



Florida International University

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

MINUTES

SGC-BBC General Meeting

February 28, 2018

IN ATTENDANCE

Leonardo Cosio, President

Meredith Marseille, Vice President (3:38)

Mitesh Addhate, Comptroller

Jamie Adelson, Chief of Staff

Katrina Abel, Director of Campus Sustainability

Douglass Gavilan, Director of Campus Services

Christine Masseur, Director of Lectures

Huahua Jin, Director of International Student Services

Aaliyah Gordon, Elections Board Commissioner

Milienne Bonenfant, Elections Board Member

Mario Parker, Marketing coordinator

Jonathan Espino, Housing and Speaker of the Senate

Jefferson Noel, Communication + Journalism and Speaker Pro Tempore

Ronan Kelly, At-Large

Jessalyn Morel, Lower Division (3:43)

John Habib, Arts, Sciences & Education

Water (Jiaqi) Chen, Hospitality & Tourism Management

Ryan Mignagaray, Communication + Journalism

Priscilla Sevil, Lower Division

EXCUSED

Ana Rubiano, Director of Events

Ashley Rosales-Tejeda, Communication + Journalism

ABSENT

GUESTS

Larissa Adames, Assistant Director of Campus Life/SGA Advisor

Kerrie Montgomery, Director of Campus Life-BBC
Anthony Jones, SGA Front Desk Assistant
Harry Castillo, Guest - appointment for PR Manager position

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on February 28, 2018 – Locale **WUC 221**. The meeting was called to order at **3:36**, 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.
- Mentioned that a lot has been going on nationally and informed the council that BBC recently worked with MMC to create a banner for the vigil held at MMC.
- Informed the council that SGA was going to begin funding a state lobbyist at a cost of \$40,000 for the remainder of this legislative session and for two years of work until June 2020.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Vice President Marseille...

- Updated the council on special projects such as The Math Lab & Healthy Living projects. Any council members who would like more information on these projects were suggested to ask the vice president any questions after the meeting.
- Informed the council that we have been working diligently with other committees to make the Math Lab happen and that it should all be in the works by the end of March.
- Gave a reflection & summary of the Food Freshness Workshop titled, "The Hunger Is Real." Which was put together by Healthy living and took place the 27th of February.
- Gave a reflection & summary of the Blaze The Stage Event which took place on the 27th of February
- Reminded the council that bi-weekly Presidents Round Table meetings are still taking place and encouraged the council to attend.

COMPTROLLER REPORT

Comptroller Addhate...

- Informed the council that the budget committee is done with the budget process (hearing & deliberations)
- Informed the council of the specific budget for our BBC campus which totaled \$830,260.
- Stated that he presented the 1st reading of the budget in the most recent senate meeting which took place on Monday 26th, 2018.
- Informed the council that he will be working with senator Kelly to make some structural changes within the finance committee."

- Stated, “I am working with the campus life accountant Ive Paul to organize a workshop for the council members which will focus on finance code and budget spending regulations as well as process additional potential ideas to better use their budget.”
- Thanked director Masseus for the amazing job she did with the Charlamagne Tha God lecture.

SPEAKER OF THE SENATE REPORT

Speaker Espino...

- Wished everyone was having a great year so far.
- Informed the council that Speaker Pro Tempore Noel will elaborate on current projects.

SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE REPORT

Speaker Pro-Tempore Noel...

- Shared that he continuing his work on the events, Donuts with the Dean and the Future Leaders Conference.
- Informed the council that Senator Habib and other SGA members have all been working diligently on the “Future Leaders Solving Current Problems” Conference which is set to take place April 6th.
- Urged the council to please spread word of the “Future Leaders Solving Current Problems” Conference and if possible, help out in any way that they can. Stating that they need people to volunteer and if interested to please come see him after the meeting.

CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT

Chief of Staff Adelson...

- Appointed a new Marketing Coordinator, Mario Parker
- Appointed Elections Public Relations Coordinator, Milienne Bonenfant
- Notified council that Harry Castillo will be presenting himself before the council for the position of PR Manager.
- Met with a candidate for Elections Event Coordinator.
- Notified the council that the cabinet is collectively working on a world water day.
- Informed the council of the various projects that the members of Cabinet are currently working on:
 - Director Jin: Creating a WeChat with Senator Water Cheng for Chinese international students to help answer questions about visas and insurance, which is great.
 - Director Masseus: Working on next lecture, which will be March 26
 - Director Gordon: Working on the elections. Setting up an introduction meeting with the candidates.
 - Director Abel: Working on building a Sustainability Committee at BBC. Going to the Sustainability Committee meeting next week at MMC. Planning events: recyclemania, something for diversity week and earth week. Working on proposal for natural and sustainable maintenance for ponds on campus.

