



# Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

## MINUTES

### **SGC-BBC Senate Meeting August 24th, 2015**

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Lauren Peterson - Arts & Sciences/Speaker of the House  
Geraldine Gascon - Arts & Sciences/Speaker Pro Tempore **3:42pm**  
Dionne Bryant - Hospitality Management  
Yvenson Fievre - Lower Division  
Seneka Jean-Jacques - Lower Division **3:40pm**  
Meredith Marseille - Lower Division  
Luc Peirre-Louis (Stu. Advo. Chair) - Lower Division  
Kenley Jean-Louis - Vice-President  
Larissa Adames – Advisor  
Rafael Zapata- Campus Life Associate Director

#### GUEST

Tonie Jean - Arts & Sciences Candidate  
Patrick Alcee - Hospitality Management Candidate  
Bendji Calixte - At-Large Candidate  
Akheim Paisley - At-Large Candidate  
Fengling Hu – Graduate Candidate  
Christopher Morisset  
Ra'Gene Miles  
Moise Jerome

#### CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at **3:37pm**, approximately, by Speaker **Peterson** who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Senator Fievre moved to table the approval of the minutes for July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Senator Marseille seconded the motion.

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

## **SENATE SPEAKER REPORT**

- Speaker Peterson welcomed everyone and stated that she is excited for the semester to begin.
- Speaker Peterson said she would like to focus on better communication between council members and would like senators to contact her personally regarding any attendance issues.
- Speaker Peterson reminded everyone to collect their SGA shirts from the front desk.
- Speaker Peterson requested everyone's attendance at SGA events, which are mandatory for all council members.
- Speaker Peterson reminded everyone of the beginning of office hours next week, and to complete the class schedule form and checklist for Advisor Adames.

## **SPEAKER PRO-TEMPORE REPORT**

No Report

## **VICE PRESIDENT REPORT**

- Vice President Jean-Louis hoped everyone had a great weekend and thanked those who attended the Freshman Convocation this past weekend.
- Vice President Jean-Louis stated that he would like to begin working on the SGA Street Team to have better communication with students and promote SGA. He encouraged members to join and stated that he will be emailing council members to sign up.

## **ADVISOR REPORT**

- Advisor Adames welcomed everyone to a new semester.
- Advisor Adames reminded the council of the deadline to turn in their office hours and class schedules, which is next Friday. Council members can either complete this through Dropbox or turn in a printed copy to the front desk.
- Advisor Adames requested council members to sign up for the upcoming Orgsync training session on September 15, 2015 from 3pm to 4pm in the SGA conference room. She stated that SGA will use Orgsync more frequently from now on, so the training session will be beneficial for those who are able to attend.
- Advisor Adames stated that Dr. Arneson has asked for help with the Ask Me stations, and requested to council members to sign up.
- Advisor Adams reminded the council of the upcoming SOC Mixer, which is a great way for council members to network and get to know other students and club members.

- Advisor Adames stated that SGA day will be held on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, in Panther Square and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of WUC. She asked the council members to please wear SGA polo shirts, and to please attend the mandatory event and help set up.
- Advisor Adames asked the council to please visit the Bay View housing table to advocate for housing at BBC.

#### FINANCE CHAIR Report

- Senator Marseille introduced her self as the new Finance Chair.
- Senator Marseille stated she would be updating the SGA website and also would like to recruit more council members for the Finance committee.

#### RLJ CHAIR REPORT

No Report

#### OPERATIONAL REVIEW CHAIR REPORT

No Report

#### INTERNAL RELATIONS CHAIR REPORT

No Report

#### STUDENT ADVOCACY CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Pierre-Louis informed the council of his plans to survey the student body regarding food options at BBC, especially due to the upcoming inauguration of the Bay View Dorms in the Fall of 2016. This survey will go out on the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the Fall Semester and is intended to provide better and more food options for students.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### A. Hospitality Management Senator Appointment – Patrick Alcee

Mr. Alcee introduced himself and said he would like to become a Hospitality Management Senator for SGA. He would like to create awareness of the many resources available in the Hospitality Building and extend those resources to other students.

Senator Fierve moved to appoint Mr. Alcee as Hospitality Management Senator

Senator Pierre-Louis seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Marseille - Yay  
Senator Fierve - Yay  
Senator Pierre- Louis - Yay  
Senator Jean-Jacques - Yay  
Senator Bryant - Yay  
Senator Gascon - Yay  
Senator Peterson - Yay

By a vote of 7/0/0/ Patrick Alcee was appointed Hospitality Management Senator

**B. Arts and Sciences Senator Appointment – Tonie Jean**

Ms. Jean said she is currently a sophomore majoring in Biology. She stated that she is very outspoken, organized, and will be able to encourage others to become involved. She knows that she will be able to balance her schedule and make time for SGA.

Senator Marseille moved to appoint Ms. Jean as Arts and Sciences Senator.  
Senator Jean-Jacques seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Marseille - Yay  
Senator Fierve - Yay  
Senator Pierre- Louis - Yay  
Senator Jean-Jacques - Yay  
Senator Bryant - Yay  
Senator Gascon - Yay  
Senator Peterson - Abstain

By a vote of 6/0/1 Tonie Jean was appointed as Arts and Sciences Senator

**C. At-Large Senator Appointment – Bendji Calixte**

Mr. Calixte stated that he is a former member of SGA and after experiencing a life changing event, he realized that his purpose in life is to help others because “If you are not living to make others’ lives better, then you are wasting your time”. Therefore, he would like to re-join SGA to continue helping students. He would like to make it his duty to communicate better with the council. Mr. Calixte said the potential of BBC is great, where there is a family atmosphere. He knows that Bay View housing will make a great impact on campus, and as a people person, he can connect and share his ideas with the students on campus, as well as the council.

