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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES
SGC-BBC Senate Meeting
September 29, 2014

IN ATTENDANCE

Faedrah Mahotiere, Arts and Sciences
Maria Pulido-Velos, Arts and Sciences
Akheim Paisley, 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
Lauren Peterson, Lower Division
Bendjy Calixte, At-Large
Christopher Morisset, At-Large
Camille Williams, Vice-President
Larissa Adames, Advisor

GUESTS

Georgi Bleebllove, Appointee for Director of Lectures
Rafael Zapata, Interim Director of Campus Life
Alexi Cardona, Reporter for the Beacon

ABSENT

Xuan Di, At-Large **excused**

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on Monday, September 29, 2014 in WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at **3:39p.m.** by Allhan Mejia, Speaker of the Senate, who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

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

SPEAKER REPORT

- Speaker Mejia began his report by saying that members need to complete their office hours each week. Members also need to join two committees.
- Speaker Mejia thanked the members that tabled for the Know Your Vote event.

SPEAKER-PRO REPORT

- Senator Pulido said that time cards and senate reports should be in her mailbox by the end of the week.
- Senator Pulido said that homecoming events are in two weeks. SGA representation at all events is important.

VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT

- Vice-President Williams said that Wednesday is the last voters registration tabling day. There will be another tabling opportunity from 11am-2pm on Oct. 23 at the club fair.
- Vice-President Williams said that Oct. 6 is the United Way kickoff event. Members should show their support by attending. Oct. 7 is the Leadership Forum with President Felix and Dr. Arneson from 12-1pm in the ballrooms.

ADVISOR REORT

- Ms. Adames reminded members that there is a football game this Thursday against FAU at 7:30pm. Members who want suite tickets should email her.
- Ms. Adames said that she and five students are going to D.C. to attend the American Student Government National Conference from Thursday to Sunday.
- Ms. Adames said that has met with most council members for their one-on-one meetings. Members that have not met with her should set up an appointment with the front desk staff.

FINANCE REPORT

- Senator Morisset said that the committee has reviewed two finance requests: \$344 to a graduate student and \$2,000 funded to the Women's Center.

RLJ REPORT

- Senator Merek stated that the committee should have their first meeting this week most likely on Thursday.

OPERATIONAL REVIEW REPORT

- Senator Jean-Mary said that the committee reviewed the panther power audit report. He said that the committee needs to meet with them to discuss some discrepancies.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT

- Senator Mahotiere said that is not receiving all of the time cards.
- Senator Mahotiere also said that out-of-office hours can be earned when members help out with events. A separate form needs to be filled out to receive these hours.

STUDENT ADVOCACY REPORT

- Senator Correa said that the committee brainstormed certain issues regarding classes, the Honors College, the shuttle, the MAST Academy, etc. She said that they will be working on a main project to create a board so that students can voice out their concerns pertaining to campus.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Finance Committee Presentation

-Senator Morrisset explained the logistics of how the senate reviews and approves finance requests. He said that there are two funds: the general finance funds with \$17,444 and the graduate funds with \$12,500.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Director of Lectures Appointment –Georgi Breeblove

-Senator Mahotiere nominated Georgi Breeblove to become the new Director of Lectures. Senator Calixte seconded the motion.

Vote

Christopher Morisset-no
 Rebecca Merek-yes
 Eli Jean-Mary-no
 Faedrah Mahotiere-yes
 Ana Correa-no
 Akheim Paisley-no
 Yumeng Zhang-no
 Paige Butler-no
 Lauren Peterson-yes
 Bendjy Calixte-yes
 Maria Pulido-Velos-yes
 Allhan Mejia-no

By a vote of 5 yays, 7 nays and 0 abstained, Georgi Bleeblove did not become the new Director of Lectures.

Senator Morisset motioned to go back to Aaron Mckinney's presentation on the agenda. Senator Mahotiere seconded the motion and the motion passed by a unanimous decision.

B. Aaron Mckinney Presentation

-Aaron Mckinney said that he works for the Charlie Crist campaign and that he is looking for volunteers to help make phone calls or go door-to-door to get votes.

Senator Pulido motioned to go back to the appropriate agenda item. Senator Morisset seconded the motion and the motion passed.

C. Appropriation

Senator Morisset presented an appropriation of \$2,000 to cover the Women's Center "Love Your Body" week events.

Senator Mahotiere said that SGA's donation will mostly cover the cost of the three speakers. She also said that SGA is only allocating \$2,000 out of the \$4,020 that was requested.

Senator Mahotiere motioned to allocate \$2,000 to the Women's Center. Senator Merek seconded the motion.

Senator Jean-Mary thinks that the money could be used in better ways. Rafael Zapata said that it's better to consider that the money allocated will benefit the weeklong events as a whole.

Vote

Christopher Morisset-yes

Rebecca Merek-yes

Eli Jean-Mary-no

Faedrah Mahotiere-yes

Ana Correa-yes

Akheim Paisley-yes

Yumeng Zhang-yes

Paige Butler-yes

Lauren Peterson-yes

Bendjy Calixte-yes

Maria Pulido-Velos-yes

Allhan Mejia-yes

By a vote of 11 yays, 1 nay and 0 abstained, an appropriation of \$2,000 was allocated to fund the Women's Center "Love Your Body" week events.

D. United Way Kickoff – Volunteers needed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Senator Mahotiere announced that the Internal Affairs and Student Advocacy committees still have open positions.

2. Senator Mahotiere also said that there will be a Breast Cancer walk on Oct. 11 as well as the BSU pageant on Oct. 9 from 7-11pm.
3. Ms. Adames said that tomorrow is Diversity Day and that it would be great to have members in attendance.
4. Senator Morisset said that there will be no finance meeting tomorrow because the committee needs to fill the position of the graduate senator first.

The meeting was adjourned by Speaker Mejia at **4:34p.m.**