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Florida International University

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

MINUTES SGC-BBC Senate Meeting March 6, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE

Tonie Jean – Speaker of the Senate/ Upper Division
Maria Fauve – Speaker Pro Tempore / At-Large
Jonathan Espino – Arts, Sciences and Education
Hala Baaj – Arts, Sciences and Education **3:37pm**
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

GUEST

Kerrie Montgomery – Director of Campus Life
Larissa Adames – Assistant Director of Campus Life/SGA Advisor
Gerald Johnson – Graduate Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on March 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 said she texted the council last night to remind them to go over the meeting minutes for February 27th.

Senator Thompson moved to approve the Meeting Minutes for February 27, 2017.
Senator Kelly seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:
Senator Espino – Yay
Senator Baaj – 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 10/0/0, the motion passed.

SENATE SPEAKER REPORT

- Speaker Jean greeted the council.
- Speaker Jean reminded everyone that the senate meeting for next week is cancelled due to spring break.
- Speaker Jean thanked everyone who attended the Roberts Rules Workshop hosted by Graduate Assistant, Gerald Johnson.
- Speaker Jean said Advising Week will be discussed later on during the current meeting.

SPEAKER PRO-TEMPORE REPORT

No Report

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

No Report

ADVISOR REPORT

- Advisor Adames said the Michelle Bernstein Lecture is tomorrow. She asked the council to please RSVP through Eventbrite. She added that doors open at 6pm and the event begins at 6:30pm
- Advisor Adames said the office will continue as normal during spring break. She added the Wolfe University Center's Hours will be adjusted, the center will close at 6pm during spring break.
- Advisor Adames said Wolfe Day is on March 31st. She added that there will be contests and prizes.

Vice President Cosio requested a point of personal privilege at 3:57pm.
The request was granted by Speaker Jean.

- Speaker Jean reiterated that the council members should attend the Michelle Bernstein Lecture and the reception. She added that the council members should wear their white long sleeved shirts and distribute flyers to their classmates.

FINANCE CHAIR Report

- Senator Suarez said she was unable to have an official Finance Committee meeting because they did not meet quorum.
- Senator Suarez said she will present a finance request appropriation today to the council.

RLJ CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Baaj said if anyone would like to join her committee, to please let her know.
- Senator Baaj asked if there will be any other senate appointments this semester.
- Speaker Jean said not at this time. She added that senate appointments will resume after elections, at the beginning of the summer term.

OPERATIONAL REVIEW CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Kelly said President Mejia asked the Operational Review Committee to complete all the event audit reports by Friday. He said his committee worked hard and got most of the work done so far.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Espino reminded the council to complete their required office hours.
- Speaker Jean reminded the council to complete their senate reports and to not wait until the last minute.

STUDENT ADVOCACY CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Thompson said she met with Prof. Chang, the Director of Food & Beverage for the Hospitality school, to discuss composting the excess food from the hospitality department's cooking classes.
- Senator Thompson said that Prof. Chang said he can assign a lab assistant to gather the food but needs someone to collect it and bring it to the garden afterward.
- Senator Thompson said she spoke to Lorven, Food Operations Manager, and he said that the dinner event did not go well, only 13 plates were sold.
- Senator Thompson said Lorven is willing to try again but if there is a low turnout, he may not be able to continue. She added that Lorven said the marketing can be improved as well.
- Senator Thompson said she is working on how to incorporate the Excess Credit Surcharge and Satisfactory Academic Progress information into Advising Week and will delegate responsibilities between her committee members.
- Speaker Pro Fauve asked how many students are in the Student Advocacy committee.
- Speaker Thompson said four, including herself.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Advising Week

- Speaker Jean said advising week is two weeks away.
- Speaker Jean said that unfortunately, the College of Arts, Sciences, and Education are unable to participate because they do not have any advisors housed at BBC.
- Speaker Jean said Tuesday is Hospitality Day and added that at least two senators are needed per day.
- Speaker Jean said the Senate discretionary fund will be used to provide food for the event.

Senator Suarez moved to allocate \$2000 for food for Advising Week.
Speaker Jean did not recognize the motion.

Senator Fauve moved to have an open discussion.
Senator Thompson seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

- Speaker Pro Fauve said the event will last three days.
- Senator Thompson asked if the full amount allocated is not used, where will the excess fund go.
- Speaker Jean said it will go back to the senate discretionary fund.
- Senator Thompson said she thinks hors d'oeuvres should be served.
- Advisor Adames asked for a point of clarification on the dates, locations and corresponding department's participation during Advising Week.
- Speaker Jean said the Hospitality Department will participate on Tuesday in Panther Square. She added that SCJ will do Monday or Wednesday.
- Speaker Jean said the Undergraduate Education will participate on Wednesday.
- Advisor Adames said to please keep in mind that the Women Who Lead Conference and SGA's Meet Your Candidate's elections event are during the same week.
- Director Montgomery said to keep in mind that SGA cannot program against the Women Who Lead conference.
- Speaker Pro Fauve said that usually, about \$200 is given per day for an event.

Senator Thompson moved to end the discussion.
Senator Baaj seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Baaj moved to allocate \$450/day, a grand total of \$1,350, for Advising Week.

Speaker Pro Fauve moved to provide a friendly amendment and allocate \$800 in total for Advising Week.

Senator Baaj accepted the amendment
Senator Kelly seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

By a vote of 9/0/1, the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Appropriation 2017.0001 Approval-Robert Darcy

- Senator Suarez said Robert Darcy requested \$992.26 for research equipment and will be using said equipment to work with students in the Marine Biology Department.
- Senator Thompson asked if the equipment will go to Mr. Darcy or the school after the research is completed.
- Senator Suarez said it will go to Mr. Darcy, where he is being reimbursed for his purchase.
- Senator Thompson said she thinks it will be a better idea to give the equipment to the school.
- Speaker Pro Fauve said the council can approve, deny, or lower the request.

Senator Thompson moved to amend Appropriation 2017.0001 to remove Senator Kelly's name as a sponsor.

Senator Kelly seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:
Senator Espino – Yay
Senator Baaj – Yay
Senator Kelly – Yay
Senator Suarez – Yay
Senator Castillo - Yay
Senator Thompson - Yay
Senator Huang – Yay
Senator Addhate – Yay
Senator Fauve – Yay
Senator Jean – Nay

By a vote of 10/0/0, the motion passed.

- Speaker Jean said this is the first reading of Appropriation 2017.0001 and the council will vote in two weeks, following the second reading.

ANOUNCEMENTS

- a. Tuesday Times Roundtable - March 7, 12:30pm, WUC 159
- b. Michelle Bernstein Lecture - March 7, 6:30pm, WUC Ballrooms
- c. Women Who Lead Conference, March 22nd
 - i. Angela Davis Lecture, 1pm, WUC Theatre
- d. Wolfe Day - March 30th, 11am, Panther Plaza
- e. SGA Elections - April 4th & 5th, 9am-7pm
- f. SGA Election Announcements - April 6th, 12 noon, Panther Square
- g. BBC Leadership Banquet - April 18th, WUC Ballrooms, 6pm
- h. Get Hired Fashion Showcase.

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