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# Florida International University

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

## **MINUTES**

**SGC-BBC Senate Meeting**

**March 20, 2017**

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Tonie Jean – Speaker of the Senate/ Upper Division

Maria Fauve – Speaker Pro Tempore

Micaela Suarez – At-Large/ Finance Chair

Jonathan Espino – Arts, Sciences & Education/ Internal Affairs Chair

Hala Baaj – Arts, Sciences & Education/Rules, Legislation, Judicial Chair

Ronan Kelly – Lower Division/ Operational Review Chair

Tamera Thompson – Hospitality & Tourism Management/ Student Advocacy Chair

Zhe Huang – At-Large

Harry Castillo – Communication & Journalism

Mitesh Addhate – Graduate

### **EXCUSED**

Leonardo Cosio – Vice President

### **GUESTS**

Kerrie Montgomery – Campus Life Director

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on Monday, January 30, 2017 in WUC 155. The meeting was called to order at **3:36 p.m.** by Tonie Jean, Speaker of the Senate, who presided over the meeting in its entirety

### **SPEAKER REPORT**

- Speaker Jean thanked all senate members who helped with the event today.
- Speaker Jean stated that the E-board is currently in Tallahassee and will be lobbying tomorrow.
- Speaker Jean gave a special thank you to Speaker Pro-Tempore, Fauve, for her assistance with all the activities this past week.
- Speaker Jean reminded the Senate to sign up for tabling tomorrow, and include the time intervals they will be able to available. Exceptions will only be for those who have class. When tabling Senators are required to wear the appropriate SGA shirts.
- Speaker Jean stated that Marcy Alstrom, SGA Office Assistant, has sent out the sign up sheet, and it should be available to all Senators.

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

- Speaker Pro- Tempore, Fauve, thanked all Senators who participated in the event today.
- Speaker Pro-Tempore, Fauve, explained that Advising Week will no longer be a week long event but a two day event. Therefore, all Senators will need to help tomorrow.

### **FINANCE REPORT**

- Senator Suarez stated that she held a meeting with her committee and went over a request made on behalf of MPAS; which will be presented to the Senate in this meeting as well.
- Senator Suarez stated that April 7, 2017 will be the last day for financial requests, because there each request takes two readings and next week will be the last meeting. Thus, the deadline will make it easier for both the committee.

### **INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT**

- Senator Espino reminded the Senate to complete all the required office hours and also be mindful of how they are clocking in or out, for if done wrong it will not record the hours you complete and remain blank.

### **RLJ REPORT**

- Senator Baaj stated that she met with Gerald Johnson II, SGA Graduate Assistant, and has gotten assistance with the documents needed for her committee.

- Senator Baaj informed the Senate that she plans on meeting with Gerald Johnson II once again regarding the same matter

### **OPERATIONAL REVIEW REPORT**

- Senator Kelly stated that he has received an overflowing amount of Event Audit Reports and plans on having all of them done as soon as possible, with the help of all his committee members.

### **STUDENT ADVOCACY REPORT**

- Senator Thompson stated that regarding Advising day she confirmed the date with the advisors but was not able to follow up. This caused a lack of communication between the advisors and the event, Advising week. However, she did get in contact with the advisor today and was given information that she could share with any student from the school of Hospitality & Tourism Management.
- Senator Thompson confirmed that she will be present at the event and will direct students to the Advising Center.
- Senator Thompson stated that she has noticed that some doors do not automatically open and plans on getting bringing that up to the respective personnels, for it can become an issue for those who are disabled.

Kerrie Montgomery, Campus Life Director, stated that Campus Life is hosting an event, Late Day Latte, at the Hospitality patio from 4:00pm to 6:00pm.

Kerrie Montgomery, Campus Life Director, notified the Senate that there are still spaces available for the reception with Angela Davis; and reminded the Senate of how great of an opportunity it would be to also attend the Angela Davis Lecture on Wednesday, March 22nd of 2017.

Kerrie Montgomery, Campus Life Director, stated that they are looking for volunteerings for Meet the Candidates and any election activities. Any senators who aren't running for a position should volunteer and also support their peers in the process as well.

Kerrie Montgomery, Campus Life Director, reminded the Senate of the Student Leadership Banquet which will be held on April 18,2017 at 5:30 pm. Awards will be given at the Banquet and invitations will be sent out through eventbrite.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **a. Second Reading of Appropriation 2017.0001 Approval – Robert Darcy**

Finance Chair, Senator Suarez presented and explained the Appropriation to the Senate

Senator Kelly moved to approve the Appropriation 2017.0001 in support of allocating \$992.26 towards research equipment expense to Robert Darcy who will be attending various beaches in Southeast Florida

for the purpose of acquiring research towards an undergraduate thesis focused on the effects of shore based fishing on Blacktip Reef Sharks of southeast Florida.

Senator Thompson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

By an unanimous vote of 10/0/0 the Appropriation 2017.0001 was approved

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. First Reading of Appropriation 2017.0002 Approval – Marcy Alstrom**

Finance Chair, Senator Suarez presented and explained the Appropriation.

Questions asked and changes to the document were discussed.

Speaker Pro-Tempore, Fauve, moved to add First Reading of Budget in New Business  
Senator Espino seconded the motion.

### **b. First Reading of Budget**

Speaker of the Senate presented the Budget to the Senate for both Modesto Maidique Campus and the Biscayne Bay Campus. The amount allocated for BBC was explained.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. SGA Advising Day - March 21st, Panther Square
- b. FIU Day - March 21st, Panther Square
- c. Women Who Lead Conference, March 22nd

- i. Angela Davis Lecture, 1pm, WUC Theatre
  - ii. Reception, 2pm - Email Jamie
- d. SGA BBC Lecture Series Presents: Thomas Kaplan - 3/27/2017, WUC 155, 2-3pm
- e. Wolfe Day - March 30th, 11am, Panther Plaza
- f. High Achievers Awards - Applications due 3/31/2017
- g. SGA Elections - April 4th & 5th, 9am-7pm
- i. Meet Your Candidates - March 22nd, 2017, 3-5pm, Panther Square
  - ii. SGA's Mixer with the Candidates - Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 4-7pm, WUC Game Room
  - iii. Presidential/Vice Presidential Debate - Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 2017, 1-3pm, Mary Ann Wolfe Theater
  - iv. Movie Night with the Candidates - Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017, 7-10pm, Bayview Clubhouse 1<sup>st</sup> Floor
  - v. Voting Help Needed! ONLY IF YOU ARE NOT RUNNING FOR OFFICE  
Please sign up, April 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 9am-7pm
  - vi. Election Announcements - April 6th, 12 noon, Panther Square
- h. BBC Leadership Banquet - April 18th, WUC Ballrooms, 6pm
- i. SGA BBC Day on the Bay, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Speaker Jean entertained a motion.

Senator Kelly moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:39 p.m.

Senator Castillo seconded the motion.

By an unanimous decision the motion was passed.

The meeting was adjourned by Speaker Jean at **4:39 p.m**