



Florida International University

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

MINUTES

SGC-BBC General Meeting

October 19, 2016

IN ATTENDANCE

Allhan W. Mejia, President
Michema Lafontant, Vice-President
Meredith Marseille, Comptroller
Leonardo Cosio, Chief of Staff
Natalia Bertok, Director of Public Relations
Dianne Morales, Director of Events
Rosemary Hannah, Director of Campus Services
Jamie Adelson, Director of Lectures
Shenglei Wang, Director of International Student Affairs
Gabiella Mutti, Director of Marketing & Social Media
Tonie Jean, Speaker of the Senate
Micaela Suarez, Business Administration
Armani Someillan, Hospitality Management
Nikole Torregiante, Hospitality Management
Nicole Mare, Lower Division
Maria Fauve, Speaker Pro Tempore
Ronan Kelly, Lower Division
Alexandra Laroche, Operational Review Committee Chair, Lower Division

EXCUSED

Juan Martinez, Director of Governmental & Community Relations
Hala Baaj, Arts & Sciences Senator

ABSENT

Adam Azzaoui, Justice

GUEST

Kerrie Montgomery, Director of Campus Life-BBC
Rachel Jean Pierre, Intern
Tevin Spencer, Intern
Jessica Gvenier, Intern
Lisa Stepoulos, Intern
Natasha Riley, Intern
Rachel Rampersad, Director of Governing Councils appointee
Zue Lopez, Justice Appointee
Anastasiya Sizova, Director of Elections appointee

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on October 19, 2016 – Locale **221**. The meeting was called to order at **3:40**, approximately, by President **Allan Mejia** who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Senator Jean moved to table the approval September 28, 2016 minutes to next month meeting. The motion was seconded by Senator Mare.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- President Mejia reported he had a meeting with DR., Assistant VP of Students Affairs, and Scott Jones, Director of the Wolf Center, to discuss and figure out some upcoming events for the SGA E-Board. Some of the events that were discussed are FIU letters and planting mangrove trees.
- President Mejia reported that him and Comptroller Mareille met with Dr. Elizabeth Bejar to discuss the enrollment numbers at BBC. They also discussed how Student Affairs can get involved in helping increase the enrollment numbers at BBC.
- President Mejia announced that Advisor Montgomery is now a Doctor.

Vice President's Report

- Vice President Lafontant reported that she been working on Street Team and tabling. She announced that the next tabling will be on October 25th during the Love Your Body Day event at 11:00 am to 1:30 pm, and she would like some of the members to help out.

Question:

President Mejia asked Vice President Lafontant what's the update on the Camillus House event. Vice President Lafontant Answered saying that the Kamila House event was replaced with the Oxfam Hunger Banquet, but the Oxfam Hunger Banquet is also cancel due to some timing issues.

Comptroller's Report

- Comptroller Marseille reported she and President Mejia have a meeting set up with Dr. Bejar.
- Comptroller Marseille reported she sent out a bill to the senate.
- Comptroller Marseille reported she has prepared a chart for the enrollment numbers to present at the next U-wide meeting, and this chart will be sent to everyone to review.
- Comptroller Marseille reported she speaking with the Director of Events, Morales to plan a comptroller workshop event.

SENATE SPEAKER REPORT

- Senator Jean reported that she appointed a new Art and Science Senator
- Senator Jean reported she talked to Marcy about putting a sign outside of the meeting to attract the student body to attend the SGA meetings.
- Senator Jean reported that Senator Suarez is working on the T-board for tabling.
- Senator Jean reported that her and VP Lafontant is working on the Haitian Relief Efforts, and they are still accepting donations.
- Senator Jean reported that Senator Laroche will be taking over Operational Review.

Cabinet Report

- Chief of Staff Cosio reported that he started updating the SGA website, and he welcomes anyone who wants to participate.
- Chief of Staff Cosio reported that Director of Public Relations, Bertok is working on the food pantry drive, which will start in November. Also, Director of Events, Morales has a lot of events planned for November and December.
- Director of Events, Morales reported that the Forum will be held on Monday October 24 at WUC room 223, from 10:30-11:30. The second will be on Tuesday at HM 175, from 11:00-12:00 pm, and she one more person add.

ADVISOR'S REPORT

- Dr. Montgomery reported that there are some yard sign in the office, and members are free to take one
- Dr. Montgomery reported that the Tri-Council reunion is on october 20 in room 221.
- Dr. Montgomery reported that priority registration will be open on November 1st.
- Dr. Montgomery thanked everyone for coming out the Homecoming events.
- Dr. Montgomery reported that Homecoming parade float check-in is at 11:30-12:30.

NEW BUSINESS

His House

- Director of Events, Morales announced that the toys collected for the toy drive will be given to the children on christmas day by santa, so gift cannot be given prior. Instead there will be a thanksgiving dinner that SGA will be hosted for the families on November 24th.

FYI:

President Mejia announced to the members that there will be a parade on thanksgiving day in the morning. Members who attend can then carpool to go to the His House event.

- Director of Events, Morales announced that list to RSVP will be sent out soon.

Thanksgiving Dinner for Bayview

- President Mejia announced that he and Chief of Staff Cosio came up with the idea of having a thanksgiving dinner for Bayview students who can't afford to go home for the holiday. He will be needing to meet with the Senate to discuss more on the details.

Bill

- Comptroller Marseille announced that this bill is to provide clarity to councils on what to do with the emolument. The Bill will provide councils with the power to decide on their stipend within the emolument.
- Comptroller Marseille announced that a new section will be created in article 8 of the constitution to add this bill.

President Mejia suggested to Comptroller Marseille that the language should change to spring 2016 to avoid any backtrack to council who have already decided.

Appointment

Anastasiya presented to the SGA Council seeking a position as Director of Elections.

- A. Senator Suarez move to appoint Anastasia as Director of Elections. Senator Mare second the motion
- B. Roll Call
 - a) Senator Jean (Yea)
 - b) Senator Suarez (Yea)
 - c) Senator Someillan (Yea)
 - d) Senator Torregiante (Yea)
 - e) Senator Mare (Yea)
 - f) Senator Fauve (Yea)

The motioned was carried by a 7-0-0 decision. Anastasia became the new Director of Elections.

Rachel Rampersad presented to the SGA Council seeking a position as Director of Governing Councils.

- C. Senator Jean move to appoint Rachel Rampersad as Director of Governing Councils. Senator Mare second the motion
- D. Roll Call
 - a) Senator Jean (Yea)
 - b) Senator Suarez (Yea)
 - c) Senator Someillan (Yea)

d) Senator Torregiante (Yea)

e) Senator Mare (Yea)

f) Senator Fauve (Yea)

The motioned was carried by a 7-0-0 decision. Rachel Rampersad became the new Director of Governing Councils .

Zue Lopez presented to the SGA Council seeking a position as a Justice.

E. Senator Mare move to appoint Zue Lopez as Justice. Senator Suarez second the motion.

F. Roll Call

a) Senator Jean (Yea)

b) Senator Suarez (Yea)

c) Senator Someillan (Yea)

d) Senator Torregiante (Yea)

e) Senator Mare (Yea)

f) Senator Fauve (Yea)

The motioned was carried by a 7-0-0 decision. Zue Lopez became the new Justice.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Halloween mixer will be on the day of halloween
- Leadership Fellowship will be held on Friday
- Newsletter will be releasing next week
- Food pantry will be in November

The meeting was dismissed by President **Mejia** at **5:00PM**.