



Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES

SGC-BBC General Council Meeting Wednesday, August 31st, 2016

IN ATTENDANCE

Allhan W. Mejia, President
Michema Lafontant, Vice President
Meredith Marseille, Comptroller
Leonardo Cosio, Chief of Staff
Tonie Jean, Speaker of the Senate
Maria Fauve, Speaker Pro Tempore
Jamie Adelson, Director of Lectures
Micaela M. Suarez, Business Administration Senator
Armani Someillan, Hospitality Management Senator
Nikole Torregiante, Hospitality Management Senator
Nicole Mare, Lower Division Senator

ABSENT

N/A

GUEST

Larissa Adames, SGA Coordinator
Natalia Bertok, Director of Public Relations applicant

CALL TO ORDER

The General Meeting was called to order in WUC 221 at 3:30PM by Allhan W. Mejia, who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

N/A

WELCOME

President Mejia welcomed the new members of the Council: Armani Someillan and Nikole Torregiante. President Mejia also thanked all the returning SGC BBC Members.

PRESIDENT REPORT

- President Mejia spoke about the Junior Councilman/ Mock Debate that was started by the Former Chief of Staff, Christopher Morisset and Former Director of Governmental Relations, Raiesa Ali.
- President Mejia announced that along with the current Chief of Staff, Leonardo Cosio, he is working to get more community service opportunities for SGC BBC and will update the council by the next General Council Meeting.

- With regards to the First Homecoming game that SGC BBC will attend with SGC MMC, President Mejia announced that he will email the tickets to the members that signed up to attend.
- President Mejia announced that he has high expectations from the entirety of SGC BBC, but primarily his executive board members because they are each in charge a specific branch of SGC BBC.
- President Mejia advised the council to have fun and to start practicing better communication between the branches.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

- Ms. Lafontant welcomed the new members and thanked the students that are in attendance at the meeting for their interest in SGA.
- Ms. Lafontant announced that she is working on a Recruitment Committee with the goal to fill up the entirety of the SGC BBC.

COMPTROLLER REPORT

- Ms. Marseille welcomed the new members and the students that are in attendance.
- Ms. Marseille announced that the emoluments were passed on the first Senate meeting of the FALL 2016 Semester in August 22nd, 2016. Ms. Marseille is in contact with Accounting to work and get the emoluments into action.
- The File For Funds Bill was approved the Senate on Monday's meeting on August 29th, 2016. She is currently working with President Mejia to get the bill implemented into the Statutes.

SPEAKER OF THE SENATE REPORT

- Ms. Jean announced that she is very excited for the year to come. She hopes to have a filled council like last year, but turning a new leaf, she is excited to recruit new and qualified members through Ms. Lafontant's Recruitment Committee.
- Ms. Jean announced that she is instructing her Senate to help build better and stronger connections with their respected and assigned advisors and for the advisors to recommend dedicated students to join SGC BBC.
- Ms. Jean also announced that the council needs to find a Chief Justice urgently.

CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT

- Mr. Cosio announced that he had been receiving plenty of Cabinet Applications and is hoping to interview applicants soon.
- Mr. Cosio announced that he is looking forward to a great year and he will be bringing team building activities to the office to induce bonding among the council.

ADVISOR REPORT

- Ms. Adames thanked the Council members who volunteered to help out for SGA Day on Wednesday, August 31st, 2016.
- Ms. Adames proudly announced that the office has received several applications from qualified individuals during SGA Day and that students really enjoyed knowing that SGC

BBC wanted to know their opinion on what they expect of SGA with regards to the activities in the conference room.

- She advised the Council to sign up for tabling on Career Bash, next Tuesday, September 6th, 2016.
- She announced that SLS Instructors are open to SGA Presentations as early as next week. She advised the Council to sign up in groups of two. Ms. Adames said she will provide the volunteers with a few giveaways and applications.
- Ms. Adames urged the council to promote ROARsync and the New York Times Roundtable while tabling for SGA.
- Ms. Adames informed the council that there are two need Front Desk Student Assistant Hires.

NEW BUSINESS

Natalia Bertok presented herself before the council for approval as the new Director of Public Relations.

Senator Suarez moved to appoint.
Speaker Pro Fauve seconded the motion.

In favor

Speaker of the Senate Jean
Speaker Pro Tempore Fauve
Senator Suarez
Senator Someillan
Senator Torregiante
Senator Mare

Opposed _____ Abstained
NA NA

- Motion passed unanimously. Natalia Bertok is instated as the current Director of Public Relations on August 31st, 2016.
- Senator Suarez presented the updated version of Appropriation 2016.0025 and an issue arose.
- Speaker of the Senate Jean moved for a five minute recess at 4:19PM.
Speaker Pro Tempore Fauve seconded the motion.

In favor

Speaker of the Senate Jean
Speaker Pro Tempore Fauve
Senator Suarez
Senator Someillan
Senator Torregiante
Senator Mare

Opposed Abstained
NA NA

- Motion passes unanimously; a five minute recess is granted at 4:19PM.
- President Mejia called the recess out of order at 4:24PM.
- Senator Suarez announced that the Appropriation must fail and the issue must be resolved with the Finance Request Applicant and the File for Funds that was sent to Accounting. If the appropriation were to be edited after President Mejia had already signed it into action, the act would infringe upon his Presidential Powers, causing an imbalance in the checks and balances of SGC BBC.
- President Mejia did not recognize a motion to approve Appropriation 2016.0025 with the new changes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ms. Jean announced that FIU BBC Alternative Breaks needs Site Leaders.
- Senator Mare announced that there will be new swimming classes for disabled students at the pool in WUC.
- Senator Someillan announced that the Bayview Room Advisors need to plan events and that the Council could reach out to the RAs to present at their events and talk about SGA.
- Speaker Pro Tempore Fauve announced that there is a free club at the Wellness and Recreation Center called Poseidon's Panthers.
- Ms. Adames reminded the council again that Career Bash is next Tuesday, September 6th, 2016 from 11AM to 1PM.

ADJOURNMENT

- Senator Mare moved to adjourn the General Meeting at 4:34PM.
Speaker Pro Tempore Fauve seconded the motion.

In favor

Speaker of the Senate Jean
Speaker Pro Tempore Fauve
Senator Suarez
Senator Someillan
Senator Torregiante
Senator Mare

Opposed Abstained
NA NA

- Motion to adjourn the meeting passes unanimously. President Mejia adjourned the General Meeting at 4:34PM.