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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES
SGC-BBC Senate Meeting
September 22, 2014

IN ATTENDANCE

Faedrah Mahotiere, Arts and Sciences **3:46**
Maria Pulido-Velos, Arts and Sciences
Allhan Mejia, Business Administration
Rebecca Merek, Hospitality Management
Yumeng Zhang, Hospitality Management
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

Stefy Moreau
Abigail Morales
Akheim Paisley
Lauren Peterson
Bendjy Calixte
Xuan Di
Sheni Kathymoon
Alexi Cardona

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on Monday, September 22, 2014 in WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at **3:33p.m.** by Allhan Mejia, Speaker of the Senate, who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

Senator Merek motioned to approve the previous meeting minutes. Senator Morisset seconded the motion. By a unanimous decision, the motion passed and the minutes were approved.

SPEAKER REPORT

- Speaker Mejia began his report by asking members to volunteer for upcoming SLS presentations.
- Speaker Mejia said that he needs to know the meeting times for committees.

SPEAKER-PRO REPORT

- Senator Pulido said that she is going to be working on a special project this year that will focus on adding more classes to BBC. She wants to meet with the Student Advocacy members to discuss the project in further detail. She wants to begin the project by focusing on adding more classes to the Honors college because there is currently only one honors class here.

VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT

- Vice-President Williams thanked the council members who volunteered today who tabled for voter's registration. She said that SGA will be tabling again Wednesday and next Monday and Wednesday as well. Volunteers are needed.

ADVISOR REORT

- Ms. Adames reminded members to pick up tickets for homecoming events in the One Card office. SGA presence should be at the events.
- Ms. Adames said that there will be a SGA Tri-Council Reunion on October 17.
- Ms. Adames said that the new SGA office assistant, Marcy, starts next Monday.

FINANCE REPORT

- Senator Morisset said that the committee's first meeting, which was a general information session, was held on Sept. 18. The second meeting is tomorrow from 2-4p.m., in which they will be discussing pending finance requests.

RLJ REPORT

- Senator Merek stated that she still doesn't have any committee members.

OPERATIONAL REVIEW REPORT

- Senator Jean-Mary said that they had their first meeting on Thursday. The committee will start creating their new binder at the next meeting.

STUDENT ADVOCACY REPORT

- Senator Correa said that they had their first meeting last Thursday, in which they brainstormed ways to get students to speak up about issues that are concerning them. The next meeting will be this Thursday from 11-11:30a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Justice Appointment – Stefy Moreau, Abigail Morales

Senator Pulido nominated Stefy Moreau to become a new justice. Senator Morisset seconded the motion.

Vote

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

By a unanimous decision, Stefy Moreau became a new justice.

Senator Butler motioned to appoint Abigail Morales as a new justice. Senator Merek seconded the motion.

Vote

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

By a unanimous decision, Abigail Morales became a new justice.

B. Marketing Appointment – Kareem Stanbury

Senator Mahotiere motioned to appoint Kareem Stanbury as the new marketing coordinator. Senator Correa seconded the motion.

Vote

Faedrah Mahotiere- yes

Ana Correa-yes
Eli Jean-Mary-yes
Paige Butler-yes
Christopher Morisset-yes
Rebecca Merek-yes
Yumeng Zhang-yes
Maria Pulido-Velos-yes
Allhan Mejia-yes

C. Arts & Sciences Appointment - Akheim Paisley

Senator Mahotiere motioned to appoint Akheim Paisley as the new Arts & Sciences senator. Senator Jean-Mary seconded the motion.

Vote

Faedrah Mahotiere- yes
Ana Correa-yes
Eli Jean-Mary-yes
Paige Butler-yes
Christopher Morisset-abstained
Rebecca Merek-yes
Yumeng Zhang-yes
Maria Pulido-Velos-yes
Allhan Mejia-yes

By a vote of 8 yays, 0 nays and 1 abstained, Akheim Paisley became the new Arts & Sciences senator.

D. Lower Division Appointment – Lauren Peterson

Senator Merek motioned to appoint Lauren Peterson as the new Lower Division Senator. Senator Butler seconded the motion.

Vote

Faedrah Mahotiere- yes
Akheim Paisley-abstained
Ana Correa-yes
Eli Jean-Mary-yes
Paige Butler-yes
Christopher Morisset-yes
Rebecca Merek-yes
Yumeng Zhang-yes
Maria Pulido-Velos-yes
Allhan Mejia-abstained

By a vote of 8 yays, 0 nays and 2 abstained, Lauren Peterson became the new Lower Division senator.

E. At-Large Appointment – Bendjy Calixte, Xuan Di

Senator Butler motioned to appoint Bendjy Calixte as the new At-Large senator. Senator Mahotiere seconded the motion.

Vote

Faedrah Mahotiere- yes
Akheim Paisley-abstained
Ana Correa-yes
Eli Jean-Mary-yes
Paige Butler-yes
Lauren Peterson-abstained
Christopher Morisset-abstained
Rebecca Merek-yes
Yumeng Zhang-yes
Maria Pulido-Velos-yes
Allhan Mejia-abstained

By a vote of 7 yays, 0 nays and 4 abstained, Bendjy Calixte became a new At-Large senator.

Senator Pulido motioned to add the appointment of Xuan Di as the other new At-Large senator to the agenda. Senator Mahotiere seconded the motion.

Senator Pulido motioned to appoint Xuan Di as the new At-Large senator. Senator Merek seconded the motion.

Vote

Faedrah Mahotiere- yes
Akheim Paisley-abstained
Ana Correa-yes
Eli Jean-Mary-yes
Paige Butler-yes
Lauren Peterson-abstained
Christopher Morisset-yes
Bendjy Calixte-abstained
Rebecca Merek-yes
Yumeng Zhang-yes
Maria Pulido-Velos-yes
Allhan Mejia-yes

By a vote of 9 yays, 0 nays and 3 abstained, Xuan Di became the other At-Large senator.

F. Meet Your Dean – Oct. 22

G. Finance Committee Presentation

Senator Morisset motioned to table the presentation until the next senate meeting. Senator Mahotiere seconded the motion and it passed by a unanimous decision.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Alexi Cardona asked that the new appointments stay after the meeting so that she can get the correct spellings of their names, etc.
2. Speaker Mejia reminded members about the SGA homework, to give three people a tour of the SGA office. If members bring six people, they will get a free meal card.
3. Senator Mahotiere said that there is a BSU meeting today from 4:30-7:30pm. She also announced that there is a Mr. and Mrs. BSU pageant on Oct. 8, as well as an MPAS lecture tomorrow.
4. Senator Butler said that there will be an LGBTQA spirituality initiative event from 12-2pm on Thursday in WUC 155. Interested members should RSVP. Ms. Adames said that attending this event will count toward office hours for council members.
5. Ms. Adames said that this is BBC Majors week. There are different events throughout the week, including the career fair on Wednesday as well as the student panel on Thursday.

The meeting was adjourned by Speaker Mejia at **4:25p.m.**