



# Florida International University

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

## MINUTES

### **SGC-BBC General Meeting**

**March 28, 2018**

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Leonardo Cosio, President  
Jamie Adelson, Chief of Staff  
Ana Rubiano, Director of Events  
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 (3:41pm)  
Qian Cao (Nancy), Elections Board Member  
Jonathan Espino, Housing and Speaker of the Senate  
Ronan Kelly, At-Large  
Ashley Rosales-Tejeda, Communication + Journalism  
John Habib, Arts, Sciences & Education  
Water (Jiaqi) Chen, Hospitality & Tourism Management  
Ryan Mignagaray, Communication + Journalism  
Priscilla Sevil, Lower Division

#### EXCUSED

Meredith Marseille, Vice President  
Mitesh Addhate, Comptroller  
Mario Parker, Marketing Coordinator  
Jefferson Noel, Communication + Journalism and Speaker Pro Tempore  
Jessalyn Morel, Lower Division

#### GUESTS

Larissa Adames, Assistant Director of Campus Life/SGA Advisor  
Gerald Johnson II, SGA Graduate Assistant  
Alexandra Laroche, SGA Front Desk Assistant

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on March 28, 2018 – Locale **WUC 221**. The meeting was called to order at **3:38pm**, approximately, by **President Cosio** who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

## **PRESIDENT REPORT**

President Cosio...

- Thanked the council and advisors for attending the meeting and reminded the council that there will be only one general meeting after this one.
- Reminded the council to notify him directly if he or she will be late or absent from the general meetings.
- Advised the council to consult the board of leadership concerning any projects he or she is working on or may need help with, so those projects can be completed before the end of the semester or ready for next year. This way the respected council member can leave his or her legacy within SGA.
- Informed the council that he has been working with the Government Relations team regarding opening a second entrance to this campus, possibly through 135th street. A state legislature would be needed to open the road. This is important in case there is an emergency on this campus and would also help with easing the traffic at times when the nearby middle school and high school are beginning or ending.

## **VICE PRESIDENT REPORT**

Vice President Marseille was excused from this meeting. However, her report was shared to the council by President Cosio.

*“According to Dr. Ortiz, the mathematics lab will be available beginning this summer for our students to be able to use it. They are just brushing up on some details.*

*I just received an email update from Maria, Project Manager for our special projects; they are waiting for insurance regarding workers' comp and they are expecting the vendor to send it to us by the end of the week, which is exciting!*

*Jonathan, Colette and myself will be meeting with candidates for the Bayview Hall council later this week, so they can become familiar with election guidelines. They will begin campaigning soon and we will have elections all day April 9th and the election announcements will happen later that week. These dates are tentative though.*

*I am planning a Spring edition of the Bayview Open Forum. FFFs and graphics have been submitted. As per a convo with Kristie, she asked that we invite CAPS, Dr. DeSantis, FIU Police and probably Julissa again. The forum will be on April 18th from 1-3 p.m. in the Bayview 1st floor clubhouse.”*

### **SPEAKER OF THE SENATE REPORT**

Speaker Espino...

- Informed the council that four resolutions—*Resolution 2018.0002: Math Lab Resolution 2018.0003: Pharmabox at the Glenn Hubert Library, Resolution 2018.0004: Pharmabox at Bayview Student Living, Resolution 2018.0005 Hall Council for Bayview Student Living*—and the *2018.0001 Bill* were presented during the Senate Meeting, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018, for their first reading.
- Explained that the Bayview Hall Council will meet tomorrow—March 29, 2018—and the elections will be held on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

### **CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT**

Chief of Staff Adelson...

- Informed the council that World Water Day was held last thursday—March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018. A hundred reusable water bottles were ordered and given out to students. Who also were asked to pledge to conserve water. The event was led by Director Abel of Campus Sustainability. Director Gavilan, Director Masseus, and Director Jin also helped with tabling and distributing the water bottles.
- Explained that Director Abel is currently working on a similar initiative, but reusable tote bags would be given instead; this will reduce the plastic bag usage on Earth Week. She is also working on a recycling workshop and a pond proposal. The pond proposal will focus on testing the ponds and seeing what its current levels are and what chemicals are used in its maintenance.
- Informed the council how the great lecture with Larry Wilmore went— which was led by Director Masseus.
- Thanked all council members who participated in the Lecture with Larry Wilmore.
- Stated that Director Masseus is also working on a New York Times Lecture with John Schwartz—a science writer for the New York Times. The focus of this lecture will be on Climate change and it will be held on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- Reminded the council that Director Gavilan led Day on the Bay the past Saturday, and thanked everyone who participated in cleaning the bay and who worked on the Butterfly Garden.

- Informed the council that Director Gavilan is currently working on the Mangrove Wall.
- Stated that Director of Events Rubiano, partnered with MPAS for the “Freed Your Mind” workshop– held yesterday, March 27, 2018. The event was successful in attendance.
- Informed the council that Elections Board Commissioner Gordon, is working on events for the candidates alongside her board members: (Nancy) Qian Cao, and Milience Bonenfant.
- Informed the council that yesterday–March 27, 2018–a candidate took part in the SOC Hangout (event), and reminded the council of the Forum held at Bayview tomorrow–March 29, 2018–from 3pm-5pm
- Stated that Director Jin is helping in the International Student & Scholar Services free tour of South Beach and the FIU Museum. She will be there to assist in answering questions about the tour.
- Stated that Public Relations Manager Castillo is currently working on social media strategies for Instagram and Facebook.

### **ADVISOR REPORT**

Ms. Adames....

- Reminded the council of the Composite Pictures which are to be held on April 11. 2018 from 2-4pm
- Confirmed that each council members has to register through the link emailed to them.
- Reminded the council that since we are more than halfway through the semester, Marcy will be working on the stipends of each council member. An email will be sent to you if Marcy does not yet have the information necessary for your stipend.
- Informed the council of the locations for Elections: ACI: near the Onestop office and the first floor of Bayview.
- Reminded the council of the upcoming deadline for the SGA scholarships being this saturday– March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.
- Notified the council of the email that way sent out by Sarah David-Williams regarding the Leadership Banquet.
- Informed the council that the end of the year assessment will be given by the end of the semester
- Informed the council of the Council Choice award nominations after the meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**A.** Approval of Minutes from February 28, 2018

Senator Kelly moved to approve the general meeting minutes of February 28, 2018.

Senator Sevil seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Front Desk Assistant Laroche reminded the students to verify the meeting minutes when they are sent out by the front desk assistants. If any council member happens to not have access to the minutes he or she should notify us.
- Senator Habib informed the council members regarding the discussion regarding the new senate seat for representing health administration. He also mentioned that he had a conversation with one of the representatives from the Health Administration department and was told that there are about 700 students within the program.
- Senator Habib informed the council that a representative will give a presentation to the Senate on Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, any council member can attend the meeting as well.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Senator Kelly moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:58pm

Senator Sevil seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned by President Cosio at 3:58pm