



Florida International University

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

MINUTES

SGC-BBC Senate Meeting

January 13, 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
Aaliyah Gordon, Communication & Journalism Senator
Ronald Luque Lower Division Senator
Lauren Doughty, Hospitality & Tourism Senator
Diamond Barnett, Upper Division Senator
Mahalia Balfour, Vice President

ABSENT

GUESTS

Larissa Adames, SGA Advisor
Jonathan Espino-Panther Power Treasurer
Pamela Ho Fung- SGA BBC President
Kaila Jospitre- SGA Graduate Assistant
Melissa Hernandez
Nicole Alva
Ana Maria Soler

CALL TO ORDER

The SGC-BBC Senate held a meeting on **January 13, 2020 – WUC 221**. The meeting was called to order at **3:32 pm**, approximately, by **Speaker Malak** who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

WELCOME

Trying to fill in the spots. Less people.

SPEAKER REPORT

Speaker Malak reported the following:

- Congress meeting, we voted at 4pm.
- Want to do one vs one with Gabe, mahalia.
- Doing anchor legislation due date.
- The following Monday, senators will come and present ideas that you want to work on. If there are no ideas one will be signed. Ideas will be due in 2-3 weeks.
- On Thursday, will talk about separating branches. Will do it in the conference room.
- Budget hearings at MMC, on Wed
- No internal affairs chair

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Vice President Balfour reported the following:

- Initiatives SGA is pushing, if you do have an initiative that you want to work on..
- Last Monday addressed disgruntled group of students, about physics class.
- The students concerns were heard in the meeting with Dean heithaus.
- She yielded back to the chair.

SPEAKER PRO'S REPORT

Speaker Pro Hernandez reported the following:

- There are two vacancies for chairs.
- will be talking to select senators.
- wants to have a follow up meeting with chairs

ADVISOR'S REPORT

Ms. Adames reported the following:

- Budget season starts on Wed, January 15th At MMC 8:30am-5pm
- The second hearing will be January 23rd at BBC at WUC 155
- The budget hearings will be webcasted.
- Student leadership summit is Feb 1rst at BBC, on Sat, 8:30am-4:30pm. No additional cost.
- Election apps are available link will be sent out are open until end of January 2020.
- Discussed having scheduled programming and planning times

Finance Chair Report

Senator Morisset reported the following:

- Update for undergrad \$2450

FIUSGA BBC 1/22/2020 8:21 PM

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- Graduate funding: \$4,100 left
- Talked about Australian wildfires and asked how FIU could help.
- Will look for charities and organizations for more information.

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Rules, Legislations & Judiciary Report

Senator Luque reported the following

- Currently has no members in his committee
- Will look into what ideas of what he wants to write on legislation

Operational Review Report

Senator Desme was absent

Senator's Report

Senator Doughty reported that she wants to create an event where students will know about hospitality clubs, talked to person over FIU hospitality.

Senator Barnett reported that she will be will switching positions.

Old Business

A. Approval of the minutes

Senator Gordon moved to approve the minutes of January 6th, Senator Luque seconded the motion. By unanimous vote the minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointment of *Melissa Hernandez* for *Lower Division* Senator

Melissa Hernandez presented herself to the senate for the lower division Senate seat. Currently a Chemistry major and freshman at FIU.

Senator Morsiett moved to appoint Melissa hernandez at lower division senator.

Senator Gordon seconded the motion.

Senator Luque- Yea

Seator Barnett - Yea

Senator Hernandez - Yea

Senator Gordon - Yea

Senator Doughty - Yea

Senator Morsiett - yea

Speaker Malak - Yea

With a vote of 7-0-0, Melissa hernandez was unanimously appointed as a Lower Division Senator

B. Appointment of *Nicole Alva* for *At-Large* Senator

Nicole Alva presented herself to the senate for the *At-Large* Senator seat. She is currently a freshman majoring in Biology.

Sensator Hernandez - Bautista - Yea

Senator Luque- Yea

Seator Barnett - Yea

Senator Hernandez - Yea

Senator Gordon - Yea

Senator Doughty - Yea

Senator Morsiett - yea

Speaker Malak - Yea

With a vote 8 - 0 -0 Nicole Alva was appointed as a new At- Large Senator

C. Appointment of *Ana Maria Soler* for *At-Large* Senator

Ana Maria Soler presented herself to the senate for the *At-Large* Senator seat. She's currently a Journalism major and is a Junior at FIU.

Sensator Hernandez - Bautista - Yea

Senator *Nicole Alva* - Yeah

Senator Luque- Yea

Seator Barnett - Yea

Senator Hernandez - Yea

Senator Gordon - Yea

Senator Doughty - Yea

Senator Morsiett - yea

Speaker Malak - Yea

With a vote of 8-0-0, *Ana Maria Soler* was unanimously appointed as a *At-Large* Senator.

D. Appointment of *Diamond Barnett* for *Health Service Administration* Senator

Left at 4:16pm

Senator Luque- Yea

Seator Barnett - Yea

Senator Gordon - Yea

Senator Doughty - Yea

Senator Morsiett - yea

Speaker Malak - Yea

With a vote of 7 - 0 -0 *Diamond Barnett* was appointed as a *Health Service Administration* Senator.

E. Colors/Personality Test

Took personality test

Melissa Hernandez - Green

Nicole- Orange

Ana - Blue

Gabe - Blue

F. Chair Nominations

Lost two chairs. Internal Affairs and Student Advocacy

DISCUSSION

A. Open Forum

a. Student Concerns

No concerns

- b. Senate Concerns
No concerns
- c. Additional Comments, Suggestions, Concerns

REPORT

President's Report

President Ho Fung reported on the following:

- Spring semester has been busy,
- last week had a meeting with the CFO of FIU, VP and controller, meeting was successful, shared questions and concerns. SGA retreat attendance was low.
- Went to 3 kings parade with Speaker Malak.
- This week will attend BBC leadership meeting,
- Tomorrow will present a report on behalf of SGA BBC.
- -GC on budget meeting Thursday 6-8pm, Free for FIU students.
- She updated that there will be a collaboration with HFA for entrepreneurs fair.
- There is one spot left for FIU day
- President Rosenvert will be at Town Hall BBC
- Will start to visit classrooms about volunteering

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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 30th**
 - SGA Office 1:30pm-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

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:40pm.
- Senator Gordon motioned
- Senator Doughty Second