



Florida International University

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

MINUTES

SGC-BBC Senate Meeting

July 15th, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE

Gabriel Hernandez, Speaker Pro-Tempore
Aaliyah Gordon, Communication & Journalism Senator
Keanu Orfano, At-Large Senator
Stephanie Morisset, CASE Senator
Catalina Nemmi, FIU at I-75 Senator (SA Chair)
Mahalia Balfour, Vice President (3:56pm)

EXCUSED

Gabriella Malak, Speaker of the Senate
Mickalia Paisley, At-Large Senator (IA Chair)

GUESTS

Larissa Adames, SGA Advisor
Dr. Kerrie Montgomery, Director of Campus Life
President Pamela Ho Fung
Nedjina Dol, SGA Front Desk
Samira Peete, SGA Front Desk

CALL TO ORDER

The SGC-BBC Senate held a meeting on July 15th, 2019 – **WUC 155**. The meeting was called to order at **3:38 pm**, approximately, by **Speaker Pro Hernandez** who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

WELCOME

Speaker Pro Hernandez welcomed everyone and then proceeds to read Speaker Malak's report.

SPEAKER REPORT

As read by Speaker Pro Hernandez...

- Speaker Malak reported that she is still focusing on recruitment and has been speaking to a few interested people but they do have conflicts.
- Attended a meeting with President Ho Fung last week Thursday to discuss advertising the free shuttle with Sabrina and Tom Hartley. The ribbon cutting ceremony unfortunately will not be taking place at BBC anymore, which had been decided before this meeting, however we are still going to create a great event for everyone to attend. During this meeting we spoke about how another bus will

have to be rented to bring students to the event, so that we don't take up the seats of any students attending classes and it will be discussed during U-Wide. She also discussed using the TV's in the buses to advertise to students about events happening on both campuses and to advertise the biking and Kayaking at BBC. Speaker Malak also suggested for parking and transportation to come table with some of our SGA members during the week of welcome to tell students about the free bus and how it began.

- Spoke to some students last week and they were concerned about the efficiency of events at the BBC and what they wish to see improved for events at the BBC. I believe their concerns are doable, so I will discuss it in the E-board meeting and begin solving this concern.
- Has made goals/assignments for the Senators to complete by Monday, August 26th 2019.

On behalf of Vice President Balfour, President Ho Fung delivered the Vice President's report...

- Currently meeting with Dr. DeSantis concerning the food pantry
- The Pharma- Box was approved and will be installed Wednesday July 17th, 2019 inside OneStop. Planning to have a table there and will update the Senators on the groupchat.

SPEAKER PRO'S REPORT

Speaker Pro Hernandez...

- Spoke to Mr. Andres Bermeo about the concept of the wrap that will be on the front and back of the office. Not entirely sure about the back, will speak with the Advisors to ask if they are interested in replacing the back or if its fine.
- Contacted the Dean of Architecture and Landscaping at MMC about a week ago. He is interested in renovating the SGA offices. It is a matter of whether we will take their offer and if the offer will still be available within Fall term. He did mention that it was a faculty driven student driven project.
- Has been working on an event concept centered around entrepreneurs and exchange with faculty, students and etc.

ADVISOR'S REPORT

Dr. Kerrie Montgomery...

- No report

Ms. Adames ...

- Will be attending NACA and won't be in the office July 17th -22th. And will be back in the office on Tuesday July 23rd 2019.
- Next week is the last SGA meeting until Monday August 26th 2019.

- Please keep in mind the 50% rule regarding credits. You also have to be enrolled in at least 9 credits.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of the Minutes

Senator Orfano moves to approve Senate Meeting Minutes of 7.08.2019. Senator Gordon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice President Balfour arrives 3:56pm.

NEW BUSINESS

a. SGA Day Planning

- i. Speaker Pro Hernandez states that we need to start coming up with ideas and concepts for SGA day. And we need to finalize it as soon as possible.
- ii. Speaker Pro Hernandez opens the floor for ideas for SGA day.
 1. Senator Gordon suggests a 2 part concept, including a speaker talking about the ideas of SGA and using the game room to create an interactive atmosphere that also includes some giveaways and, recruitment opportunities.
 2. Senator Nemmi suggest centering an event around the approval of the free shuttle buses.
 3. Speaker Pro Hernandez suggest an event centered around SGA super heroes. Each representative is a superhero of the campus as a way to promote student government and how they impact the campus. President Ho Fung adds that they could showcase their superpowers while also empowering the students.

b. Senate Assignments:

Vice President Balfour...

Had a conversation with Speaker Malak to give each Senator assignments that cater to each person and their interests. Every assignment should be completed by the Week of Welcome.

President Ho Fung adds that the Senators can add on the assignments.

