



Florida International University

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

MINUTES

SGC-BBC General Meeting

April 12th, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE

Allhan W. Mejia – President

Leonardo Cosio, Vice President

Meredith Marseille, Comptroller

Natalia Bertok, Chief of Staff

Rachael Rampersad, Director of Public Relations

Rosemary Hannah, Director of Campus Services

Jamie Adelson, Director of Lectures

Gabriella Mutti, Director of Marketing & Social Media

Juan Martinez, Director of Governmental & Community Relations

Tonie Jean – Speaker of the Senate/ Upper Division

Maria Fauve – Speaker Pro Tempore / At-Large

Micaela Suarez – Senator At-Large

Jonathan Espino – Arts, Sciences & Education/ Internal Affairs Chair

Hala Baaj – Arts, Sciences & Education/Rules, Legislation, Judicial Chair

Ronan Kelly – Lower Division/ Operational Review Chair

Zhe Huang – At-Large

Harry Castillo – Communication & Journalism

Mitesh Addhate – Graduate

Tevin Spencer – Justice

Daniel Velasquez – Deputy Commissioner

Yihui Zhang – Secretary

EXCUSED

Dianne Morales, Director of Events

Shenglei Wang – Events Coordinator

Tamera Thompson – Hospitality & Tourism Management/ Student Advocacy Chair

Sudyen Navarrete, Chief Justice

GUESTS

Larissa Adames – Assistant Director of Campus Life/SGA Advisor

Gerald Johnson – Graduate Assistant

Kerrie Montgomery – Campus Life Director

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on Date – Locale (**Room 221**) The meeting was called to order at **3:33 pm**, approximately, by President **Allhan Mejia** who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- President, Mejia, welcomed all council members to the meeting
- President, Mejia, stated that council members will not need to complete any office hours for this week in case they have any finals, or papers, they would need to focus on.
- President, Mejia, urged the council members to complete the survey SGA Advisor, Ms.Adames, handed out before they leave.
- President, Mejia, informed the council that next week they will need to pick up something from the office. The front desk will be giving the council members their plaques; all council members will be reminded to do so via the group chat.

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT

No report

COMPTROLLER’S REPORT

- Comptroller, Marseille, stated that she and the President, Allhan Mejia, will meet with different council to see what their goals are for the upcoming year. This week they will meet with SOC, Thursday with Panther Power, then SPC.
- Comptroller, Marseille, stated that she will get feedback from the Treasurer for the year.

CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT

- Chief of Staff, Bertok, wished the council members luck on any finals they might have.
- Chief of Staff, Bertok, reminded the council to attend Day on the Bay on Saturday 15, 2017. Director of Events, Morales, will not be present therefore Director of Campus Service, Hannah, will be leading the event.

SENATE SPEAKER REPORT

- Speaker, Jean, wished the council the best of luck on their finals and stated that for her this meeting is bittersweet.

SPEAKER PRO-TEMPORE REPORT

No Report

President Mejia encouraged the council members to attend Day on the Bay, the event will be held from 9:00am to 12:00pm; snacks and lunch will be provided as well.

Speaker Jean, clarified that Day on the Bay is mandatory for the Senate and all senators should be there by 8:30 to help set up as well.

Chief of Staff also clarified that it is a mandatory event for the Cabinet, and that shirts will be provided on site.

President Mejia stated that this event is a very important one. More stations have been added so it should be a fun event.

President Mejia reminded the Council that The BBC Leadership Banquet will be held on Next Tuesday from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Awards will be given out, from SGA, Panther Power, and Biscayne Bay as well. To all graduating Council members, you might be nominated for an award as well.

Campus Life Director, Kerrie Montgomery stated that the reception will begin at 5:30 pm, the doors will open at 6:00pm but the dinner will start as 6:30pm the latest.

ADVISOR REPORT

- Ms.Adames stated that starting next Tuesday, Marcy will begin processing the Stipends. The council members who joined in the Spring will have to fill out a packet; however, if you did it during the fall you will not have to do anything
- Ms.Adames stated that Marcy will send out an email to notify everyone and provide more information if you need to fill out the form to receive your stipends.
- Ms.Adames stated that those who had not filled out the form during the fall will have one last chance to do so and receive their stipends.

Graduate Assistant, Gerald Johnson II, stated that a Training session will be held twice, the first on Monday 17, 2017 and the other on Thursday 20, at 11:00am.

Graduate Assistant, Gerald Johnson II, informed the council of the retreat which will be held on October 6, 2017. Council Members were told to reach out to him if they had any ideas concerning it.

Campus Life Director, Kerrie Montgomery congratulated the council on having a good year; and wished them a good summer. She also reminded them of release week and Midnight Breakfast, which will be held earlier than usual.

President Mejia added to not forget to support other departments by attending the various activities throughout release week. Most often then not food is provided and it is a good way to study for finals as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ms. Adames thanked everyone who attended the lecture and assisted throughout the entire event. Director of Lectures, Adelson, was also in the Herald, the council members were encouraged to share it with others so they may know of FIU's success.
- Deputy Elections Commissioner, Velasquez, notified the council that he believes his wallet was left in the office and asked for assistance if anyone happen to find it. He also wished everyone the best of luck and thanked everyone for making SGA such a great organization. A special thank you was given to Marcy Alstrom as well as Larissa
- Chief of Staff, Bertok stated that there will be a Cabinet Meeting next Wednesday, at the usual time and location. She also thanked everyone on the council for working hard, more specifically the Cabinet; as well as the E-Board for being open-minded and making her feel like home, since she is in a new environment.
- Speaker Jean thanked all Senators, the E-Board, Gerald, Ms. Adames, and Kerrie Montgomery for helping her become a better speaker. She proceeded to thank SGA for doing such great things this semester and specially, Jamie Adelson who planned great lectures.
- Graduate Assistant, Gerald Johnson II, stated that this served as his first year in SGA and thanked every council member for challenging and supporting him this year.
- Speaker Pro-Tempore stated that she is proud of the senators but most specifically those who did not know too much but joined because he or she wanted to improve the campus.
- Speaker Jean thanked the front desk, for their hard work in the meetings, as well as former front desk assistant, Mydel.
- President Mejia thanked everyone. He stated that he started four years ago, Fall of 2013, and can say that SGA helped to shape him into the person he is today. This organization allowed him to create bonds with a lot of people. "You don't know who you will meet here." SGA is one of the best experiences he has had in his college career.
- President Mejia encouraged the council members to joining SGA again because it is a decision they will not regret. Ms. Adames, Gerald Johnson II and Kerrie Montgomery are doing their best to help you, be sure to listen to them for it will help you grow.
- President Mejia concluded by saying that this stood as his last year at FIU and had a wonderful time here; and wishes to be back someday.

The meeting was Adjourned by President Mejia at 3:55 pm.