



Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES General Meeting January 28, 2015

IN ATTENDANCE

Jazmin Felix, President
Camille Williams, Vice-President
Ashley Reid, Comptroller
Geraldine Gascon, Special Events Coordinator
Stephanie Felix, Director of Lectures **3:46 p.m.**
Zico Fremont, Director of Governmental Relations
Elina Sibony, Chief of Staff
Christopher Morisset, At-Large
Maria Pulido Velosa, Arts and Sciences/ Speaker-pro
Allhan Mejia, Business Administration/ Speaker
Rebecca Merek, Hospitality Management
Bendjy Calixte, Arts and Sciences
Christopher Morisset, At-Large
Kai Chen, Graduate
Whitney Saint Fleur, Chief Justice
Paola Bayron, Justice
Michema Lafontant, Director of Internal Relations
Adam Azzaoui, Justice
Lauren Peterson, Lower Division
Kenley Jean-Louis, At-Large
Marquele Brown, Elections Commissioner
Abigail Morales, Justice **4:11 p.m.**

ABSENT

Kareem Stanbury, Marketing Coordinator
Yumeng Zhang, Hospitality Management
Xuan Di, At-Large
Alexandra Bendayan, Justice
Peiwen Jiang, Marketing/Public Relations Planner
Shaonan Dong, Marketing/Public Relations Planner
Carlos Burgos, International Student Services Coordinator *excused*
Stefy Moreau, Justice
Ying Lin, Events Coordinator

Ana Correa, Journalism and Mass Communications
Bryan Corcoran, Lower Division
Henry Dubé, At-Large

GUESTS

Kimberly Elliot – Press Secretary applicant
Dulanga Abeyvirigunawardena – Clerk of Council applicant
Merideth Morgan – Lower Division Senator applicant

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a General meeting on January 28, 2015 in room WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at **3:35 p.m.** by President Felix.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- President Felix remarked that she would not be running for a second term, along with announcing *Chick Fil A* gift cards, as a reward, for attending events.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Vice President Williams touched on government relations at MMC, in regards to the Second Road to Access campaign.

COMPTROLLER'S REPORT

- Ms. Reid reiterated elections hosting commencing within the next few weeks.

SENATE SPEAKER'S REPORT

- Mr. Mejia announced that due to the current Honor's College budget at BBC, the office would not be hiring new staff.

ADVISOR'S REPORT

- Ms. Adames reiterated this weekend's team building Ropes Course and the importance of tabling to raise awareness for future elections, lectures, and the upcoming Town hall Meeting, also announcing applications for the presidential and vice presidential positions to open on Feb 2, 2015 and will be closing Feb 20, 2015 at 5:00pm.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Comptroller Presentation

- Ms. Reid explicated the process of allocating funds, beginning with taking A&S fees and distributing them amongst BBC and MMC through a vigorous process completed by a committee including President Felix, Speaker Mejia, Senator Pulido-Velosa, and Ms. Reid, herself.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. On January 31, at 8:00am, the SGA Ropes Course event commences.
- B. The Career Fair is on February 3, at 9:00am.
- C. Panther Love Fest, at I75, begins from February 9-12, from 4:30pm-6:30pm
- D. The SGA Lecture Series begins February 26, 2015
- E. Panther Alumni Week

F. Career in Gear Jan 29, 2015

G. Jeans for Teens

SENATE BUSINESS

Speaker Mejia moved to proceed onto the appointment of Kimberly Elliot for the Press Secretary position. Senator Morriset second the motion.

Vote

Lauren Peterson- yay

Bendjy Calixte- yay

Kai Chen- yay

Rebecca Merek- yay

Maria Pulido- yay

Allhan Mejia- yay

Kenley Jean-Louis- yay

Christopher Morriset- yay

By a unanimous vote, Kimberly Elliot became the new Press Secretary.

Speaker Mejia moved to appoint Dulanga Abeysirigunawardena for the Clerk of Council position. Senator Calixte second the motion.

Vote

Lauren Peterson- yay

Bendjy Calixte- yay

Kai Chen- yay

Rebecca Merek- yay

Maria Pulido- yay

Allhan Mejia- yay

Kenley Jean-Louis- abstain

Christopher Morriset- yay

By a vote of seven, and one abstained, Dulanga Abeysirigunawardena became the new Clerk of Council.

Speaker Mejia moved to add the appointment of a Lower Division Senator to agenda. After a unanimous “yay”, motion passes.

Speaker Mejia moved to appoint Merideth Morgan for the Lower Division Senator position. Senator Morriset second the motion.

Vote

Lauren Peterson- yay

Bendjy Calixte- yay

Kai Chen- yay

Rebecca Merek- yay

Maria Pulido- yay

Allhan Mejia- yay
Kenley Jean-Louis- yay
Christopher Morriset-yay

By a unanimous vote, Merideth Morgan became the new Lower Division Senator.

President Felix adjourned the meeting at **4:17 p.m.**