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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES
SGC-BBC Senate Meeting
October 6, 2014

IN ATTENDANCE

Faedrah Mahotiere, Arts and Sciences
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
Lauren Peterson, Lower Division
Xuan Di, At-Large
Bendjy Calixte, At-Large
Christopher Morisset, At-Large
Camille Williams, Vice-President
Jazmin Felix, President
Larissa Adames, Advisor

GUESTS

Stephanie Felix, Appointee for Director of Lectures
Marquele Brown, Appointee for Elections Board Commissioner
Marcy Alstrom, SGA Office Assistant
Geraldine Gascon, Special Events Coordinator

ABSENT

Eli Jean-Mary, Lower Division
Akheim Paisley, Arts and Sciences

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on Monday, October 6, 2014 in WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at **3:36 p.m.** by Allhan Mejia, Speaker of the Senate, who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

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

SPEAKER REPORT

- Speaker Mejia began his report by thanking the council members that participated in the United Way Carnival.
- Speaker Mejia said that he will be hosting statute workshops every other Monday prior to the senate meetings beginning soon.

SPEAKER-PRO REPORT

- Senator Pulido said that some members have been forgetting to put their names on their senate reports.

PRESIDENT REPORT

- President Felix thanked Events Coordinator Gascon for doing a great job at planning and putting together the United Way Carnival. She also thanked members who helped out with the event.
- President Felix said that she will be hosting a student leadership forum with Dr. Arneson tomorrow from 12-1:30p.m. in the ballrooms.
- President Felix said that she attended the ASGA conference in Washington D.C. with Senator Correa, Senator Mahotiere, Vice-President Williams and Comptroller Reid over the weekend.

VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT

- Vice-President Williams said that the group who attended the ASGA conference will soon present a report of what they learned over the weekend. She also said that she won a raffle at the ASGA conference so that SGA-BBC can have free council shirts made.

ADVISOR REORT

- Ms. Adames said that \$103 was fundraised today at the United Way Carnival.
- Ms. Adames said that the Meet Your Dean event will be held Oct. 22 from 2-4 p.m. Attendance is required, despite it being the same day as the SPC Halloween Horror Nights trip.
- Ms. Adames said that she will be sending out an email to see who wants to participate in riding on the float for Homecoming, as well as who wants suite tickets for the Homecoming game.
- Ms. Adames said that there will be a Tuesday Times Roundtable tomorrow from 12:30-1:30p.m.

FINANCE REPORT

- Senator Morisset said that there is now \$15,444 in the finance funds and \$12,156 leftover in the graduate funds.

RLJ REPORT

- Senator Merek stated that the first committee meeting was held last Thursday. A vice-chair and secretary were appointed.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT

- Senator Mahotiere said that is not receiving all of the time cards.
- Senator Mahotiere also said that members can still join the internal affairs committee. Meetings are held twice per month.

STUDENT ADVOCACY REPORT

- Senator Correa said that the committee is still thinking of ways to improve transportation, classes and food options on campus. Meetings for Student Advocacy are held every Thursday at 11a.m. in the SGA conference room.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Director of Lectures Appointment –Stephanie Felix

Stephanie Felix is currently the SPC Leadership committee director. She has co-created the SPC “Think About It” series. She believes that she is qualified for the Director of Lectures position because she has booked lecturers and acts before.

Senator Mahotiere nominated Stephanie Felix to become the new Director of Lectures. Senator Correa seconded the motion.

Vote

Christopher Morisset-yes

Rebecca Merek-yes

Faedrah Mahotiere-yes

Ana Correa-yes

Yumeng Zhang-yes

Paige Butler-yes

Lauren Peterson-yes

Xuan Di-yes

Bendjy Calixte-yes

Maria Pulido-Velos-yes

Allhan Mejia-yes

Stephanie Felix became the new Director of Lectures by a unanimous decision.

B. Elections Commissioner Appointment-Marquele Brown

Marquele Brown said that she is currently the Vice President of University Apartments, in which she does event planning. She said that she wants to work for non-profit organizations after she graduates. She feels that SGA would help her learn about politics.

Senator Mahotiere motioned to appoint Marquele Brown as the new Elections Commissioner. Senator Calixte seconded the motion.

Vote

Christopher Morisset-yes

Rebecca Merek-yes

Faedrah Mahotiere-yes

Ana Correa-yes

Yumeng Zhang-yes

Paige Butler-yes

Lauren Peterson-yes

Xuan Di-yes

Bendjy Calixte-yes

Maria Pulido-Velos-yes

Allhan Mejia-yes

Marquele Brown became the new Elections Commissioner by a unanimous decision.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Speaker Mejia said that members need to do their SGA homework by inviting three strangers into the office and giving them an office tour.
2. Senator Mahotiere announced Union Wednesday which will be held from 2:30-4:30 p.m. in WUC. She also announced the BSU pageant which will be held on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the theatre.
3. Senator Morisset said that Badminton club will officially begin next week.
4. Speaker Mejia said that there will be a DECA executive board meeting Thursday in WUC 159 at 4 p.m.
5. Vice-president Williams said that there is an ABJ meeting today at 6 p.m. in ACII 303.

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