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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES

SGC-BBC Senate Meeting

January 30, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE

Tonie Jean – Upper Division/Speaker of the Senate
Maria Fauve – At-Large/ Speaker Pro Tempore
Micaela Suarez – At-Large/ Finance Chair
Nicole Mare – Lower Division/Rules, Legislation, Judicial Chair
Jonathan Espino – Arts, Sciences & Education/ Internal Affairs Chair
Ronan Kelly – Lower Division/ Operational Review Chair
Hala Baaj – Arts, Sciences & Education
Nikole Torregiante – Housing
Zhe Huang – At-Large
Mitesh Addhate – Graduate

EXCUSED

Shawn Robinson – Upper Division

ABSENT

Tamera Thompson – Hospitality & Tourism Management/ Student Advocacy Chair

GUESTS

Larissa Adames – SGA Coordinator
Gerald Johnson II – SGA Graduate Assistant
Kerrie Montgomery – Campus Life Director
Allhan W. Mejia – President
Leonardo Cosio – Vice President

Sudyen Navarette
Shenglei Wang
Daniel Vekasquez

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on Monday, January 30, 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 the last minutes were not available for this meeting
- Speaker Jean clarified that Leonardo Cosio will speak of Advising Week more.

VICE - PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Vice President Cosio stated that the next event they should be working on is Advising Week. This event will be talked about more and he will continue to reach to both the senate and the advisors concerning this event.
- Vice President Cosio stated that the Budget Cycle went well. He also encouraged the senate to attend the next Budget Cycle which will be held on Wednesday, at the Modesto Maidique Campus.

SPEAKER-PRO TEMPORE REPORT

- No Report

FINANCE REPORT

- Senator Suarez stated that she held a meeting, and as of now there were no requests.
- Senator Suarez stated that the last request they were given at the end of the semester was resolved due to the fact that it was essentially meant for the Modesto Maidique Campus.
- Senator Suarez stated that her committee resolved all the amount which was allocated

INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT

- Senator Espino reminded the Senate to do all the hours required of them and to make sure to join two committees.

- Senator Espino also reminded the Senate to fill out and send their Senate Reports on time, by Monday before 3:30 pm.

RLJ REPORT

- Senator Mare placed emphasis on the fact that she will need people to join her committee because there are many bills that will need to be approved of, and she will not be able to do so on her own.
- Senator Mare also mentioned that those who are not in any committees as of now must join two committees.
- Senator Mare stated that all bills need to be sent through Orgsync not her email for there is no guarantee that she will be able to review the ones that have been sent through her email.

OPERATIONAL REVIEW REPORT

- Senator Kelly stated that he now has the minimum amount of people needed in his committee.
- Senator Kelly notified the senate that his committee members consist of Senator Baaj, and Senator Espino, and that as of now they are able to handle all the work. However, he is considering the expansion of his committee, for it will lessen the workload.
- Senator Kelly has decided to hold his committee meetings on either Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays.

ADVISOR REPORT

- Ms.Adames reminded the Senate that the Student Leadership Summit will be held next saturday, February 4, 2017.
- Ms Adames notified the Senate that the next budget cycle will be held on Wednesday.
- Ms. Adames stated that the next BBC Specific hearing will be held on February 10, 2017 from 12:30pm to 1:00pm; and advised all senators to join for it would be a good opportunity to see what is requested. Part two of the hearing will be held on March 1st, 2017; and part three will be held on March 3rd at BBC from 9:00am to 3:00 pm.
- Ms.Adames stated that SGA election applications are out in the office and also online; if any were interested. The applications will be due on February 24th, 2017.
- Ms.Adames reminded the Senate of the Town Hall meeting which will take place in two weeks on February 13, 2017, during the Senate Meeting. Ms.Adames also encouraged the senate to bring any of their classmates as well

NEW BUSINESS

A. Advising Week

More details on Advising Week will be given out as soon as the information is confirmed.

Senator Mare asked for a point of personal privilege at 3:40pm.
Speaker Jean granted the request for a point of personal privilege.

B. Appointments

i. Chief Justice

Sudyen Navarette presented herself to the senate.

Speaker Jean entertained a motion.

Senator Addhate moved to extend time for questions for two more minutes
Senator Kelly seconded the motion

Senator Suarez moved to appoint Sudyen Navarette as Chief Justice.
Senator Baaj 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 Torregiante – Yay
Senator Huang – Yay
Senator Addhate – Yay

By an unanimous vote of 9/0/0, Sudyen Navarette was appointed as Chief Justice.

ii. Deputy Elections Commissioner

Daniel Velasquez presented himself to the senate.

Senator Espino moved to appoint Daniel Velasquez as Deputy Elections Commissioner
Senator Kelly 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 Torregiante – Yay
Senator Huang – Yay
Senator Addhate – Yay

By an unanimous vote of 9/0/0, Daniel Velasquez was appointed as Deputy Elections Commissioner.

iii. Events, Elections Board

Shenglei Wang presented herself to the Senate.

Senator Huang moved to appoint Shenglei Wang as Events, Election Board.
Senator Torregiante 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 Torregiante – Yay
Senator Huang – Yay
Senator Addhate – Yay

By an unanimous vote of 9/0/0, Shenglei Wang was appointed as Events, Election Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Senator Fauve stated that the Panther Express featured many SGC members; and encouraged the Senate to pick up a copy and see for themselves.
- b. University Wide Hearings @MMC - 9am-5pm - GC 325, February 1, 2017
- c. SGA Applications for Elections are available- February 1, 2017
- d. Panther Alumni Week, February 6-10, 2017

- e. Student Leadership Summit, February 4, 2017 at BBC
- f. Hearings BBC Specific: 9am-3pm - WUC 221, February 10, 2017
- g. Town Hall Meeting w/ President Rosenberg, February 13, 2017
- h. Deliberations U-wide @ MMC: 9am-5pm - GC 325, February 22, 2017
- i. SGA Election Applications are due by 5pm, February 24, 2017
- j. Deliberations U-wide @ BBC: 9am to 2pm - WUC 221, March 1, 2017
- k. Deliberations BBC Specific - 9am to 3pm - WUC 221, March 3, 2017
- l. BSU has asked SGA to table at one of their events, their opening ceremony, this wednesday–February 1st, 2016– from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in panther square. It has been included in the tabling sheet, all senators available at that time are asked to sign up.
- m. The Senate was reminded that their office hours will be recorded through card swiping at the front desk. If one forgets to clock out, he or she may notify Marcy or whoever is at the front desk and his or her hours will be added manually.

Speaker Jean entertained a motion.

Senator Suarez moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Senator Addhate seconded the motion.

By an unanimous decision the motion was passed.

The meeting was adjourned by Speaker Jean at **4:00 p.m.**