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Florida International University

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

MINUTES SGC-BBC Senate Meeting February 27th, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE

Tonie Jean – Speaker of the Senate/ Upper Division
Maria Fauve – Speaker Pro Tempore / At-Large
Jonathan Espino – Arts, Sciences and Education
Tamera Thompson – Hospitality Management
Harry Castillo – Communication + Journalism
Ronan Kelly – Lower Division
Micaela Suarez – At-Large
Zhe Huang – At-Large
Mitesh Addhate – Graduate
Leonardo Cosio – Vice President

EXCUSED

Hala Baaj – Arts, Sciences and Education

GUEST

Larissa Adames – Assistant Director of Campus Life/SGA Advisor
Gerald Johnson – Graduate Assistant
Rosemary Hannah – Director of Civic Engagement Candidate

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on February 27, 2016 in **WUC 221**. The meeting was called to order at **3:35pm**, approximately, by Speaker **Tonie Jean** who presided over the meeting in its entirety

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- Speaker Jean said she emailed the council about the Senate Meeting Minutes for February 6 and February 20. She said they were added to the share drive so the council should have reviewed the documents.

Senator Kelly move to approve the Meeting Minutes for February 6, 2017.
Senator Thompson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

By a vote of 9/0/0, the motion passed.

Senator Addhate moved to approve the Senate Meeting Minutes for February 20th, 2017.
Senator Suarez seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

By a vote of 9/0/0, the motion passed.

SENATE SPEAKER REPORT

- Speaker Jean said SGA BBC Graphic Artist Adam Bernstein's birthday was over the weekend and asked everyone to wish him a happy birthday.
- Speaker Jean said she, Vice President Cosio and Speaker Pro-Tempore Fauve are finalizing Advisor Week plans.
- Speaker Jean said Advisor Week will take place between March 20th and 23rd. She added that she will try to have the flyers out by this week.
- Speaker Jean said, during that week, there will be three tables: one for advising, one for scholarships, and another for SGA.
- Speaker Jean reminded the council that she needs the list of scholarships from each senator to provide to President Mejia for the event.
- Senator Thompson said she thinks it would be a good idea to add the excess credit surcharge information to advising week, as discussed last week.
- Speaker Jean asked Advisor Adames how can they incorporate the excess credit surcharge into advising week.

- Advisor Adames said the senators can relay the information to the students. She added that since SGA is trying to stay green, they don't have to print out an excessive amount of excess credit surcharge flyers and provide students with online resources instead.

Senator Fauve moved to have an open discussion.

Senator Kelly seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

- Senator Suarez asked where will the event be located.
- Speaker Jean said for the College of Arts, Sciences and Education Day, the event will be held in ACI and in ACII for the College of Business Day. She added that the Hospitality Department Day will be held in the Wolfe University Center.
- Vice President Cosio said the Hospitality Department's event is set for Tuesday, March 21 from 9am – 12pm.
- Speaker Jean said each student will speak with their advisor for about ten minutes where they can set up a meeting before full enrollment time comes around.
- Speaker Jean said on Thursday, all three colleges will be represented.
- Senator Suarez said she thinks the council can reach out to the Career and Talent Development Department to table during the event on Thursday, March 23rd.
- Senator Pro-Tempore Fauve said she thinks that the event should remain focused on advising only.
- Senator Thompson said she spoke to Giovanna, who recommended having the panther degree audits prepared for the students.
- Vice President Cosio said it is important to make it clear that Giovanna is referring to the major track sheets and not the panther degree audits, which are specific to each student.
- Senator Thompson said the Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Elizabeth Bejar, is interested in getting involved in the event.
- Advisor Adames said the senators should do a survey asking students about which classes they need at BBC but were not offered this semester and at what times do they need those classes.
- Advisor Adames said once that survey is done, the council can give that to Dr. Bejar because she can help out with those kinds of things.
- Senator Suarez asked what are the three main goals of the event.
- Speaker Jean said to make appointments with advisors, to get more information on scholarships, internships, and volunteering, and to learn about SGA (including the one-minute survey). She added that students will receive pizza once they visit all of the tables.
- Speaker Jean said she thinks the senators can provide a valuable relatable experience for the student body. She said the council can give advice, discuss their experiences, and build personal relationships.
- Speaker Jean asked the senators to continue sending her resources as they find them.
- Speaker Jean asked the council to find scholarships for graduate schools as well, including scholarships for admission application fees, testing materials, etc.
- Vice President Cosio said if anyone in the council has ideas for marketing the events, because traditionally, attendance turnout is not great, he would love some help with that.

- Senator Thompson said the council can reach out to professors and advisors to send out the flyer through their listservs.
- Speaker Jean asked the council to please email her with any other suggestions they may have.

Senator Fauve moved to end the open discussion at 4:03pm

Senator Suarez seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

SPEAKER PRO-TEMPORE REPORT

- Speaker Pro Fauve said senate reports are due on Mondays at 3p.m. where the council has more than enough time to write them.
- Speaker Pro Fauve asked the council to not turn in their reports an hour before the deadline because she had to ask.
- Speaker Pro Fauve said reminding a senator about the report at 2:30 is a courtesy so please complete the reports in a timely fashion.
- Speaker Pro Fauve said if any senator is having trouble with the reports to please reach out and ask for help. She said she is more than willing to help.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

- Vice President Cosio greeted the council and said advisor week is basically what he has been working on.
- Vice President Cosio said he has a meeting with the department of communications to see how they can help out with advising week.