- Director Gavilan: Working on Day on the Bay, working with CLS. Finalizing details for Mangrove Wall.

ADVISOR REPORT

- Ms. Adames encouraged the council to volunteer to table for SGA during the FIU Student Day this Saturday, March 3rd from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
- Ms. Adames informed the council that SGA election applications were extended to March 1st.
- Ms. Adames informed the council that SGA Scholarships were now available till March 31st and that they should take the time to apply before the deadline. Further stating that she would have the link shared with the council after the meeting.
- Ms. Adames reminded the council that the SGA composite pictures will be taken from 2-4 PM on April 11th and that the council should all wear their long sleeve SGA Shirts for the Photo.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of Minutes from January 31, 2018

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2018 meeting was made by Senator Kelly and seconded by Senator Noel.

President Cosio then asked for a roll call vote.

Point of Inquiry: Speaker Espino asked if a roll call vote was necessary, and if an all in favor vote should be done instead? President Cosio responded by saying, "Yes that's correct. We will do an all in favor vote instead."

President Cosio then asked for all those in favor and all those opposed.

The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 2018-2019 Budget Second Reading

Comptroller Addhate went up before the council to go over and review the 2018-2019 SGA Fiscal Budget and one time allocation.

President Cosio opened the floor for discussion and questioning.

The council asked questions pertaining the 2018-2019 SGA Fiscal Budget and the one time allocation and Comptroller Addhate answered.

President Cosio asked if there were any final questions, as seeing none President Cosio ended discussion and questioning.

B. 2018-2019 SGA Fiscal Budget

Comptroller Addhate projected the 2018-2019 SGA Fiscal Budget so that all council members could see.

Senator Kelly moved to approve the 2018-2019 SGA Fiscal Budget. Senator Morel seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Jonathan Espino – Yay
Jefferson Noel – Nay
Ronan Kelly – Yay
Jessalyn Morel – Yay
Water (Jiaqi) Chen – Yay
Ryan Mignagaray – Yay
John Habib - Yay
Priscila Sevil - Yay

By a vote of 7/1/0, the 2018-2019 SGA Fiscal budget was approved.

C. One Time Allocation

Senator Morel moved to approve the One Time Allocation. Senator Noel seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Jonathan Espino – Yay
Jefferson Noel – Yay
Ronan Kelly – Yay
Jessalyn Morel – Yay
Water (Jiaqi) Chen – Yay
Ryan Mignagaray – Yay
John Habib - Yay
Priscila Sevil - Yay

By a vote of 8/0/0, the One Time Allocation was unanimously approved.

D. Appointment of Harry Castillo to PR Manager

Harry Castillo presented himself to the council explained why he would like to take part in SGA

for the position of PR Manager.

Council asked Mr. Castillo various questions, Mr. Castillo answered.

Senator Morel moved to appoint Harry Castillo as PR Manager.

Senator Mignagaray seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Jonathan Espino – Yay
Jefferson Noel – Yay
Ronan Kelly – Yay
Jessalyn Morel – Yay
Water (Jiaqi) Chen – Yay
Ryan Mignagaray – Yay
John Habib - Yay
Priscila Sevil - Yay

By a vote of 8/0/0, Harry Castillo was unanimously appointed as PR Manager.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Montgomery:

- Dr. Montgomery informed the council that tickets were still available for The Color Purple musical and encouraged council to pick one up from Campus Life after the meeting.
- Dr. Montgomery reminded the council that SPC On The Block was tonight and encouraged the council to attend.
- Dr. Montgomery reminded the council that Relay For Life is going to take place this Friday, March 3rd at the MMC campus and encouraged the council to attend.

President Cosio:

- Just a reminder that Election applications close tomorrow.

Senator Mignagary:

- Reminded the council of the Doughnuts with the Dean event and encouraged all to attend and show their support.

Speaker Espino:

- Everyone don't forget that Relay for life is this Friday at the MMC campus, it's an amazing event and it'll be great if you can make it.

Speaker Pro-Tempore:

- Reinforced that the Doughnuts with the Dean event is 7 days from today and if anyone has a class under CARTA or hospitality that they should inform their professors of the event so they can spread the word to their students.

Point Of Inquiry: Senator Mignagary mentioned that he can post the digital version of the Doughnuts with the Dean flyer to make it easier for everyone to share.

Senator Habib:

- Reminded the council of the upcoming event: Leaders Solving current problems, and encouraged anyone who had any past experiences hosting events and would like to help out with the event to please see him or Senator Noel after the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Mignagary moved to adjourn the meeting.

Senator Noel seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned by President Cosio at 4:18pm