



Florida International University

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

MINUTES

SGC-BBC General Meeting

January 31, 2018

IN ATTENDANCE

Leonardo Cosio, President

Meredith Marseille, Vice President

Jamie Adelson, Chief of Staff

Ana Rubiano, Director of Events

Katrina Abel, Director of Campus Sustainability

Douglas Gavilan, Director of Campus Services

Huahua Jin, Director of International Student Services

Jonathan Espino, Housing and Speaker of the Senate

Jefferson Noel, Communication + Journalism and Speaker Pro Tempore

Ronan Kelly, At-Large

Jessalyn Morel, Lower Division

Ashley Rosales-Tejeda, Communication + Journalism

John Habib, Arts, Sciences & Education

Water (Jiaqi) Chen, Hospitality & Tourism Management

Ryan Mignagaray, Communication + Journalism

EXCUSED

Mitesh Addhate, Comptroller

Christine Massesus, Director of Lectures

ABSENT

Priscila Sevil, Lower Division

GUESTS

Larissa Adames, Assistant Director of Campus Life/SGA Advisor

Kerrie Montgomery, Director of Campus Life-BBC

Gerald Johnson, SGA Graduate Assistant

Aaliyah Gordon, Elections Commissioner Appointee

Stefano Carl Selorio, SGA Front Desk Assistant

Alexandra Laroche, SGA Front Desk Assistant

Daniel Velasquez

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on January 31, 2018 – Locale **WUC 155**. The meeting was called to order at **3:38**, approximately, by **President Cosio** who presided over the meeting in its entirety

PRESIDENT REPORT

- President Cosio welcomed the council and wished that every council member is enjoying the semester thus far.
- President Cosio stated that he met with parking and transportation regarding the expansion of the North Miami Beach shuttle to include a stop at Bayview.

Point of Clarification: President Cosio asked where the current location was.

Speaker Espino clarified that the current location is by the Glenn Hubert Library.

- President Cosio explained that a housing shuttle is not needed because there already is one in the system.
- President Cosio in addition brought up the lighting issue in the FIU parking lots, which will be improved in the coming weeks. This was a result of the safety walk, which was done in November. This demonstrates how important positive engagement is in events such as this one; it is also important to push forward issues and as council members it is your role to make them aware of it.
- President Cosio explained that the class gift project is essentially a way that graduating students are asked to give back to FIU if a student felt as if FIU made a positive impact and helped him or her in some way.
- President Cosio stated that he will be working on expanding the numbers for CARTA, the school of Communication + Architecture & the Arts, with the respected dean. A next step to expanding those numbers would be working with the alumni to see if a dollar can be added to the graduation pack.

Point of Inquiry: President Cosio asked if graduating students are required to purchase the graduation pack.

Ms.Adames answered: yes, it is required.

- President Cosio ended his report by explaining that adding a dollar to the graduation pack will make an impact if each alumni is counted as a donor.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

- Vice President Marseille updated the council on the special project, reflexology path. Any council members who would like more information on this project were suggested to ask the vice president any questions after the meeting.
- Vice President Marseille informed the council that the vendor has been approved for the reflexology path. Elizabeth Marazita from Paths of Health is the official vender as of now and is working on the process for the department facilities.
- Vice President Marseille stated that she and president Cosio has met with Dr. Pablo Ortiz, director of Regional Locations regarding working the possibility of providing a math lab at the Biscayne Bay Campu. There is a potential space in the Academic Center I, third floor.
- Vice President Marseille stated that along with Speaker Espino is working with Collette, the advisor for Bayview Hall Council., more information about that will be provided by speaker Espino
- Vice President Marseille stated through the thanksgiving drive we were able to raise 130 pounds of food.Vice President Marseille thanked everyone who helped for that event and explained that there will be a continuation of SGA’s collaboration with Healthy Living, which will be a Food Freshness workshop.
- Vice President Marseille explained that the Food Freshness workshop will explain how to identify when food is fresh or not and everything else that plays a role in keeping food fresh.

President Cosio stated that Comptroller Addhate is excused. Vice President Marseille received Comptroller Mitesh’s report and shared it with the senate.

