



Florida International University

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

MINUTES

SGC-BBC General Meeting August 28th, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE

Pamela Ho Fung, President
Mahalia Balfour, Vice President
Patricia Moreno, Chief of Staff
Kelli Perkins, Public Relations Manager
Gabiella Malak, Speaker of the Senate
Gabriel Hernandez, Upper Division Senator/ Speaker Pro Tempore
Aaliyah Gordon, Communication + Journalism Senator
Mark Monaco, Health Services Administration
Catalina Nemmi, FIU at I-75 Senator (Student Advocacy Chair)
Mickalia Paisley, At-Large Senator (Internal Affairs Chair)
Stephanie Morisset, CASE Senator (Finance Chair)
Keanu Orfano, Senator At-Large

EXCUSED/ABSENT

Shinise Lewis, Director of International & Cultural Affairs
Yuze Ji, Hospitality & Tourism Management

GUEST

Larissa Adames, SGA Advisor
Nedjina Dol, Student Assistant
Samira Peete, Student Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on August 28th, 2019 – Located in **WUC 221**. The meeting was called to order at **3:35 PM**, by President Ho Fung who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

- President Ho Fung welcomed everyone to Fall 2019, stated, “I feel like this semester is going to be the best semester.”
- President Ho Fung also welcomed everyone with a song, “Hall of Fame” by The Script.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President's Official Report Is As follows...

- Summer semester has been great, BBC Kickoff happened, enrollment at BBC increased by 17%, went to Panther Camp, and Freshmen Convocation.
- We need more support when tabling.
- SGA Day coming up next week, Sept. 4th, mandatory unless you have class. SGA Day has two parts, one is in the morning and the other is in the evening.
- Shuttles are now free, I want to thank BBC & MMC board especially Vice President Balfour.
- Doing research on Academic Advancement to make sure students graduate in 4 years, I am working along with Vice Provost.
- We need to do better with our communication styles, especially group chat, nobody responds.
- SGA intern has changed to SGA Merchant Leader Internship, they are required to attend events, budget hearings, workshops, and meet with MMC & BBC President. For more information, contact me.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Vice President Balfour ...

- Welcome to Fall Semester.
- As leaders, this semester, I hope to achieve initiative with BBC clinic, meet with BBC Director clinic.
- Planning on meeting with Director of Healthy Living in regards to moving.
- Blue Table talk, workshop for ladies of all ages at FIU to understand female point of view.
- Meeting with Dean of CASE to improve student enrollment.
- Looking forward to working with you all.

SENATE SPEAKER REPORT

Speaker Malak ...

- Glad to see you all.
- Hope to have more people here in the meetings.
- Yesterday's event was a success!
- Let me know ahead of time if you can or cannot make it to events when tabling.
- My two goals this semester is to improve academic at BBC and to fill all the positions so we can start filling in the committees.
- Spoke with incoming freshmen about internship opportunities.
- Want to speak with to Greek Life and BSU so they can come to BBC.
- SGA Day is next week, want everyone there.

SPEAKER-PRO REPORT

Speaker Pro Hernandez ...

- Welcome back, I am looking forward to all the appointment today and looking forward to working with you all today.
- I have legislation in mind, some are in the work.
- Bringing classes at BBC is one of the goals that I have.

CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT

Chief of Staff Moreno...

- Freshman convocation was a success, we gained over 80 followers on Instagram.
- Please promote SGA as much as you can.
- Congrats to Vice President Mahalia for hard work for “Get moving w/ SGA.”
- Hope we have cabinet full by next month.

CABINET REPORTS

Public Relations Manager Perkins...

- Excited, Larissa and I are working with Overtown in partnership for scholarship.
- On Sept. 10, I am meeting with Director of Scholarship.
- Working on flyers for cabinet position.
- Want to get headshots of everyone today.

SENATORS REPORTS

Senator Nemmi...

