



# Florida International University

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

## MINUTES

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

**September 09, 2019**

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Gabriella Malak, CASE Senator/Speaker of the Senate  
Gabriel Hernandez, Upper Division Senator/Speaker Pro-Tempore  
Aaliyah Gordon, Communication & Journalism Senator  
Stephanie Morisset, CASE Senator/ Finance Chair  
Mickalia Paisley, At-Large Senator/Internal Affairs Chair  
Catalina Nemmi, FIU at I-75 Senator/Student Advocacy Chair  
Mark Monaco, Health Services Administration  
Lauren Doughty, Hospitality & Tourism Senator  
Mahalia Balfour, Vice President

#### GUESTS

Pamela Ho Fung, SGA President  
Larissa Adames, SGA Advisor  
Kerrie Montgomery, Campus Life Director  
Kaila Jospitre, SGA Graduate Assistant  
Karla Hernandez, Appointment  
Kelli Perkins, Appointment  
Nedjina Dol, SGA Front Desk Assistant

#### CALL TO ORDER

The SGC-BBC Senate held a meeting on September 09, 2019 – **WUC 221**. The meeting was called to order at **3:35 pm**, approximately, by **Speaker Malak** who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

#### WELCOME

Speaker Malak welcomed everyone and stated, “glad to be here with you all.”

#### SPEAKER REPORT

Speaker Malak ...

- Tabled during involvement week last week, it was great.
- I need to continue doing one on one meetings with some of you to work on your goals.
- For open positions, I made some posts and flyers so we can promote.

- Myself and Speaker Pro, we finally received an email to contact the SGC MMC Speaker, we will contact him for the congress meeting.

### **VICE PRESIDENT REPORT**

Vice President Balfour ...

- Went to the football game, first home game, it was great.
- I created a file in the Team Drive so you all can input your reports weekly for senate meetings. Speaker Malak will send out an email with the link.
- Had a meeting for Healthy Living, it was productive, we are working on improving Healthy Living services at BBC.
- Meeting with the Director of Clinic to discuss clinic concerns at BBC.
- Each Senators have to join two committees.

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

Speaker Pro Hernandez...

- Hope everyone had a great day, I attended the football game as well, it was great.
- I made some true or false questions for the senators to fill out.
- I made a WhatsApp group chat for the Chairs.

*Point of Personal Privilege - Senator Nemmi - 3:43 PM*

### **ADVISOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Adames...

- I cannot add new members in the login for councils to clock-in/out, as for now, just let me or the front desk know when you are clocking in/out.
- Council shirts and jackets are here, please fill out council member info sheet.

Dr. Montgomery...

- Glad and proud of you all. Congrats on the football game event.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **1. Approval of the Minutes**

Senator Hernandez moves to approve Senate Meeting Minutes of 8.26.2019. Senator Paisley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Appointment of Kelli Perkins for Director of Community Engagement**

Speaker Malak granted 2 minutes to Kelli Perkins to present herself for the position of Community Engagement.

Followed by 3 minutes of Q/A.

Ms. Perkins presented herself.

The council asked her questions in regards to the position.

Senator Morisset moves to appoint Ms. Perkins for Director of Community Engagement.

Senator Gordon seconds.

Speaker Malak opened floor for discussion.

### ROLL CALL

Speaker Malak - Yea

Senator Gordon - Yea

Senator Monaco - Yea

Senator Paisley - Yea

Senator Hernandez - Yea

Senator Morisset - Yea

Senator Doughty - Yea

With a vote of 7/0/0, Ms Perkins was approved for the position of Director of Community Engagement.

Senator Gordon moves to amend the Agenda to move Appointment for Karla Hernandez after Kahoot.

Senator Morisset seconds.

Motion Passes.

*Point of Personal Privilege RETURN - Senator Nemmi - 3:55 PM*

### **B. Kahoot**

Speaker Malak made a Kahoot for the senators to play.

The winners of the Kahoot game was Senator Nemmi and Senator Morisset.

### **C. Appointment of Karla Hernandez for Public Relations Manager**

Speaker Malak granted 2 minutes to Karla Hernandez to present herself for the position of Public Relations Manager.

Followed by 3 minutes of Q/A.

Ms. Hernandez presented herself.

The council asked her questions in regards to the position.

Senator Nemmi moves to appoint Ms. Hernandez for Public Relations Manager.

Senator Morisset seconds.

Speaker Malak opened floor for discussion.

