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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES
SGC-BBC Senate Meeting
November 17, 2014

IN ATTENDANCE

Maria Pulido-Velos, Arts and Sciences
Allhan Mejia, Business Administration
Rebecca Merek, Hospitality Management
Ana Correa, SJMC
Eli Jean-Mary, Lower Division
Paige Butler, Lower Division
Lauren Peterson, Lower Division
Xuan Di, At-Large
Bendjy Calixte, At-Large **3:37 p.m.**
Christopher Morisset, At-Large
Kai Chen, Graduate
Larissa Adames, Advisor

Absent

Faedrah Mahotiere, Arts and Sciences
Akheim Paisley, Arts and Sciences
Yumeng Zhang, Hospitality Management

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on Monday, November 17, 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 Merek moved to approve the previous week's minutes. Senator Morisset seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

SPEAKER REPORT

- Speaker Mejia said that he and some other council members attended the grand opening of FIU at I-75 last Friday.

SPEAKER-PRO REPORT

- Senator Pulido said that she had no report.

FINANCE REPORT

- Senator Morisset said that the committee set deadlines for when finance requests will be due at today's meeting. For fall semester, all requests will be due by Dec. 1 at 12 p.m. and for spring semester all requests will be due by April 17 at 5 p.m.

RLJ REPORT

- Senator Merek said that she had no report.

OPERATIONAL REVIEW REPORT

- Senator Jean-Mary said that the committee is going to disregard the Campus Life audit reports from last year because the person who handled them no longer works in the office and they cannot locate the records.
- Speaker Mejia said that the committee cannot just disregard all of the Campus Life audit reports from last year. There has to be a record of them somewhere. Senator Morisset said to check with the accountant, Ive Paul.
- Senator Jean-Mary said that the committee also wants to update the website with more information about what Operational Review does.

STUDENT ADVOCACY REPORT

- Senator Correa thanked the members who helped distributing surveys to students. The committee's goal is to get 200 surveys filled out.
- Speaker Mejia said that it is mandatory for every senator to get at least five surveys filled out by next Monday.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Elections Code Second Reading

- Senator Jean-Mary asked why there is not a specific election day specified under Section 6.03 Definitions of the Elections Code. Ms. Adames and Speaker Mejia said that it is better to keep a vague time span because spring break dates fluctuate yearly and can change the elections day dates.
- Senators Pulido, Merek and Jean-Mary think that Section 6.05 (i) c. should be rephrased because the word "prohibited" sounds like the students at BBC can never form political parties.

- Speaker Mejia asked the senate if they would rather read through the entire document today, or continue reading the last six pages at next week's meeting. Ms. Adames said that if the senate waits to finish reading the document at next week's meeting, then there are only two more meetings left in the semester to either approve or reject the Elections Code. Senator Merek said that the senate should continue reading today at least for another 15 minutes.
- Senator Pulido was granted a point of personal privilege at 4:14 p.m. by Speaker Mejia.
- The senate finished reading the Elections Code and Speaker Mejia said that any suggested changes need to be emailed to him by this Friday so that he can present them at the U-Wide meeting on Friday.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Emoluments

- Speaker Mejia presented a spreadsheet of the payments each council member will receive for the semester/year. Ms. Adames specified that council members will only get the full amount listed if they started at the beginning of the semester. Otherwise, the payments will differentiate.
- The only proposed change for the payments this year is the redistribution of \$200 that was supposed to be paid to the Senate Page, a position that has now been eliminated. The \$200 has been redistributed into the comptroller's salary.
- Senator Correa questioned why that money would be allocated to the comptroller. Senator Morisset said that since the Senate Page position was a part of the Senate, that money should be distributed among the senators and not into the Executive Board. Senator Merek agreed that the money should be distributed throughout the Senate.
- Speaker Mejia calculated that \$200 split among the 21 senate seats would call for \$9.50 extra for each senator.
- Senators Calixte and Merek were granted a point of personal privilege by Speaker Mejia at 4:58 p.m.

Senator Morisset moved to table the voting on the emoluments changes until next meeting. Senator Peterson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by Speaker Mejia at **4:58 p.m.**