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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES

SGC-BBC Senate Meeting

November 10, 2014

IN ATTENDANCE

Camille Williams – Vice President
Allhan Mejia – Speaker/Business Administration
Maria Pulido-Velosa – Speaker Pro/Arts and Sciences
Akhiem Paisley – Arts and Sciences
Faedrah Mahotiere – Arts and Sciences Senator **3:47 p.m.**
Rebecca Merek – Hospitality Management
Yumeng Zhang – Hospitality Management
Ana Correa – Journalism and Mass Communication
Paige Butler – Lower Division
Eli Jean-Mary – Lower Division **4:01 p.m.**
Lauren Peterson – Lower Division
Bendjy Calixte – At-Large **3:44 p.m.**
Christopher Morisset – At-Large
Xuan Di – At-Large (**excused**)
Kai Chen – Graduate
Larissa Adames – Advisor

GUESTS

Marquele Brown – Elections Board Commissioner
Elina Sibony – Appointee for Director of Environmental Affairs
Ying Lin – Appointee for Elections Board Events Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on Monday, November 10, 2014 in WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at **3:40 p.m.**, by Allhan Mejia, Speaker of the Senate, who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

Senator Merek motioned to approve the senate meeting's minutes of the previous week and the week prior to that. Senator Morisset seconded the motion.

By a unanimous decision, the motion was passed and the minutes from the last two meetings were approved.

SPEAKER REPORT

- Speaker Mejia reported that he would speak to Ms. Adames about removing the vacant nursing senator position, as there is no nursing program at the Biscayne Bay campus

SPEAKER-PRO REPORT

- Senator Pulido-Velosa thanked the council members who attended the Robert Edsel lecture and the Day on the Bay event held in the previous week. She stressed that it is important that council members attend the events hosted and sponsored by SGC BBC. She added that members should also inform the leaders of the council when they are not able to attend events and explain why.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Vice President Williams congratulated the council on a successful staging of the Day on the Bay event held on Saturday, November 8, 2014. She added that she needs to see more of the council members who have not attended many SGC BBC events and that she is considering implementing a method to keep track of member attendance at events.

ADVISOR'S REPORT

- Ms. Adames began her report by informing the council members that the first spring semester orientation for freshman and transfer students would be on Friday, November 14, 2014. She added that she would need four council members to volunteer to table at this event, as it is a good way to promote SGA and recruit.
- Ms. Adames then stated that the last home game of the 2014 FIU football season would be on Saturday, November 15, 2014 at 3:30 pm. Though the Campus Life suite was filled, she encouraged members to still attend the game.
- Ms. Adames reported that the 40th Annual North Miami Winternational Thanksgiving Parade would be held on Thursday, November 27, 2014 starting at 10 a.m. at NE 6th Avenue & NE 125th street. SGC BBC council members were being invited to be a part of the parade on a float. She added that it would be a good way to network and establish a presence in the community so any interested members should let her know.
- Ms. Adames reminded the members that the office would be closed on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 in observance of Veterans Day.
- Ms. Adames stated that on Wednesday, January 14th 2015 during Week of Welcome, there will be a resource fair and volunteers would be needed to table at this event.
- Ms. Adames confirmed that Chipotle Day in the office would be on Monday, November 24th 2014 before the weekly senate meeting, and that council potluck would be on Wednesday, November 25th 2014 before the monthly general meeting.

FINANCE REPORT

- Senator Morisset stated that the committee went over the finance code in their meeting.

RLJ REPORT

- Senator Merek said that her committee read the elections code for a second time and saw things that needed changing.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT

- Senator Mahotiere said that she had no report.

STUDENT ADVOCACY REPORT

- Senator Correa reported that her committee has created a transportation survey about the Golden Panther Express and other related issues. She added that volunteers are needed to help administer the surveys, especially those members who use the shuttle service.

NEW BUSINESS

A. ELECTIONS BOARD EVENT COORDINATOR APPOINTMENT

Ying Lin

Ying Lin believes that his prior work experience has prepared him to be a suitable fit for this role. He worked as a sales coordinator in Hong Kong and so feels he has sufficient knowledge on how to negotiate, plan and execute events.

Senator Merek motioned to appoint the new elections board event coordinator. Senator Paisley seconded the motion.

Vote

Akheim Paisley - Yes
Yumeng Zhang - Yes
Paige Butler - Yes
Lauren Peterson - Yes
Bendjy Calixte – Yes
Kai Chen - Yes
Ana Correa - Yes
Faedrah Mahotiere - Yes
Rebecca Merek - Yes
Christopher Morisset - Yes
Maria Pulido - Yes

Allhan Mejia - Yes

The appointment of Ying Lin as the new Elections Board Event Coordinator was passed by a unanimous decision.

B. DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS APPOINTMENT

Elina Sibony

Elina Sibony is a sophomore majoring in chemistry. She believes that the environment is delicate and it is our responsibility as humans to uphold it for future generations. She added that she was very passionate and knowledgeable about the environment. She has planned initiatives on how to uphold the environment at the Biscayne Bay campus, with her main focus being the bay as it is a very delicate biome.

Senator Mahotiere motioned to appoint the new Director of Environmental Affairs. Senator Calixte seconded the motion.

Vote

Akheim Paisley - Yes
Yumeng Zhang - Yes
Paige Butler - Yes
Lauren Peterson - Yes
Bendjy Calixte – Yes
Kai Chen - Yes
Ana Correa - Yes
Faedrah Mahotiere - Yes
Rebecca Merek - Yes
Christopher Morisset - Abstained
Maria Pulido - Yes
Allhan Mejia - Abstained

The appointment of Elina Sibony as the new Director of Environmental Affairs was passed with a vote of 10 yes' and 2 abstained.

C. READING OF THE ELECTIONS CODE

- i. The reading of the election code started with Senator Paisley reading page 1 aloud.

Senator Paisley requested a point of personal privilege; it was granted at 4:05 pm.

- ii. Senator Mahotiere continued by reading page 2. Then Vice-President Williams and Senator Butler read pages 3 and 4 respectively.

Senators Merek, Calixte and Zhang each requested a point of personal privilege; they were granted at 4:51 pm.

iii. Ms. Adames then read page 5 of the elections code.

Senator Mahotiere motioned to adjourn the meeting. Senator Morisset seconded the motion.

The meeting was dismissed by Senator Mejia at 4:54 pm.