jean-Mary-yes  
Christopher Morisset-yes  
Maria Pulido-Velos-yes  
Allhan Mejia-yes

By a unanimous decision, Marianna Jimenez became the new Executive Assistant.

### **D. Hospitality Management Appointment**

- Rebecca is a junior studying hospitality. She was the previous president of Panther Power and a member of Alternative Breaks. She really wants to be hospitality representative because she is organized and determined. She feels that she can be a good liaison between the Hospitality School and SGA.

Senator Jean-Mary motioned to appoint Rebecca Merek as the new Hospitality senator. Senator Coronel seconded the motion.

#### **Vote**

Faedrah Mahotiere- yes  
Ana Correa-yes  
Paige Butler-yes  
Eli Jean-Mary-yes  
Christopher Morisset-yes  
Maria Pulido-Velos-yes  
Allhan Mejia-yes

By a unanimous decision, Rebecca Merek became the new Hospitality senator.

- Yumeng Zhang, a hospitality student, wants to join SGA because she was a SGA member previously back in China.

Senator Mahotiere motioned to appoint Yumeng Zhang as the other Hospitality Senator. Senator Correa seconded the motion.

## **Vote**

Faedrah Mahotiere- yes

Ana Correa-yes

Paige Butler-yes

Eli Jean-Mary-yes

Christopher Morisset-yes

Maria Pulido-Velos-yes

Allhan Mejia-yes

By a unanimous decision, Yumeng Zhang became the new Hospitality Senator.

## **E. Arts and Sciences Appointment**

- Pierre Lahoud is a STEM major. He is a freshman, but has already accumulated over 60 credits. He is currently a member of the BBC science club and wants to get more involved on campus.
- When asked, Pierre said that his class time goes through the weekly senate meetings. Therefore, he needs to check with the head of the department to see if he can get an excuse to leave class early.

Senator Mahotiere motioned to table the decision until next meeting when he gets approval on being able to leave class early on Mondays and Wednesdays. Senator Pulido seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

## **F. Announcements**

1. Speaker Mejia said that there is SGA homework. New members need to bring three strangers to the office and give them a tour.
2. Vice-President Williams said that SGA Day is next Monday at 11am on September 15 in Panther Square.
3. Senator Mahotiere said that the first BSU meeting is today at 4:30pm. She also said that there will be an Inter Varsity banquet tomorrow in WUC155.
4. Speaker Mejia wants to recruit members to join the DECA club.
5. Senator Correa said that the Wine to Water meetings will be held bi-weekly on Mondays. This club is good for members interested in water crisis related community service.

The meeting was adjourned by Speaker Mejia at **4:26p.m.**