



Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES
SGC-BBC Senate Meeting
May 18, 2015

IN ATTENDANCE

Seneka Jean-Jacques, Lower Division
Yvenson Fievre, Lower Division
Meredith Marseille, Lower Division
Lauren Peterson, Lower Division
Kenley Jean Louis, Vice President
Larissa Adames, Advisor
Bendjy Calixte, At-Large
Allhan Mejia, President
Geraldine Gascon, Arts and Science

ABSENT

Henry Dube, At-Large Senator

EXCUSED

Danhong Jin, Graduate

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on Monday, May 11, 2015 in WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at **3:34 p.m.** by Kenley Jean-Louis, Vice President, who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

Kenley Jean-Louis, Vice President, entertained a 30 minute recess. Meredith Marseille, Lower Division, moved to take a 30 minute recess at 3:34 p.m. to 4:04 p.m. and Geraldine second.

The meeting resumed at 4:05 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVAL

The minutes from the previous meeting held on May 11, 2015 were tabled to be approved at a later time.

WELCOME SPEECH

Vice President Kenley Jean-Louis welcomed the Senate back for another term and welcomed all new members. He also mentioned that there would be no mandatory office hours during the summer term and the mandatory seven hours would resume during the fall term.

ADVISOR'S REPORT

- University Retreat on June 5-7th 2015 at Stetson University in Deland, Florida. The buses are scheduled to depart at 11 A.M. on June 5th; however, there will be breakfast served at 9 A.M.
- Larissa thanked everyone who came to the Director of Campus Life candidate interviews.
- Marcy Alstrom, SGA Office Assistant, would be emailing Senate with more information on the University retreat shortly.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Arts and Science Appointment

- Lauren Peterson presented herself for the position. Arts and Science Senator Geraldine moved to appoint Lauren as the new Arts and Science Senator; this motion was seconded by Bendjy, At-Large. Lauren Peterson became the new Arts and Science Senator with a unanimous acclamation.

b. Comptroller Appointment

- Maria Pulido-Velosa presented herself for the position. Arts and Science Senator Geraldine moved to appoint Maria as SGC's new Comptroller; this motion was seconded by Bendjy, At-Large. Maria Pulido-Velosa became SGC's Comptroller with a unanimous acclamation.

c. Chief of Staff Hours Bill

- SGC Vice President entertained a motion to speak about the Chief of Staff Hours Bill. Arts and Science Senator Peterson moved to speak about the Chief of Staff Hours Bill.
- Slight modification in the bill; the Chief of Staff's hours will be decreased from 10 office hours to 7 office hours.
- Vice President entertained a motion for the Senate to act as RLJ for the Chief of Staff Hours Bill. Arts and Science Senator Geraldine moved to act as RLJ for the bill; seconded by At-Large Senator Bendjy.
- The bill was changed; Arts and Science Senator Geraldine moved to approve the bill and seconded by Arts and Science Senator Lauren. The Chief of Staff Hours Bill was viewed by the Senate.

d. The "t" Bill

- Within the Statues, there is minor mistakes. Arts and Science Senators Lauren Peterson and Geraldine Gascon volunteered to fix the Statues. If anyone else wants to volunteer, they should contact them.
- e. Speaker Appointment**
- Arts and Science Senator Geraldine nominated Lauren Peterson for the position; Lauren accepted her nomination. Lauren presented herself; Arts and Science Senator Geraldine moved to appoint Lauren as Speaker of the Senate, seconded by Lower Division Senator Seneka. Following a unanimous roll call vote, Lauren Peterson becomes the Speaker of the Senate.
- f. Speaker Pro-Tempore Appointment**
- Speaker Lauren nominated Geraldine Gascon for the position; Geraldine accepted her nomination. Geraldine presented herself; Speaker Lauren Peterson moved to appoint Geraldine as Speaker Pro-Tempore, seconded by Lower Division Senator Seneka. Following a unanimous roll call vote, Geraldine Gascon becomes Speaker Pro-Tempore.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Advisor Larissa announced that applications for Peer Mentoring SLS students are due by May 22, 2015. Applications are located in AC1 180.
- President Mejia informed the council about his club, DECA and if you are interested in the world of business, speak to Allhan Mejia or Kenley Jean-Louis.
- Recruitment for Freshman/Transfer Orientation begins on June 11, 2015
- CSA(Caribbean Student Association); if you are interested, speak to its President, Seneka Jean-Jacques.
- SGA Homework- Present 3 strangers, not friends to SGA and give the man office tour; for every 6 students you bring, you receive a free food voucher from Larissa
- Chess Club- If you are interested in playing chess, speak to Lower Division Senator Yvenson Fievre.

Vice President entertained to adjourn the meeting. Speaker Pro Geraldine moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by At-Large Bendjy.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.