



Florida International University

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

MINUTES

SGC-BBC General Meeting

February 27, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE

Jefferson Noel, President
Ronan Kelly, Comptroller
Sabrina Javellana, Chief of Staff (3:50 PM)
Stephanie Morisset, Director of Cultural Affairs
Coral Murray, Director of Campus Sustainability
Chelsea Oscar, Elections Board Commissioner
Aaliyah Gordon, Director of Events
Gabriella Malak, Director of Accessibility
Merveline Nelson, Director of Community Relations
Jennifer Nguyen, Director of Campus Services (3:45 PM)
Yimin Feng, Director of International Student Affairs
Regine Brown, Elections Board Member
Leonoria Beasley, Elections Board Member
John Habib, Speaker of the Senate
Mahalia Balfour, Senator/Student Advocacy Chair
Yuze “Crystal” Ji, Hospitality & Tourism Management Senator
Xu Chang, Hospitality & Tourism Management Senator
Mark Monaco, Health Services Administration Senator
Mickalia Paisley, Upper Division Senator
Gabriel Hernandez, Upper Division Senator
Pamela Ho Fung, Lower Division Senator/Speaker Pro Tempore (4:08 PM)
Catalina Nemmi, Lower Division Senator
Priscila Sevil, Senator At-Large/Internal Affairs Chair
Brian Levine, Housing Senator/RLJ Chair (4:12 PM)
Jiaqi Chen, Graduate Senator/Finance Chair

EXCUSED

Karla Hernandez, Public Relations Manager
Jonathan Espino, Vice President
SaVonne Reddick, Director of Student Wellness
Bryan Regalado, Elections Board Member
Xin Wang, Senator At-Large/Operational Review Chair
Keanu Orfano, Senator At-Large

GUEST

Larissa Adames, SGA Advisor

Dr. Kerrie Montgomery, Campus Life Director
Camila Caceres, Student
Tanisha Poitevien, Student
Chris-Lenny Pierre-Louis, Student
Jane Rodney, Student
Rito Altheme, HSA Advisor
Nedjina Dol, Student Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on February 27, 2019 – Located in **WUC 221**. The meeting was called to order at **3:37 PM**, by President Noel who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

- President Noel welcomed everyone with a quote “The child who is not embraced by the village will burn it down to feel it’s warmth.”
- This quote was chosen because we as SGA, part of our goal is to be close with one another, to help, and to embrace each other so we can have a stronger unit.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The council reviewed the minutes of January 30th, 2019.

Senator Nemmi moved to approve the minutes of January 30th, 2019.

Senator Chang seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Noel...

- Stated that, for the past month, he has been doing budget deliberations, and it will be presented today.
- Mentioned that he attended the Cultural Fest by BSU.
- Stated that, SGA Week was a success.
- Participated in the President Round Table by the V.P and had a chance to answer questions.
- Reminded the council that he is graduating in May 1st at 3pm.
- Mentioned that he was at Washington D.C. to welcome the new office.
- Informed the council that FIU Day is coming up and four board members from BBC will be going to Tallahassee, it will be from March 9th- 20th.

FIU AT I-75 REPORT

President Noel...

- I75 will be welcoming Dean Lee on January 29th.
- Informed that Dean Lee will be working with I75 for more student resources.
- Informed the council that BBC allocated \$10,000 to I75 for pop-ups and events.

- Reminded the council to sign up for free business cards & free headshots.

SENATE SPEAKER REPORT

Speaker Habib

- Stated that the Senators have been doing a great job.
- Mentioned that his focus for the Senate is to motivate/ work with them.
- Assigned Senates to send resolution as soon as possible for approval.
- Stated that Senator balfour collaborated with SGC BBC and mentioned that he is greatly happy about collaboration.
- Informed that him and President Noel had a meeting with Dean of Education and they are trying to get more Art classes here at BBC.
- Stated that, “the senators are working really hard, encourage them to work with cabinet members and more.”
- mentioned the M.V.P of this month goes to.... Senator Balfour.

Point of Personal Privilege - Senator Sevil - 3:50 PM

COMPTROLLER REPORT

Mr.Kelly

- Stated that they had a U-Wide meeting three weeks ago and mentioned that he will go over the details of the budget deliberation in New Business

CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT

Chief of Staff Javellana

- Thanked everyone for their involvement for SGA Week.
- Mentioned that there is a welcoming event coming up and if anyone can table to let her know.
- Stated that she is working on a lecture.

Point of Personal Privilege Return - Senator Sevil - 4:05 PM

CABINET REPORT

Director Murray...

- Reminded the council that Day on the Bay is March 23rd and Earth Day is April 22nd.

Director Gordon...

- Thanked everyone.
- Reminded the council that High Achiever Award is March 6.

- Stated that she is working on a breakfast event at Bayview in March and it will most likely be after spring break.
- Mentioned that she is working on the Battle of the Council.

Director Malak...

- Thanked all the council for their events.
- Started best buddies and mentioned that if anybody is interested in being part of it to let her know.

Director Morisset...

- Stated that SGA Week was a success.
- Mentioned that she do not any events yet.

Director Nelson...

