



Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES

SGC-BBC Senate Meeting August 31st, 2015

IN ATTENDANCE

Lauren Peterson - Arts & Sciences/Speaker of the House
Tonie Jean - Arts & Sciences
Dionne Bryant - Hospitality Management
Patrick Alcee - Hospitality Management **4:05pm**
Yvenson Fievre - Lower Division
Seneka Jean-Jacques - Lower Division
Meredith Marseille - Lower Division
Luc Pierre-Louis (Stu. Advo. Chair) - Lower Division
Bendji Calixte - At-Large
Akheim Paisley - At-Large
Fengling Hu – Graduate
Kenley Jean-Louis - Vice-President
Larissa Adames – Advisor
Rafael Zapata- Campus Life Associate Director

ABSENT

Geraldine Gascon - Arts & Sciences/Speaker Pro Tempore

GUEST

Christopher Morisset
Raiesa Ali
Paige Butler

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on August 31st, 2015 in WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at **3:36pm**, approximately, by Speaker **Peterson** who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Senator Fievre moved to approve the Senate Meeting Minutes for July 20th, and 27th, 2015
Senator Pierre-Louis seconded the motion.

By a unanimous decision, the motion passed and the minutes were approved.

SENATE SPEAKER REPORT

- Speaker Peterson thanked the council for wearing their polo shirts to the meeting.
- Speaker Peterson reminded everyone of SGA Day on Wednesday. She asked the council to please attend and represent SGA to the student body.

SPEAKER PRO-TEMPORE REPORT

No Report

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

- Vice President Jean-Louis thanked the council for signing up for the SGA Street Team, especially Senator Claixte.
- Vice President Jean-Louis presented his new survey, where students can ask for the classes they would like to have at BBC. The senators are expected to meet with advisors and students by September 23rd to have as many participants as possible. The results will be taken to the Vice Provost to approve.
- Vice President Jean-Louis asked the council to have more flexibility with their availability so he can to fill in slots.

ADVISOR REPORT

- Advisor Adames reminded the council of SGA Day on Wednesday, where the office will have giveaways.
- Advisor Adames said the homecoming court applications are available in two weeks. Applications can be found at HC.fiu.edu
- Advisor Adames reminded the council of the upcoming Orgsync training on September 15th, from 3-4pm in the SGA conference room.
- Advisor Adames stated that Major Fest will be held on the week of September 22nd.
- Advisor Adames stated that today is the last day to drop classes. She asked the council to please be in compliance with the 50% rule.

FINANCE CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Marseille invited the council to join her committee
- Senator Marseille stated that there will be an emergency Finance Meeting right after this Senate Meeting.

RLJ CHAIR REPORT

No Report

OPERATIONAL REVIEW CHAIR REPORT

No Report

INTERNAL RELATIONS CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Jean invited the council members to join her committee.

STUDENT ADVOCACY CHAIR REPORT

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

A. Chief of Staff: Chris Morisset

Mr. Morisset said he is a senior majoring in Biology and Hospitality and will be graduating soon. He has been with SGA for 3 years and it has shaped him into the man that he is today. Mr. Morisset has had extensive experience in the Senate and would now like to learn more about the Executive Cabinet.

Senator Paisley move to appoint Mr. Morisset as the Chief of Staff.
Senator Jean seconded he motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Marseille - Yay
Senator Fierve - Yay
Senator Pierre- Louis - Yay
Senator Jean-Jacques - Yay
Senator Bryant - Yay
Senator Jean - Yay
Senator Calixte - Yay
Senator Paisley - Yay
Senator Hu - Yay
Senator Peterson – Yay

By a vote of 10/0/0, Christopher Morisset was appointed as Chief of Staff.

B. Director of Governmental Relations: Raiesa Ali

Ms. Ali is majoring in International Relations and had an internship in Washington DC. She believes SGA will help her give back to the community and become a stronger leader. Ms. Ali will graduate soon and will definitely make SGA a priority.

Senator Paisley moved to appoint Raiesa Ali as Director of Governmental Relations
Senator Jean seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Marseille - Yay
Senator Fierve - Yay
Senator Pierre- Louis - Yay
Senator Jean-Jacques - Yay
Senator Bryant - Yay
Senator Jean - Yay
Senator Calixte - Yay
Senator Paisley - Yay
Senator Hu - Yay
Senator Peterson – Yay

By a vote of 10/0/0, Raiesa Ali was appointed as Director of Governmental Relations.

C. Justice: Paige Butler

Ms. Butler introduced herself as current junior. She stated that she has always been at BBC and was a senator last year and would like to rejoin the SGA. Mrs. Butler said she misses tabling and connecting to students. Ms. Butler would like to join the Judicial Branch this time around and has always had an interest in politics. Ms. Butler said being a Justice will work better with her schedule. Ms. Butler was involved in the Finance Committee, the Operational Review Committee, was copy editor of the Beacon, had a weekly political blog on FIU SM, is prominent member of the LGBT community at FIU, and participates badminton. Ms. Butler said that she would like to get the Judicial Branch more involved with the council.

