



Florida International University

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

MINUTES

**SGC-BBC General Meeting
September 30th, 2015**

IN ATTENDANCE

Allhan Mejia - President
Kenley Jean-Louis - Vice-President
Jaclyn Baglos - Special Events Coordinator
Christopher Morisset – Chief of Staff
Jayda Hall – Press Secretary
Jaclyn Baglos – Special Events Coordinator
Jamie Adelson – Director of Lectures **3:50pm**
Kim Nguyen – Marketing and Social Media Coordinator
Raiesa Ali – Director of Governmental Relations
Kristin King – Director of Internal Relations
Anne Dorcius – Director of Environmental Affairs
Lauren Peterson - Arts & Sciences/Speaker of the House
Geraldine Gascon - Arts & Sciences/Speaker Pro Tempore
Tonie Jean – Arts & Sciences
Micaela Suarez – Business Administration
Dionne Bryant - Hospitality Management
Patrick Alcee- Hospitality Management
Yvenson Fievre - Lower Division
Meredith Marseille - Lower Division
Luc Pierre-Louis - Lower Division
Bendji Calixte - At-Large
Akheim Paisley - At-Large
Fengling Hu – Hospitality Management
Adam Azzaoui - Justice
Larissa Adames - Advisor

EXCUSED

Maria Pulido-Velosa - Comptroller
Paola Bayron - Justice

ABSENT

Seneka Jean-Jacques - Lower Division

GUEST

Kathleen Devaney – Front Desk Assistant

Tong Li – Justice Candidate

Yunfan Zhang - International Student Coordinator Candidate

Marquele Brown - Intern Coordinator Candidate

Morgan Granoff – Journalism and Mass Communications Senator Candidate

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on September 30th, 2015 in WUC 245. The meeting was called to order at **3:37pm**, approximately, by President **Allhan Mejia** who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- President Mejia welcomed the new council members. He introduced himself and thanked those who voted for him.
- President Mejia said he is currently working on the class surveys. He thanked the senators who met with advisors and promoted the survey. Mr. Mejia would like to have at least 250 students surveyed by November's General Meeting.
- President Mejia said he would like the council members to have fun and enjoy their time at SGA. He stated that everyone is here to help one another and to feel free to ask for help. Mr. Mejia said everyone is equal and he has an open door policy.
- President Mejia said he would like to keep the street team going strong.

Vice President's Report

- Vice President Jean-Louis wished Advisor Adames a Happy Birthday.
- Vice President Jean-Louis informed the council that Marketing and Social Media Coordinator Nguyen created a "WeChat", a popular social media outlet used by many of the Asian students at BBC, to better communicate with the International Students community and increase their involvement.
- Vice President Jean-Louis asked the council to please stop by the Game Room to view the new changes, including new furniture, which were funded by SGA and were recently completed.
- Vice President Jean-Louis said the Hospitality Building is currently under construction to create a view of the bay on the 3rd floor. He said it should be completed within the next few weeks.
- Vice President Jean-Louis stated that Mast Academy has received the funds to build their school, and the construction should be completed in 2 years.
- Vice President Jean-Louis would like the council to submit their office hours so he can set the best schedule for street team. He believes the street team is a great way to achieve the survey goals.
- Vice President Jean-Louis said Diversity Day will be held on October 6th.

Comptroller's Report

No Report

SENATE SPEAKER REPORT

- Speaker Peterson said the council is unable to approve September 14th Senate minutes as of yet.
- Speaker Peterson said she will be meeting with all of the committee chairs next week to discuss any issues or concerns they may have and would like to receive their reports beforehand for review.
- Speaker Peterson said Meet Your Dean is on October 26th, where attendance is mandatory.

Chief of Staff Report

- Chief of Staff Morisset said he would like to create a tradition for FIU as a whole.
- Chief of Staff Morisset said he will be completing a Self-Image Project with Meredith from the BBC Women's Center.
- Chief of Staff Morisset said he will be meeting with Dr. Moll Friday to begin Recycling Project for the campus.

ADVISOR'S REPORT

- Advisor Adames asked the council to please review the Homecoming schedule that was recently released. She said the tickets for the events are available at the FIU One Card office.
- Advisor Adames said SGA will have an alumni event on October 23rd, during Homecoming. She said it is a great opportunity for current council members to network with previous council members and ask for advice.
- Advisor Adames said the Homecoming float and office decorating will be led by Graduate Assistant Magda and Special Events Coordinator Baglos.
- Advisor Adames said SGA scholarship applications are still open and council members can apply because while SGA provides the funds, they do not review the applications.
- Advisor Adames asked the council to please set up one on one meetings to assess SGA, growth and leadership in the council. She said there will also be an exit survey at the end of the semester.
- Advisor Adames reminded the council to check their emails for internship opportunities that she sends.
- Advisor Adames said the business cards and name tags are completed and will be available for pickup tomorrow.

