



# Florida International University

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

## MINUTES

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

**May 13th, 2019**

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Gabriella Malak, Arts and Sciences Senator  
Gabriel Hernandez, Upper Division Senator  
Aaliyah Gordon, Communication & Journalism Senator  
Keanu Orfano, At-Large Senator  
Mickalia Paisley, At Large Senator  
Catalina Nemmi, FIU @ I-75 Senator  
Mahalia Balfour, Vice President

#### GUESTS

Larissa Adames, SGC-BBC Advisor  
Pamela Ho Fung, President  
Nedjina Dol, Front Desk Assistant

#### CALL TO ORDER

The SGC-BBC Senate held a meeting on May 13th, 2019 – **WUC 221**. The meeting was called to order at **3:37 pm**, approximately, by **Vice President Balfour** who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

#### WELCOME

Vice President Balfour welcomed everyone to the second meeting in the summer semester and stated that we have a lot to do.

#### VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Vice President Balfour

- No Report

#### ADVISOR REPORT

Ms. Adames...

- I'm in the process of preparing for travel in July and most of you will be attending.
- I will be emailing the form to you all.

- If you work on campus, let me know.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Second Reading of Bill 2019.0005**

Read by President Ho Fung.

*Point of Personal Privilege - Senator Orfano - 3:42PM*

*Point of Personal Privilege RETURN - Senator Orfano - 3:43PM*

Vice President Balfour asked for questions or concerns.

Senator Orfano moves to approve Bill 2019.0005.

Senator Nemmi seconded.

### **ROLL CALL**

Senator Malak - Yea

Senator Hernandez - Yea

Senator Orfano - Yea

Senator Paisley - Yea

Senator Nemmi - Yea

Senator Gordon - Yea

By an unanimous vote, Bill 2019.0005 was approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. WUC Survey**

Presentation and announcement By Fabio Zucatto from Wolfe Center University (WUC) for 5 minutes. Spoke about WUC, I Rock FIU Survey. The deadline is May 31st.

### **B. Approval of the Minutes**

Senator Kailey moves to Approve Senate Meeting Minutes of 5/6/2019.

Senator Orfano seconded.

The Senate Meeting Minutes was approved unanimously.

### **C. Approval of the 2019-2020 Cabinet Positions**

Read by President Ho Fung.

Vice President Balfour opened floor for discussion and questions.

Senator Nemmi moves to Approve 2019-2020 Cabinet Positions.  
Senator Malak seconded.

Motion Passes.

### **D. Chief of Staff appointment**

Ms. Patricia Moreno was appointed for Chief of Staff position.

*Point of Personal Privilege - Senator Malak - 4:05PM*

Vice President Balfour asked Ms. Moreno to present herself.

*Point of Personal Privilege RETURN - Senator Malak - 4:07PM*

Ms. Moreno presented herself in front of the senate.

Vice President Balfour gave the senate 2 minutes for Q/A.

Senator Orfano moves to extend Q/A for 5 minutes.  
Senator Hernandez Seconded.  
Motion Passes.

Senator Paisley moves to extend Q/A for 5 minutes.  
Senator Orfano Seconded.  
Motion Passes.

Senator Malak moves to extend Q/A for 10 minutes.  
Senator Gordon Seconded.  
Motion Passes.

Vice President closed Q/A.

Senator Orfano moves to recess for 4 minutes.  
Senator Seconded.  
Motion Passes.

**Meeting called back to order at 4:31PM**

Senator Orfano moves to approve Ms. Moreno as the new Chief of Staff.  
Senator Hernandez Seconded.

ROLL CALL

Senator Malak - Yea

Senator Hernandez - Yea

Senator Orfano - Yea

Senator Paisley - Yea

Senator Nemmi - Yea

Senator Gordon - Yea

By an unanimous vote, Ms. Moreno was approved as Chief of Staff.

**E. Nominations for Speaker**

Senator Orfano nominated Senator Malak for Speaker of the Senate.  
Senator Malak accepted.

Vice President Balfour asked Senator Malak to present herself.  
Senator Malak presented herself in front of the senate.

Vice President Balfour opened discussion for 2 minutes.

Senator Orfano moves to extend discussion for 10 minutes.  
Senator Gordon seconded.  
Motion Passes.

Senator Orfano moves to appoint Senator Malak as the Speaker of Senate.  
Senator Gordon seconded.

ROLL CALL

Senator Malak - Yea

Senator Hernandez - Yea

Senator Orfano - Yea

Senator Paisley - Yea

Senator Nemmi - Yea

Senator Gordon - Yea

By an unanimous vote, Senator Malak was elect as the Speaker of the Senate.

**F. Nominations for Speaker Pro**

Senator Paisley nominate Senator Hernandez.  
Senator Hernandez accepted.

Vice President Balfour asked Senator Hernandez to present himself.  
Senator Hernandez presented himself in front of the senate.

Speaker Malak moes to extend presentation for 5 minutes.  
Senator Gordon seconded.  
By a vote of 5-1, motion passes.

Vice President Balfour opened discussion for 2 minutes.

Senator Paisley moves to extend meeting for 15 minutes.  
Senator Nemmi seconded.  
Motion Passes.

Senator Orfano moves to ext discussion by 7 minutes.  
Senator Nemmi seconded.  
Motion passes.

Senator Orfano moves to appoint Senator Hernandez as Speaker Pro Tempore.  
Senator Nemmi seconded.

#### ROLL CALL

Senator Malak - Yea

Senator Hernandez - Yea

Senator Orfano - Yea

Senator Paisley - Yea

Senator Nemmi - Yea

Senator Gordon - Yea

By a unanimous vote, Senator Hernandez was appoint as Speaker Pro Tempore.

#### DISCUSSION

##### **A. Student Concerns**

N.A

#### REPORTS

##### **A. Senator's Report**

Senator Nemmi

- Starting to connect with people at I75.

- June 20th, Panther Power is having a pool party from 4-8PM.

## **B. President's Report**

President Ho Fung

- Congrats to Speaker Malak and Speaker Pro Hernandez, looking forward to working with you guys.
- Congrats to Chief of Staff, looking forward to accommodate, looking forward for all the great work.
- Tomorrow, I will be attending the BBC leadership meeting.
- There will be renovating the campus soon.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

- U- Wide Retreat
  - June 21-22
  - MMC & BBC

*Senator Paisley moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:09 PM. Senator Gordon second the motion.*

*The motion passed unanimously.*

*The meeting was adjourned by Speaker Malak at 5:09 PM.*