



Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES

SGC-BBC Senate Meeting September 28, 2015

IN ATTENDANCE

Lauren Peterson - Arts & Sciences/Speaker of the Senate
Geraldine Gascon - Arts & Sciences/Speaker Pro Tempore
Tonie Jean - Arts & Sciences
Micaela Suarez – Business Administration
Dionne Bryant - Hospitality Management
Patrick Alcee - Hospitality Management **3:38 pm**
Yvenson Fievre - Lower Division
Seneka Jean-Jacques - Lower Division
Meredith Marseille - Lower Division
Luc Pierre-Louis (Stu. Advo. Chair) - Lower Division
Bendjy Calixte - At-Large
Akheim Paisley - At-Large **3:35 pm**
Fengling Hu – Graduate
Kenley Jean-Louis - Vice-President
Larissa Adames – Advisor

GUEST

Diana Jean – Executive Assistant applicant

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on September 28, 2015 in WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at **3:31 pm**, approximately, by Speaker **Peterson** who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Speaker Peterson said the minutes from the Sept. 14 meeting have not been sent out for approval.

Senator Bryant moved to approve the Senate Meeting Minutes from Sept. 21. Senator Pierre-Louis seconded the motion.

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

SENATE SPEAKER REPORT

- Speaker Peterson said she no longer wants senators to eat, have headphones in or have computers open during the meetings, as it looks unprofessional.
- Speaker Peterson emailed all committee chairs last week to set up a meeting on Oct. 7 from 12-2 pm. So far she has only heard back from two out of five of the chairs.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

- Vice President Jean-Louis said the class surveys are due to President Mejia today at 5 pm.
- Speaker Peterson added that if senators don't turn in the class surveys by today, make sure to turn them in by before Wednesday's meeting.
- Vice-President Jean-Louis said SGA officially has a Wechat, which is a social media account to target the BBC Asian community.
- Vice-President Jean-Louis said he is re-structuring the street team. Therefore, he will contact individuals if he wants their involvement.
- Vice-President Jean-Louis told the senators to send their available set office hours to Marcy, so that she has an outline of when certain members will be in the office.
- Speaker Peterson said she would like an explanation from Senators Paisley and Alcee after the meeting to explain why they walked in late to this meeting.

SPEAKER PRO-TEMPORE REPORT

- Speaker-Pro Gason said that after this week, she will not be accepting senate reports or office hours from previous weeks that are turned in late. Be sure to write down your names on both.

FINANCE CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Marseille said the \$200 appropriation for Linda Lara's Major Fest request was enacted by President Mejia.
- Additionally, she said she and Senator Fievre have been working on a senate bill which will make changes to the statutes. It will be presented to the senate at next week's meeting.

RLJ CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Fievre said he had no report.

STUDENT ADVOCACY CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Pierre-Louis that after two weeks, the food survey has received 360 responses.
- Senator Pierre-Louis said he and Senator Fievre noticed an abundance of MAST students at Major Fest last Friday, an event that SGA helped fund.

INTERNAL RELATIONS CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Jean said she had no report.

OPERATIONAL REVIEW CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Calixte said he contacted some of the student organizations via email about their missing File for Fund reports, but he hasn't heard anything back from them. He said he will go seek them out in person.
- Advisor Adames said she received two FFFs from SOC and Broward today.
- Speaker Peterson asked Senator Calixte if he can approach the student organizations over the next couple weeks. Additionally, she would like him to email her after each time he has met with a council.

ADVIOR REPORT

- Advisor Adames said there will be a group picture taken after Wednesday's general meeting. Be sure to wear the long sleeved shirts. Speaker Peterson said she advises that if a person doesn't wear their long sleeved shirt, they should not participate in the picture.
- Advisor Adames asked members to set up a one on one meeting with her if they have not done so already.
- Advisor Adames said the first Homecoming event will be the Kickoff by the Bay on Oct. 16. She is going to set up a table for SGA during the event's club fair.
- Advisor Adames said Tashawn (former SPC president) is running for Homecoming King. She thinks everyone should support him since he is a former BBC student.
- Advisor Adames said the Homecoming dance and SGA Alumni reception are both on the Friday night before the Homecoming game. She highly recommends that everyone attend the reception so that they can meet and mingle with former SGA members.
- Advisor Adames said Magda and Jaclyn are heading the decorating committee for SGA's Homecoming float and the office decorating contest. Volunteers are needed to assist them in this process.

ANOUNCEMENTS

- Speaker Peterson said Meet Your Dean is on Oct. 26 and it is a mandatory event.
- Speaker Peterson said she wants a written confirmation via email from the committee chairs about next Wednesday's meeting. Be prepared with the past committee meeting minutes and a list of members by next Monday.
- Speaker Peterson said there will be two upcoming appointments for SGA members at next week's meeting.

Senator Jean moved to adjourn the meeting. Senator Calixte seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by Speaker Peterson at **3:57 pm.**