Good Afternoon everyone, I am working hard on our budget process with fellow U-wide and campus specific budget committee members.

We completed our U-wide and campus specific hearings for Fy2018-19. We have the U-wide deliberations starting tomorrow at MMC from 9:00 to 5:00 pm followed by 2nd U-wide deliberations on Friday on our BBC campus from 9:00 to 4:00 pm WUC 155 Feb 2nd. And then our BBC specific deliberations on Feb 15th, from 9:30 to 4:00 pm in WUC ballroom.

It will be great if all the council members could attend the deliberations in our BBC campus as this will be a good opportunity for everyone to learn about the budget process.

President Cosio asked the council members to speak to the eboard to stay updated about the reports.

SPEAKER OF THE SENATE REPORT

- Speaker Espino informed the council that many senators were not able to remain in the council due to conflicts with their schedules. However, four more senators have recently joined, and encouraged the council to get to know the new senators who have joined as well.
- Speaker Espino informed the council that there are two potential senators who will present themselves at the next meeting.

- Speaker Espino stated that Collette is finalizing the application for council and specifically eboard positions for the bayview council. Collette is also reviewing the bayview constitution to make sure every decision made corresponds with it.

CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT

- Chief of staff Adelson stated that Director of International Student Affairs, Jin, is working on a chinese festival. Director of Events, Rubiano has been tabling to promote Town Hall with President Rosenberg.
- Chief of staff Adelson informed the council that Marcy sent an email containing the sign up sheet for tabling. All council members could join Director of Events, Rubiano who tables every monday, tuesday, and wednesday.
- Chief of Staff Adelson reminded councilmembers to RSVP for the Town Hall taking place on February 12th, 2018 through orgsync.
- Chief of Staff Adelson informed the senate that Director of Campus Services, Gavilan, is working on Day on the Bay, which is set to be on March 24th, 2018, as well as the wall project. Director of sustainability Abel, has be familirazing herself with SGA and has been meeting with the Sustainability Coordinator as well as the Environmental Club.
- Chief of Staff Adelson stated that Director of Lectures, Massesus, is working on possible speakers for the Lecture series, which will occur on February 22nd, 2018.

ADVISOR REPORT

- Ms.Adames stated that information on the chosen speaker for the SGA Lecture Series is usually not shared until it is finalized. Regarding the process of finalization, Ms.Adames hoped that it will go through well and will be finalized by the end of the week.
- Ms.Adames informed the council of the Leadership Summit with will occur on Saturday February 3rd, 2018 and reminded all council who have not yet registered to do so for tit is a great opportunity to attend many workshops for all leaders, beginners, intermediate and experts.
- Ms.Adames stated that the elections applications will be up by tomorrow for the following positions: Vice-President, President, and Senate; until February 22nd, 2018.
- Ms.Adames informed the council that Budget Deliberations will be starting tomorrow and will be at the Biscayne Bay Campus Friday 9:00 to 4:00 pm in WUC 155. Ms.Adames encouraged the council to to attend the Budget Deliberation on Friday especially if he or she is interested in coming back as a council member and/or applying a higher position in the council.
- Ms.Adames stated that Student Admitted Day will occur on March 3rd, 2018, and explained that on the event's focus is welcoming students who have confirmed their attendance as upcoming FIU students. There will be tabling from 11:00am to 1:00pm at Panther Plaza. Any members interested int abling for this events will need to confirm with Ms.Adames by Friday.
- Ms.Adames stated that Town Hall with President Rosenberg will be on February 12, 2018, and informed the council that flyers should be available tomorrow, any council members will be able to pass flyers around the classroom and see if teachers who have class at that time could bring their students to the event.

GRADUATE ASSISTANT REPORT

- Graduate Assistant, Johnson informed the council of the Legislative Lounge which will be on Monday from 2:00pm to 2:30pm, in the SGA Conference room.
- Graduate Assistant, Johnson explained that the legislative Lounge will be a new event for the council, in which council members will take a few hours to go over any goals for the year and/or semester.
- Graduate Assistant, Johnson confirmed that the time spent at the event will count within the council's office hours, snacks will be provided and an email will be sent out regarding the event.

