



# Florida International University

*Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & FIU at I-75*

## MINUTES

### **SGC-BBC Senate Meeting**

**January 6, 2020**

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Gabriella Malak, Speaker of the Senate/Arts, Sciences & Educations Senator  
Gabriel Hernandez, Speaker Pro-Tempore/Upper Division Senator  
Stephanie Morisset, Art, Sciences & Education/ Finance Chair  
Mickalia Paisley, At-Large Senator/Internal Affairs Chair  
Vivian Desme, Communication & Journalism/Operational Review Chair  
Aaliyah Gordon, Communication & Journalism Senator  
Lauren Doughty, Hospitality & Tourism Senator  
Diamond Barnett, Upper Division Senator  
Catalina Nemmi, FIU at I-75 Senator/Student Advocacy Chair  
Mahalia Balfour, Vice President

#### ABSENT

Ronald Luque, Lower Division Senator/RLJ Chair-**EXCUSED**

#### GUESTS

Larissa Adames, SGA Advisor  
Jonathan Espino-Panther Power Treasurer  
Pamela Ho Fung- SGA BBC President  
Kaila Jospitre- SGA Graduate Assistant

#### CALL TO ORDER

The SGC-BBC Senate held a meeting on **January 6, 2020 – WUC 221**. The meeting was called to order at **3:34 pm**, approximately, by **Speaker Malak** who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

#### WELCOME

Speaker Malak welcomed everyone back from the winter break. She is ready for everyone to get back to business. She hopes to appoint new senators in the next meeting.

#### SPEAKER REPORT

Speaker Malak reported the following:

- That we will be discussing the next congress meeting date. The next congress meeting is going to be hosted at MMC.

- She is looking for input on the Senate Rules of Procedure document that was shared with all of you.
- Reminded the senators to submit their reports

### **VICE PRESIDENT REPORT**

Vice President Balfour reported the following:

- VP Balfour welcomed everyone back and we are off to a great start
- We are going to launch the Student Advocacy COmmittee's Clinic survey
- The Student Concern Form is available in the Google Drive. Please share it so that students are able to officially submit their concerns.

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

Speaker Pro Hernandez reported the following:

- That we are off to a strong start for this semester
- Committee chairs must submit their meeting times and dates by this Friday
- Committee chairs must use the reports submission that was created

### **ADVISOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Adames reported the following:

- Please submit your class schedule and office hours by the end of next week
- Please make sure that you have 50% of you classes at BBC. Add/drop is next week.
- We have hired 3 new student assistants. They should be starting by next week
- The spring retreat is this Saturday. Please confirm with Kaila or myself if you are attending. We want to make sure we have the correct number of attendees for lunch.

### **Finance Chair Report**

Senator Morisset reported the following:

- Not much to report...
- Working on setting a date for the finance meeting
- Also working on how to figure out the best way to reach out to students about the finance committee

### **Rules, Legislations & Judiciary Report**

No report. Chair was not present.

### **Operational Review Report**

Ms. Desme reported the following:

- She updated the Event Audit Report with the following:
  - Moved the notes section to the end of the report
  - Combined two similar questions to one
  - Added the following question: What made your event successful?
- The Event Audit Report should be ready soon to be sent out
- The committee is deciding on they are going to have their meetings

### **Internal Affairs Chair Report**

Ms. Paisley reported the following:

- The committee is deciding on meeting dates and times for the spring semester

### **Student Advocacy Chair's Report**

Ms. Nemmi had no report.

### **Senator's Report**

Senator Gordon welcomed everyone back

Senator Doughty reported that she attended Bowl Game Academic tour in Montgomery, Alabama. She thanked SGA for that opportunity.

Senator Barnett welcomed everyone back and hopes everyone passed their classes. She will be working on a new initiative this semester.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### A. Kahoot

- a. The Kahoot was presented and played by the senators

#### B. Survey results

- a. The survey result on the senate leadership were presented and discussed.

#### C. Congress meeting

- a. A congress meeting for the spring semester needs to be scheduled. It was suggested by the MMC Speaker David that it should be scheduled before or after spring break. The meeting would also have to be around the MMC Senate meeting time of 4pm or 4:30pm. Speaker Malak suggested the following dates, February 17th or March 2nd. The senate preferred the February 17th date. Speaker Malak will be send the date to the MMC Speaker.

Speaker Malak relinquished her chairmanship to Speaker Pro Hernandez

#### D. Senate Rules of Procedures

- a. Speaker Malak presented the Senate Rules and Procedures to the senate. She asked for feedback on it. She made some changes to it.
- b. Vice President Balfour wanted to know if all legislation needed an action plan.
- c. Ms. Adames clarified that when this document was created by the RLJ Chair a couple of years ago to have concrete procedures for the senate. The chair at the time used the University of Maryland's SGA senate procedure as a reference. She

recommended that this current document be catered to the senate's needs.

- d. Senate Paisley asked that the document be added to Google shared drive so that the senators can review and comment on it.

Senator Desme requested a point of personal privilege. Speaker Pro Hernandez granted the request at 4:17.

Speaker Pro Hernandez relinquished his chairmanship to Speaker Malak.

## **DISCUSSION**

### A. Open Forum

- a. Student Concerns
  - i. No concerns were brought up
- b. Senate Concerns
  - i. No senate concerns were brought up.
- c. Additional Comments, Suggestions, Concerns
  - i. No additional comments, suggestions or concerns were brought up.

## **REPORT**

### **President's Report**

President Ho Fung reported on the following:

- She welcomed everyone back. She would like for all of us to be mindful and intentional this semester.
- Earlier in the day, President Ho Fung had her meeting with Dr. DeSantis. They discussed elections, the budget season and the meeting with CFO scheduled for this Wednesday.
- She will be meeting PantherNow about budgets
- She hopes that we, SGA BBC, finish the semester strong.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **SGA Retreat, January 11th**
  - Panther Square 12-2 PM
- **U-Wide Budget Hearings, January 15th**
  - GC 355 8:30am-5pm
- **U-Wide Budget Hearing at BBC & BBC Budget Hearing, January 23rd**

- WUC 155 9am-4pm
- **BBC Hearings, January 29th**
  - WUC 155 9am-3pm
- **Blue & Gold Recruitment Week, January 27th-31st**
- **Afternoon Break w/SGA (Part of Blue & Gold Recruitment WK). January 29th**
  - SGA Office 2pm-3:30pm
- **Student Leadership Summit, February 1st**
  - WUC 8:30am-4:30pm
- **SGA BBC Annual Town Hall Meeting, February 18th**
  - Mary Ann Wolfe Theatre 2pm-4pm

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Senator Gordon moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:22pm. Senator MORrisett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.