



Florida International University

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

MINUTES

SGC-BBC Senate Meeting

October 7, 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
Lauren Doughty, Hospitality & Tourism Senator
Vivian Desme, Communication & Journalism
Mark Monaco, Health Services Administration Senator
Diamond Barnett, Upper Division Senator
Mickalia Paisley, At-Large Senator/Internal Affairs Chair
Catalina Nemmi, FIU at I-75 Senator/Student Advocacy Chair
Jasmine Reese, Housing Senator
Mahalia Balfour, Vice President

GUESTS

Larissa Adames, SGA Advisor
Ronald Lugees, Student Appointment
Joanna Ralachi, Student, Appointment
Pamela Ho Fung, President
Kaila Jospitre, Graduate Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

The SGC-BBC Senate held a meeting on **October 7, 2019 – WUC 221**. The meeting was called to order at **3:36 pm**, approximately, by **Speaker Malak** who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

WELCOME

Speaker Malak stated a greeting.

SPEAKER REPORT

Speaker Malak ...

- Senate retreat was successful. Senators bonded, learned how to write legislation, learned Robert's rules and attended the football game afterwards. FIU won!

- Attended HSA general body meeting held last wednesday. The topic was *The Importance of Voting*. Speaker Malak gave an update on behalf of SGA.
- Speaker Malak, along with Senator Monaco met Veterans affairs in regards to having more of a presence at BBC.
- Speaker Malak joining Director Kelli Perking with a meeting with Vice President Ortiz in regards to the Overtown Youth Center Scholarship fund.
- Attended the president's roundtable .
- Speaker Malak reminded the senate that the Congress meeting is 10/21/2019. Please wear professional attire

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Vice President Balfour ...

- Greetings...
- Enjoyed the senate retreat.
- Ms. Balfour encourage senators to join the Academic Commision.
- Ms. Balfour reminded everyone that the Blue table talk is next Monday, October 14th, from 12pm-3pm in the WUC Ballroom Side A. Sephora will be providing goodie bags for the participants. The topic will be beauty standards
- Ms. Balfour chaired the President roundtable. All council presidents were presented with the exception of the Panther Power President. One topic of discussion was collaboration. All the presidents that were present were women.

SPEAKER PRO'S REPORT

Speaker Pro Hernandez...

- Greeting
- Mr. Hernandez printed out Robert Rules Cheat sheets on everyone's table tent.
- Mr. Hernandez is working on getting a new google drive set up
- Mr. Hernandez will be contact those who have not met with him to schedule their 1-1's

ADVISOR'S REPORT

Ms. Adames...

- Asked for assistance with tabling for the BBC Reunion
- Will be working on emoluments this week. Please look out for an email asking for information.
- Reminded everyone to include Kaila and herself when emailing administrator.

Ms. Jospitre...

- Asked any one who is working on an event to please meet with her.

- Asked that all events be added to the events list.

Finance Chair Report

Senator Morisset...

- Greetings, she attended the senate retreat and learned about Robert's Rules
- There is a group of students who will submit a conference request
- \$3100 balance in the Finance committee
- Has finished her bill.

Internal Affairs Chair Report

Ms. Paisley...

- Is working on a Diabetes Awareness event
- Leveling UP Leadership is November 7th. There will be kayaking after the event
- The next IA meeting is Wednesday at 11am

Student Advocacy Chair's Report

Ms. Nemmi...

- Next meeting will be Wednesday
- Will be tabling at the Conversations with Panthers event at I-75 with Senator Monaco.
- Midterm motivation is next week at I-75
- There is link available to reserve a spot on the Panther Power bus for the Homecoming Game. if you reserve a space and do not show up, you will not be allowed to reserve a space for future games.

Operational Review Report

Ms. Desme reported...

- That she had a recent appointment to the committee. If any senator is interested in joining, please contact her.
- She tabled during a Homecoming event
- Is working on a resolution on the MAST students.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of the Minutes

Speaker Pro Hernandez moves to approve Senate Meeting Minutes of 10.07.2019. Senator Monaco seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointments of Ronald Luque for Lower Division Senator

Ronald Luque presented himself to the senate

At 3:59pm Speaker Malak relinquished her chairmanship to Speaker Pro Hernandez

At 4:02pm Speaker Malak regained her chairmanship

Senator Paisley moved to appoint Ronald Luque as Lower Division Senator. Senaro Morisset seconded.

Roll Call Vote

Senator Reese- Yea

Senator Nemmi- Yea

Senator Paisley- Yea

Senator Barnet- Yea

Senator Hernandez- Yea

Senator Monaco- Yea

Senaro Desme- Yea

Senator Gordon- Yea

Senator Doughty- Yea

Senator Morisset- Yea

Senator Malak- Yea

With a vote of 11-0-0, Ronald Luque was appointed Lower Division Senator

There was no objection to amended the agenda to return to agenda item University Wide Bill

Vice President Balfour presented University-Wide Bill 3601.