- Mentioned that Intro to SGA Week which includes the free headshot was a success.
- Informed the council that I75 will be receiving free headshots and business cards on March 20.

Director Nguyen...

- Mentioned that she has no upcoming events.

Director Feng...

- Mentioned that she has no upcoming events.

ADVISOR'S REPORT

Dr. Montgomery...

- Reminded the board that there is only 8 weeks left in the semester and told everyone to keep working hard.
- Stated that, "You all are doing great, you are student leaders."

Ms. Adames...

- Stated that Saturday is Student Admitting Day from 11-1pm, encouraged everyone to attract more students to come to FIU.
- Mentioned that next week Thursday, SOC will be having an Org Crawl and that will be a great opportunity to promote SGA.
- Reminded everyone that the Leadership Banquet is April 12.
- Reminded everyone that the office close at 5pm, no one should be staying in the office past 5pm unless there is an SGA related event going on.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Lecture Series Announcement

President Noel: Every Year, we bring in an inspirational role model to speak here at Biscayne Bay Campus.

This year, we will have TI, also known as Clifford Joseph Harris Jr.

He is known for doing a lot of work in the community as well as donating to the community.

He will be here on March 28 at 6pm.

B. Presentation of Proclamation 2019.0002 to Camila Caceres

Proclamation was read by President Noel.

After reading, President Noel proceeds to capture a picture with Camila Caceres along with her proclamation.

C. Reading of Proclamation 2019.0003 - Haitian Student Association

Proclamation was read by Speaker Habib.

President Noel asked for comments or questions before approving proclamation 2019.0003.
There was no comments or questions.

Senator Levine moved to approve Proclamation 2019.0003 to the Haitian Student Association
Senator Nemmi seconded.

ROLL CALL

Speaker Habib - Yea
Senator Balfour - Yea
Senator Ji - Yea
Senator Chang - Yea
Senator Monaco - Yea
Senator Paisley - Yea
Senator Hernandez - Yea
Senator Ho Fung - Yea
Senator Nemmi - Yea
Senator Sevil - Yea
Senator Levine - Yea
Senator Chen - Yea

By a unanimous vote, Proclamation 2019.0003 was approved.

D. First Reading of Senate Bill 2019.0003 - A Bill to Include the Deputy Chief of Staff Position and Duties in the Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus (SGC-BBC) Statutes

Bill was read by Speaker Habib.

President Noel granted 3 minutes for discussion.

Senator Levine moved to extend discussion by 3 minutes
Senator Sevil seconded.

Motion Passes.

Senator Levine moved to postponed the First Reading of Senate Bill 2019.0003
Senator Sevil seconded.

Motion Passes.

Senator Levine move to extend meeting for up to 30 minutes.
Senator Chen seconded.

Motion Passes.

Point of Personal Privilege - Chief of Staff Javellana- 5:00 PM

Point of Personal Privilege - Senator Sevil - 5:00 PM

E. BBC 2019-2020 Campus Specific Budget Deliberations

BBC 2019-2020 Campus Specific Budget Deliberations was read and explained by Mr. Kelly.

Point of Personal Privilege - Director Nelson- 5:04 PM

Point of Personal Privilege - Ms. Brown - 5:05 PM

Point of Personal Privilege - Director Malak - 5:10 PM

Point of Personal Privilege Return - Director Malak - 5:15 PM

DISCUSSION

A. Student Concerns

President Noel asked the councils if they have any student concerns.

REPORT CONT.

Senators Report

Senator Levine...

- Stated that there is an RLJ meeting tomorrow.

Senator Nemmi...

- Reminded the council that Painting with a Twist is March 26, it is a collaboration with Panther Power.

Senator Monaco...

- Stated that Student Advocacy Chair completed 50% of the survey so far.

Senator Paisley...

- Asked what they are doing well and how they can improve.

Senator Chen...

- Reminded everyone that there is a Finance Committee meeting tomorrow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Internal Affairs Committee Meeting**, February 28, 2019
 - Time: 11:00am-12:00pm
 - Location: SGA Conference Room
- **R.L.J. Committee Meeting**, February 28, 2019
 - Time: 1:00pm-2:00pm
 - Location: SGA Conference Room
- **Finance Committee Meeting**, February 28, 2019
 - Time: 2:45pm-3:30pm
 - Location: SGA Conference Room
- **Admitted Students' Day**, March 2, 2019
 - Time: 10:30-2:00pm
 - Location: WUC
- **Org Crawl**, March 7th, 2019
 - Time: 11:00am-3:00pm
 - Location: Panther Plaza
- **Operational Review Committee Meeting**, March 11, 2019
 - Time: 12:30pm-1:00pm
 - Location: SGA Conference Room
- **Mayoral Quarterly Luncheon**, Tuesday, March 5th, Kovens Center
- **Panther Power Spirit Week**, March 25-28, 2019
- Student Advocacy +Panther Power event March 26, 1:30pm-3:00pm in Panther Plaza "Painting with a Twist"
- **Women Who Lead Conference**, March 27, 2019
- **Lecture Series**, March 28th, 2019, WUC Ballrooms

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Ho Fung moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 PM.

Senator Paisley second the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was dismissed by President Noel at **5:30 PM.**