



Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES

SGC-BBC Senate Meeting September 14th, 2015

IN ATTENDANCE

Lauren Peterson - Arts & Sciences/Speaker of the House
Geraldine Gascon - Arts & Sciences/Speaker Pro Tempore
Tonie Jean (Internal Affairs Chair) - Arts & Sciences
Dionne Bryant - Hospitality Management **3:36pm**
Patrick Alcee - Hospitality Management **3:36pm**
Yvenson Fievre (RLJ Chair) - Lower Division **3:33pm**
Seneka Jean-Jacques - Lower Division
Meredith Marseille (Finance Chair) - Lower Division
Luc Pierre-Louis (Stu. Advo. Chair) - Lower Division
Bendji Calixte (Op. Review Chair) – At Large **3:33pm**
Fengling Hu – Graduate
Kenley Jean-Louis - Vice-President
Larissa Adames – Advisor
Magdala Compere – Graduate Assistant

EXCUSED

Akheim Paisley – At Large

GUEST

Micaela Suarez – Business Administration Senator Candidate
Jayda Hall – Press Secretary Candidate
Jamie Adelson – Director of Lectures Candidate
Kristin King – Director of Internal Relations Candidate
Anne Dorcius – Director of Environmental Affairs Candidate
Kelcey Homilus – Intern Coordinator Candidate

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on August 24th, 2015 in WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at **3:32pm**, approximately, by Speaker **Peterson** who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

SENATE SPEAKER REPORT

- Speaker Peterson welcomed everyone and asked the council to please attend the meetings on time.

- Speaker Peterson reminded the council of the football game on Saturday and highly suggested that the council members attend and network with the SGC at MMC. She asked the council to please inform her of their attendance to reserve spots in the SGA suite.

SPEAKER PRO-TEMPORE REPORT

- Speaker Pro Gascon apologized for not attending previous meetings. She said she had to leave the county and could not be present.
- Speaker Pro Gascon stated that she would like to get familiar with everyone, especially the new members.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

- Vice President Jean-Louis said he will email the council to sign up for the SGA Street Team and will begin setting up groups.

ADVISOR REPORT

- Advisor Adames reminded the council of tomorrow's Orgsync meeting from 3-4pm in the conference room. She stated that Orgsync will slowly but surely be incorporated into SGA.
- Advisor Adames reminded the council of the second Mast Academy orientation on Friday, September 18th at 12pm in the ballrooms. She thanked the council members who attended the first orientation and asked everyone to please stop by to help out and introduced themselves during the 2nd orientation.
- Advisor Adames asked the council to please submit their office hours.
- Advisor Adames asked the council to please sign up for tabling during the upcoming Major Fest.
- Advisor Adames stated that Meet Your Dean will take place on October 26th.
- Advisor Adames reminded the council of the first home football game this Sunday, and to please sign up for a spot in the SGA suite. She stated the first home game is great opportunity to network with student leaders, administrators, and the SGC at MMC.
- Advisor Adames stated that the SGA office will be participating next week for the Homecoming competition and asked everyone to please help decorate the office.

FINANCE CHAIR Report

- Senator Marseille stated that there is a \$600 funding request for a speed networking event during Major Fest for students to speak to faculty and staff about opportunities and their educational goals. The funding will go towards paying for the venue.
- The council discussed the purpose of the event and its impact on FIU students. The voting for the finance request will take place at a later date.

RLJ CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Fievre stated that he is currently working alongside Senator Marseille on his T-Bill, where the statutes are missing the letter “t” each time it appears in the official SGA Statutes, making the word statutes appear as “statues”.
- Senator Fievre said he will be approaching each council members to provide workshops on writing bills and appropriations and will work with everyone’s availability.

OPERATIONAL REVIEW CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Calixte stated that he has two members in his committee and would like to add more. He said that he is in the process of picking a day and time to conduct his weekly committee meetings.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Jean stated the meeting for the Internal Affairs committee will be held on Fridays at 12 and any council members that are interested should speak to her.

