



Florida International University

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

MINUTES

SGC-BBC General Meeting

June 27, 2018

IN ATTENDANCE

John Habib, Speaker of the Senate
Jiaqi Chen, Finance Chair
Xin Wang, Upper Division
Stefano Selorio, Lower Division
Jefferson Noel, President
Jonathan Espino, Vice President
Ronan Kelly, Comptroller
Sabrina Javellana, Chief of Staff
Flora Bourdeau, Director of Campus Services
Merveline Nelson, Director of Community Relations
Daniel Velasquez, Chief Justice

EXCUSED

Chelsea De Silva, Senator
Ruyu Hua, Housing Senator
Leonardo Cosio, Speaker Pro Tempore

ABSENT

Aaliyah Gordon, Director of Events

GUEST

Catalina Nemmi
Alejandro Jacobo

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on June 27, 2018 – **WUC #221**. The meeting was called to order at **4:02PM**, approximately, by President Noel who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- The University Wide (U-wide) retreat took place on June 22nd & 23rd. Council members learned a lot, got to know each other better and made plans for the future.
- Resolution 2018.0014 passed which is intended to provide students with free resume printing.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- During the last senate meeting a new speaker and speaker pro tempore were appointed. Senator Habib is now Speaker Habib and Senator Cosio is now Speaker Pro Tempore Cosio.
- Senate is on a mission to work with department heads in making many resolutions come to fruition.
- The reflexology path is in progress. Stones have begun to be picked for the path.

SENATE SPEAKER REPORT

- The meta-expo is still underway.
- Still picking out a board for stage with panther now.
- There are new Senators set to join council.

CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT

- Has begun working on presidential platform.
- Has interviewed a new Public Relations (PR) Manager.
- When Ms. Gordon comes back will begin discussing upcoming events for July.

ADVISOR'S REPORT

- The ribbon cutting for the reflexology path is tentatively set for August 27, 2018.
- Bayview move-in is August 18th. Council members may be needed to table.
- Freshman Convocation is August 19th. Council members may be needed to table.
- Student Government Association BBC (SGA) may possibly table at Welcome Barbeque for fall semester.
- On July 4th the University and SGA office will be closed. Normal business hours will resume on Thursday July 5th.

SENATOR'S REPORT

- Senator Chen will finalize financial request forms by the end of this week (July 2nd).

OLD BUSINESS

- Balanced Life Conference is coming up. Council members are encouraged to sign up to attend.

- The office is being revamped. There is a plan to move some of the cubicles in order to create an open spaced concept in the office. A designer has already come in to show different layouts and options.
- Point of Personal Privilege taken by Mr. Velasquez at 4:31 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

- University Wide (U-wide) resolution 2018.0001 regarding student body vote on constitutional amendments has been passed.
- A committee for the Panther Statue has begun to be formed. The budget for this statue is \$147,000 and the committee will come together to discuss and decide various aspects of the statue. President Noel has already chosen Taisha from Panther Power to sit on the committee and needs one more council member for the committee.
- Appointment of Catalina Nemmi for lower division Senator.
 - I. Catalina Nemmi was given 3 minutes to introduce herself to the council.
 - II. After Catalina Nemmi's introduction, a 3-minute question and answer period took place.
 - III. Senator Selorio moved to extend Q&A for an additional 3 minutes. Senator Chen second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - IV. The second Q&A session concluded after 3 minutes.
 - V. Speaker Habib moved to appoint Catalina Nemmi as lower division senator. Senator Chen second the motion.
 - VI. The motion passed with a vote of 2-1-1.
- There are no new developments in regards to the Math Lab.

DISCUSSION

- A discussion about the past weekend retreat was set for 3 minutes.
 - I. After the 3 minutes had expired, Speaker Habib moved to extend the discussion for 2 more minutes. Senator Chen second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - II. After the additional 2 minutes had expired, Speaker Habib moved to end the retreat discussion. Senator Chen second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Senator Selorio moved to extend the meeting time to 5:05. Speaker Habib second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- A 3- minute discussion about One Government began.
 - I. After the 3 minutes had expired, Senator Chen moved to extend the discussion by 2 more minutes. Senator Selorio second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Senator Selorio moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:04 PM. Senator Wang second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- SGA Tabling at Orientation July 2nd from 12pm-1pm
- FSA at FIU July 27th and 28th
- Bayview Move-in, August 18, Bayview Housing
- Freshman Convocation, August 19, Riccardo Silva Stadium-MMC
- Week of Welcome, August 20-24
- SGA Day, August 29, Time & Location: TBA

The meeting was dismissed by President Noel at **5:04PM**.