ADVISOR REPORT

- Advisor Adames said tomorrow is the Health Services Kick Off event. She reminded the council to please show up because these administrators and faculty members will join BBC in the fall and it is important to get to know them.
- Advisor Adames said the final Budget meeting deliberation is this Friday from 9am – 1pm. She added that it is a good opportunity to see how the budget committee allocates funds to the various entities in and outside of Student Affairs.
- Advisor Adames said next Tuesday is the Michelle Bernstein lecture.
- Advisor Adames said this Wednesday is the first general meeting of the semester and asked the council to be on-time (3:30pm) in WUC 221. She added that the council should wear their white shirts.

FINANCE CHAIR Report

- Senator Suarez said today, her council had a meeting and a funding request for \$992.26.
- Senator Suarez said she will present the request to the senate next week because they have to vote on it, where a finance request over \$399.99 has to be voted on.

RLJ CHAIR REPORT

No Report

OPERATIONAL REVIEW CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Kelly said he was not able to have a meeting today because the committee did not meet quorum.
- Senator Kelly said his committee is still open to new members.
- Senator Kelly said he will delegate event audit reports evenly between members.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Espino reminded the council to complete their hours: 7 hours/week for committee chairs and 5 hours/week for all other senators.
- Speaker Jean added that in order to receive full emoluments, the senators must complete their hours.

STUDENT ADVOCACY CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Thompson said she received an email confirming her appointment with the Hospitality Department's Kitchen Manager and will meet with him on Friday. She said they will discuss the best options for food disposal and alternatives.
- Senator Thompson said she is looking into the food options on campus but does not know what to do about it because there is not enough space or budget, and is not sure about the food trucks option.
- Vice President Cosio said he would be more than happy to have Senator Thompson do the legwork and stay in touch with business services. He added that business services said they are currently conducting research on the food options.
- Vice President Cosio said he can put Senator Thompson in touch with business services so she can stay up to date on their activities.
- Senator Thompson said she will speak with the Kitchen Manager about the liability issues of donating the excess food from cooking classes to food banks.
- Senator Thompson said she received gift cards from the Manger of Food Operations, Lorvin Ramirez. She said she plans to speak to him about food options as well.
- Advisor Adames said it would be a good idea to speak with him about the turnout of the dinner event on Friday for the housing students.

- Senator Suarez added that when dealing with Business Services, it is important to share ideas with them first so they can approve, instead of getting very far into the planning process to only have everything shut down.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointment Rosemary Hannah - Director of Civic Engagement

- Ms. Hannah said that during her time as SGA's Director of Campus Services, she mostly focused on environmental events.
- Ms. Hannah said this Friday, she has a meeting at MMC w/ the Office of Sustainability about bringing some environmental events to BBC.
- Ms. Hannah said she wants to promote such events to students and plans to bring her dive master friend as a speaker.
- Ms., Hannah said she would love to have a chance to be the Director of Civic Engagement.
- Senator Fauve asked if Ms. Hannah has completed the requirements for Director of Campus services.
- Ms. Hannah said she planned to do events this semester, such as the earth day celebration.
- Senator Fauve asked for clarification on who Ms. Hannah plans to bring as speakers.
- Ms. Hannah said her friend is a dive master and she will try to get him to speak at BBC about the environment. She added that she has two other friends who are agriculturalists and will invite them to speak as well.
- Senator Jean said the Director of Civic Engagement's job description is to proactively handle environmental issues and meet with all of the environmental student organizations on campus and attend their events and meetings.
- Senator Thompson asked if Ms. Hannah is a part of any other organizations on campus.
- Ms. Hannah said she is only a part of SGA so far.

Senator Espino moved to appoint Rosemary Hannah as Director of Civic Engagement.

Senator Kelly seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Espino – Yay

Senator Kelly – Yay

Senator Suarez – Yay

Senator Castillo - Yay

Senator Thompson - Yay

Senator Huang – Yay

Senator Addhate – Yay

Senator Fauve – Yay
Senator Jean – Yay

By a vote of 9/0/0, the motion passed.

ANOUNCEMENTS

- Health Services Administration Kick off, February 28th, 12 noon, Panther square
- Deliberations BBC Specific - 9am to 3pm - WUC 221, March 3, 2017
- Tuesday Times ROUNDTABLE, March 7, 12:30pm, WUC 159
- Michelle Bernstein Lecture- March 7, 6:30pm, WUC Ballrooms
- WOMEN WHO LEAD CONFERENCE, March 22nd,
- Angela Davis Lecture, 1pm, WUC Theatre
- Wolfe Day, March 30th, 11am, Panther Plaza
- SGA ELECTIONS, April 4th & 5th, 9am-7pm
- SGA Election Announcements, April 6th, 12 noon, Panther Square
- BBC Leadership Banquet, April 18th, WUC Ballrooms, 6pm
- Day on the Bay
- Body Image Project
- Pie Your Leadership

The meeting was dismissed by Speakers Jean at **4:35 p.m.**