



# Florida International University

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*Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center*

## MINUTES

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

**February 15, 2016**

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Micaela Suarez, Business Administration  
Luc Pierre-Louis, Lower Division  
Meredith Marseille, Lower Division  
Lauren Peterson, Arts and Sciences/Speaker  
Tonie Jean, Arts and Sciences  
Seneka Jean-Jacques, Lower Division  
Patrick Alcee, Hospitality Mgmt  
Kenley Jean-Louis, Vice-President  
Sudyen Navarrete, Journalism and Mass Communications  
Zainab Osazin, Journalism and Mass Communications  
Dionne Bryant, Hospitality Mgmt  
Larissa Adames, Advisor  
Magda Compere, Graduate Assistant

#### ABSENT

Natalie Vizarraga, At-Large (**Excused**)  
Bendjy Calixte, At-Large

#### GUESTS

#### CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on Monday, February 15, 2016 in WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at **3:34 p.m.** by Lauren Peterson, Speaker of the Senate, who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

## **Minutes Approval**

Speaker Peterson entertain a motion to approve old meeting minutes of February 8th

Senator Bryant moved to approve the minute meeting from the February 8th.

Senator Jean-Jacques seconded the motion.

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

## **SPEAKER REPORT**

- Speaker Peterson hoped that everyone had a good valentine's day.

## **VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- Vice-President Jean-Louis said the Hospitality department is raising funds for a new building.
- Vice-President Jean-Louis said that more hospitality students are getting into DECA.
- Vice-President Jean-Louis said that the class survey has been modify and revisited for the next semester.

## **SPEAKER-PRO REPORT**

- Speaker-Pro Jean said that Senator Suarez will need people in her committee.
- Speaker-Pro Jean said to make sure you timeout and staple it with your senate report every two week.
- Speaker-Pro Jean said if you are not part of a committee, to not say that you are part of one on the report.

## **FINANCE REPORT**

- Senator Marseille said that she continues to get lots of requests.
- Senator Marseille said that she attended a meeting with Business Services about food options.

## **STUDENT ADVOCACY REPORT**

- Senator Pierre-Louis said that he meant with Felicia Tomson and business services about the food survey.
- Senator Pierre-Louis said that because of the lack of traffic at the school, that having new options would be hard to get.

- Senator Pierre-Louis said that the enrollment for BBC is down 12%, and investor are not confident with those numbers.
- Senator Pierre-Louis said that Starbucks has yet to see a return because of the lack of traffic on campus.
- Senator Pierre-Louis said that the current food option will have to be enhance before getting new options.

### **INTERNAL AFFAIRS CHAIR REPORT**

- Senator Suarez said that she has yet to have any meeting.
- Senator Suarez asked anyone to join her committee.

### **OPERATIONAL REVIEW REPORT**

- No Report

### **ADVISOR REPORT**

- Ms. Adames said that on March 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Campus Specific.
- Ms. Adames said that some senators will be going to Tallassee for FIU Day
- Ms. Adames elections application will be due on Friday by 5:00 p.m.
- Ms. Adames said that May 16<sup>th</sup> will start the new council
- Ms. Adames said on Friday February 19<sup>th</sup>, Campus Life will have Student Interview session.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Senator Pierre-Louis Presentation**

Senator Pierre-Louis was not able to make his presentation due to technical difficulties.  
Senator Pierre-Louis reported on the current survey.

#### **B. Talya van Embden for Justice**

Talya van Embden presented herself for Justice.

Speaker Peterson entertain a motion.

Senator Bryant moved to appoint Talya van Embden as Justice.  
Senator Pierre-Louis seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:  
Senator Suarez -Yay

Senator Pierre-Louis - Yay  
Meredith Marseille - Yay  
Senator Vizarraga - Yay  
Senator Navarrete - Yay  
Senator Osazin - Yay  
Senator Bryant - Yay  
Senator Alcee - Yay  
Senator Jean-Jacques - Yay  
Senator Jean - Yay  
Senator Peterson - Yay

By a vote of 11/0/0 Talya van Embden was appointed as a Justice Member.

### **C. RLJ Chair Position Appointment**

Speaker Peterson entertained any nomination for the RLJ Chair Position.

Senator Alcee moved to nominated himself for RLJ Chair Position.  
Senator Osazin seconded.

By a unanimous decision, the nomination was passed.

Senator Alcee presented himself for RLJ Chair Position

Senator Ozasin moved to appoint Senator Alcee as RLJ Chair  
Speaker-Pro Jean seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Suarez -Nay  
Senator Pierre-Louis - Nay  
Meredith Marseille - Nay  
Senator Navarrete - Yay  
Senator Osazin - Yay  
Senator Bryant - Nay  
Senator Jean-Jacques - Nay  
Senator Jean - Yay  
Senator Peterson - Nay

By a vote of 3/6/0 Senator Alcee was not appointed as RLJ Chair

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Speaker-Pro Jean said that everyone should attend the Student Intern meeting.
- Senator Pierre-Louis said that there will be a Student Advocacy meeting.
- Senator Jean-Jacques said that there will be a CSA Study night.
- Senator Alcee said that he still needs a secretary for his club.

Speaker Peterson entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Senator Pierre-Louis moved to adjourn the meeting.

Senator Jean seconded.

By a unanimous decision, the Motion was passed.

The meeting was dismissed by Speaker of the Senate Lauren Peterson at **4:17 pm**.