



# Florida International University

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

## MINUTES SGC-BBC Senate Meeting November 30th, 2015

### IN ATTENDANCE

Lauren Peterson - Arts & Sciences/Speaker of the House  
Geraldine Gascon - Arts & Sciences/Speaker Pro Tempore  
Tonie Jean – Arts & Sciences  
Micaela Suarez – Business Administration  
Dionne Bryant - Hospitality Management  
Patrick Alcee- Hospitality Management  
Yvenson Fievre - Lower Division  
Meredith Marseille - Lower Division  
Luc Pierre-Louis - Lower Division  
Bendji Calixte - At-Large  
Natalie Vizarraga – At-Large  
Fengling Hu – Hospitality Management  
Kenley Jean-Louis – Vice President  
Larissa Adames – Advisor

### EXCUSED

Seneka Jean-Jacques – Lower Division

### CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on November 30<sup>th</sup> 2015 in **WUC 221**. The meeting was called to order at **3:30pm**, approximately, by Speaker **Lauren Peterson** who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Senator Jean moved to approve the October 19<sup>th</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting minutes.  
Senator Marseille seconded the motion.  
The motion was passed by unanimous acclamation.

### SENATE SPEAKER REPORT

- Speaker Peterson thanked everyone in the council for attending the SGA Potluck and participating in the Secret Santa Gift Exchange.
- Speaker Peterson said the MLK Day of Service is on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

- Speaker Peterson said a senate meeting will not be held on the first week of school in the spring semester, and the council will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> week instead.

### **SPEAKER PRO-TEMPORE Report**

- Speaker Pro Gascon-Cavada advised the council members to speak to Office Assistant Alstrom to fill out the paperwork to receive stipends.
- Speaker Pro Gascon-Cavada wished everyone good luck on their finals and a happy holiday.

### **VICE PRESIDENT Report**

- Vice President Jean-Louis said he has over 450 completed class surveys so far. He plans to send out email blasts to increase the numbers and narrow down choices.
- Vice President Jean-Louis thanked the council members who attended the North Miami Thanksgiving Day Parade.
- Vice President Jean-Louis wished Senator Marseille a happy birthday.

### **ADVISOR REPORT**

- Advisor Adames said this is the last week of timecards and office hours.
- Advisor Adames said she, as well as Office Assistant Alstrom, will be on vacation from Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> to Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Advisor Adames said there will be a major office cleaning during the winter break.

### **FINANCE CHAIR Report**

- Senator Marseille said she will be holding the last official finance meeting of the semester today.
- Senator Marseille said the finance committee is in the process of approving a \$500 graduate request and is waiting for a few receipts.

### **RLJ CHAIR REPORT**

- Senator Fievre said he is preparing a few bills to present in the spring semester, such as the T-Bill.

### **OPERATIONAL REVIEW CHAIR REPORT**

- Mr. Calixte said all of the audit binders are in order and will complete the final review on Tuesday.

### **INTERNAL AFFAIRS CHAIR REPORT**

- Senator Jean thanked the council members who participated in the Secret Santa.
- Senator Jean said time cards are not needed for the last week of school.
- Senator Jean said she held the last meeting for the Internal Affairs Committee today.
- Senator Jean said the lost time cards have been approved and stipends should be available next week Friday, at the end of December, or sometime next year.

### **STUDENT ADVOCACY CHAIR REPORT**

- Senator Pierre-Louis said the ItsOnUs hashtag competition is completed and a winner has been chosen.
- Speaker Pierre-Louis said he is working on bringing a temporary ItsOnUs Snapchat filter to both campuses.
- Speaker Pierre-Louis said the food survey is completed and he is now working on getting in contact with those who are responsible for businesses at FIU. He added that some business lease will be ending, so bidding will be open.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Elections Commissioner Appointment – Anastasiya Sizova**

Anastasiya Sizova said she is interested in becoming the SGA Elections Commissioner. She said she is a Chemistry major and has gained leadership qualities through involvement. She has been the president of several clubs and understands how to delegate meetings and recruit members. She has been involved in the Science National Honor Society, National Honor Society, Robotics Club, and was a teaching assistant at two elementary schools.

Senator Jean moved to appoint Anastasiya Sizova as Elections Commissioner  
Senator Pierre-Louis seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Jean - Yay  
Senator Suarez - Yay  
Senator Bryant - Yay  
Senator Alcee - Yay  
Senator Fievre- Yay  
Senator Marseille - Yay  
Senator Pierre-Louis - Yay  
Senator Calixte - Yay  
Senator Vizarraga - Yay  
Senator Hu - Yay

Senator Gascon-Cavada - Yay  
Senator Peterson - Yay

By a vote of 12/0/0, Anastasiya Sizova was appointed as Elections Commissioner.

**ANOUNCEMENTS**

- MLK Day of Service – Jan 16
- Winter Break Office Cleaning
- Class Schedules and Office Hours

The meeting was dismissed by Speaker Lauren Peterson at **3:53pm**.