- Campus Life Director, Ms. Montgomery stated that she does not have anything new to report but will follow up with the comment Ms. Adames made regarding the Town Hall.
- Ms. Montgomery urged the council to bring anyone to the Town Hall due to the low numbers of students who attend.
- Ms. Montgomery explained that students who attend will be able to ask President Rosenberg their questions and bring forth any issues. Usually Vice Presidents of Colleges and other administrators will also attend. It is important as a council to represent the student body but it is also important to encourage students to attend as well.

President Cosio asked who within the council is currently living in BayView, then asked those people to bring at least fifteen people to the Town Hall.

SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE REPORT

- Speaker Pro-Tempore, Noel shared that he is working on the event, Donuts with the Dean and the Future Leaders Conference.
- Speaker Pro-Tempore, Noel stated that Donuts with the Dean is set to occur on March 7, 2018 with Dean Schriener and Shane from the College of Hospitality and CARTA - Communication Architecture + the Arts. Senator Mignagaray and director of International Student Services, Jin, is currently working on the funding for the food, which graduate assistant, Johnson is working on the flyer and will reach out to everyone and those specific colleges as well. Senator of Arts, Sciences & Education, Habib is reaching out to Dean Jeremy to see if CASE could be represented as well. Senator of Communication + Journalism, Rosales will also work on the location.
- Speaker Pro-Tempore, Noel confirmed that both Deans have approved of the time as well.

President Cosio suggested Speaker Pro-Tempore, Noel to encourage the Deans to bring some of their staff to the event as well, because it is important for the students to meet the people in the department which they will encounter more often.

Point of Inquiry: Vice President Marseille asked where the event will be located.

Speaker Pro-Tempore, Noel stated that Senator Rosales will see what the best location is, and will confirm with the council.

Senator Mignagaray suggested the Ballrooms as a possible choice.

Point of Inquiry: Senator Habib asked if this event will be public?

Speaker Pro-Tempore, Noel stated that it is a public event and other students outside of SGA will be able to attend, and that it is important to encourage students to attend the event.

President Cosio recommended the council to speak in his or her classroom to encourage students to attend Donuts with the Dean.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointment of Aaliyah Gordon for Elections Commissioner

A point of personal privilege was requested by Senator Habib at 3:58pm
President Cosio granted the point of personal privilege.

Aaliyah Gordon, former SGA Intern, presented herself to the council explained why she would like to take part in SGA for the position of Elections Commissioner.

Senator Morel moved to appoint Aaliyah Gordon as Elections Board Commissioner.
Senator Mignagaray seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Jonathan Espino – Yay
Jefferson Noel – Yay
Ronan Kelly – Yay
Jessalyn Morel – Yay
Ashley Rosales-Tejeda – Yay
Water (Jiaqi) Chen – Yay
Ryan Mignagaray – Yay

By a vote of 7/0/0, Aaliyah Gordon was appointed as Elections Board Commissioner

B. Creation of conference ad-hoc committee

Speaker Pro-Tempore, Noel explained that he is organizing a conference for student leader revolving around solving specific problems. This is set to be a quarter-day conference involving both FIU and high school students from MAST academy; MAST academy principal, Walker, is interested in involving the high school students

Speaker Pro-Tempore Noel stated that he is also thinking of involving from miami dade college as well.

Speaker Pro-Tempore Noel confirmed that the conference is to take place on April 6th; but in order to execute this conference he will need help, hence why the creation of an ad hoc committee is important.

Speaker Pro-Tempore Noel stated that he will need four additional people to take part in this committee.

Point of Inquiry: Speaker Morel asked what schools specifically would be involved in the Conference.

Speaker Pro-Tempore, Noel explained that the schools involved will vary, but he will send all the information to the council when confirmed, and will reach to the respective principals and directors to confirm whether or not they would be interested in taking part of the conference.

Point of Inquiry: Director Gavilan asked what day the conference will take place.

Speaker Pro-Tempore, Noel answered, April 6th, 2018.

Ms. Adames asked whether the event will be geared towards FIU students or High School students.