Senator Pierre-Louis moved to appoint Paige Butler as Justice.
Senator Jean-Jacques seconded the motion.

Senator Marseille - Nay
Senator Fierve - Nay
Senator Pierre- Louis - Yay
Senator Jean-Jacques - Yay
Senator Bryant - Yay
Senator Jean - Nay

Senator Calixte - Nay
Senator Paisley - Nay
Senator Hu - Yay
Senator Peterson – Nay

By a vote of 4/6/0, Paige Butler was not appointed as Justice.

D. Operational Review Chair

Vice President Jean-Louis nominated Senator Calixte as Operational Review Chair
Senator Calixte accepted the nomination.

Senator Calixte believes that becoming the chair will be a good choice because he can ensure that everything runs smoothly and would like to make changes on campus. Mr. Calixte would like to increase SGA's exposure and work with other organizations on campus. Mr. Calixte said he is very organized, tech savvy, and understands the audit process. Mr. Calixte stated he will have enough time to commit to the position.

Senator Paisley moved to appoint Senator Calixte as Operational Review Chair.
Senator Alcee seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Marseille - Yay
Senator Fierve - Yay
Senator Pierre- Louis - Yay
Senator Jean-Jacques - Yay
Senator Bryant - Yay
Senator Alcee - Yay
Senator Jean - Yay
Senator Calixte - Yay
Senator Paisley - Yay
Senator Hu - Yay
Senator Peterson - Yay

By a unanimous decision, Senator Calixte was appointed as the Operational Review Chair.

E. Finance Committee At Large Senator

Senator Calixte said he has a close relationship with the previous Finance Chair and the meetings work with his schedule.

Senator Paisley moved to appoint Senator Calixte as the At-Large Senator for the Finance Committee

Senator Alcee seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Senator Marseille - Yay
Senator Fierve - Yay
Senator Pierre- Louis - Yay
Senator Jean-Jacques - Yay
Senator Bryant - Yay
Senator Alcee - Yay
Senator Jean - Yay
Senator Calixte - Yay
Senator Paisley - Yay
Senator Hu - Yay
Senator Peterson - Yay

By a unanimous decision, Senator Calixte was appointed as the At-Large Senator for the Finance Committee.

F. Finance Committee - Graduate Senator

Senator Hu stated that she is interested in becoming the Graduate Senator for the Finance Committee and has great math skills.

Senator Alcee moved to appoint Senator Hu as the Graduate Senator for the Finance Committee.
Senator Bryant seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Marseille - Yay
Senator Fierve - Yay
Senator Pierre- Louis - Yay
Senator Jean-Jacques - Yay
Senator Bryant - Yay
Senator Alcee - Yay
Senator Jean - Yay
Senator Calixte - Yay
Senator Paisley - Yay
Senator Hu - Yay
Senator Peterson - Yay

By a unanimous decision, Senator Hu was appointed as the Graduate Senator for the Finance Committee.

G. Finance Committee – Lower Division Senator

Senator Pierre-Louis said this position is a good fit for him because he is minoring in Economics and is good with numbers. He also stated the position works with his schedule and he will be available for meetings.

Senator Calixte moved to appoint Senator Pierre-Louis as the Lower Division Senator for the Finance Committee.

Senator Jean seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Marseille - Yay
Senator Fierve - Yay
Senator Pierre- Louis - Yay
Senator Jean-Jacques - Yay
Senator Bryant - Yay
Senator Alcee - Yay
Senator Jean - Yay
Senator Calixte - Yay
Senator Paisley - Yay
Senator Hu - Yay
Senator Peterson - Yay

By a unanimous decision, Senator Pierre-Louis was appointed as the Lower Division Senator for the Finance Committee.

H. Finance Committee – Hospitality Senator

Senator Bryant stated that she was contacted to join the finance committee. She said she was able to add the meetings into her schedule, understands the benefits and importance of finance, and has had 4 years of accounting experience in her major.

Senator Fievre moved to appoint Senator Bryant as the Hospitality Senator for the Finance Committee.

Senator Jean-Jacques seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Marseille - Yay
Senator Fierve - Yay
Senator Pierre- Louis - Yay
Senator Jean-Jacques - Yay

Senator Bryant - Yay
Senator Alcee - Yay
Senator Jean - Yay
Senator Calixte - Yay
Senator Paisley - Yay
Senator Hu - Yay
Senator Peterson - Yay

By a unanimous decision, Senator Bryant was appointed as the Hospitality Senator for the Finance Committee.

ANOUNCEMENTS

- SGA Day – September 2nd.
- Office Hours
- Finance Meeting Today
- Joining Student Advocacy Committee
- Supply Drive for Dominica
- Meet Your Dean
- Hospitality Week
- Intersivity Christian Fellowship meeting

The meeting was dismissed by Speaker Peterson at **4:26pm.**