STUDENT ADVOCACY CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Pierre-Louis presented the BBC Food Options Survey and said it should be wrapping up in mid-October.
- Senator Pierre-Louis said he will be holding the Student Advocacy meeting in the conference room right after this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Micaela Suarez – Business Administration Senator

Micaela Suarez stated that she is an International Business major in her 2nd year at FIU and would like to have a voice in SGA. She will be able to attend meetings and understands her responsibilities. Ms. Suarez said she has been involved with Alternative Breaks, Academy of Leaders, volunteering, and will be a tutor soon.

Senator Pierre-Louis moved to appoint Micaela Suarez as Business Administration Senator.

Senator Jean seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Marseille - Yay

Senator Fierve - Yay

Senator Pierre- Louis - Yay

Senator Jean-Jacques - Abstain
Senator Bryant – Yay
Senator Alcee – Yay
Senator Jean - Yay
Senator Calixte - Yay
Senator Hu – Yay
Senator Gascon - Yay
Senator Peterson – Yay

By a vote of 10/0/1, Micaela Suarez was appointed Business Administration Senator.

B. Jayda Hall – Press Secretary

Jayda Hall said she is a junior and transferred from Broward College. She is a Journalism major and said she has had extensive experience in writing. She currently works for Career Services.

Senator Alcee moved to appoint Jayda Hall as Press Secretary
Senator Bryant seconded the motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

By a vote of 10/0/1, Jayda Hall was appointed as Press Secretary.

C. Jamie Adelson – Director of Lectures

Jamie Adelson said she would love to have a say in which speakers are brought to BBC. She is very interested in lectures and public speaking. Ms. Adelson said she understands the responsibilities of the Director of Lectures.

Senator Marseille moved to appoint Jamie Adelson as Director of Lectures.
Senator Jean seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

By a vote of 9/0/2, Jamie Adelson was appointed as Director of Lectures.

D. Kristin King – Director of Internal Relations

Kristin King said she is a junior majoring in Public Relations and would like to give back to FIU. She stated that she was more involved in high school as her class' historian and vice president. She has also worked with the mayor of Miramar. Ms. King said she will make sure everything runs smoothly and will work strictly for the people.

Senator Pierre Louis moved to appoint Kristin King as Director of Internal Relations
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 Hu – Yay
Senator Gascon - Yay
Senator Peterson – Yay

By a vote of 11/0/0, Kristin King was appointed as Director of Internal Relations

E. Anne Dorcius – Director of Environmental Affairs

Anne Dorcius said she is a sophomore majoring in Marketing. In high school, she was involved in the Key Club, Green Club, Dance Club, and was vice president of the Interact Club. She

stated that she has always been interested in the environment and would like to build leadership skills through the SGA. As the Director of Environmental Affairs, Anne would like to create campus composting areas, gardens, and teach the student body to conserve energy and recycle. At FIU Ms. Dorcius is a member of the Christian Intersvarsity Fellowship and Panther Power.

Senator Fievre moved to appoint Anne Dorcius as Director of Environmental Affairs.
Senator Calixte seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

By a vote of 9/1/1, Anne Dorcius was appointed as Director of Environmental Affairs.

F. Kelcey Homilus – Intern Coordinator

Kelcey Homilus is a Biology Major and recently transferred from Miami Dade College. This would be her first time being in the SGA and she would like to develop her leadership, social, and time management skills. Ms. Homilus said she is very organized, willing to learn, and would like to serve the FIU community.

Senator Pierre-Louis moved to appoint Kelcey Homilus as Intern Coordinator.
Senator Bryant seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Marseille - Yay
Senator Fierve - Yay
Senator Pierre- Louis - Yay
Senator Jean-Jacques - Nay
Senator Bryant – Yay
Senator Alcee – Yay
Senator Jean - Yay

Senator Calixte - Nay
Senator Hu – Yay
Senator Gascon - Nay
Senator Peterson – Yay

By a vote of 8/0/3, Anne Dorcius was appointed as Director of Environmental Affairs.

ANOUNCEMENTS

- SOC Mixer
- Meet Your Dean
- Upcoming Football Game
- Hospitality Week
- CSA's Caribbean Jeopardy
- Midnight Breakfast
- One on One Meetings with Larissa
- Time Cards

The meeting was dismissed by Speaker Peterson at **4:35pm.**