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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES
SGC-BBC Senate Meeting
November 3, 2014

IN ATTENDANCE

Faedrah Mahotiere, Arts and Sciences
Maria Pulido-Velos, Arts and Sciences
Allhan Mejia, Business Administration
Rebecca Merek, 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 **3:50 p.m.**
Kai Chen, Graduate
Camille Williams, Vice-President
Jazmin Felix, President
Larissa Adames, Advisor

ABSENT

Akheim Paisley, Arts and Sciences
Yumeng Zhang, Hospitality Management

GUESTS

Karol Ariza, Intern

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on Monday, November 3, 2014 in WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at **3:34 p.m.** by Allhan Mejia, Speaker of the Senate, who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

Senator Mahotiere motioned to table the approval of the last meeting's minutes to next Monday. Senator Merek seconded the motion and the motion passed by a unanimous decision.

SPEAKER REPORT

- Speaker Mejia began his report by saying that he met with Ms. Adames to discuss writing a Constitution referendum to eliminate the education senate seat, because there hasn't been anyone filling that seat since 2008. If the seat successfully gets taken away, the senate can discuss adding a new seat to take its place.

SPEAKER-PRO REPORT

- Senator Pulido began her report by saying that senate reports need to be turned in by the end of each week.
- Senator Pulido said that she and Speaker Mejia met with Julissa Castellanos from the Vice Provost office last Friday, to discuss adding more classes to BBC. Julissa prompted a strategic plan to begin surveying students as soon as possible.
- Senator Pulido said that there will be a strategic planning meeting this Thursday from 2-3 p.m. to specifically discuss adding Arts and Sciences classes to BBC as well.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- President Felix began her report by saying that October was the busiest month of the semester so far. She thanked council members who helped out with the Know Your Vote tabling events and panel discussion.
- President Felix said that there will be a Safety Walk on Nov. 5 from 5:30-6:30 p.m., as it was requested by some students during a forum with Dr. Arneson.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Vice-President Williams reminded senate members that Day on the Bay will be this weekend. Members need to wear their black SGA shirts.

ADVISOR REORT

- Ms. Adames said that there will be two showings of "Monuments Men" tomorrow at 12 and 5 p.m. in the theatre.
- Ms. Adames said that there will also be a Tuesday Times Roundtable tomorrow at 12:30 p.m. about education and creativity.
- Ms. Adames said council members should reply to her email about attending the Robert Edsel reception on Thursday.
- Ms. Adames said that there will be a United Way lunch on Nov. 20. Tickets are \$25 and all of the proceeds go to United Way.
- Ms. Adames said that there will be Panther Camp info sessions during the next week, if council members are interested in joining.

- Ms. Adames said that most council members should have the Nov. 4 class registration date. She said to plan classes accordingly so that 50% or more of them are at BBC.
- Ms. Adames said that the grand opening of the new Broward Pines building is next Tuesday. Speaker Mejia said that he will be driving himself and Senator Pulido to this event. He has room for three more people in his car.

RLJ REPORT

- Senator Merek said that the committee looked over the Elections Code at last Thursday's meeting.

OPERATIONAL REVIEW REPORT

- Senator Jean-Mary said that the committee is going to meet with Campus Life to review SOC and Panther Power's accounts.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT

- Senator Mahotiere reminded members to fill out their reports and office hours for each week. She said that general and senate meetings do not count toward office hours, but committee meetings do.

STUDENT ADVOCACY REPORT

- Senator Correa said that the committee is currently working on transportation and class surveys. She said that she needs volunteers to help out with distributing transportation surveys to students riding the shuttle.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Elections Code

Speaker Mejia passed out a revised version of the Elections Code to senate members. He said that it is very important to read it before next Monday's meeting, when the senate has the official first reading of the Code.

Speaker Mejia reviewed the sections concerning political parties: 6.03K i. (c) and 6.05A. The new proposed code would mean that BBC would not be forced to have political parties when candidates are running for office.

Senator Mahotiere said that she doesn't think the option for political parties should be taken away for SGA-BBC.

Speaker Mejia said that the Code is not eliminating the option of political parties when students are running, but there isn't a need for a political party to exist after members are in office. This change will mean that there will be no more pressure on members to carry out their proposed

plans for the year. Right now, the president and vice-president candidates have to run on a ticket. With this Code change, candidates can run for a seat independently of each other.

Speaker Mejia also reviewed section 6.09 about Vacancies. This proposed change is for both MMC and BBC, stating that the council has two weeks to fill an empty seat or it becomes closed for the year.

Speaker Mejia said that he doesn't agree with this proposed change, because the two week application period suites MMC better than it does BBC. This is because BBC typically has more difficulty filling seats. Currently, the rolling application process works better here.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Speaker Mejia said that there will be Badminton club today and tomorrow at 5 p.m.
2. Senator Mahotiere said that next week is International Education Week. BSU will be co-hosting an event with NABJ on Wednesday from 2:30-5 p.m., a career/resume builder on Thursday and a sports day on Friday in collaboration with the rec center and Panther Power.
3. Senator Pulido said that the International Student Club will be hosting a club fair from 3-5 p.m. next Thursday, in which clubs represent a country. She wants SGA to pick a country to represent and participate.

Senator Mahotiere motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:26 p.m. Senator Calixte seconded the motion and the motion passed.

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