



Florida International University

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

MINUTES

SGC-BBC Senate Meeting

February 10, 2020

IN ATTENDANCE

Gabriella Malak, Speaker of the Senate/Arts, Sciences & Educations Senator

Gabriel Hernandez, Upper Division Senator/Speaker Pro-Tempore

Stephanie Morisset, Art, Sciences & Education/ Finance Chair

Lauren Doughty, Hospitality & Tourism Senator

Aaliyah Gordon, Communication & Journalism Senator

Diamond Barnett, Health Services Administration Senator

Ronald Luque, Lower Division Senator 3:42pm

Ana Maria Soler, At-Large Senator

Nicole Alva, At-Large Senator

Mahalia Balfour, Vice President

EXCUSED

Mellissa Hernandez, Lower Division Senator/Student Advocacy Chair

ABSENT

Doreen Jean- Jacques, Senator At- Large

GUESTS

Larissa James, SGA Advisor

Pamela Ho Fung, SGA BBC President

Keanu Orfano, Chief Justice

CALL TO ORDER

The SGC-BBC Senate held a meeting on **February 10, 2020 – WUC 221**. The meeting was called to order at **3:38 pm**, approximately, by **Speaker Malak** who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

WELCOME

Speak Malak welcomed everyone back and hope everyone is well since last Senate meeting.

SPEAKER REPORT

Speaker Malak ...

- U-Wide deliberations 9am-5pm - tomorrow
- Deliberations were rescheduled.
- She tried to do first reading of U-Wide bill at MMC last week
- The meeting will be held this week
- Congress meeting is next week at MMC, 4:30-6:30
- She will finish at BBC at 3pm,
- Wants everyone to dress business casual
- Next week will vote on two uwide bills, and bill she made
- If anyone has legislation ideas meet with VP Balfour
- if interested in free femine products- will talk to Pro- Temp angel,

Senator Luque arrive 3:42pm

- *Speaker Malak Reflected on her disappointment in the Senate voting on U-Wide Bill, She was not happy that some of the chairs voted and did not do it authentically.*

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Vice President Balfour ...

- Excited about the blue table talk on Wed
- Theme for this month is life of black student in higher education
- Currently working on Amendments for U-Wide bill
- HAs not heard back from recycling people
- Meet with VP of operational affairs, Michael Harring with President Ho fung
- She will be in deliberations at BBC on Thursday
- Yield

SPEAKER PRO'S REPORT

Speaker Pro Hernandez...

- Everyone should be in two committees by now
- Should have the minimum of two meetings per month
- Will conduct first legislation meeting today
- Other Senators should have their legislation ideas done
- Will attend blue table talk on Wed and help to set up
- Practice for Congress Meeting
- Yield

ADVISOR'S REPORT

Mrs. James...

- She emailed everyone to participate for diversity inclusive training
- It is online and takes 40 minutes
- It is part of the NPASS program and you can get a badge.
- Town hall meeting is next tuesday
- There are graphic changes that need to be made
- She would like you to email your professors name so she can invite them to the town hall meetings
- If anybody has any March events email Kaila, because they need to be submitted to the campus life events calendar
- Yield

FINANCE CHAIR REPORT

Senator Morisset

- The remaining Undergraduate balance \$2, 458
- The remaining Graduate balance \$4,100
- There are two finance requests that are pending
- She does not know the exact amount of requests
- The next finance meeting will be this Wednesday @ 3pm.
- Her and Senator Jean-Jacques is interested in bringing more psychology research to the BBC campus
- She is looking for a Senator At-Large and Graduate Senator.
- Yield
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STUDENT ADVOCACY CHAIR REPORT

No report. Chair was not present.

RULES, LEGISLATION & JUDICIARY (R. L. J) REPORT

Senator Luque...

- U-Wide rape kits were approved
- U-Wide veteran checked in the progressional procedures
- He will attend Blue table talk from 11:30am-12:15pm
- He wants more RLJ members
- Currently he has 1 member
- Yield

SENATOR'S REPORTS

Senator Gordon

- She is working with the sustainability director and will reach out to Kaila.
- *"That's what I like"* event will be at the end of March.
- She is working with Comptroller febles on legislation.
- Yield

Senator Doughty

- She did a survey, but will have professor check it
- She wants to do a midterm event and a mentoring event with faculty, staff, and students
- She wants to do a survey with student satisfaction
- Yield

Senator Barnett

- She met with the chair of HSA and was sent a survey that the chair gave to students.
- She will make a similar survey, but will make it based on academics
- Yield

Senator Soler

- She wants to do a legislation for honors college.