- FIU I75 is having some events next week.
- Saturday 11-1:30pmis Therapy Session.
- Panther Power wants to collaborate with SGA Sept. 14 for tailgate.
- Sept. 7, we are partnering with SGC MMC and Panther Power for the game.
- Working with transportation so that when people donate food, their car tickets can get waived, it's a good way to build Food Pantry.

Point of Personal Leave - Senator Hernandez - 4:05 PM

Senator Morisset...

- I am working on Graduate Request.
- Join the Finance Committee.

Point of Personal Privilege - Speaker Malak- 4:06 PM

ADVISOR'S REPORT

Ms. Adames...

- FIU Embrace is looking for Academic Mentors, if interested, Apply.
- Sign up for FIU Alert.
- One on One meeting with Council is starting next week.
- Remember to complete the NACA assessment.
- Fill out member info sheet, it's due next friday.
- Some of you may not have computer access due to an update we had over the summer, please be patient.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The council reviewed the minutes of July 24th, 2019.

Senator Orfano moved to approve the minutes of July 24th, 2019.

Senator Nemmi seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointments

1) Keanu Orfano, Chief of Justice

President Ho Fung granted 3 minutes to Keanu Orfano to present himself for the position of Chief of Justice.

Followed by 5 minutes of Q/A.

Mr. Orfano presented himself.

The council asked him questions in regards to the position.

Senator Paisley moves to appoint Mr. Orfano for Chief of Justice.

Senator Nemmi seconds.

President Ho Fung opened the floor for discussion.

ROLL CALL

Speaker Malak - Yea

Senator Gordon - Yea

Senator Monaco - Yea

Senator Paisley - Yea

Senator Nemmi - Yea

Senator Morisset - Yea

Senator Orfano - Abs

With a vote of 6/0/1, Mr. Orfano was approved for the position of Chief of Justice.

2) Karla Hernandez, Marketing & Social Media Coordinator

President Ho Fung granted 2 minutes to Karla Hernandez to present herself for the position of Marketing & Social Media Coordinator.

Followed by 5 minutes of Q/A.

Ms. Hernandez presented herself.

The council asked her questions in regards to the position.

Senator Nemmi moves to appoint Ms. Hernandez for Marketing & Social Media Coordinator.

Speaker Malak seconds.

President Ho Fung opened the floor for discussion.

ROLL CALL

Speaker Malak - Yea

Senator Gordon - Yea

Senator Monaco - Yea

Senator Paisley - Yea

Senator Nemmi - Yea

Senator Morisset - Yea

With a vote of 6/0/0, Ms. Hernandez was approved for the position of Marketing & Social Media Coordinator.

3) Dora Febles, Comptroller

President Ho Fung granted 2 minutes to Dora Febles to present herself for the position of Comptroller.

Followed by 5 minutes of Q/A.

Ms. Febles presented herself.

The council asked her questions in regards to the position.

Speaker Malak moves to appoint Ms. Febles for Comptroller.

Senator Gordon seconds.

President Ho Fung opened the floor for discussion.

ROLL CALL

Speaker Malak - Yea

Senator Gordon - Yea

Senator Monaco - Yea

Senator Paisley - Yea

Senator Nemmi - Yea

Senator Morisset - Yea

With a vote of 6/0/0, Ms. Febles was approved for the position of Comptroller.

4) Lauren Doughty, Hospitality & Tourism Management Senator

President Ho Fung granted 2 minutes to Lauren Doughty to present herself for the position of Hospitality & Tourism Management.

Followed by 5 minutes of Q/A.

Ms. Doughty presented herself.

The council asked her questions in regards to the position.

Speaker Malak moves to appoint Ms. Doughty for Senator of Hospitality & Tourism

Management.

Senator Monaco seconds.

President Ho Fung opened the floor for discussion.

ROLL CALL

Speaker Malak - Yea

Senator Gordon - Yea

Senator Monaco - Yea

Senator Paisley - Yea

Senator Nemmi - Yea

Senator Morisset - Yea

With a vote of 6/0/0, Ms. Doughty was approved for the position of Hospitality & Tourism Management Senator.

