



Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES
SGC-BBC Special Session Senate Meeting
July 29, 2015

IN ATTENDANCE

Dionne Bryant, Hospitality
Luc Pierre-Louis, Lower Division
Meredith Marseille, Lower Division
Geraldine Gascon, Arts & Sciences/Speaker-Pro
Lauren Peterson, Arts & Sciences/Speaker
Kenley Jean-Louis, Vice-President
Larissa Adames, SGA Advisor

ABSENT

Yvenson Fievre, Lower Division
Seneka Jean-Jacques, Lower Division

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a special sessions meeting on Monday, July 29, 2015 in WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at **2:50 p.m.** by Lauren Peterson, Speaker of the Senate, who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

SPEAKER REPORT

- Speaker Peterson stated that she had no report.

SPEAKER-PRO REPORT

- Senator Gascon stated that she had no report.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Vice-President Jean-Louis stated that he had no report.

ADVISOR REORT

- Ms. Adames stated that she had no report.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Graduate Funding Request – John Gatto

- a. Speaker Peterson said Gatto’s request was submitted in advance of the deadline, but SGA did not have a finance committee until recently, so it has not been able to be approved.
- b. Gatto’s request for \$337 is to cover airfare and registration for the ESA conference in Maryland. He will present his research about methods to improve the Everglades’ conditions.
- c. Ms. Adames said that the starting budget for graduate funds is \$12,444.

Senator Marseille moved to open discussion. Senator Pierre-Louis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Senator Marseille said that she is the new finance committee chair but she hasn’t had a chance to read through all of the request yet. Speaker Peterson said that the applicant has all of the necessary information and proof of everything in the request.

Senator Pierre-Louis asked, how does the applicant’s research benefit FIU?

Speaker Peterson said that the applicant works for a lab at FIU and everything he publishes is on behalf of the university.

Senator Marseille moved to approve the request for \$337. Senator Pierre-Louis seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Dionne Bryant, yay
Luc Pierre-Louis, yay
Meredith Marseille, yay
Geraldine Gascon, Arts yay
Lauren Peterson, yay

The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Ms. Adames said there will be a shuttle leaving at noon for convocation. She will send the schedule out soon.
2. Senator Marseille said she became a member of the “It’s On Us” campaign, which emphasizes awareness of sexual assault. She asked members to help her come up with ideas for this year’s campaign.

3. Speaker Peterson said she thinks Senator Marseille would be a good candidate to raise awareness about MAST students being on campus with future residents of the privately owned housing, which will be open to buyers from the outside community.
4. Recruitment- Orientations on August 11, August 13, August 14
5. SGA Wrap-up: August 20th
6. Freshman Convocation: August 23rd
7. SGA Day- September 2nd

Speaker Peterson adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.