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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & FIU at I-75

MINUTES SGC-BBC Senate Meeting

During anytime in the meeting, any council member who asked for a personal privilege during the meeting must be noted in the meetings. For ex: John Smith asked for a personal privilege after the speaker's report, you will note that in the minutes.

IN ATTENDANCE

Tonie Jean – Arts and Sciences / Speaker of the Senate
Jonathan Espino – Arts and Sciences
Hala Baaj – Arts and Sciences
Tamera Thompson – Hospitality Management
Nikole Torregiante – Housing
Maria Fauve – Lower Division / Speaker Pro-Tempore
Ronan Kelly – Lower Division
Michaela Suarez – At-Large
Zhe Huang – At-Large
Mitesh Addhate – Graduate
Leonardo Cosio – Vice President
Kerrie Montgomery – Director of Campus Life
Larissa Adames – Assistant Director of Campus Life/SGA Advisor
Gerald Johnson – Graduate Assistant

ABSENT

Shawn Robinson – Upper Division

GUEST

Meredith Marseille – Comptroller
Allhan W. Mejia – President
Harry Castillo – SCJ Senator Candidate

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on February 6, 2017 – in **WUC 221**. The meeting was called to order at **3:32pm**, approximately, by Speaker **Tonie Jean** who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- Speaker Jean welcomed the council and said the meeting minutes for January 30th was emailed to everyone.

- Speaker Jean said if anyone has corrections to make, please send that to the minute taker.
Senator Thompson moved to approve the January 30th Senate Meeting Minutes
Senator Kelly seconded the motion.

By a unanimous decision, the January 30th Senate Meeting Minutes were approved.

SENATE SPEAKER REPORT

- Speaker Jean said she, along with Vice President Cosio and Speaker Pro Fauve are working on plans for “Advising Week” and will inform the council with the finalized details soon.

SPEAKER PRO-TEMPORE Report

- Speaker Pro Fauve reminded the council to do their senate reports.
- Speaker Pro Fauve reminded the council to keep up with their office hours and to check their emails and physical mailboxes regularly, even daily.

VICE PRESIDENT Report

- Vice President Cosio said he enjoyed attending the leadership summit with the council and had a great learning experience.
- Vice President Cosio said he will keep everyone updated with the plans for “Advising Week.”

ADVISOR REPORT

- Advisor Adames said the Student Feedback Forum w/ Dr. Arneson is tomorrow at 3pm in Bayview Housing’s Sky Lounge. She asked the council to please encourage students and their classmates to attend.
- Advisor Adames said the applications for elections are out and to please not wait until the last minute to apply.
- Advisor Adames said although there are vacant seats in the council, SGA is no longer accepting applications for the current term. She added that those who turned in applications before the deadline can be appointed in the current term.
- Advisor Adames said University Wide and Campus Specific Budget Hearings and Deliberations continue this Friday from 9am-3pm.
- Advisor Adames said future deliberations will be held on February 22nd, March 1st, and March 3rd. She added that if senators are interested in certain positions, such as finance chair, the meetings should be helpful.
- Advisor Adames said the Townhall Meeting w/ President Rosenberg is next Monday and there will be no senate meeting that day.

- Advisor Adames said senators should promote the event to their classmates because student feedback is needed.
- Advisor Adames said Panther Alumni week is this week and the Tuesday Times Round Table discussion is tomorrow.
- Advisor Adames said the Health Services Administration Department is holding their kickoff at BBC in Panther Square, because their department will be moving to this campus.
- Director Montgomery said the dean of the college, chair of the department, and several faculty members will be in attendance and the college will bring a lot of student to BBC.

FINANCE CHAIR Report

- Senator Suarez said today, she received a notification from one of her committee members that they'll be leaving SGA and she therefore has an open spot in the Finance Committee.
- Senator Suarez said joining the Finance Committee will help with leadership and management experience.
- Senator Suarez said she will be dividing up the roles in the committee to make things easier on every member.

RLJ CHAIR REPORT

No report

OPERATIONAL REVIEW CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Kelly said his committee had the required minimum members to run, however if anyone is interested, there are still spots available.

INTERNAL RELATIONS CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Espino said his committee is filling up, so if anyone would like to join, please do.
- Senator Espino reminded the council to sign in and do their weekly office hours.

STUDENT ADVOCACY CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Thompson said her committee only has two members and is open to more members as well. She added her committee is a voice for the students on campus and strives to make the campus experience better.
- Senator Thompson said many students do not know about the excess credit surcharge. She added that it would be helpful if SGA can do something about it so that students are aware and SGA should make themselves available to help students out.

- Senator Thompson said she will be looking into other programs and ideas to help students, such as helping students with their panther degree audits.
- Senator Thompson said she spoke with Senator Fauve about the waste that the hospitality department creates with their cooking class, where the food is thrown out after the class is over. She added she's thinking of a food rescue program as a solution.
- Senator Torregiante added that it would be a good idea to ask students to bring Tupperware to take the food home to their families.
- Director Montgomery said it would be a good idea to look into the laws and regulations related to the situation, for example: catering companies are required to throw left overs away.
- Advisor Adames added that there is an urban garden on campus, where they may be able to donate the food for composting.
- Senator Thompson said she will also be looking into the restaurant and food options on campus, which is a huge concern of many students.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Appointment – Harry Castillo

- Mr. Castillo thanked the council for having him.
- Mr. Castillo said he is majoring in public relations.
- Mr Castillo said in high school, he was the first male cheerleading captain in high school, is very outgoing, loud, fun, honest, and outspoken (respectfully of course).
- Mr. Castillo said currently, he is not involved in any organizations so far and hopes to gain leadership skills, especially political public relations.
- Mr. Castillo said that as captain of the cheerleading team, he learned to lead and facilitate teamwork. Mr. Castillo added that if one fails, the whole group fails so it is important to work as a team and communicate.

