



# Florida International University

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

## **MINUTES** **Senate Meeting** **June 22, 2015**

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Yvenson Fievre, Lower Division  
Seneka Jean-Jacques, Lower Division  
Meredith Marseille, Lower Division  
Danhong Jin, Graduate  
Geraldine Gascon, Speaker-Pro  
Lauren Peterson, Speaker

### **ABSENT**

Bendjy Calixte, At-Large

### **GUESTS**

Larissa Adames, SGA Coordinator  
Kathleen Devaney, SGA Front Desk (minutes)

### **CALL TO ORDER**

SGA-BBC's senate held a meeting on June 22, 2015 in the SGA ballrooms. The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m. by Speaker Peterson who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

### **SPEAKER'S REPORT**

- Speaker Peterson greeted the senate by saying she hopes everyone's classes are off to a good start.
- She said it is urgent to appoint a new finance committee chair and asked members to let her or Speaker-Pro Gascon know if they would like to take on that task.
- She also said that there are many important upcoming dates (listed in the announcements section.)

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

- Vice-President Jean-Louis thanked everyone who has participated with Member Monday, Tweety Tuesday and Faces Fridays.

### **SPEAKER-PRO'S REPORT**

- Speaker-Pro Gascon advised that anyone who is interested in becoming the finance chair should read all of the requirements carefully, as it is a large responsibility.
- She also said that there are a lot of new students on campus who could be potential SGA members. Tabling is a good way to get the word out about SGA.
- Speaker Peterson repeated that she wants to see everyone's name at least once on the tabling sign-up sheet.

## **ADVISOR'S REPORT**

- Ms. Adames said that Adam Bernstein was able to make many updates to SGA's social media this week: the Instagram link works on the website and the Twitter handle has been updated. Kathleen Devaney has requested to combine the two Facebook fan pages into one page to ultimately increase the amount of likes.
- Ms. Adames asked members to please take the Homecoming survey and to also turn in their Member Info sheets so that members can receive their two council shirts once the short sleeves arrive.
- She also said that the Freshman Convocation is Aug. 23 and that SGA BBC members should show presence there tabling to recruit future members for the council.
- She said that the SGA Kickoff will be upcoming on July 29 and members might be asked be a part of a video or to do presentations.
- Finally, she said that SGA sponsors shirts for departments and schools on campus. Volunteers will be needed to deliver the shirts to the different offices.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Faces Friday Discussion – Social Media Plan**

- Senator Jean-Jacques suggested that the official name will be "FIU Faces Friday." The rest of the senate agreed. Additionally, council members agreed to email Marcy FIU Faces Friday pictures and content to share on social media.
- Speaker Peterson asked why the council doesn't share the FIU Faces Friday pictures on both Facebook and Instagram instead of only Facebook. Speaker-Pro Gascon explained that she thinks it's better to share different themes on each social media platform individually, so that it inspires students to follow all SGA accounts. That's why Member Mondays are only on Instagram as of now and why FIU Faces Friday is only on Facebook.
- For the Member of the Week blurbs, Speaker Peterson said that she would like all senate members to submit a short bio to the google doc before July 6.
- Vice-President Jean-Louis mentioned how the exec-board decided to integrate other councils into the Member Monday posts once the council runs out of SGA members to feature. Speaker Peterson asked for volunteers to go speak to the other campus councils about being featured on Member Mondays. The volunteers are as follows:
  - Senator Jean-Jacques – Panther Power
  - Senator Marseille – SPC
  - Senator Fievre – SOC

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Recruitment- Orientations on June 29, June 30, August 11, August 13, August 14
- Important Meeting Dates for Senators: June 22 (M) June 24 (W), July 6 (M) July 20 (M) , July 29(W)
- SGA Kick-off: July 29th

- SGA Wrap-up: August 20th
- Freshman Convocation: August 23rd
- SGA Day- September 2nd
- Talk to Speaker Peterson if anyone is interested in volunteering for the July 4 Triathlon.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Senator Marseille motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:56 p.m. and Senator Jean-Jacques seconded the motion. **Speaker Peterson adjourned the meeting at 3:56 p.m.**