Speaker Pro-Tempore, Noel answered that the event will be catered to both High School and FIU students.

Front Desk Assistant, Selorio, asked whether or not the students will be mentored during the conference and if both FIU and high school students will be directed the same way.

Speaker Pro-Tempore, Noel stated that these details can be discussed in meetings within the committee but he is thinking of having workshops specifically for high school students and FIU students.

Front Desk Assistant, Selorio, asked if the conference was to teach students leadership and if anyone could be a part of the committee or is it specifically for SGA council members. Speaker Pro-Tempore, Noel answered that it is meant to teach students more about leadership, and that only SGA council members can be in the committee.

Campus Life Director stated that Student Admitted Day is the best opportunity to target high school students, including MAST students who are interested for the Leadership Conference, and to encourage them to join SGA.

Point of Clarification: Senator Morel asked for clarification on the purpose of the conference. President Cosio explained that specifics for the conference are not set as of yet. However, if any council member can join the committee to discuss those details there he or she could add his opinion on that. President Cosio also added that as council members we can be leaders now and work towards improving current problems students are facing.

Senator Noel moved to create an ad-hoc committee for the future leaders conference.

Senator Kelly seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Jonathan Espino – Yay
Jefferson Noel – Yay
Ronan Kelly – Yay
Jessalyn Morel – Yay
Ashley Rosales-Tejeda – Yay
Water (Jiaqi) Chen – Yay
Ryan Mignagaray – Yay

By a vote of 7/0/0, an ad-hoc committee for the future leaders conference was created.

President Cosio confirmed that Speaker Pro-Tempore, Noel will reach out to council members regarding the committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Cosio:

- FIU Day is next week. President Cosio explained that groups of five council members from the Biscayne Bay Campus and Modesto Maidique Campus will go to Tallahassee and meet with legislators to speak of University priorities. President Cosio explained that Ms. Adames will send out an email for those who would want to table for the purpose of thanking the legislators for funding FIU.
- Council members should also obtain their SGA shirts for SGA meetings.
- Encouraged all council members to run their ideas by the E-Board and Ms. Adames before engaging in their projects, that way everyone can engage in the project and the E-Board and SGA Advisor will be able to direct them.

Vice President Marseille:

- She and President Cosio has met with the Vice President of Student Affairs and Director of Student Conduct and Resolution regarding the revision of the Student Code of Conduct – which is available on the website of Student Affairs.
- President Cosio and Vice President Marseille were asked to review the student code of conduct and suggest any changes that should be made at the university or overall. If any council members are interested in providing suggestions he or she can find the student code of conduct of the Student affairs website and can reach out to both President Cosio and Vice President Marseille.

Campus Life Director Montgomery:

- Thanked everyone for participating at the Jose Marti Breakfast of Monday, especially President Cosio for providing a great speaker for the event.

- The recording of the speaker's speech will be posted on the campus life website soon.
- Reminded the council of the Jose Marti Scholarship, which caters to specifically Biscayne Bay Campus students who have at least twelve credit hours and a 3.0 grade point average.
- Explained that the Jose Marti Scholarship is not difficult to apply for but will not be awarded until the next fall semester.

Point of Inquiry: Senator Mignagaray asked if the scholarship was only for undergraduate students.

Ms.Montgomery answered, yes it is only for undergraduate students.

- Coffee Roaster are giving free lattes tomorrow from 7:00am to 10:00pm at their location—around 135th street on biscayne boulevard; students must bring their FIU ID to receive one free latte per person. Ms.Montgomery confirmed that Coffee Roasters usually caters events for Campus Life, e.g. Late day Latte

Speaker Pro-Tempore:

The conference was more to April 6th due to the anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr. but reminded the council that there should be an event commemorating him because if it wasn't for Martin Luther King Jr.'s efforts this much diversity wouldn't be possible.

Encourage council members that are interested in creating an event with Campus Life should contact him.

President Cosio reminded the council to attend deliberations for BBC specifically on Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm in WUC 155 - the room in which this meeting took place.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Kelly moved to adjourn the meeting.

Senator Morel seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned by President Cosio at 4:20pm