



Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES
SGC-BBC General Meeting
August 26, 2015

IN ATTENDANCE

Allhan Mejia - President
Kenley Jean-Louis - Vice-President
Maria Pulido-Velosa - Comptroller
Jaclyn Baglos - Special Events Coordinator
Lauren Peterson - Arts & Sciences/Speaker of the House
Dionne Bryant - Hospitality Management
Patrick Alcee- Hospitality Management
Yvenson Fievre - Lower Division
Meredith Marseille - Lower Division
Seneka Jean-Jacques - Lower Division
Luc Pierre-Louis (Stu. Advo. Chair) - Lower Division
Bendji Calixte - At-Large
Akheim Paisley - At-Large
Adam Azzaoui - Justice
Larissa Adames - Advisor

EXCUSED

Fengling Hu – Hospitality Management

ABSENT

Geraldine Gascon - Arts & Sciences/Speaker Pro Tempore
Paola Bayron - Justice

GUEST

Lucia D'Amado – Relay for Life
Andrea Alespeiti – Relay for Life
Kim Nguyen – Marketing and Social Media Coordinator Candidate

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on August 26, 2015 in WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at **3:46pm**, approximately, by President **Allhan Mejia** who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

Senator Marseille moved to amend agenda, to allow the Relay for Life guests to speak first.
Senator Fievre seconded the motion.
The motion was passed unanimously.

A. Relay for Life Presentation

Lucia D'Amado, BBC's Relay for Life liaison, invited everyone to Relay for Life's first event on September 30th in GC 243 at 6pm. She stated that Relay for Life fundraises to help cancer victims, and brings out 6000 people per year. She would like to continue Relay for Life's growth and like to increase its presence at BBC.

To promote the event at BBC, she will be tabling and is planning to hold a future event on the campus. To become involved in the relay, participants must create a group of 10 people and raise \$100.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- President Mejia welcomed the council and said he would like to have the full council's attendance at upcoming events such as: Meet Your Dean, which will take place during the end of October, and SGA Day next Wednesday.
- President Mejia asked the council to please inform himself and Speaker Peterson regarding attendance issues for the General and Senate Meetings.
- President Mejia congratulated the newly appointed council members.
- President Mejia informed the council on an upcoming SGA survey, where students can ask for classes they would like at BBC in the spring semester. He said each senate member should speak to various colleges and deans to advertise the survey and reports should be completed by September 23rd.

Vice President's Report

- Vice President Jean-Louis welcomed the council to a new semester.
- Vice President Jean-Louis reminded the council of his street team project, where the council will tackle pertinent issues, which currently is recruitment. He asked the council to send him their availability.

Comptroller's Report

- Comptroller Pulido-Velosa welcomed everyone and stated that she is excited to begin working.
- Comptroller Pulido-Velosa said she has an open door policy and is very passionate about SGA and FIU. She would like the council to communicate their ideas to her and she will be more than happy to help.
- Comptroller Pulido-Velosa said her goal for this school year is to actually deliver and address all issues on campus, find solutions, and be proactive.

SENATE SPEAKER REPORT

- Speaker Peterson informed the council of the new additions to the senate: Tonie Jean, Bendji Calixte, Akheim Paisley, Patrick Alcee, and Fengling Hu.
- Speaker Peterson asked the council to please turn in green sheets to Advisor Adames and complete required checklist to receive their prizes.
- Speaker Peterson informed the council of the upcoming U-Wide E-Board meeting.

ADVISOR'S REPORT

- Advisor Adames welcomed the council.
- Advisor Adames stated that SGA Day will be next Wednesday from 11am – 2pm. She asked the council to please attend and if their class schedules conflict, please help to set up beforehand. She stated that during SGA day, office tours will be given, and pizza and coffee will be provided in the conference room.
- Advisor Adames said the council and cookies event will be on Tuesday and asked the council to please sign up to table at the event.
- Advisor Adames welcomed the newly appointed senators and asked them to please stop by the office to take their photos for the SGA website and social media.
- Advisor Adames reminded the council of the Freshman Luau tomorrow from 11am – 2pm and said that it is a great opportunity to meet freshman and network.
- Advisor Adames asked the council to please check the weather for a possible tropical storm and please sign up for text alerts from the university, in case of any class cancellations.
- Advisor Adames asked the council to please let her know if they have any questions regarding the checklist.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Bill 2015.003: Chief of Staff Hours

The council discussed the reason for the change, and President Mejia stated that the Chief of Staff's duties are similar to that of the Senate Speaker, therefore, the required hours should be the same.

Senator Paisley moved to approve Bill 2015.003.
Senator Calixte seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Bryant - Yay
Senator Alcee- Yay
Senator Fievre - Yay
Senator Marseille - Yay

Senator Jean-Jacques - Yay
Senator Pierre-Louis - Yay
Senator Calixte - Yay
Senator Paisley - Yay
Senator Peterson - Yay

By a vote of 9/0/0, Bill 2015.003 was passed.

B. Marketing and Social Media Coordinator - Kim Nguyen

Kim Nguyen is a junior majoring in Biology. She loves what SGA stands for and how SGA helps the students. Ms. Nguyen said she would like to bridge the gap between the students at FIU and the SGA. She stated that she would like to help the SGA improve its social media pages by building on the current content and increasing exposure. Ms. Nguyen stated that she is creative and knows how to gain attention. On campus, she was the creative director of the Wine to Water club and has worked the SJMC.

Senator Paisley moved to appoint Kim Nguyen as the Marketing and Social Media Coordinator.
Senator Calixte seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Bryant - Yay
Senator Alcee- Yay
Senator Fievre - Yay
Senator Marseille - Yay
Senator Jean-Jacques - Yay
Senator Pierre-Louis - Yay
Senator Calixte - Yay
Senator Paisley - Yay
Senator Peterson - Yay

By a vote of 9/0/0, Kim Nugyen was appointed as the Marketing and Social Media Coordinator

ANOUNCEMENTS

- Freshman Luau
- Involvement week
- SPC Fall Fest
- September Campus Life Calendar
- October Calendar Student Features

The meeting was dismissed by President Allhan Mejia at **4:34pm**.