- i. Senator Orfano:
 1. Update the statutes with all legislation from last year
 2. Get into contact with Larissa, and get access to old survey & review and have new survey ready to be shown to students in the beginning of fall semester.
 3. Figure out a date to meet with Dean
 4. Familiarize yourself about your position and duties in the statutes
- ii. Senator Morrisset
 1. Figure out who runs the website for internships and get into contact with them to discuss your ideas/changes.
 2. Decide which community projects that you will put into motion for Fall semester
 3. Figure out a date to meet with Dean Micheal Heithaus
 4. Review position and duties in the statutes
- iii. Senator Gordon
 1. Finalize which events you will do in the Fall Semester set dates and reserve the spaces. The earlier everything is set, the faster it can be put on the monthly calendars.
 2. Begin informing and advertising internships for CARTA students
 3. Check up on meeting with Dean Schriener
 4. Familiarize yourself about your position and duties in the statutes
- iv. Senator Paisley
 1. Create forms/ documents that you will be using to organize hours
 2. Review the organization techniques from last year and apply the changes to them
 3. Figure out a date to meet with Dean
 4. Familiarize yourself about your position and duties in the statutes
- v. Senator Nemmi
 1. Begin reviewing surveys/forms of last year for student advocacy
 2. If there were student concerns last year that haven't been started on, or any student concerns this year begin planning which to

- begin on.
3. Keep contact with I-75
 4. Familiarize yourself about your position and duties in the statutes
- vi. Speaker Pro Tempore Hernandez
1. Create the drive/ check if drive has been made with MMC that Angel had spoken of and keep contact with Angel.
 2. Organize and make sure to meet up with chairs twice a month
 3. Keep following up about office changes
 4. Familiarize yourself about your position and duties in the statutes
- vii. Speaker Malak
1. Work on filling up open positions, and the remaining chair positions
 2. Review and familiarize with the legislation passed last year
 3. Set up a date to meet with Dean Heithaus
 4. Work on the addition of adding more CASE classes options at BBC
 5. Work on the student concern of the improvement of BBC Events
 6. Familiarize yourself about your position and duties in the statutes

Senator Orfano moves to amend the agenda by adding the President's, Senator's, and Chair's report. Senator Morisset seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

A. Student Concerns

No student concerns were discussed.

REPORTS

I. Student Advocacy Chair's Report

Senator Nemmi...

- Met with Dr. DeSantis last Friday and talked about adding more classes at BBC, he advised her to set up a meeting with Pablo Ortiz to see what is already in motion so that there isn't an overlap. Will be having a meeting with Mr. Ortiz Wednesday, July 31. Also

talked to him about the food pantry, students can now donate money along with food. And if the CLS office is closed they now do late night drop offs.

- Was going to ask for money for the Art Therapy session at I-75 but the artist needs insurance before working with FIU, if he isn't able to come Senator Nemmi will host it.
- Event this Thursday (July 18th) at I-75 called Breakfast Forum 8am-10am, free with an RSVP after its \$25.
- Panther Power is now in charge of Trail of the Torch, planning a BBC reunion event and make it a signature event.

II. Vice President's Report

Vice President Balfour...

- Just met with Dr. DeSantis earlier today..
 - Will bring back the full massages for Healthy Living in the Fall
 - Told him about representative not being present at the BBC clinic and he said he will look into it
 - Discussed the layout of CLS and the location of food pantry

III. President's Report

President Ho Fung...

- Last week went to Freshman Convocation planning meeting. Will be Sunday August 25th 2019. Will be attending to speak about student conduct alongside Sabrina. Afterwards SGA will table at the reception, if any Senators are available please let her know.
- Tuesday of last had a meeting to be apart of a committee to help with literature.
- Joined Speaker Malak and Sabrina in a meeting with Tom Hartly to discuss the free shuttle advertising which will be advertised at the end of summer semester by the bus stops and on the TVs. As well as the ribbon cutting event.
- Planning to have an event Tuesday August 27th 2019.
- Sabrina invited SGCBBC an event before the soccer game on Friday August 30th 2019 during Week of Welcome of Welcome at MMC.
- Speaker Malak mentioned the golf cart issue at BBC to Tom Hartley- he didn't know it was an issue but he will look into it. He also asked if he could table with SGA to promote the shuttle buses.
- Will be going to NACA this week

ANNOUNCEMENT

- Stress Relief Week Summer
 - FIU I-75, Mon-Thurs, July 15th-18th, 4:30PM-6:30PM
- Bayview Move-In August 24
- Freshman Convocation, August 25
- Week Of Welcome

- FIU I-75 Mon-Thurs, August 26th-29th 4:30PM-6:30 PM
- Saturday, August 31st 11:30-1: 30 PM
- SGA Day September 4th

Senator Gordon moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:42 PM. Senator Orfano seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by Senator Hernandez at 4:42 PM.