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# Florida International University

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

## **MINUTES**

**SGC-BBC Senate Meeting**

**January 9, 2017**

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Tonie Jean – Speaker of the Senate  
Maria Fauve – Speaker Pro Tempore  
Micaela Suarez -At-Large/ Finance Chair  
Nicole Mare - Lower Division/Internal Affair Chair  
Jonathan Espino – Arts and Science  
Tamera Thompson – Hospitality Management (3:31)  
Nikole Torregiante – Housing  
Ronan Kelly – Lower Division  
Zhe Huang – At-Large  
Mitesh Addhate – Graduate

### **ABSENT**

Hala Baaj – Arts & Sciences

### **GUESTS**

Larissa Adames - SGA Coordinator  
Gerald Johnson II - SGA Graduate Assistant  
Kerrie Montgomery - Campus Life Director  
Allhan W. Mejia - President  
Meredith Marseille – Comptroller

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on Monday, January 9, 2017 in WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at **3:30 p.m.** by Tonie Jean, Speaker of the Senate, who presided over the meeting in its entirety

### **SPEAKER REPORT**

- Speaker Jean stated that she has thought of various forum ideas to plan. The forums will then be shared with all senators via email.
- Speaker Jean stated that her and Allhan W. Mejia are working on the event, Meet you Dean, and have also reached out to Jeovana Letto concerning the event.
- Senator Jean reminded the senate that they will not have to record their office hours for this week. However, they will continue to record their hours, via card swiping at the front desk, on Tuesday 17, 2017.
- Senator Jean stated that information concerning transition manuals will be given on the next meeting, along with an example.
- Senator Jean shared the progress concerning the board for SGA-BBC, and stated that once Adam Bernstein.
- Senator Jean notified the senate that all agendas for this semester will be shared with them through a folder.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- President Mejia announced that the E-board is currently working on the responsibilities for the Senate positions. Any suggestions made by the Senate should be sent in between today, January 9, 2017, and Wednesday, January, 11, 2017.
- President Mejia reminded the Senate that there three of their committee chair positions, Operational Review, Student Advocacy, and Rules Legislation and Judiciary, are currently empty.

### **SPEAKER-PRO TEMPORE REPORT**

- No Report

### **FINANCE REPORT**

- Senator Suarez stated that a meeting day and time for her committee has been finalized. They will be meeting on Wednesdays, from 10:00am - 11:00am
- Senator Suarez said that she currently needs one more senator to join her committee for it to be complete and that any senators were interested in being a part of the finance committee should contact her as soon as possible.

## **INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT**

- Senator Mare said that no office hours are due this week, but will resume starting next week Tuesday, January 17, 2017, due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday held on Monday January 16, 2017.
- Senator Mare stated that she is currently working on an event, Learn to Swim with students of intellectual disabilities, and will soon contact the director of the disability center in hope that the event will take soon.

## **ADVISOR REPORT**

- Ms. Adames reminded the Senate that the Breakfast Bonanza will be held tomorrow, January 10th, 2017, from 9:30am-11:00am.
- Ms. Adames stated that it is important for senators to sign up to give tours of the SGA office, and that they should help whenever they can. In addition, it will also count as one of the items on the to-do list.
- Ms. Adames said that as of today, January 9, 2017, seven to nine senators have not turned in their HR packet, in order to receive the Fall Stipends. This stood as a reminder to do so as soon as possible.
- Ms. Adames stated that the Martin Luther King Bust will be held this thursday, January 12, 2017, by ACI facing the shuttles; attending would be a great way to show support of the event.
- Ms. Adames encouraged the senate to attend the Martin Luther King day of service which will be held this upcoming saturday, January 14, 2017.
- Ms. Adames stated that the Student Leadership Summit will be held on February 4, 2017 at BBC. This year the speaker is a spoken word speaker and will also have a session after the lecture and that it would be
- Ms. Adames reminded all senators that the SGA Ropes Course is a mandatory event and will be held next friday, January 20th, 2017. All senators must confirm with Marcy Alstrom by the end of this week January 13, 2017.
- Ms. Adames notified the senate that it is important to consider the fact that one health science program will be move from the MMC campus to BBC. Therefore the number of student that will increase from 700 - 1,000 students. This change will also increase the number of faculty on campus of 10-12.
- Ms. Adames notified the senate that Careers Services has moved to Academic Affairs.
- Ms. Adames stated that all senators should have received the new to-do list in his or her mailbox.
- Ms. Adames thanked all senators who have already filled out the Office Hours and Class Schedule forms on Roarsnyc; and encouraged all senators who have not, to do so as soon as possible

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Office Hours Bill**

The Senate Bill 2016.0009, Decrease non-committee chair senators' office hours from seven to five hours, was presented and explained by guest, Meredith Marseille and Allhan Mejia.

Senator Suarez moved to approve the Senate Bill 2016.0009, Decrease non-committee chair senators' office hours from seven to five hours”

Senator Thompson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

By an unanimous vote of 10/0/0, the Senate Bill 2016.0009 Decrease non-committee chair senators' office hours from seven to five hours was approved.

### **B. Senate Seat Composition Bill**

The Senate Bill 2016.0008, Amend the SGC-BBC Senate seat composition as per the SGA constitutional changes, was presented and explained by Meredith Marseille and Allhan Mejia.

