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# Florida International University

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

**MINUTES**  
**SGC-BBC Senate Meeting**  
**October 20, 2014**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Faedrah Mahotiere, Arts and Sciences  
Maria Pulido-Velos, Arts and Sciences **3:35 p.m.**  
Akheim Paisley, Arts and Sciences  
Allhan Mejia, Business Administration  
Rebecca Merek, Hospitality Management  
Yumeng Zhang, Hospitality Management  
Ana Correa, SJMC **3:36 p.m.**  
Eli Jean-Mary, Lower Division  
Paige Butler, Lower Division  
Lauren Peterson, Lower Division  
Xuan Di, At-Large  
Bendjy Calixte, At-Large  
Christopher Morisset, At-Large  
Kai Chen, Graduate  
Larissa Adames, Advisor

**GUESTS**

Jullyssa Lopez, Intern  
Ruby Rivera, Intern  
Alex Blencowe, Beacon Reporter  
Mydel Clozin, Guest

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on Monday, October 20, 2014 in WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at **3:33 p.m.** by Allhan Mejia, Speaker of the Senate, who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

**SPEAKER REPORT**

- Speaker Mejia began his report by saying that the United Way Bake Off will be held tomorrow from 11 am-2pm in Panther Square. Some SGA members are competing. Volunteers are needed.
- Speaker Mejia said that members should try to attend the Town Hall meeting tomorrow from 2:30-4:30pm in the Ballrooms. Members should wear their SGA shirts.
- Speaker Mejia said that it is mandatory for members to attend the Meet Your Dean event on Wednesday from 2-4 pm in the Ballrooms. Members need to wear their long sleeved shirts.

Senator Morisset motioned to bypass Robert's Rules for this meeting. Senator Paisley seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Senator Xuan Di 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-PRO REPORT**

- Senator Pulido said that she met with the School of Arts & Sciences committee to discuss adding more classes to this campus and to try and stop programs from being eliminated. She said she will discuss what she learned with the Student Advocacy committee.
- Senator Pulido also reminded members that they need to attend the Meet Your Dean event.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- President Felix said that she also attended the Arts & Sciences meeting with Senator Pulido and Vice-President Williams. President Felix also said that she will be meeting with the Honors College to discuss not eliminating the program at this campus.
- President Felix said that the last three Know Your Vote events are approaching. There will be tabling at the club fair on Oct. 23, a panel discussion on Oct. 27 (members need to wear long sleeved shirts) and the Mandela movie screenings on Oct. 29.

### **VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- Vice-President Williams said that there needs to be SGA presence at the Know Your Vote club fair on Thursday.
- Vice-President Williams reminded members that they need to wear their SGA polos to every senate meeting.
- Vice-President Williams asked members to pass out the Meet Your Dean flyers to students. Speaker Mejia said that this would be a great opportunity to gather three strangers and bring them into SGA for an office tour.

### **ADVISOR REORT**

- Ms. Adames thanked the members who attended the SGA Alumni event last Friday. She said that the same event will be held next year during Homecoming as well.

- Ms. Adames said that the Honors College t-shirts still need to be delivered to the Honors College office.
- Ms. Adames asked members to talk to their deans at the upcoming Meet Your Dean event.
- Ms. Adames said that the Day on the Bay registration link is already up online.

### **FINANCE REPORT**

- Senator Morisset said that he has switched the committee's meeting times from 2-3 pm on Monday's.
- Senator Morisset said that the committee approved a new appropriation today to fund the Wolfe Center \$4,001.

### **RLJ REPORT**

- Senator Merek said that Senator Chen is a new RLJ committee member.

### **OPERATIONAL REVIEW REPORT**

- Senator Jean-Mary said that he had no report.

### **INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT**

- Senator Mahotiere said that she wants to meet with committee members on either Thursday or Friday to review the time cards.

### **STUDENT ADVOCACY REPORT**

- Senator Correa said that the committee is currently working on surveys. The committee will need more members to volunteer with conducting the surveys.

Speaker Mejia said that he will be checking the committee binders from time to time to see what the committees are working on.

Speaker Mejia said that he is a member of the elections code committee and is currently working on trying to create a unified elections code.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Meet Your Dean Appropriation**

An appropriation to fund \$1,000 to support the food costs for the Meet Your Dean event to feed 200 people. The cost for food is \$951.75.

Senator Pulido motioned to bypass a second reading of this appropriation because the event is this week. Senator Merek seconded the motion.

Senator Merek motioned to approve the appropriation to fund the Meet Your Dean event for \$1,000. Senator Paisley seconded the motion.

**Vote**

Akheim Paisley- yay  
Yumeng Zhang- yay  
Paige Butler- yay  
Lauren Peterson- yay  
Bendjy Calixte- yay  
Xuan Di- yay  
Kai Chen- yay  
Ana Correa- yay  
Faedrah Mahotiere- yay  
Eli Jean-Mary- yay  
Rebecca Merek- yay  
Chris Morisset- yay  
Maria Pulido- yay  
Allhan Mejia- yay

The appropriation was approved by a unanimous decision.

**B. WUC Flags Appropriation**

An appropriation in support of funding the WUC flag installation \$4,001 for 182 flags. Originally, the Wolfe Center requested \$4,875.

Senator Jean-Mary requested a point of personal privilege at 4:02 p.m. which was granted by Speaker Mejia.

Senator Morisset clarified that there is currently \$15,444 in the finance funds. If the senate decides to fund this project, there will be \$11,443 leftover.

Senator Peterson asked who will fund this project if SGA-BBC decides not to. Larissa Adames clarified that this is a project that has been planned since last spring semester. By the time that the paperwork was submitted, the SGA fiscal year was over and the project could not be funded. Rafael Zapata and President Felix spoke to the Wolfe Center assuring them that this project would be funded this year.

Senator Paisley motioned to approve the full amount of \$4,001 for the WUC flags appropriation. Senator Pulido seconded the motion.

**Vote**

Akheim Paisley- yay  
Yumeng Zhang- yay  
Paige Butler- yay  
Lauren Peterson- yay

Bendjy Calixte- yay  
Xuan Di- yay  
Kai Chen- yay  
Ana Correa- yay  
Faedrah Mahotiere- yay  
Eli Jean-Mary- abstained  
Rebecca Merek- yay  
Chris Morisset- nay  
Maria Pulido- yay  
Allhan Mejia- yay

By a vote of 12 yays, 1 nay and 1 abstained, the appropriation was approved.

Senator Pulido motioned to bypass the second reading of this appropriation to fund the WUC flags.  
Senator Calixte seconded the motion.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Larissa Adames asked Alex Blencowe, the reporter for the Beacon, who will be covering the Meet Your Dean event. Blencowe replied that she doesn't know but will find out soon.
2. Speaker Mejia reminded members that they need to pass out flyers for Meet Your Dean. He also said that members need to wear their long sleeved shirts to the event.
3. Senator Mahotiere said that if members are interested, they should join the Student Advocacy or Internal Affairs committee.
4. Senator Mahotiere also said that there will be a BSU Union Wednesday on Nov. 12 that will host a sports day competition.
5. Vice-President Williams said that instead of having the typical general meeting next Wednesday, the council will review a Robert's Rules presentation.
6. Speaker Mejia said that he will continue holding his statutes workshops on Monday's, but the time has been changed to 1-2 pm.

The meeting was adjourned by Speaker Mejia at **4:16 p.m.**