#### ROLL CALL

Speaker Malak - Yea

Senator Gordon - Yea

Senator Monaco - Yea

Senator Paisley - Yea

Senator Hernandez - Yea

Senator Nemmi - Yea

Senator Morisset - Yea

Senator Doughty - Yea

With a vote of 8/0/0, Ms Hernandez was approved for the position of Public Relations Manager.

#### **D. Chair/ Committee Nominations**

##### **I. Rules, Legislation, and Judiciary (R.L.J.) Committee Chairperson Position**

Speaker Malak explained the position to the council and then proceeds to nomination.

There were no nominations for this position.

##### **II. Operational Review (O.R.) Committee Chairperson Position**

Speaker Malak explained the position to the council and then proceeds to nomination.

There were no nominations for this position.

##### **III. Finance Committee**

Speaker Malak explained the position to the council and then proceeds to nomination.

Senator Gordon nominates herself for the Finance Committee.

Speaker Malak granted 2 minutes to Senator Gordon to present herself for the Finance Committee.

Followed by 3 minutes of Q/A.

Senator Gordon presented herself.

The council asked her questions in regards to the position.

Senator Nemmi moves to appoint Senator Gordon for Finance Committee.

Senator Paisley seconds.

Speaker Malak opened floor for discussion.

#### ROLL CALL

Speaker Malak - Yea

Senator Gordon - Abs.

Senator Monaco - Yea

Senator Paisley - Yea

Senator Hernandez - Yea

Senator Nemmi - Yea

Senator Morisset - Yea

Senator Doughty - Yea

With a vote of 7/0/1, Senator Gordon was approved for the position of Finance Committee.

### **E. Senate Academic Commission**

#### **I. Nominations for the Senate Academic Commission**

Speaker Malak explained the position to the council and then proceeds to nomination.

There were no nominations for this position.

Vice President Blafour - This commission must have 1 At-Large Senator, 1 Lower Division Senator, 1 Upper Division Senator, 1 Graduate Senator, and 2 extra Senators.

### **F. Tabling Sign Up Sheet**

\*Showed the council where it can be found.

Speaker Malak- The tabling sign up sheet is in the Team Drive, make sure you sign up for tabling in the sign up sheet.

Vice President Balfour - If you are tabling, that counts as your hours.

Senator Paisley - I will be checking to make sure the council are signing up for tabling.

Speaker Malak - It is a great way to meet/network with students.

## **G. SGA Day Questions**

Speaker Malak

- SGA Day has moved to September 18 due to the hurricane.
- Theme: Superhero
- Each branch needs to come up with 10 general SGA questions, it's due Friday.

Speaker asked the council if they had any questions regarding SGA Day.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **A. Open Forum**

#### **I. Student Concerns**

Speaker Pro Hernandez - The fire/safety certificate for the elevators around campus including Bayview have expired over two months ago.

#### **II. Senate Concerns**

There was no Senate Concerns.

#### **III. Additional Comments, Suggestions, Concerns**

No Concerns.

## **REPORTS**

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

Senator Nemmi..

- Senator Paisley and Senator Gordon are part of the Student Advocacy Committee.

- The Panther Power event on Sept 14 in collaboration with SGA has been canceled.
- Panther Power wants to collaborate with SGA for the soccer game on Sept. 21, will be tabling/giveaways.
- GSA is planning a queer prom, if SGA wants to collab, it will be great, it will be Nov. 15.

## **II. Internal Affairs Chair Report**

Senator Paisley...

- Feel free to join the Internal Affairs Chair.
- Working on updating council forms that we will be using this year.

## **III. Finance Chair Report**

Senator Morisset...

- I encourage people to join the Finance Chair Committee.
- I am planning events next month for awareness.

## **IV. Senate's Report**

There was no Senate report.

*Point of Personal Leave - Senator Nemmi - 4:46 PM*

## **V. President's Report**

- Last week, I went to the MAST Convocation to speak on behalf of SGA, Campus Life, etc.
- Had a meeting with Dr. Desantis to speak about our initiatives.
- I will be attending the Blue Table Talk.
- I will be attending this Saturday's game, there will be food.
- Went to i75 on Saturday to help out for Bahamas relief, I realized that i75 is mostly pack on Saturday, Friday, and Thursday because of the Graduate courses.
- Sent out emails to all the Deans today to speak on SGA initiatives.

*Point of Personal Leave - Senator Doughty- 4:49 PM*

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

- Football Game September 14th
- SPC Fall Fest

*Senator Paisley moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 PM. Senator Gordon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

*The meeting was adjourned by Speaker Malak at 4:50 PM.*