



**Florida International University**

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

**MINUTES**

**SGC-BBC General Meeting**

**January 29, 2019**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Pamela Ho Fung, President

Dora Febles, Comptroller

Keani Orfano Chief of Staff

Patricia Moreno Chief of Staff

Gabriella Malak, Speaker of the Senate/Arts, Sciences & Educations Senator

Gabriel Hernandez, Speaker Pro-Tempore/Upper Division Senator

Aaliyah Gordon, Communication & Journalism Senator

Ronald Luque Lower Division Senator

Tania Adam, Elections Commissioner

Lauren Doughty, Hospitality & Tourism Senator

Diamond Barnett, Upper Division Senator

Melissa Hernandez, Lower Division

Nicole Alva, At- Large Senator

Ana Maria Soler, At- Large Senator

Briana Bruna, Marketing Coordinator

Mahalia Balfour, Vice President

**EXCUSED**

Stephanie Morisset - Finance Chair

Doreen Jean-Jacques - At large Senator

**GUEST**

Larissa Adames, SGA Advisor

Sarah Cooke-Williams, Student Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on January 29, 2020 – Locale (WUC #221). The meeting was called to order at **3:33: PM**, approximately, by President Ho Fung who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

**PRESIDENT'S WELCOME**

- President Ho Fung welcomed everyone with a quote “If you want to go fast go alone; if you want to go far...go together.”
- This quote was chosen because we as SGA need to work together to make sure that we accomplish and go as far as possible rather than work alone and not accomplish as much as we possibly could if we worked as a team.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The council reviewed the minutes of November 28th, 2019.

Senator Wang moved to approve the minutes of November 28th, 2018.

Senator Chen seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

### **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

#### **President Ho Fung:**

- The President welcomed everyone back. Last week she attended the board of directors meeting, to understand the fundraising side of FIU.
- This Monday she met with the council about the food drive, blood drive, new volunteers and wants others to join.
- Faculty senate meeting updates: She discussed the possibility of more food options at the FIU Biscayne Bay campus.
- Chick file is delayed because of contractors, and will open in the middle of fall 2020,
- Vivky bakery will open at the end of April,
- Royce cafe schedule changes, and has been tracking traffic to figure out what times work best for students. The cafe will now be open until 7pm,
- FIU’s world campus is vague and new, and administration is brainstorming ways to make it more “tangible,” BBC is the home to fiu across the globe,
- FIU day is next week
- She will be go to Tallahsse on behalf of FIU
- The student leadership summit is mandatory. If you cannot attend she asks please let her know in advance.
- The Day on the bay will be on March 14th, 2020.

### **FIU AT I-75 REPORT**

#### **President Ho Fung**

- The president Emailed Diana, the program manager at campus life. She states Diana thanks SGA for the leadership. Monday from 4:30-6:30pm w...
- There is no FIU @i75 senator
- Panther Pride week is the first week of March. She is thinking about having an event there

## **Vice President**

Mahalia Balfour:

Welcome everyone,

- This Friday she will have a president round table meeting with all BBC councils
- She will present her wide bill presentation today
- She will have a meeting with the operational VP
- Yield.

## **COMPTROLLER REPORT**

Dora Febles

- Welcomed everyone and hopes everyone had a good semester,
- She finished EY periods for budget hearing,
- In two weeks will continue deliberations,
- She states that “if anyone has any thoughts on how to get more funds for councils let her know”
- She will try to create powerpoints for things such as workshops as a recommendation for the next controller. Yield.

## **SENATE SPEAKER REPORT**

Speaker Malak

- Congress meeting 4:30pm - 6:30pm on Feb 17th 2020
- There are now two committees
- ROJ and Student Advocacy is filled
- She will meet with the Vice President to talk about legislation,
- If anyone has any ideas, come talk to her
- She is working on congressional procedures with Chief Justice
- - U wide with Dr. Sanchez,
- Starting rape kits resolution,
- Senator Luque was elected Senator of the Month.

