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Florida International University

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

MINUTES
SGC-BBC Senate Meeting
November 28th, 2016

IN ATTENDANCE

Tonie Jean – Arts and Sciences / Speaker of the Senate

Jonathan Espino – Arts and Sciences

Armani Someillan – Hospitality Management

Tamera Thompson – Hospitality Management

Nikole Torregiante – Housing

Nicole Mare – Lower Division

Maria Fauve – Lower Division / Speaker Pro-Tempore

Ronan Kelly – Lower Division

Alexandra Laroche – Lower Division **3:34pm**

Michaela Suarez – At-Large

Zhe Huang – At-Large

Mitesh Addhate – Graduate

Michema Lafontant – Vice President

Larissa Adames – Advisor

Gerald Johnson – Graduate Assistant

Kerrie Montgomery – Campus Life Director

EXCUSED

Hala Baaj – Arts and Sciences

GUESTS

Meredith Marseille – SGA Comptroller

Leonardo Cosio – SGA Chief of Staff

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on November 28th, 2016 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 asked if anyone would like to entertain a motion to approve the Senate Meeting Minutes from November 21st.
- Senator Thompson said she did not receive a copy of the minutes.
- Speaker Jean suggested the council to table the minutes until everyone reviews them.

Senator Suarez moved to table the November 21st, 2016 Senate Meeting Minutes.

Senator Kelly seconded the motion.

By a unanimous decision, the motion passed and the minutes were tabled.

SENATE SPEAKER REPORT

- Speaker Jean said today is the last senate meeting of the semester and the next senate meeting will take place on the first week of the Spring 2017 semester, on January 9th, 2017.
- Speaker Jean thanked the council for their great work with street teaming efforts. She added that President Mejia requested subsequent reports by Friday.
- Speaker Jean asked the council to refrain from attempting to rush through Senate Meetings. She added that, doing so can make people feel like they cannot express themselves thoroughly and get their points across. She reminded the council that meetings are scheduled to run until 5pm or later.
- Speaker Jean said Comptroller Marseille and Chief of Staff Cosio will present the breakdown of the new senate seats and job descriptions as a result of the recent constitutional changes.
- Speaker Jean thanked everyone who attended the potluck.
- Speaker Jean thanked the council for their hard work during the semester and wished them good luck on their upcoming final exams.

SPEAKER PRO-TEMPORE Report

No Report

VICE PRESIDENT Report

No Report

ADVISOR REPORT

- Advisor Adames said the SGA Ropes Course date moved from January 13th to the 20th in order to observe Martin Luther King Day and so the council can attend the MLK breakfast on January 13th.
- Advisor Adames said budget training is on Thursday from 10am – 12pm in the SGA conference room through the polycom system with MMC.
- Advisor Adames said she will send calendar invites to the Online Budget Deliberations, which date changed from January 20 to January 27.
- Advisor Adames said the U-Wide Committee voted to allow SGA to fund the Golden Panther Express for the last two weeks for classes, beginning today.
- Advisor Adames asked those who have not fill out HR forms, to please do so sooner than later, online or in person, so they can receive their stipends.
- Advisor Adames said last week, Panther ID Card swiping was implemented in order to clock in office hours. She added that the office is trying to go paperless and will be using the card swipe system fully during the spring semester.
- Advisor Adames said SGA will have a safety walk next week to determine which areas on campus are not safe or need additional lighting.
- Advisor Adames said that during winter break, the office hours will be adjusted. She said the office will be open from 9am to 3pm from December 21st – December 30th and normal hours will resume on January 3rd, 2017 (8:30am-5:00pm).
- Advisor Adames said blue books are free and available for pick up at the SGA office to the whole student body.
- Advisor Adames asked the council to please keep the SGA BBC enrollment requirements in mind when registering for classes for the upcoming Spring 2017 semester.
- Advisor Adames reminded the council that the constitutional changes elections will be held tomorrow.

FINANCE CHAIR Report

- Senator Suarez said her committee will meet on Friday to approve an appropriation that was received today.

RLJ CHAIR REPORT

No Report

OPERATIONAL REVIEW CHAIR REPORT

No Report

INTERNAL RELATIONS CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Mare said this is the final week to clock in office hours and asked the council to please turn in their attendance timecards by Monday.

STUDENT ADVOCACY CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Someillan reminded the council to attend Stress and Release Week events this week and Midnight Breakfast next week.
- Senator Someillan bid farewell to the council before he leaves to attend the Disney College Program.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Senate Bills Presentation by Meredith Marseille and Leonardo Cosio

- Comptroller Marseille presented Senate Bill 2016.0008 which will amend the SGA BBC Senate and Cabinet seats from 21 to 17. She added that the bill will also result in the reallocation of SGA stipends due the various removed positions.
- Senator Marseille said today is the first reading and the second reading and voting will take place this Wednesday. She plans to email a copy to the council for further review.
- Senator Marseille added that the bill will reduce non-committee chair senators' office hours from 7 hours to 5 hours per week.
- Senator Marseille said the aforementioned changes will take place in the Spring 2017 semester.

Senator Kelley and Senator Espino requested a point of personal privilege.

Speaker Jean approved their request.

B. Finance Appropriation Approval

Senator Suarez presented Katrina Able's finance request for \$643.50.

During discussion, the council noticed errors with the date and sponsoring senator's information.

Senator Someillan moved to approve the allocation contingent upon the correct date and the correct names of the sponsors being added to the appropriation.

Senator Torregiante seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Someillan – Yay
Senator Thompson – Yay
Senator Torregiante – Yay
Senator Mare – Yay
Senator Laroche – Yay
Senator Suarez – Yay
Senator Huang – Yay
Senator Addhate – Yay
Senator Fauve – Yay
Senator Jean – Yay

By a vote of 10/0/0, the finance request was approved, with the aforementioned contingencies.

ANOUNCEMENTS

- Release Week November 28th-December 2nd
- Constitution Voting November 29, Panther Square, 9am-7pm
- SGA Budget Request Training, December 1st, 10am -12 noon SGA BBC conference room
- Day on the Bay, December 3rd, 9am-12 noon, By the Bay
- SGA Ropes Course, January 20, 2017, 8:30 am
- Online Budget Deliberations, January 27, 2017 9am, at BBC TBA
- Student Leadership Summit, February 4, 2017 at BBC
- Operation Gratitude, November 29
- SGA Marketing Workshop, November 30
- Midnight Breakfast, December 5
- Final Tuesday Times Round Table, November 29

The meeting was dismissed by Speaker Jean at **4:22pm**.