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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

<u>MINUTES</u> SGC-BBC Senate Meeting April 24, 2017

During anytime in the meeting, any council member who asked for a personal privilege during the meeting must me noted in the meetings. For ex: John Smith asked for a personal privilege after the president's report, you will note that in the minutes.

IN ATTENDANCE

Hala Baaj – Arts, Sciences and Education Sudyen Navarrete – Chief Justice Tevin Spencer – Assistant Chief Justice

EXCUSED

N/A

ABSENT

N/A

<u>GUESTS</u>

Larissa Adames – Assistant Director of Campus Life/SGA Advisor

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on April 24, 2017 – Locale (**Room #301**) The meeting was called to order at 11:03AM, approximately, by Chief Justice Sudyen who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

This special senate meeting discussed whether or not to bring up charges against Ms. Hala Baaj.

Hala has reviewed the material pertaining to the current meeting at hand. Hala was asked by Sudyen to provide evidence in her case:

- In regards to the meetings she has missed:
 - Two days because of her grandmother had an embolism that affected her
 - One day missed for picking up her little brother from school
 - One day missed because of a thyroid autoimmune issue

Questioning began

- Tevin
 - Asked Hala about missing the senate meeting for registering for classes?
 - Hala responded that she needed to pick her class
- Sudyen
 - Asked Hala for all the days that she missed, did she notify anybody?
 - Hala responded that she text messaged Toni Jean.
 - Asked if Hala complied with office hours?
 - Hala responded with No
 - Asked Hala if she still wanted to be apart of SGA BBC?
 - Hala responded with no, too much going on with family. Wanted to end on good terms with SGA

Recessed at 11:16AM to began deliberations. Hala steps out

Deliberations

- Sudyen thought that Hala wanted to stay in SGA. Also thinks that Hala should not be removed due to her dealing with family issues. However she should stay on until the end of the spring 2017 semester.
- Tevin brought up the point that there really was not any documentation on Hala's consecutive absences, bringing up the point of insufficient evidence.
- Larissa- the front desk should mark absent or excused when they do a roll call of the council members during meetings.

Returned at 11:21 AM

The judicial council has rendered a decision in the matter of bring formal charges to Ms. Hala Baaj.

Minor violation and Hala could stay with SGA to the end of the spring 2017 semester.

Hala- What happens after?

• Sudyen- you get your stipend and most of your classes for the fall semester will be at MMC and you and run for their SGA.

The meeting was adjourned by Sudyen at 11:28 AM