5) Junia Benoit, Director of Student Wellness

President Ho Fung granted 2 minutes to Junia Benoit to present herself for the position of Director of Student Wellness.

Followed by 5 minutes of Q/A.

Ms. Benoit presented herself.

The council asked her questions in regards to the position.

Senator Morisset moves to appoint Ms. Benoit for Director of Student Wellness.

Senator Gordon seconds.

President Ho Fung opened the floor for discussion.

ROLL CALL

Speaker Malak - Yea

Senator Gordon - Yea

Senator Monaco - Yea

Senator Paisley - Nay

Senator Nemmi - Nay

Senator Morisset - Yea

With a vote of 4/2/0, Ms. Benoit was approved for the position of Director of Student Wellness.

6) Sofia Rosa, Director of Community Engagement

President Ho Fung granted 2 minutes to Sofia Rosa to present herself for the position of Director of Community Engagement.

Followed by 5 minutes of Q/A.

Ms. Rosa presented herself.

The council asked her questions in regards to the position.

Speaker Malak moves to extend Q/A for 2 minutes.

Senator Nemmi seconds.

Motion Passes.

A Student/Guest stated, "I would like to run for the same position that she is running."

Speaker Malak moves to recess at 4:52PM.

Senator Nemmi seconds.

Motion Passes.

Point of Personal Leave - Vice President Balfour - 4:54PM

Meeting called to order at 4:56PM.

Speaker Malak moves to appoint Ms. Rosa for Director of Community Engagement.

Senator Nemmi seconds.

President Ho Fung opened the floor for discussion.

Point of Personal Leave - Ms. Hernandez - 4:58PM

ROLL CALL

Speaker Malak - Abs.

Senator Gordon - Nay

Senator Monaco - Yea

Senator Paisley - Nay

Senator Nemmi - Nay

Senator Morisset - Nay

Senator Doughty - Abs.

With a vote of 1/4/2, the appointment of Ms. Rosa failed for the position of Director of Community Engagement.

Senator moves to extend General Meeting by 15 minutes.

Senator Nemmi seconds.

Motion passes.

7) Abu Chowdhury, Director of Events

President Ho Fung granted 2 minutes to Abu Chowdhury to present himself for the position of Director of Events.

Followed by 5 minutes of Q/A.

Mr. Chowdhury presented himself.

The council asked him questions in regards to the position.

Speaker Malak moves to appoint Mr. Chowdhury for Director of Events.

Senator Gordon seconds.

President Ho Fung opened the floor for discussion.

ROLL CALL

Speaker Malak - Yea

Senator Gordon - Yea

Senator Monaco - Yea

Senator Paisley - Yea

Senator Nemmi - Yea

Senator Morisset - Yea

Senator Doughty - Abs.

With a vote of 6/0/1, Mr. Chowdhury was approved for the position of Director of Events.

Point of Personal Leave - Senator Nemmi - 5:12PM

B. Semester Initiatives

Initiatives & Collaborations

- Career & Talent Development & SGA
- Center for Leadership & SGA
- Community Engagement
- Women's Center & SGA
- Center of Academic and Success & SGA
- FIU Affinity
- Marketing/Advertising

President Address

President Ho Fung Pass out a copy of her Address and kindly read it to the council.

Speaker Malak moves to extend General Meeting for 10 minutes.

Senator Paisley seconds.

Motion Passes.

DISCUSSION

A. Student Concerns

There was no student concerns

Point of Personal Privilege - Senator Paisley - 5:19 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. **Panther Luau**, August 29th, Ballrooms, 12pm-2pm
- B. **DRC Mascot Reveal**. August 29th, WUC 131, 3pm
- C. **FIU Soccer Game**, August 30th, FIU Soccer Field, 7pm
- D. **“Super SGA” Day**. September 4th WUC Panther Square and Theater
- E. **FIU vs WKU Football Game**. September 7th, Ricardo Silva Stadium

Point of Personal Privilege RETURN - Senator Paisley - 5:20 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Morisset moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 PM.
Senator Gordon seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by President Ho Fung at **5:20 PM**.