



# Florida International University

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

## MINUTES

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

**November 29, 2017**

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Leonardo Cosio, President  
Meredith Marseille, Vice President  
Mitesh Addhate, Comptroller  
Jamie Adelson, Chief of Staff  
Dianne Morales, Deputy Chief of Staff (Arrived 3:54 PM)  
Ana Rubiano, Director of Events  
Douglas Gavilan, Director of Campus Services  
Huahua Jin, Director of International Student Services  
Leen Alkhouli, Arts, Sciences & Education (Arrived 4:04 PM)  
Mers Gabrielle San Pedro, Hospitality & Tourism Management (Arrived 3:56 PM)  
Jennell Barnett, Hospitality & Tourism Management  
Ashley Rosales-Tejeda, Communication + Journalism (Arrived 3:56 PM)  
Jefferson Noel, Communication + Journalism and Speaker Pro Tempore (Point of Personal Privilege (4:01 - 4:06 PM)  
Sigal Dahan, Upper Division  
Doreen Patichi, Upper Division  
Jessalyn Morel, Lower Division  
Ronan Kelly, At-Large  
Daniel Velasquez, At-Large  
Jonathan Espino, Housing and Speaker of the Senate  
Ryan Mignagaray, Marketing Coordinator

#### **EXCUSED**

Natasha Ramirez, Public Relations Manager  
Yaira Vilorio, Social Media Coordinator

#### **GUESTS**

Larissa Adames, Assistant Director of Campus Life/SGA Advisor  
Gerald Johnson III, SGA Graduate Assistant  
Denisse Solis, FIU Faculty Member  
Stefano Carl Selorio, SGA Front Desk Assistant

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on Date – Locale WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at 3:42 PM, approximately, by President Leonardo Cosio who presided over the meeting in its entirety

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes of the [November 1, 2017] meeting was made by Senator [Ronan Kelly] and seconded by Senator [Leen Alkhouli].

### **PRESIDENT REPORT**

President Leonardo Cosio stated the following,

- I. Class Gift Project
  - A. a meeting with Annual Giving and CARTA Alumni Relations to talk about the goal of having 80% of graduating seniors in CARTA donate financially back to FIU.
- II. Meeting with FIU Student Ambassadors Executive Board tomorrow, Thursday Nov. 30 at 5pm
- III. Hosted the 2nd SGA Constitutional Review Committee meeting last night here at BBC.
  - A. Meredith, Jamie and I will be meeting with the BBC council presidents this week to discuss end of the year events as well as the constitutional review.
  - B. Hosting a forum Monday in the place of Senate at the same time in the same place for students to further voice their concerns and ask more questions.
  - C. The next meeting of the committee is Monday night @ 6:30pm-8:30pm at MMC.
  - D. The one after that is Tuesday night @ 4:30pm-7:30pm at BBC.

### **VICE PRESIDENT REPORT**

Vice President Meredith Marseille stated the following,

- I. SGA AVP Meet up Tabling Recap
- II. Bayview Open Forum
  - A. 30 - 40 students
- III. Food Pantry Drive
  - A. Please donate in the boxes
- IV. Reflexology Path around campus; December 8 deadline
  - A. Student Ambassadors- canned meats, food, fruits training by .
  - B. Please email 11/30/2017 at 5:00 pm.
- V. BBC Rounds table- President Table; the last meeting 11/30/2017

### **COMPTROLLER REPORT**

Comptroller Mitesh Addhate stated the following,

- I. Bayview Open Forum
  - A. Congratulations towards Vice President Meredith Marseille and Speaker of the Senate and Housing Senator Jonathan Espino for organizing the Bayview Open Forum. It was very needed for Bayview residents to share their comments and concerns with the management department and SGA.
- II. Budget Process

- A. In collaboration with FIU's SGA MMC Comptroller and Silvana to finalize the budget schedules for hearings and deliberations for the upcoming year.
  - B. Budget Training Recap, Nov 15
- III. Constitutional Review Committee
  - A. All senators should be present at the meeting because of the effect it will have on the council. And, if they don't do that, than it will be a failure on their part in representing the interest of our students. As, this is something that will change the course of our work here on this campus and we need to raise our voice.
- IV. Finance Committee
  - A. Encouraging all finance committee members to partake in the budget process, deadlines, and requests - being involved in every budget activity.

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

Speaker of the Senate Jonathan Espino stated the following,

- I. All chair heads have been appointed
- II. December 4; Sundaes with the Senate
- III. Town Hall
- IV. MMC @ 3<sup>rd</sup> Constitutional Review
- V. Bayview Open Forum; Semesterly
- VI. Bayview Hall Council- reaching to the end of the resolution

### **SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE REPORT**

Speaker Pro Tempore Jefferson Noel stated the following,

- I. Director of Lectures
  - A. In collaboration with Christine Masseur, to collect surveys for the Lecture Series
- II. CARTA Alumni Students
  - A. In collaboration with President Leonardo Cosio, retrieving testimonials from distinct CARTA Students
- III. Bayview Open Forum Recap
- IV. Constitutional Review Committee Attendance

### **CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT**

Chief of Staff Jamie Adelson stated the following,

- I. Appointed to SGA Constitutional Review Committee
  - A. To organize meeting minutes and edits.
- II. Ana Rubiano, Director of Events
  - A. We recently had our first SGA Gives Thanks event on Monday, November 27, 2017
- III. Huahua Jin, Director of International Student Affairs
  - A. Working to get International Students involved in the SOBE Wine & Food Festival.
- IV. Natasha Ramirez, Public Relations Manager
  - A. Working on a SM/Marketing Campaign
- V. Christine Masseur, Director of Lectures

- A. Formulated a Lectures Committee
  - 1. Created a survey that will be going out to around 200 students in order to pick out who they want to speak to the school.
- VI. Dianne Morales, Deputy Chief of Staff
  - A. Bayview Survey
  - B. Awaiting response from Senator Jefferson Noel and Senator Ashley Rosales-Tejeda for the list of CARTA students within BBC OrgSync.
- VII. Douglass Galvin, Director of Campus Services
  - A. Helping with the Mangrove Wall
  - B. Worked on with the first SGA Gives Thanks event

### **ADVISOR REPORT**

SGA Advisor Larissa Adames stated the following,

- I. Stipend Packets need to be filled out by council members
- II. Tabling opportunities throughout the year are now open
- III. SGA Portal @ OrgSync
  - A. Encourage students to join the portal in OrgSync, and to get them involved in SGA - 302 students to go
- IV. NACA Assessments need to be filled out as well.

### **GRADUATE ASSISTANT REPORT**

Graduate Assistant Gerald Johnson III stated the following,

- I. Spring Semester Reminder
- II. Midnight Breakfast
- III. Intern Meetings
  - A. Presenting an “Intern of the Year” award to a deserving intern.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- I. Please refer to the APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. SGA Constitutional Review Forum Monday, December 4th at 3:30 p.m.
- B. SGA Constitutional Review Committee meetings:
  - Monday, December 4th 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at MMC
  - Tuesday, December 5th 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at BBC

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn at [4:11 PM] was made by Senator [Jessalyn Morel] and seconded by Senator [Jennell Barnett].