



# Florida International University

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

## MINUTES

### **SGC-BBC Senate Meeting November 16th, 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  
Seneka Jean-Jacques – 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**

Yvenson Fievre - Lower Division

#### **ABSENT**

Morgan Granoff – Journalism and Mass Communications

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in **WUC 221**. The meeting was called to order at **3:33pm**, approximately, by Speaker **Lauren Peterson** who presided over the meeting in its entirety

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Senator Jean moved to table the October 19<sup>th</sup> Senate Meeting Minutes to next week.  
Senator Jean-Jacques seconded the motion.  
The motion was passed by a unanimous decision.

### **SENATE SPEAKER REPORT**

- Speaker Peterson thanked the council members for their attendance to the Day by the Bay event. She asked the council to keep in mind that it is mandatory to attend certain SGA events.
- Speaker Peterson remind the council that the end of the semester is approaching and said she hopes to finish the semester on a strong note.

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

- Speaker Pro Gascon-Cavada reminded the council that there is a separate sheet to input “out of office hours”. She added that the council needs to get Advisor Adames’ signature for the out of office hours sheet and if they forget to clock in or out.

### **VICE PRESIDENT Report**

- Vice President Jean-Louis thanked those who attended the Day on the Bay event.
- Vice President Jean-Louis said he would like each senator to speak to their assigned advisors to have their students take the class survey.
- Senator Pierre-Louis added that he has spoken various advisors and office assistants to promote the class survey.
- Vice President Jean-Louis said if anyone is interested in reserving a seat in the SGA suite for the upcoming football game on Saturday, to please contact him.

### **ADVISOR REPORT**

- Advisor Adames reminded the council to please keep the 50% class rule in mind when signing up for classes for the upcoming spring semester. She added that the council must also be enrolled in at least 9 credits in order to continue as a member.
- Advisor Adames said there will be a few tabling opportunities in the next two days and to please sign up:
  - Late Day Latte
  - Orientation
  - Travel Fair
  - International Week events
- Advisor Adames reminded the council of the Pie Your Leadership fundraiser for United Way, which will be held next Thursday.
- Advisor Adames reminded the council that emails have been sent out with packets and stipend information. She asked the council to please fill out the information and send her any questions they may have.
- Advisor Adames said the SGA Thanksgiving potluck is approaching and to please email Magda with the food(s) you are bringing

### FINANCE CHAIR Report

- Senator Marseille said she received a \$336.20 graduate funding request for a conference in December.
- Senator Marseille said the deadline for finance requests will be 2 weeks before the end of the semester, which is approaching.

### RLJ CHAIR REPORT

No Report

### OPERATIONAL REVIEW CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Calixte said the Event Audit Reports are in order and his relationships with the other Student Affairs Councils are going well.
- Senator Calixte said he will be working with Senator Bryant on the Finance Code.

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### INTERNAL RELATIONS CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Jean said she is working to improve the time card system and will be filing the time cards by name from now on.
- Senator Jean said all the time card information is up to date and she will be meeting with President Mejia to deliver her report.

### STUDENT ADVOCACY CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Pierre-Louis reminded the council of the upcoming Women Empowerment event on November 18<sup>th</sup> in Panther Plaza, hosted by the Women's Center from 11am-2pm. He said he would really appreciate participation from the council.
- Senator Pierre-Louis said the food survey will be completed today. He said he plans to meet with his committee today and well as President Mejia to move toward the next steps.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **A. Emoluments**

- Senator Marseille said a budget of \$1000 was allocated for the Bay Vista Council in the emoluments. She added that since that council is currently inactive, she proposes the money

to be allocated to the SPC and SOC councils. Her proposal is \$750 to SPC and \$250 to SOC.

- The council discussed the proposal.

Senator Jean moved to bypass a second reading to modify the emoluments.

Senator Jean-Jacques seconded the motion.

The motion was passed by a unanimous decision.

Senator Jean moved to approve the modification of the emoluments.

Senator Jean-Jacques seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Jean - Yay

Senator Suarez - Yay

Senator Bryant - Yay

Senator Alcee - Yay

Senator Jean-Jacques - 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 the modification to the emoluments was approved.

## **B. Justice Appointment – Wenxi Huang**

Wenxi Huang said she is a graduate student in the Chemistry Department. She said she would like to be a member of the SGA because she likes what it stands for and some of the projects it has created for students on campus. Ms. Huang said she was a member of SGA in China and would like to see the difference between the US and China. She understands that she must hold hearings and communicate with council members. She said she was a teaching assistant and a part of the Academy of Leaders. She greatly enjoys BBC.

Senator Suarez moved to appoint Wenxi Huang as a Justice.

Senator Alcee seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Jean - Yay

Senator Suarez - Yay

Senator Bryant - Yay

Senator Alcee - Yay  
Senator Jean-Jacques - 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 Wenxi Huang was appointed as a Justice.

### **ANOUNCEMENTS**

- Potluck/Gift Exchange – November 25<sup>th</sup>
- Pie Your Leadership- November 24<sup>th</sup>
- LAST SENATE MEETING- November 30<sup>th</sup>
- MLK Day of Service- January 16
- Toy Drive – Nov 18<sup>th</sup> to Dec 17<sup>th</sup>
- Day on the Bay – February 20<sup>th</sup>
- Teens for Jeans
- Golden Gifts Scholarship
- BBC Holiday Party – December 10<sup>th</sup>

The meeting was dismissed by Speaker Peterson at **4:08pm.**