- Advisor Adames asked the council to please meet in Panther Square to take the SGA group photo, which will be featured in the campus life calendar, and there will be cake in the office afterward for September birthdays.
- Advisor Adames stated that office hours are from 8:30am – 5pm.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Justice - Tong Li

Tong Li said she came to the United States for the first time about a month ago and Miami is a beautiful city. She is now a senior majoring in Hospitality. Ms. Li said she is reliable, analytical, and has worked with the government in China. Ms. Li also stated that she has played the piano for the last 7 years and practices every day and would like to enjoy being a part of SGA\

Senator Pierre-Louis moved to appoint Tong Li as Justice.
Senator Jean seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Marseille - Yay
 Senator Fierve - Yay
 Senator Pierre- Louis - Yay
 Senator Jean - Yay
 Senator Calixte - Yay
 Senator Suarez - Yay
 Senator Bryant - Yay
 Senator Alcee - Yay
 Senator Hu - Yay
 Senator Gascon - Yay
 Senator Peterson - Yay

By a vote of 11/0/0, Tong Li was appointed as Justice.

B. International Student Services Coordinator- Yunfan Zhang

Yunfan Zhang is a senior majoring in Hospitality Management and this is her first time in the United States. Ms. Zhang said she is responsible and would like to help international students become more involved on campus. She was a member of a music club in China, has participated in FIU cultural festivals and had an internship working with students. Ms. Zhang said she understands the responsibilities of the position and would like to improve her English and leadership skills.

Senator Alcee moved to appoint Yunfan Zhang as International Student Services Coordinator.
Senator Paisley seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Marseille - Yay
Senator Fierve - Yay
Senator Pierre- Louis - Yay
Senator Jean - Yay
Senator Calixte - Yay
Senator Suarez - Yay
Senator Bryant - Yay
Senator Alcee - Yay
Senator Hu - Yay
Senator Gascon - Yay
Senator Peterson - Yay

By a vote of 11/0/0, Yunfan Zhang was appointed as International Student Services Coordinator.

C. Intern Coordinator- Marquele Brown

Marquele Brown is currently majoring in Public Relations and said he would like to be appointed as the Intern Coordinator. He was the SGA Elections Commissioner last year and said he will use his experience and understanding of SGA for the new position. Mr. Brown said he would like to teach interns to communicate, manage their time, and help them to become better students. Mr. Brown plans to teach the interns how to improve their resumes, communication skills, and charity work.

Senator Jean moved to appoint Marquele Brown as Intern Coordinator.
Senator Pierre-Louis seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Marseille - Yay
Senator Fierve - Yay
Senator Pierre- Louis - Yay
Senator Jean - Yay
Senator Calixte - Yay
Senator Suarez - Yay
Senator Bryant - Yay
Senator Alcee - Yay
Senator Hu - Yay
Senator Gascon - Yay
Senator Peterson - Yay

By a vote of 11/0/0, Marquele Brown was appointed as Intern Coordinator.

D. Chief Justice- Akheim Paisley

Akheim Paisley greeted the council and introduced himself. He said, as Chief Justice, he will hold everyone to the standards of the statues and constitution. He plans to be impartial and make tough decisions. Mr. Paisley hopes to create a full and thriving judicial branch. He is well versed in SGA legislation and knows how to separate business and friendship.

Senator Jean moved to appoint Akheim Paisley as Chief Justice.
Senator Alcee seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Marseille - Yay
Senator Fierve - Yay
Senator Pierre- Louis - Yay
Senator Jean - Yay
Senator Calixte - Yay
Senator Suarez - Yay
Senator Bryant - Yay
Senator Alcee - Yay
Senator Hu - Yay
Senator Gascon - Yay
Senator Peterson - Yay

E. SJMC Senator- Morgan Granoff

Morgan Granoff is a senior majoring in Journalism. She would like to have a career in politics and is on the Dean's List. Ms. Granoff said she is involved in Delta Epsilon Iota Academic Honor Society and WRPG radio at FIU. She also speaks English, Spanish, and German, runs, and practices yoga. Ms. Granoff said she would like to bring light to student concerns and issues in the Journalism department. She hopes to help FIU's prosperity.

Senator Alcee moved to appoint Morgan Granoff as SJMC Senator.
Senator Bryant seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Marseille - Yay
Senator Fierve - Yay
Senator Pierre- Louis - Yay
Senator Jean - Yay
Senator Calixte - Yay
Senator Suarez - Yay
Senator Bryant - Yay

Senator Alcee - Yay
Senator Hu - Yay
Senator Gascon - Yay
Senator Peterson - Yay

By a vote of 11/0/0, Morgan Granoff was appointed as SJMC senator.

ANOUNCEMENTS

- Meet Your Dean – Oct 26th
- Class Survey
- Help finding an Elections Commissioner
- Street team kicking off next week
- Initiative to bring quality individuals to the Judicial Branch
- Office and Float decoration help
- University Wide Retreat

The meeting was dismissed by President Allhan Mejia at **4:37pm**.