Senator Fievre moved to appoint Mr. Calixte as Senator At-Large.

Senator Bryant seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Marseille - Yay  
Senator Fierve - Yay  
Senator Pierre- Louis - Yay  
Senator Jean-Jacques - Yay  
Senator Bryant - Yay  
Senator Gascon - Abstain  
Senator Peterson – Yay

By a vote of 6/0/1, Bendji Calixte was appointed as the Senator At-Large

**D. At Large Senator Appointment – Akheim Paisley**

Mr. Paisley stated that he loves SGA, and BBC has become his second home. Mr. Paisley would like to be granted the honor of re-joining SGA. He would like to improve the communication between the students on campus and SGA, especially due to the major changes occurring on campus.

Senator Pierre-Louis moved to appoint Mr. Paisley as Senator At-Large.  
Senator Gascon seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Marseille - Yay  
Senator Fierve - Yay  
Senator Pierre- Louis - Yay  
Senator Jean-Jacques - Yay  
Senator Bryant - Yay  
Senator Gascon - Yay  
Senator Peterson – Yay

By a vote of 7/0/0, Akheim Paisley was appointed as Senator At-Large.

**E. Hospitality Management Senator Appointment – Fengling Hu**

Ms. Hu introduced herself as a Graduate Student majoring in Hospitality Management. She stated that she is interested in law and would like to join SGA. Ms. Hu said she is from China, where the culture is very different than the USA. She would like to help SGA and would like to help with graduate student scholarships.

Senator Marseille moved to appoint Ms. Hu as Hospitality Management Senator.  
Senator Jean-Jacques seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Marseille - Yay  
Senator Fierve - Yay  
Senator Pierre- Louis - Yay  
Senator Jean-Jacques - Yay  
Senator Bryant - Yay  
Senator Gascon - Yay  
Senator Peterson - Yay

By a vote of 7/0/0, Fengling Hu was appointed as Hospitality Management Senator.

Senator Paisley and Senator Calixte requested Points of Personal Privilege.  
The Points of Personal Privilege were granted.

#### **F. Internal Affairs Chair vote**

- Speaker Peterson stated the Internal Affairs chair is in charge of making sure everyone is keeping track with their time cards, schedules, and attendance. She said all members are required to join two committees.

Senator Jean nominated herself for Internal Affairs Chair.

- Senator Jean said she is organized and very knowledgeable of Microsoft Excel and various computer programs. She said she is understanding and capable of staying on top of everyone.

Senator Jean-Jacques nominated herself as Internal Affairs Chair.

- Senator Jean-Jacques said she very organized and goes by the book. She said she is also nice, understanding, and will be able to properly communicate with everyone to ensure everything runs smoothly and issues are resolved.

Senator Fievre moved to discuss the Internal Affairs Chair position.  
Senator Marseille seconded the motion.

The motion was passed with unanimous acclamation.

The senators discussed the responsibilities of the Internal Affairs Chair. The Chair is required to review senate reports to make sure they are up to par.

Senator Marseille moved to end the discussion and begin voting.  
Senator Jean Jacques seconded the motion.

The motion was passed with unanimous acclamation.

Roll Call Vote

Senator Marseille - Tonie  
Senator Fierve - Tonie  
Senator Pierre- Louis - Tonie  
Senator Jean-Jacques - Seneka  
Senator Bryant - Tonie  
Senator Alcee - Tonie  
Senator Jean - Tonie  
Senator Calixte - Tonie  
Senator Paisley - Abstain  
Senator Hu - Seneka  
Senator Gascon - Seneka  
Senator Peterson – Seneka

By a vote of 7/4/1 Senator Jean was appointed as Internal Affairs Chair.

**G. Appropriation for Vice President Jean-Louis' Reimbursement**

- Senator Marseille said a finance request was made while the Finance Committee was not in session. The request came from Jessica Sanchez to fund the amount of \$358 for the Annual Ecological Society of America Conference. This request was funded by Vice President Jean-Louis' Discretionary Fund.
- Speaker Peterson said at this time, the senate will act as the finance committee to appropriate the funds to be transferred from the Finance Committee's fund back to the Vice President's discretionary fund.

Senator Fievre moved to vote on the reimbursement.  
Senator Jean-Jacques seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Senator Marseille - Yay  
Senator Fierve - Yay  
Senator Pierre- Louis - Yay  
Senator Jean-Jacques - Yay  
Senator Bryant - Yay  
Senator Alcee - Yay  
Senator Jean - Yay  
Senator Calixte - Yay  
Senator Paisley - Abstain  
Senator Hu - Yay  
Senator Gascon - Yay  
Senator Peterson – Yay

By a vote of 11/0/1, the council voted to reimburse the Vice President's discretionary fund.

### **ANOUNCEMENTS**

- International Students Welcome Dinner on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.
- Upcoming General Meeting on Wednesday, August 26 at 3:30pm.
- SGA Day – September 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Kenley will be emailing each senator personally for their street team availability.
- The Game Room will have upcoming renovations: TVs and gaming consoles from SGA funding and this should be completed in mid-September.
- Theater renovations from SGA funding should be completed within the next week.
- Mydel Clozin, SGA Front Desk Assistant, will be featured on the TVs as a leader on campus, council members should sign up as well.
- Social Media Member Monday requires picture and short bio.
- Senator Marseille will form a Gameroom committee to create events, such as game night, for students.

The meeting was dismissed by Speaker Peterson at **4:39pm**.