B. Appointment of Joanna Ravachi for Associate Justice

Joanna Ravachi presented herself to the senate for the Associate Justice position.

Senator Gordon moves to appointed Joanna Ravachi as an Associate Justice. Senator Desme seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Senator Reese- Yea

Senator Nemmi- Yea

Senator Paisley- Yea

Senator Luque- Yea
Senator Barnet- Yea
Senator Hernandez- Yea
Senator Monaco- Yea
Senaro Desme- Yea
Senator Gordon- Yea
Senator Doughty- Yea
Senator Morisset- Yea
Senator Malak- Yea

With a vote of 12-0-0, Joanna Ravachi was appointed Associate Justice.

Point of Personal Privilege was granted to Senator Morisset at 4:32pm

Speaker Malak relinquished her chairmanship to Senator Hernandez at 4:32pm

Senator Paisley moves to table the second reading of Resolution 2019.0012. Senator Gordon seconds the motion. With a unanimous vote, the motion passes

Point of Personal Privilege was granted to Senator Nemmi at 4:34pm

Point of Personal Privilege was granted to Senator Monaco at 4:35pm

Senator Hernandez relinquished chairmanship to Speaker Malak at 4:35pm

Senator Morisset returned to the senate meeting at 4:35pm.

C. Chair/Committee Nominations:

- Rules, Legislation, and Judiciary (R.L.J.) Committee Chairperson Position

Senator Luque self nominated for the RLJ chair position.

Senators went into discussion of nomination. Senator Morisset moved to extend discussion for five minutes, Senator Reese seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Point of Inquiry was brought up by Senator Morisset about tabling the nomination.

Point of Personal Privilege was granted to Senator Barnett at 4:50pm

Senator Gordon moved to table RLJ nomination to next week. Senator Desme seconded the motion.

Senator Gordon withdrew her motion.

Senator Gordon moved to table the RLJ nomination for 3 weeks. Senator Reese seconded.

Roll Call Vote

Senator Reese- Yea

Senator Paisley- Nay

Senator Luque- Yea

Senator Barnett- Yea

Senator Hernandez- Nay

Senaro Desme- Yea

Senator Gordon- Yea

Senator Doughty- Yea

Senator Morisset- Yea

Senator Malak- Yea

With a vote of 8-2-0, the motion passes.

- Finance Committee

Senator Barnett nominated herself to the Finance committee.

Senator Desme nominated herself to the Finance committee.

Point of Personal Privilege was granted to Senator Reese at 5:00pm.

Senator Barnett presented herself to the senate

Senator Reese returns to the meeting at 5:02pm.

Senator Gordon moved to appoint Senator Barnett to the finance committee.

Senator Desme seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Senator Reese- Yea

Senator Paisley- Yea

Senator Luque- Yea

Senator Barnett- Yea

Senator Hernandez- Yea
Senaro Desme- Yea
Senator Gordon- Yea
Senator Doughty- Yea
Senator Morisset- Yea
Senator Malak- Yea

With a vote of 10-0-0, the motion passes.

Senator Desme presents herself to the senate.

Senator Doughty moved to appoint Senator Desme to the finance committee.

Senator Gordon seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Senator Reese- Yea
Senator Paisley- Yea
Senator Luque- Yea
Senator Barnett- Yea
Senator Hernandez- Yea
Senator Desme- Abstain
Senator Gordon- Yea
Senator Doughty- Yea
Senator Morisset- Yea
Senator Malak- Yea

With a vote of 9-0-1, the motion passes.

D. Senate Academic Commission

- Nominations for the Senate Academic Commission

Vice President Balfour reviews what the commission is tasked to do. The commission is comprised of the following senate seats: Upper Division, Lower Division, Graduate, At-Large and 2 senators

Point of Personal Privilege was granted to Senator Doughty at 5:11pm

Point of Inquiry: if you are the only person in the position are they one who is placed in the committee. Vice President Balfour responded no.

E. First Reading of U-Wide Bill 2019.0002

Senator Morisset presented the bill.

F. Senate's Report

No Reports.

G. President's Report

President Ho Fung reported...

- Last week Wednesday attended the Vice Provost Council Meeting
- Had a meeting last Friday with Dean Cheng, Dean of Hospitality, along with Senator Doughty.
- Has a meeting scheduled with Assistant Vice President DeSantis
- Emailed out her resolution to all parties listed on the resolution. She is currently working on the survey for it.
- She will be attending the BBC leadership meeting tomorrow.
- Encouraged the senate to attend the Homecoming events. The tickets for the suite have been accounted for.
- Reminded the senators that the October general meeting is being held at I-75. She expects all of you to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENT

- **Homecoming** October 4th-12th
- **BBC Family Reunion.** October 9th, 5:30pm-9:30pm, Panther Plaza
- **Blue Table Talk.** October 14th, 12pm-3pm, WUC 157

Senator Gordon moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 PM. Senator Barnett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by Speaker Malak at 5:27 PM.