



Florida International University

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

MINUTES

SGC-BBC Senate Meeting

October 19th, 2015

IN ATTENDANCE

Lauren Peterson - Arts & Sciences/Speaker of the House
Geraldine Gascon - Arts & Sciences/Speaker Pro Tempore **3:31pm**
Tonie Jean – Arts & Sciences
Micaela Suarez – Business Administration
Dionne Bryant - Hospitality Management
Patrick Alcee- Hospitality Management
Morgan Granoff – Journalism and Mass Communications
Yvenson Fievre - Lower Division
Seneka Jean-Jacques – Lower Division
Meredith Marseille - Lower Division
Luc Pierre-Louis - Lower Division
Bendji Calixte - At-Large
Fengling Hu – Hospitality Management **3:32pm**
Kenley Jean-Louis – Vice President
Larissa Adames - Advisor

GUESTS

Michaela Gonzalez – Intern
Manuela Chica – Intern
Natalie Vizarraga – At Large Candidate
Mike Luscar – Intern
Shaun Clarke – Intern
Dominik Leahong – Intern
Krystal Aime – Intern
Mark Harris – Intern
Anahi Hurtado – Justice Candidate

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on October 19th, 2015 in WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at **3:30pm**, approximately, by Speaker Peterson who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Senator Marseille moved to table the approval of the Senate Meeting Minutes from October 5th, 2015.

Senator Bryant seconded the motion.

The motion was passed by a unanimous decision.

SENATE SPEAKER REPORT

- Speaker Peterson thanked the council members for attending the Homecoming Concert on Sunday.
- Speaker Peterson asked the council to please turn in their time cards and to please contact Senator Jean to make sure everything is up to date. She added that time cards will affect stipends at the end of the semester.

SPEAKER PRO-TEMPORE Report

- Speaker Pro Gascon asked the council to please take time cards seriously and to turn in their time cards with their names.

VICE PRESIDENT Report

- Vice President Jean-Louis greeted the council and thanked those who attended the Homecoming Concert.
- Vice President Jean-Louis said he is still working with street team to bring exposure to SGA and help complete surveys.

ADVISOR REPORT

- Advisor Adames said Homecoming week is this week and thanked the council members for attending the homecoming concert.
- Advisor Adames informed the council of this week's Homecoming Schedule and asked the council to please attend.
- Advisor Adames said Mr. and Mrs. FIU is looking for participants for the pageant.
- Advisor Adames thanked everyone who attended the lecture on Monday.

FINANCE CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Marseille updated the council on recent finance request, such as \$141 for the Homecoming Brigade.

RLJ CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Fievre said he is currently working on two bills. The first bill will require applicants to request 1 conference per finance form (instead of multiple requests in one form). The second is to correct the spelling of the word "Statutes" throughout the SGA Statutes.

OPERATIONAL REVIEW CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Calixte said he recently met with the Campus Life and SOC presidents. He showed them how to properly complete Event Audit Reports to prevent future mistakes.

INTERNAL RELATIONS CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Jean reminded the council on the importance of time cards. She said that council members cannot clock out after 5pm unless President Mejia and/or President Jean-Louis are in the office as well.
- Senator Jean reminded the council to have Advisor Adames sign off on any hand written times on the timecards.

STUDENT ADVOCACY CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Pierre-Louis said that SGA has signed up to help and table on November 18th at the Women's Center's event to prevent and bring awareness to violence against women.
- Senator Pierre-Louis said the It's On Us Committee is working on a "What does consent mean to you" hashtag.
- Senator Pierre-Louis thanked the council members who helped table and survey during the Homecoming Kickoff.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Meet Your Dean Catering Estimate

- Senator Fievre moved to allocate \$1405 for the Meet Your Dean catering estimate.
Senator Suarez seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Marseille - Yay
 Senator Pierre- Louis - Yay
 Senator Jean - Yay
 Senator Calixte – Yay
 Senator Fiever – Yay
 Senator Jean-Jacques - Yay
 Senator Suarez - Yay
 Senator Alcee - Yay
 Senator Granoff - Yay
 Senator Hu - Yay
 Senator Gascon - Yay
 Senator Peterson – Yay

By a vote of 12/0/0, the catering estimate was approved.

B. Senator At Large Appointment – Natalie Vizarraga

Natalie Vizarraga is majoring in Hospitality Management and minoring in Psychology. She said she is most interested in hospitality sustainability and homelessness. Ms. Vizarraga said her experience as an Alternative Breaks site leader has helped her gain confidence and training skills. She also understands the importance of teamwork and unity. Ms. Vizarraga said she is responsible, motivated, and friendly and will definitely bring these attributes to SGA. She understands her role if she were appointed as Senator At-Large and will plan her schedule to make commit her time to SGA.

Senator Bryant moved to appoint Natalie Vizarraga as Senator At-Large.
Senator Pierre-Louis seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Marseille - Yay
Senator Pierre- Louis - Yay
Senator Jean - Yay
Senator Calixte – Yay
Senator Fiever – Yay
Senator Jean-Jacques - Yay
Senator Suarez - Yay
Senator Alcee - Yay
Senator Granoff - Yay
Senator Hu - Yay
Senator Gascon - Nay
Senator Peterson – Yay

By a vote of 11/1/0, Natalie Vizarraga was appointed as Senator At-Large.

Vice President Jean-Louis requested a point of personal privilege at 3:57pm.

C. Justice Appointment - Anahi Hurtado

Anahi Hurtado said she is currently a freshman majoring in Journalism and would like to double major in Political Science. She was a member of SGA in high school and is currently a member of the Academy of Leaders. As a possible justice, Ms. Hurtado said she understand the need to be impartial and to not allow personal issues to interfere with her said position. She is also considering a career in law and enjoys learning about Supreme Court cases.

Senator Pierre-Louis moved to appoint Anahi Hurtado as Justice.
Senator Suarez seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Marseille - Yay
Senator Pierre- Louis - Yay
Senator Jean - Yay
Senator Calixte – Yay
Senator Fiever – Yay
Senator Jean-Jacques - Yay
Senator Suarez - Yay
Senator Alcee - Yay
Senator Granoff - Yay
Senator Hu - Yay
Senator Gascon - Yay
Senator Peterson – Yay

By a vote of 12/0/0, Anahi Hurtado was appointed as Justice.

ANOUNCEMENTS

- Next week's Senate Meeting cancelled due to Meet Your Dean event.
- General Meeting date moved to Wednesday on November 4th.
- United Way Bake Off
- CSA's Empower Her event on October 29th from 1-3pm in the ballrooms.
- Student Advocacy Meeting today.
- Hospitality Burger Competition
- SOBE Wine & Food Festival

The meeting was dismissed by Speakers Peterson at **4:11pm**.