Senator Mare moved to approve the The Senate Bill 2016.0008 Amend the SGC-BBC Senate seat composition as per the SGA constitutional changes.

Senator Kelly seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Jean – Yay  
Senator Fauve – Yay  
Senator Suarez – Yay  
Senator Mare – Yay  
Senator Espino – Yay  
Senator Thompson – Yay  
Senator Torregiante – Yay  
Senator Kelly – Yay

Senator Huang – Yay  
Senator Addhate – Yay

By an unanimous vote of 10/0/0, the Senate Bill 2016.0008 Amend the SGC-BBC Senate seat composition as per the SGA constitutional changes was approved.

Senator Fauve moved to add Chair Appointments to New Business of the Agenda of January 9, 2017.

Senator Torregiante seconded the motion.

By an unanimous vote the motion was passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Vice President Appointment**

Leonardo Cosio, current Chief of Staff, presented himself to the senate.

Senator Mare moved to extended time for questions for three minutes.  
Senator Fauve seconded the motion.

Senator Mare moved to appoint Leonardo Cosio as Vice President of SGC-BBC.  
Senator Suarez seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote:

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

By an unanimous vote of 10/0/0 Leonardo Cosio was appointed Vice President of SGC-BBC.

### **B. Chair Appointments**

#### **i. RLJ**

Senator Fauve nominated Senator Mare as Chair of the Rules Legislation and Judiciary Committee.

Senator Mare accepted the nomination.

Senator Mare presented herself for the Rules Legislation and Judiciary Committee Chair.

Speaker Jean entertained a motion to appoint Senator Mare.

Senator Thompson moved to appoint Senator Mare chair of the Rules Legislation and Judiciary Committee.

Senator Kelly seconded the motion.

Roll call Vote:

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

By an unanimous vote of 10/0/0, Senator Mare was appointed as Rules Legislation and Judiciary Committee Chair.

Senator Mitesh asked for a point of personal privilege.

Speaker granted the request for a point of personal privilege.

## **ii. Operational Review**

Speaker Jean entertained any nominations for the Operational Review Chair position.

Senator Mare nominated Senator Kelly as Chair of the Operational Review Committee.  
Senator Kelly accepted the nomination.

Senator Kelly presented himself for the Operational Review Committee Chair.

Senator Fauve moved to appoint Senator Kelly as Operational Review Committee Chair.  
Senator Mare seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Jean – Yay

Senator Fauve – Yay  
Senator Suarez – Yay  
Senator Mare – Yay  
Senator Espino – Yay  
Senator Thompson – Yay  
Senator Torregiante – Yay  
Senator Kelly – Yay  
Senator Huang – Yay

By an unanimous vote of 9/0/0, Senator Kelly was appointed Operational Review Committee Chair.

**iii. Student Advocacy**

Senator Mare nominated Senator Thompson as Student Advocacy Committee Chair.  
Senator Thompson accepted the nomination.

Senator Thompson presented herself for Student Advocacy Committee Chair.

Senator Mare moved to appoint Senator Thompson as Student Advocacy Committee Chair.  
Senator Torregiante seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Jean – Yay  
Senator Fauve – Yay  
Senator Suarez – Yay  
Senator Mare – Yay  
Senator Espino – Yay  
Senator Thompson – Yay  
Senator Torregiante – Yay  
Senator Kelly – Yay  
Senator Huang – Yay

By an unanimous vote of 9/0/0, Senator Thompson was appointed Student Advocacy Committee Chair.

**iv. Internal Affairs**

Senator Suarez nominated Senator Senator Espino as Internal Affairs Committee Chair.  
Senator Espino accepted the nomination.

Senator Espino presented himself for Internal Affairs Committee Chair.

Senator Mare moved to appoint Senator Espino as Internal Affairs Committee Chair.



Senator Kelly seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Jean – Yay  
Senator Fauve – Yay  
Senator Suarez – Yay  
Senator Mare – Yay  
Senator Espino – Yay  
Senator Thompson – Yay  
Senator Torregiante – Yay  
Senator Kelly – Yay  
Senator Huang – Yay

By an unanimous vote of 9/0/0, Senator Espino was appointed as Internal Affairs Committee Chair.

Senator Torregiante asked for a point of personal privilege.  
Speaker Jean granted the request for a point of personal privilege.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Martin Luther King bust Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 1pm
- MLK Day of Service on January 14th
- Presidential Inauguration Discussion Tuesday, January 17th at 12:30 pm WUC 155
- SGA Ropes Course, January 20, 2017, 8:30 am
- SGA Workshop Series: Budget101 Monday, January 23rd at 2:30pm
- Online Budget Deliberations, January 27, 2017 9am, at BBC TBA
- Jose Marti Breakfast, January 28, 2017, WUC Ballrooms
- Student Leadership Summit, February 4, 2017 at BBC
- Town Hall Meeting w/ President ROsenberg, February 13, 2017

Speaker Jean entertained a motion.

Senator Mare moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:56 p.m.

Senator Suarez seconded the motion.

By an unanimous decision the motion was passed.

The meeting was adjourned by Speaker Jean at **4:56 p.m**