



Florida International University

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

MINUTES
SGC-BBC Senate Meeting
November 2nd, 2015

IN ATTENDANCE

Lauren Peterson - Arts & Sciences/Speaker of the House
Tonie Jean – Arts & Sciences
Micaela Suarez – Business Administration
Dionne Bryant - Hospitality Management
Patrick Alcee- Hospitality Management
Yvenson Fievre - Lower Division
Seneka Jean-Jacques – Lower Division
Meredith Marseille - Lower Division
Bendji Calixte - At-Large
Natalie Vizarraga – At-Large
Fengling Hu – Hospitality Management
Kenley Jean-Louis – Vice President
Allhan Mejia – President
Larissa Adames - Advisor

EXCUSED

Luc Pierre-Louis - Lower Division

ABSENT

Geraldine Gascon - Arts & Sciences/Speaker Pro Tempore
Morgan Granoff – Journalism and Mass Communications

GUEST

Leonardo Cosio

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on November 2nd, 2015 in **WUC 221**. The meeting was called to order at **3:32pm**, approximately, by Speaker **Lauren Peterson** who presided over the meeting in its entirety

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Senator Fievre moved to approve the Senate Meeting Minutes from October 5th and October 19th.

Senator Jean seconded the motion.

The motion was passed by a unanimous decision.

SENATE SPEAKER REPORT

- Speaker Peterson said she hoped everyone had a safe Halloween and thanked those who attended Meet Your Dean.
- Speaker Peterson reminded the council that the end of the semester is fast approaching.
- Speaker Peterson asked the council to please turn in their timecards with names. She said the timecards are a major part of receiving stipends.
- Speaker Peterson said she will be setting up one on one meetings w/ all of the senators.

SPEAKER PRO-TEMPORE Report

No Report

VICE PRESIDENT Report

- Vice President Jean-Louis said he hopes everyone had a great weekend.
- Vice President Jean-Louis said he hopes to see the council members at the upcoming football game on Saturday.
- Vice President Jean-Louis thanked the council members who have helped with the SGA Street Team especially Senator Suarez

ADVISOR REPORT

(Anything that the Advisor report)

- Advisor Adames thanked everyone who attended the Meet Your Dean event, and said it was featured on Friday's Beacon newspaper.
- Advisor Adames said the Student Leadership Forum with Dr. Arneson and President Mejia is on Nov 10th in WUC 155 from 11am – 2pm. There they will discuss ideas to improve BBC.
- Advisor Adames stated that a Homecoming focus group will be held to get feedback from BBC students.
- Advisor Adames said the United Way Bake Sale is next Thursday. There will be cupcakes from various bakers and \$1 entry fee to try 4 cupcakes. Everyone can vote by donating money to their favorite baker.
- Advisor Adames said the football game this Saturday will be a home game and asked the council to please speak to President Mejia about a spot in the suite.

- Advisor Adames said there will be tabling during International Week on Thursday from 11-2pm. She said it is great opportunity to complete surveys, encourage students to get involved, and promote SGA.
- Advisor Adames said Intern Coordinator Brown has put together a Relay for Life team to fundraise, the goal is \$1000 and the walk for cancer in March.

FINANCE CHAIR Report

- Senator Marseille said she is currently working on a few bills with Senator Fievre.
- Senator Marseille said she has not met with her committee recently due to the Meet Your Dean event, but will be having a meeting soon.

RLJ CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Fievre said he is working on a bill to change the finance request form to restrict it one request per form.
- Senator Fievre said he is working on a bill to correct a Spelling error in the statues where it says “exoffical” but should say “ex-official”.
- Senator Fievre said he is working on a bill to correct the amount of Finance Committee members required.

OPERATIONAL REVIEW CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Calixte said he will have a committee meeting later this week to continue checking the Event Audit Reports from each council, but everything is in order so far.

INTERNAL RELATIONS CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Jean said time cards are labeled and organized, and if anyone has questions, please speak to her.
- President Mejia added that if a council member does not complete office hours, it is an impeachable offense.

STUDENT ADVOCACY CHAIR REPORT

No Report

Old Business

A. Second Reading of Finance Bill

Senator Fievre said the council will now do the second reading of Bill 0004.

This bill will correct the amount of required Finance Committee members to 5 (including the Finance Chair, who would be the swing vote).

Senator Fievre moved to table the bill to fix a few errors in the bill.

Senator Jean seconded the motion.
The motion was passed by a unanimous decision.

ANOUNCEMENTS

Pie Your Leadership - November 24th
Home Game vs. Charlotte @12pm this Saturday, November 7
Body Image Project- November 9 @11am
Student Leadership Forum- November 10 @12pm
United Way Bake Off- November 12 @ 2pm
Day on the Bay - November 14

The meeting was dismissed by Speakers Peterson at **3:55pm.**