Senator Alva

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of the Minutes 2/03/2020

- Senator Gordon motioned
- Senator Doughty second

NEW BUSINESS

- Appointment of *Abdulwahab* for *Public Relations Manager*

Abdulwahab presented himself to the committee for the role of Public Relations Manager

- *He is set to graduate next spring at FIU.*
- *He states that in highschool he was a media manager*
- *Barnett motion to approved*
- *Luque seconds*

Senator Alva - yeah

Senator Soler- Yea

Senator Luque - yea

Senator Barnett - Yea

Senator Gordon - Yea

Speaker pro hernandez - Yea

Senator Doughty - Abstain

Senator Morisset- Nay

Speaker Malak - Yea

- *With a motion of 7-1-1, Abdulwahab was elected as Public Relations Manager*

Pamela Ho Fung arrived @ 4:12pm

Chief of staff Keanu arrived @ 4:12pm

Speaker Malak relinquished her chair to Speaker Pro Hernandez @ 4:30pm

- **First reading of University Wide Resolution-2020.0001 -Free Pantry**
 - Senator Doughty read
 - **Comments/Concerns**
 - President Ho Fung - Should put number of the Resolutions

Vp Balfour POP @ 4:33pm

Speaker Pro- Hernandez relinquished his chair back to Speaker Malak .

VP returned @ 4:36 pm

- **University Wide Resolution-2020.0002**
 - Speaker Pro- Hernandez read

Chief of Staff Keneu Orfani POP @ 4:50pm

- Comments/Concerns
 - Senator Doughty- Have to talk to the food pantry and parking to make a bridge in between.
 - VP Balfour - recommends to have her present you over email

- **Legislation Ideas**

Senator Doughty

- She is working with Angel Pro-Temp about feminine hygiene products

Senator Soler

- She wants to make notifications to notify students if professors make any changes.

Senator Morisset

- Her and Senator Jean-Jacques want to bring more research to the BBC campus.

Keanu Orfano returned @ 4:52pm

Nominations

VP Balfour nominated Senator Barnett for Finance committee

- Senator Barnett presented herself to the chair for the finance committee
- She was previously in the Finance committee.

Senator Gordon moved to to approved

Senator Soler Second

With a motion of 8-0-1 Senator Barnett was elected as Senator for Finance committee

DISCUSSION

- An initiative to make it accessible to students to know when shuttles are full.

Senator Morisset left @ 5:07pm.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Ho Fung...

- She went to FIU day last Wednesday and advocated for FIU SGA for more funding for FIU students
- She promoted more facilities to the state legislatures.
- Updates: Deliberations are coming up as well Blue Table Talk.
- She would like those who attend to take pics and post on social media.
- She and VP Balfour will meet with the Senior VP of Academic student affairs.
- The Town Hall meeting with president Rosenburg is coming up
- It is mandatory for Senators to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENT

- **U-Wide Deliberations, February 11th**
 - GC 355, 9am-4pm
- **Blue Table Talk, February 12th**
 - WUC Ballrooms, 11am-1 pm
- **U-Wide Deliberations, February 13th**
 - WUC 155, 9am-3pm
- **Kiss & Don't Tell, February 13th**
 - Bayview 9th Fl Lounge, 7pm-9pm
- **Congress, February 17th**
 - GC 140, 4:30p,-6:30pm
- **SGA BBC Annual Town Hall Meeting, February 18th**
 - Mary Ann Wolfe Theatre 2pm-4pm
- **General Meeting, February 19th**
 - WUC 221, 3:30pm-5:30pm
- **Career Expresso, February 20th**
 - WUC 255, 3pm-4pm
- **BBC Deliberations, February 21st**
 - WUC 155, 9am-3pm

The meeting was adjourned by Senator Barnett at 5:13 pm