



Florida International University

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

MINUTES

SGC-BBC Senate Meeting

September 16, 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
Sahara Martin, SGA Graphic Artist
Vivian Desme, Student/ Appointment

CALL TO ORDER

The SGC-BBC Senate held a meeting on September 16, 2019 – **WUC 221**. The meeting was called to order at **3:31 pm**, approximately, by **Speaker Malak** who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

WELCOME

Speaker Malak stated a greeting.

SPEAKER REPORT

Speaker Malak ...

- Different events with Sustainability. Are trying to get students to use the living lab more.
- Scavenger hunt with a certain app.
- Attended 9/11 Service Day as well as AB training with Vice President Balfour and Senator Gordon.
- Filling up positions, applications are coming in soon.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Vice President Balfour ...

- Greeting
- Will send a notification to everyone concerning a meeting.
- Had a meeting with the Institute of Water
- Attended 9/11 Day of Service, Academy, Leaders, Alternative Breaks, etc.
- President Ho Fung and her attending a meeting with the Women's Center in regards to the Blue Table Talk series they will like to start. For the first event, we will be partnering with with Sephora. The event is scheduled for October 14th
- Can't wait for SGA Day.

SPEAKER PRO'S REPORT

Speaker Pro Hernandez...

- Greeting
- Went to home game on Saturday and FIU won.
- Reminder of SGA Day is on Wednesday- Discussing availability of attendance.
- Attended After 9/11 conference @ MMC

ADVISOR'S REPORT

Ms. Adames...

- Most members have picked up shirts. Please let her know if you have not picked up yours
- We have messenger bags available for the council members.
- SGA is sponsoring a kayak event on Friday, September 20th, that has 20 spots. Please share the info.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of the Minutes

Senator Paisley moves to approve Senate Meeting Minutes of 9.16.2019. Senator Monaco seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointment of Vivian Desme for Senator of Communication + Journalism

Speaker Malak granted Vivian Desme to present herself for the position of Communication + Journalism Senator.

Vivian Desme presented herself.

Asks to be Senator for Communication + Journalism.

Tells backstory and passion for communication and journalism.

Senator Doughty asks a question.

Senator Monaco gives information about meetings that happen on Mondays

Senator Paisley asks what she wants done differently about FIU?

Ms. Desme's answer was more microwaves.

Speaker Pro Hernandez asks a question.

Senator Paisley asks for clarification.

Senator Monaco moves to appoint Ms. Desme for Communication + Journalism Senator position.

Senator Morisset seconds.

ROLL CALL

Speaker Malak - Yea

Senator Morisset - Yea

Senator Doughty - Yea

Senator Gordon - Yea

Senator Monaco - Yea

Speaker Pro Hernandez - Yea

Senator Paisley - Yea

Senator Nemmi - Yea

With a vote of 8/0/0, Ms. Desme was approved for the position of Communication + Journalism Senator.

B. Midterm Motivation

Senator Nemmi presents herself.

Asks for \$175 for pencils, sharpeners, scantrons, paper, and rulers. She knows that the cost adds up to less than \$175 but needs the extra money to pay for any extra expenses that might arise

Purpose of event: Motivate students to successfully study for midterms

Vice President Balfour asks a question.

Speaker Pro Hernandez moves to approve the allocation of \$175. Senator Monaco seconds.

ROLL CALL

Speaker Malak - Yea

Senator Morisset - Yea

Senator Doughty - Yea

Senator Gordon - Yea

Senator Desme - Yea

Senator Monaco - Yea

Speaker Pro Hernandez - Yea

Senator Paisley - Yea

Senator Nemmi - Yea

With a vote of 9/0/0, Senator Nemmi was approved for the allocation of \$175 from the Senate Discretionary.

C. First Reading of Resolution

President Ho Fung presented herself.

Agenda Item: Increase College of Arts, Sciences & Education offerings at Florida International University at the Biscayne Bay Campus, Resolution 2019.0011.

President Ho Fung reads the resolution.

Then proceeds to open for questions.

Senator Nemmi asks why is it necessary for those statistics?

