



Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES General Meeting March 31, 2016

IN ATTENDANCE

Allhan Mejia, President
Kenley Jean-Louis, Vice-President
Maria Pulido-Velosa, Comptroller
Christopher Morisset, Chief of Staff **3:45 pm**
Sabrina Deus, Executive Assistant
Jayda Hall, Press Secretary
Marquele Brown, Intern Coordinator **3:41 pm**
Yunfan Zhang, International Student Services Coordinator
Raiesha Ali, Director of Governmental Relations
Jamie Adelson, Director of Lectures
Kristen King, Director of Internal Relations
Anastasiya Sizova, Elections Commissioner
Gabriella Mutti, Marketing/PR Planner
Juan Esquivel, Marketing/PR Planner
Lauren Peterson, Honors Senator/Speaker
Tonie Jean, Arts & Sciences Senator/Speaker Pro
Micaela Suarez, Business Administration Senator
Dionne Bryant, Hospitality Senator
Patrick Alcee, Hospitality Management Senator
Sudyen Navarrete, Journalism Senator
Meredith Marseille, Lower Division Senator
Akheim Paisley, Chief Justice
Tayla Van Embden, Justice
Wenxi Huang, Justice
Yunuo Wang, Court Clerk
Kerrie Montgomery, Advisor
Larissa Adames, SGA Coordinator

ABSENT

Anne Dorcius, Director of Environmental Affairs **Excused**
Luc Pierre-Louis, Arts & Sciences Senator **Excused**
Seneka Jean-Jacques, Lower Division Senator **Unexcused**
Natalie Vizarraga, At Large Senator **Unexcused**
Bendjy Calixte, At Large Senator **Unexcused**
Adam Azzaoui, Justice **Excused**
Tong Li, Justice **Unexcused**
Xiaolu Zhu, Court Clerk **Excused**

GUEST

Sam Caballero, BSU Coordinator

Michema Lafontant, SOC President

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a General meeting on March 31, 2016 in WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at 3:39 p.m. by President Mejia, who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- President Mejia said SGA finished the budget process for the 2016-2017 year and if anyone has any questions they can reach out to Maria, Kenley, Lauren or Meredith (if it's BBC specific.)
- President Mejia also said the council started out with a goal of completing six projects at the beginning of the academic year. There are still four projects left incomplete and there is approximately \$63,000 left in the contingency funds.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Vice-President Jean-Louis said the class survey has officially launched and is set up on the library computers and the UTS computers. However, there is a problem setting up the survey on our own website because of the Student Affairs changes. President Mejia said Lauren and Tonie will meet with the advisors to tell them about the surveys and get it pushed out. Council members have until April 29 to publicize the survey.
- Vice-President Jean-Louis said he's been meeting with Brian Cooper, the Associate Dean of the Library, to discuss impending changes to the first floor. If anyone is interested in attending meetings with him, they are welcome to join.
- In addition, Vice-President Jean-Louis said the Career Expo will be held next Tuesday.

COMPTROLLER'S REPORT

- Comptroller Pulido-Velosa said she had no report.

SPEAKER OF THE SENATE'S REPORT

- Speaker Peterson said the senate completed the first reading of the budget this Monday. The second reading will be next Monday and hopefully it will get approved.
- Additionally, Speaker Peterson said the senate approved an appropriation of \$872 to fund the Quiz Bowl, an event which is organized in part by Magda.

CHIEF OF STAFF'S REPORT

- Chief of Staff Morisset said Earth Day will be held on April 19 in Panther Square from 11am-3pm.
- Raiesa Ali said she met with North Miami Mayor St. Joseph to talk about the Junior Council, which is probably going to be proposed to three high schools in the area. The program will consist of mock campaigns and council meetings, which will be mentored by the North Miami City Council. Additionally, it looks good that SGA will be facilitating the program.

CHIEF JUSTICE'S REPORT

- Chief Justice Paisley said he has no report.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

- Ms. Adames said tomorrow is the third annual Wolfe Day, which will be Olympic-themed and have a food truck from Cold Stone Creamery.

- She said that the mock voting will be ending today, which has been testing the voting system in preparation for next week's SGA elections.
- She said the SGA Picture Day will be held on April 20. Please make yourself available. President Mejia said to wear the long sleeve button downs.
- Ms. Adames said Tia Mowry will present a lecture at 6:30pm also on April 20. For the first time, SGA will be charging the outside community \$15 presale or \$20 the day of the event. Faculty/Staff will be charged \$5 and the event will be free for all FIU students.
- Lastly, she said that the BBC Banquet will be on April 27 at 5:30 pm in the Ballrooms.

ADVISOR'S REPORT

- Ms. Montgomery said SPC will host Live Week next week, which will include events such as the Tunnel of Oppression, the Disco Roller Skating and Bayfest. Additionally, Pride Week and Release Week are around the corner. Ms. Montgomery wished everyone good luck as the semester is winding down.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Councils Choice Award Voting

2. Sam Caballero, BSU Coordinator Presentation

- Sam said she is the coordinator for BSU and is trying to increase awareness about the organization on this campus again. They just held their "Sex by the Bay" event this week and will be hosting a Black Culture Fest on Wednesday from 11am-2pm.
- Sam's office hours on this campus will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12-2pm and 3-6pm.
- Additionally, there will be BSU general meetings on this campus, separate from MMC's meetings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Senator Bryant said there will be a Hospitality Career Fair on April 28 from 1-4pm. She also said the Hospitality Honors Society is developing an event on a yacht.
- Michema Lafontant suggested honoring Magda at the end of the year Potluck, since it is her last semester here.
- Marquele Brown said there are eight open positions for BBC's Homecoming Council and the applications close this Friday.
- Speaker Pro Jean said she and Lauren are in AB and would appreciate help with fundraising and accumulating medical supplies.

The meeting was adjourned by President Mejia at **4:13 p.m.**