



# Florida International University

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

## MINUTES

### **SGC-BBC Senate Meeting**

**October 5<sup>th</sup>, 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  
Patrick Alcee- Hospitality Management  
Meredith Marseille - Lower Division  
Luc Pierre-Louis - Lower Division  
Bendji Calixte - At-Large  
Akheim Paisley - At-Large  
Fengling Hu – Hospitality Management  
Kenley Jean-Louis – Vice President  
Larissa Adames - Advisor

#### EXCUSED

Dionne Bryant - Hospitality Management

#### ABSENT

Yvenson Fievre - Lower Division

#### CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at **3:33pm**, approximately, by Speaker Peterson who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Senator Marseille moved to approve the Senate Meeting Minutes from September 14<sup>th</sup> and September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Senator Jean-Jacques seconded the motion.

The motion was passed by a unanimous decision.

#### SENATE SPEAKER REPORT

- Speaker Peterson welcomed the council and announced that this month will be busy with many events by SGA and the other Campus Life councils.

- Speaker Peterson reminded the council that Friday is the deadline to apply for the SGA funded scholarships and encouraged everyone to apply and to also promote the scholarships to the student body.

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

- Speaker Pro Gascon reminded the council that Senate Meetings and General Meetings do not count towards office hours.
- Speaker Pro Gascon asked the council to please turn in their time cards with their names.

### **VICE PRESIDENT Report**

- Vice President Jean-Louis greeted the council and said he hopes everyone had a great weekend.
- Vice President Jean-Louis said he will continue to approach council members to discuss his SGA Street Team project.
- Vice President Jean-Louis said on October 14<sup>th</sup>, the event “Do You Want to Go to Grad School”, sponsored by MPAS, will be held in WUC 245 from 12pm – 2pm. He said it is open to all majors and helps student out who want to apply to graduate school.

### **ADVISOR REPORT**

- Advisor Adames greeted and welcomed everyone.
- Advisor Adames reminded the council of the upcoming football game on Saturday at 12pm where free football jerseys will be given out.
- Advisor Adames reminded the council of Diversity Day tomorrow, which is an all-day event. She asked everyone to please stop by, where Richard Blanco, the featured author in SLS, will be giving a speech in ballrooms at 2pm.
- Advisor Adames asked the council to please schedule one on one meetings with her.
- Advisor Adames reminded the council to please speak to Magda about decorating the office and float for Homecoming Week.

### **FINANCE CHAIR Report**

- Senator Marseille said she will present the Senate Bill to change a section in the statutes, to correct the amount of members needed for the Finance Committee.

### **RLJ CHAIR REPORT**

- No Report

### **OPERATIONAL REVIEW CHAIR REPORT**

- Senator Calixte said he recently received Campus Life’s Event Audit Report, and will be reviewing them.
- Senator Calixte said he is still missing audits from the other councils.

## INTERNAL RELATIONS CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Jean said she inputted all spreadsheets and hours into the system.
- Senator Jean asked the council to please turn in their timecards into Speaker Pro Gascon's mailbox.

## STUDETNT ADVOCACY CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Pierre-Louis said the food survey is two away from reaching 500 students. He said he will be going out to speak to students directly to get more surveys completed.

## NEW BUSINESS

### A. Senate Bill

- Senator Marseille presented her bill to correct the number of required Finance Committee members in the statutes. The statutes should say that the required members are "Chairperson and 4 committee members" and instead says "Chairperson and 5 committee members". Senator Marseille found two other senators to sponsor her bill (Senator Fievre and Senator Pierre-Louis).
- Speaker Peterson said this reading will count as the first reading, and next Monday, the bill will voted on.

### B. Meet Your Dean Catering Estimate

- Speaker Peterson presented the catering estimate from Panther Dining for the Meet Your Dean event.
- The estimate is \$1405 and the menu will include: Mini Cheese Steaks, Buffalo Chicken Tenders, Panther Paw Cookies, Spinach Dip and Chips, and beverages.
- Speaker Peterson said it must be voted on because the funds will come from the Senate Discretionary Fund.

Senator Alcee moved to approve the Meet Your Dean catering estimate and menu.

Senator Jean seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Marseille - Yay  
Senator Pierre- Louis - Yay  
Senator Jean - Yay  
Senator Calixte – Yay  
Senator Jean-Jacques - Yay  
Senator Suarez - Yay  
Senator Alcee - Yay  
Senator Granoff - Yay  
Senator Hu - Yay

Senator Gascon - Yay  
Senator Peterson – Yay

By a vote of 11/0/0, the catering menu and estimate was approved.

### **ANOUNCEMENTS**

- WUC Theater Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- Meet Your Dean is on October 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Committee Chairs Meeting
- On Wednesday, Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority is having a charity event at MMC.
- CSA has a General Meeting this Wednesday in WUC 157 from 4:30 – 6pm.

The meeting was dismissed by Speakers Peterson at **3:58pm**.