President Ho Fung answers that its important because CASE is a large college and classes get filled quickly.

Senator Nemmi comments that the 28,671 takes away from the 54,000 and also thinks that not having these courses can make the graduation rate fall. Move certain things together.

Vice President Balfour suggests to take out "Science Majors" and place "CASE majors". Reword it and don't say based on survey.

Senator Morisset asks wouldn't it be better to have all facts and statistics in one section?

President Ho Fung answers yes because it leads to a specific... [using downward hand gestures

resembling a cone]

President Ho Fung then proceeds to ask if anyone understands a certain part.

Senator Nemmi believes that she is restating “increasing graduation”, because that’s not what we’re trying to resolve.

*Everyone joins in the conversation

Ms. Adames gives clarification

Vice President Balfour suggests that “Increase course offerings” should be placed then. Senator Nemmi adds in another suggestion.

President Ho Fung asks for more corrections

Senator Nemmi states that those corrections could be redundant.

Senator Monaco asks what if you increase quality and professor per class?

Vice President Balfour answers.

D. Chair/ Committee Nominations

Speaker Malak states that for the Senate academic Commission, you have to be nominated.

Senator Paisley asks if you can nominate yourself?

Speakers Malak answers.

DISCUSSION

A. Open Forum

I. Student Concerns

Senator Paisley states that a student told her that the bus drivers are asking for tips.

Ms. Adames provides an action on what to do in this situation.

Senator Monaco asks if there are cameras on the bus.

Everyone answered with yes.

Vice President Balfour states that the bus filling situation has been a problem for a long time.

Senator Paisley states a comment on the bus filling situation.

Senator Doughty asks about the bus filling situation. She then asks if you can check about the bus app to see about seats?

Vice President Balfour tells what the bus app does.

Senator Paisley states a comment.

Vice President Balfour clarifies.

Vice President Balfour states that a student has stated a concern of Kosher food.

Chartwells and Vice Provost will meet with her.

II. Senate Concerns

There was no Senate Concerns.

III. Additional Comments, Suggestions, Concerns

No Concerns.

REPORTS

I. Student Advocacy Chair's Report

Senator Nemmi..

- First Student Advocacy Committee Meeting
- Campus Life conference room for next event
- Senator Monaco was appointed
- Tabling to find concerns tomorrow
- Midterm Motivation event at FIU At I-75 on Tuesday at 5:30. Supplies will be supplied.
- Vice President Balfour gives a suggestion
- Speaker Malak asks a question.

II. Internal Affairs Chair Report

Senator Paisley...

- Lead team and SGA leadership lounge
 - Will be meeting later this week
 - Considering to rename Leadership Lounge to Level Up
 - Hosting on Saturday, on campus sessions, to promote teamwork, etc.
 - Asks for feedback
- First initial affairs will be this week Thursday
- Working with Senator Morisset for Breast Cancer event.

III. Finance Chair Report

Senator Morisset...

- Greeting
- Sat at the 9/11 service and picked up trash.
- Planning Breast Cancer event.

IV. Senate's Report

Senator Monaco went to a ball game. Speaker Pro Hernandez taught him football.
Spoke to Louis from Affairs office.

Speaker Malak stated input.

V. President's Report

- Gives thanks for feedback concerning resolution.
- Talked about Blue Table Talk
- Had meeting with Ms. Adames, Senator Doughty, about masterclass, career conversations.
- Attended football game, we won!
- SGA Day is coming this Wednesday.
- Tomorrow is the BBC leadership meeting and states that she will attend. Monthly set time to see about FIU At I-75.

ANNOUNCEMENT

- Speaker Malak announces SGA Day, please attend
- Open House at the Clinic, September 17th
- SGA Day September 18th

- Football Game October 5th
- **Career Expresso (SGA & Career Talent).** September 19th 3-4pm, WUC 255
- **FIU BBC Day at That's Mine Burger- All Day.** September 19
- **BBC Family Reunion.** October 9th, 5:30pm-9:30pm, Panther Plaza

Senator Paisley moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:34 PM. Senator Morisset seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by Speaker Malak at 4:34 PM.