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Florida International University

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

MINUTES

SGC-BBC Senate Meeting

March 27, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE

Tonie Jean – Speaker of the Senate/ Upper Division
Maria Fauve – Speaker Pro Tempore / At-Large
Jonathan Espino – Arts, Sciences and Education Senator
Tamera Thompson – Hospitality Management Senator **3:35pm**
Harry Castillo – Communication + Journalism Senator **3:35pm**
Ronan Kelly – Lower Division Senator
Micaela Suarez – Senator At-Large
Zhe Huang – Senator At-Large
Mitesh Addhate – Graduate Senator
Leonardo Cosio – Vice President

ABSENT

Hala Baaj – Arts, Sciences and Education Senator

GUEST

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

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on March 27, 2017 in **WUC 221**. The meeting was called to order at **3:33pm**, approximately, by Speaker **Tonie Jean** who presided over the meeting in its entirety

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Senator Suarez moved to approve the meeting minutes for March 20, 2017.
Senator Castillo seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:
Senator Espino – Yay

Senator Thompson – Yay
Senator Castillo - Yay
Senator Kelly – Yay
Senator Suarez – 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 thanked everyone who attended and helped with Advisor Week. She also thanked Vice President Cosio for his work during FIU Day in Tallahassee.
- Speaker Jean said the Advisor week events collaborated with FIU Day which brought out a huge crowd.
- Speaker Jean reminded the council to register for classes as soon as possible since priority registration is open for the summer and fall semesters. She added that council members should make sure to have Mondays and Wednesdays open for Senate and General Meetings, if they plan to run again.
- Advisor Adames said whoever is running for elections, and is subsequently elected into the council, will begin their term on the first day of the summer semester. She said council members can request a leave of absence if they need to.
- Speaker Jean said committee chairs can remove members from their committee if they are consecutively absent or lack participation. She added that if a council member is a part of a committee, they need to show up and be an active participant.

SPEAKER PRO-TEMPORE REPORT

- Speaker Pro Fauve said the senate reports format has changed and is in a more open ended format. She said it allows the council to discuss any issues they have and to communicate more openly.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

No Report

ADVISOR REPORT

- Graduate Assistant Johnson said Wolfe Day is this Thursday from 11am-2pm.
- Graduate Assistant Johnson said the Council Choice Awards is due Wednesday during the general meeting.

- Graduate Assistant Johnson said the elections committee will hold various events for election season including Movie Night, The Presidential and VP Forum, and Meet the Candidates. He added that if anyone is interested in volunteering for tabling, please sign up.
- Graduate Assistant Johnson said Day on the Bay is on April 15th, where he hopes to make it bigger and better.
- Speaker Jean said Day on the Bay is mandatory for everyone.

FINANCE CHAIR Report

- Senator Suarez said the deadline for finance requests is April 7th because that is the last day that two readings are possible.

RLJ CHAIR REPORT

No Report

OPERATIONAL REVIEW CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Kelly said his committee is working on the post-spring break event audit reports but will work hard to complete them all.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Espino gave a friendly reminder that the council should swipe/clock out before leaving the SGA office.

STUDENT ADVOCACY CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Thompson said had meetings with a few administrators and gained clarification on the excess credit surcharge rules.
- Senator Thompson said she had a committee meeting today.
- Vice President Cosio asked for a point of clarification on what the purpose was of finding this information.
- Senator Thompson said various people in the council have asked about it and there were plans to incorporate it into different events.
- Senator Suarez suggested that the Student Advocacy committee could work on helping the students understand their panther degree audits.
- Senator Suarez said she is still working on a solution for the compost bin issue.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Second Reading of Appropriation 2017.0002 Approval- Micaela Suarez

- Speaker Jean asked if the changes were made that were required.
- The council noticed that the changes were not made, and Office Assistant Marcy Alstrom's name remained on the appropriation.

Senator Fauve moved to table Appropriation 2017.0002 to the general meeting on March 29th.

Senator Thompson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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

- Speaker Jean asked Senator Suarez to email the appropriation to President Mejia.

B. Second Reading Budget Allocation

- Comptroller Marseille presented the 2017-2018 Universitywide and Campus Specific Budget allocations.
- Speaker Jean asked if anyone had questions.
- The council noticed that the corrections had not been made.

Senator Suarez moved to table the approval of the 2017-2018 Universitywide and Campus Specific Budget allocations.

Senator Suarez rescinded her motion.

- Senator Jean said the council cannot table the motion any longer.

Senator Espino moved to approve the 2017-2018 Activity and Service Fees Budget Allocation given that:

1. The U-Wide proviso for BSU is changed and will say \$10,000 should be” given,” not “giving.”
2. In the Biscayne Bay Campus Specific proviso language, “Bayview Council” is changed to “Bayview Hall Council”.

Senator Kelly seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The meeting was dismissed by Speaker Jean at **4:16 p.m.**