Senator Suarez moved to appoint Harry Castillo as a School of Communication + Journalism Senator.

Senator Espino seconded the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Jean – Yay
 Senator Fauve – Yay
 Senator Suarez – Yay
 Senator Espino – Yay
 Senator Kelly – Yay
 Senator Baaj – Yay
 Senator Thompson - Yay
 Senator Torregiante – Yay
 Senator Huang – Yay
 Senator Addhate – Yay

By a unanimous vote of 10/0/0, Harry Castillo was appointed as a School of Communication + Journalism Senator

b. Meredith Marseille - Senate Bill 2017.0001- Removal of SGA position

- Comptroller Marseille greeted the council and said two weeks ago, she presented the emoluments to be approved by the council but was advised to present the position changes bill in the constitution first, and then the emoluments can be voted on.
- Comptroller Marseille said Bill 2017.0001 is the first bill of 2017.\
- Speaker Jean said this all basically means that the cabinet seat, Director of Governing Councils must be removed first before the emoluments are transferred.
- President Mejia said the numbering is incorrect in the new bill, where the removal of the position “Director of Governing Councils” was marked as the 9th cabinet position, when it is removed, the “Director of Civic Engagement” should move from the 10th to the 9th position, where currently, it is still at the 10th position.
- Advisor Adames said this is the first reading so the provisions that numbering is corrected can be added for the second reading

Senator Fauve moved to bypass the second reading.

Senator Suarez seconded the motion.

By a unanimous decision, the motion passed, and the second reading was bypassed.

Senator Fauve moved to approve the bill under the provisions that the numbering changed. The motion was not recognized.

Senator Fauve moved to approve Bill 2017.0001 under the provisions that in section two, Director of Civic Engagement is move to position #9 and Director of Elections is moved to #10.

Senator Kelly seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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Senator Jean – Yay
Senator Fauve – Yay
Senator Suarez – Yay
Senator Espino – Yay
Senator Kelly – Yay
Senator Baaj – Yay
Senator Castillo - Abstain
Senator Thompson - Yay
Senator Torregiante – Yay
Senator Huang – Yay
Senator Addhate – Yay

By a vote of 10/0/1, the motion passed and Bill 2017.0001 was approved with provisions.

Speaker Thompson moved to amend the agenda where the online Budget Presentation will be before the Emoluments presentation.

Senator Espino seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

c. Allhan Mejia – Online Budget Pt 2 Presentation

- President Mejia said Comptroller Marseille presented the online budget at the end of the fall semester. He added that the second part of deliberations was held on January 27th.
- President Mejia said the online students are now paying half of the regular A&S fees, which SGA is managing.
- President Mejia said the fees accrued \$1.1 million. He added that in the first round of deliberations, the U-Wide committee allocated \$414,000 and \$718,000 in the second round.
- President Mejia said campus specific budgets have not been voted on yet, and currently, only the university wide budget has been voted on.
- President Mejia said \$228,000 was allocated to various departments while \$500,000 was placed into the SGA reserves.
- President Mejia said Campus Life BBC received about \$8,000 for camera equipment and \$6,500 for live streaming equipment.
- President Mejia said the committee allocated \$60,000 to Campus Life MMC.
- President Mejia said recently, FIU became an Ashoka campus.
- President Mejia said as a result, Changemaker Initiative requested funding for social intelligence marketing research software, as well as the FIU link Pilot and Crowdfunder FIU.
- President Mejia said Crowdfunder FIU was not approved because it similar to GoFundMe.
- President Mejia said FIU Link was approved with proviso language “If and when FIU Link Software and/or other aliases software products are developed and if revenue is earned from it, SGA will receive the initial investment and a minimum of 5% of those revenues.”
- President Mejia said the social intelligence project was also approved with proviso language that the program will provide student affairs with marketing intelligence.
- President Mejia said the committee allocated 30,000 to the Libraries for Demand Drive E-Books. He added that this service will only be paid for when the books are actually used.
- President Mejia said the request was the most economical and well rounded, while the others were not, and it was the only one approved.
- President Mejia said the committee allocated \$2000 to the Office of Study Abroad, which will fund an event during the spring semester to promote study abroad to students on campus and online.

- President Mejia said the student unions (GC and WUC) were provided funding to equip their 3 most popular rooms with online streaming technology.
- President Mejia said he will present the bill regarding these allocations in two weeks.
- President Mejia said to please email questions as soon as possible.

Senator Addhate requested a point of personal privilege at 4:31pm.

Vice President Cosio requested a point of personal privilege at 4:31pm.

d. Emoluments

- Comptroller Marseille presented the changes in the emoluments.
- Comptroller Marseille reiterated that Director of Governing Councils was removed as well as four senate positions, and those emoluments were allocated throughout the council.

ANOUNCEMENTS

- Nicole Mare - Lower Division Senator Resignation
- Panther Alumni Week, February 6-10, 2017
- Tuesday Times Round Table, February 7, 12:30 om-1:30 pm, WUC 159
- Student Forum w/ Dr. Arneson, February 7, 3pm-4:30pm, Bayview
- Hearings BBC Specific: 9am-3pm - WUC 221, February 10, 2017
- Town Hall Meeting w/ President Rosenberg, February 13, 2017
- Deliberations U-wide @ MMC: 9am-5pm - GC 325, February 22, 2017
- SGA Election Applications are due by 5pm, February 24, 2017
- Deliberations U-wide @ BBC: 9am to 2pm - WUC 221, March 1, 2017
- Deliberations BBC Specific - 9am to 3pm - WUC 221, March 3, 2017

The meeting was dismissed by Speakers Jean at **4:40pm**.