## **SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE REPORT**

Speaker Pro Gabriel Hernandez:

- Glad that ROJ and Student Advocacy is filled.
- If anyone is interested in the Chair position speak to him.
- He wants everyone to get involved and get acquainted with responsibilities.
- He states that he talked about legislation ideas in the last meeting.
- If you have any ideas, please speak with him and Speaker Malak.
- In approximately 2-3 weeks he hopes to be done.
- Yield.

Senator Hernandez arrived at 3:52pm

Senator Alva arrived @ 3:52

Senator Gordon left @ 3:52pm  
Senator Gordon returned @ 3:55pm

## **CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT**

**No report. No chair.**

### **Chief Justice Report**

#### **Chief Justice Keanu Orfano:**

- He will attend Fiu Day
- He will see if more money can be provided from the state
- He attended training last Friday
- He attended Jose Marti yesterday
- He was happy to see people from around the community. Yield.

### **Cabinet Report**

#### **Vice President Balfour reported the following:**

- Made plans Chief of Staff Moreno
- She states that Flu shots will be helped by the nurse
- Yield.

### **Senator's Report**

#### **Senator Barnett:**

- Is working on a survey for HSA students who
- She spoke with a chair last week who sent a survey
- Senator states that she will make changes.

#### **Senator Luque:**

- He is thankful for the recognition as Senator of the Month,
- Senator Doughty will work with him on ROJ.
- Yield.

#### **Senator Gordon:**

- She is working on women empowerment event,
- She is trying to set up a meeting with the Office of Sustainability.
- She says that she is working on a recycling event that will probably be in march.
- Yield.

## **ADVISOR'S REPORT**

### **Ms. Adames reported the following:**

- The Student leadership Summit is this Saturday,
- It is a free conference for leadership development for students, a free conference
- It will be on the BBC campus from 8:30am-4:00pm
- Only two have registered since last night and there is still space available.
- Afternoon break will be in the SGA office from 1:30pm-3:30pm
- It is a great opportunity for recruitment
- There will be refreshments
- Election applications are due this Friday.
- She will be out of the office for FIU Day.
- SGA will be getting more blue books tomorrow.
- New council members make sure you have access to everything you need.
- Yield.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Minutes for November 2019**

- Speaker Pro Hernandez moved to table the approval to next meeting
- Senator Gordon second
- Motioned passed

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **U-wide bill 202. 001**

- The Vice President Balfour presented the U-Wide Bill that will be presented to the Academic of Student affairs.
- Corrections were discussed on ways to improve it

### **Vp Balfour**

BBC was restricted from more than 2.25% of ANS revenue

### **Speaker Malak**

Encouraged senators to Q&A

### **Senator Doughty:**

Doughty suggests that presentation should define the purpose more

Add in the purpose that this section of the constitution has never been enforced and that it is outdated.

### **Comptroller Febles**

- “Since we are one SGA there should not be any restrictions or limitations.”
- BBC receives 20% and MMC receives 80% for MMC,
- “we cant receive more than 2.25% times the percent by our enrollment”, “BBC cant receive more than 14%, but MMC does not have any limitations on what they can receive”

**Chief Justice**

“How confident are you that it will pass ?”

Both locations have been violating the constitutions (BBC and MMC)

**Speaker Pro Hernandez**

Suggests that it should focus more on how it has been in violation

**VP Balfor**

Explains on how the Bill is voted on

Soler POP @ 4:29pm

**Blue table Talk**

**VP: Balfour**

- There will be Panel discussions, it will be moderated
- Life of a black student in a higher education will happen on Feb 12th- WUC ballroom, 8:30am-11:30am
- Alumni Michael Hepburn will come
- Two more panelists are needed
- Volunteers are needed. Yield.

**A. U-Wide Deliberations, February 13th**

**Student Concerns**

**Senator Doughty:**

- Wants to know if there's a communication way to know if the shuttles are full.

### **A. Appointments**

There were no appointments.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **President Ho Fung** reported that there will be a town hall meeting with President Rosenberg this...

### **ADJOURNMENT**

President Ho Fung Adjourned the meeting @ 4:40pm