



Florida International University

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

MINUTES

SGC-BBC Senate Meeting

February 3, 2020

IN ATTENDANCE

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

Melissa Hernandez, Lower Division Senator

Ana Maria Soler, At-Large Senator

Nicole Alva, At-Large Senator

Doreen Jean-Jacques, At-Large Senator 4:39pm

EXCUSED

Gabriella Malak, Art, Sciences & Education/ Speaker of Senate

Pamela Ho Fung, President

Mahalia Balfour, Vice President

ABSENT

Ronald Luque, Lower Division Senator

GUESTS

Larissa James, SGA Advisor

Kaila Jospitre, Graduate Assistant

Ednise Davilien, SGA Front Desk Assistant

Lucie Pierre, Student

CALL TO ORDER

The SGC-BBC Senate held a meeting on **February 3, 2020– WUC 221**. The meeting was called to order at **3:35 pm**, approximately, by **Speaker Pro Hernandez** who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

WELCOME

Speaker Pro Hernandez stated a greeting.

SPEAKER REPORT

Speaker Malak ...

- No report. Speaker Malak was at MMC discussing different U-Wide bills.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Vice President Balfour ...

- No report. Vice President was at MMC discussing different U-Wide bills.

SPEAKER PRO'S REPORT

Speaker Pro Hernandez...

- There is no Internal Affairs chair or Operational Reviews chair
 - Senator Hernandez should work on filling those positions as soon as possible

ADVISOR'S REPORT

Mrs. James...

- Applications have been extended until Saturday, February 8, 2020.
 - <https://voting.fiu.edu>
- Collaboration with Center for Leadership
 - Monday, February 12, 2020 Panther Square 12pm-2pm. The event is meant to inform students on the importance to vote
 - March 17, 2020→ encourage students to register to vote
- Will be out of office for FIU Day in Tallahassee. Any office related emergencies, please contact Sarah David-Williams. Any non-office related emergencies, contact FIU police.

GRADUATE ASSISTANTS REPORT

Ms. Jospitre...

- VIP emails sent today for Town Hall
 - Spread news of Town Hall to friends, etc
 - Dr. Bayheart is scheduled to be on campus. Please dress appropriately and be on your best behavior

FINANCE CHAIR REPORT

Senator Morisset...

- First finance meeting was held last Monday, January 27, 2020. Senator Gordon chaired the meeting
- No new updates
- I am a sponsor for Speaker Malak's rape kit

STUDENT ADVOCACY CHAIR REPORT

Senator Hernandez...

- Group chat has been made regarding days/times to meet

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

Senator Luque...

- Senator Luque was not in attendance for today's meeting

SENATOR'S REPORTS

Senator Soler...

- There is no Honors College at BBC due to short staffing
- Proposal: SGA can collaborate with the Honors College to scan cards for points

Senator Doughty...

- VP Internal Affairs created a group chat. There are 2 meetings per month

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of the Minutes 1/27/2020

- Senator Barnett's title has been changed to Health Services Administration Senator
- Spelling errors were corrected

Senator Gordon motioned to approve the minutes. Senator Doughty seconded the motion

NEW BUSINESS

- Kahoot
 - Purpose: familiarize new Senators with Congress rules and fundamentals of SGA.
- **University Wide Bill- 2020.0001 Congressional Procedures**
 - Senator Morisset presented
 - Section 2 and beyond is new
 - Comments/Concerns
 - Senator Doughty→ Everything new should be underlined and highlighted
- **University Wide Resolution-2020.0001 Veteran and Military Affairs**
 - Senator Barnett presented
 - Comments/Concerns
 - Mrs. James→ Speaker Malak will edit all highlighted areas
 - Senator Morisset→ Has “ENG funds” been defined? No
- **University Wide Resolution-2020.0002 Rape Kits**
 - Senator Doughty presented
 - Comments/Concerns
 - Senator Morisset→ Facts should be cited
 - Senator Gordon→ Clarification is needed

At 4:33pm, Speaker Pro Hernandez relinquished his chair to Senator Morisset

- **Apportionment Bill 3603**
 - Speaker Pro Hernandez presented

At 4:40pm, Senator Morisset gave back Speaker Pro Hernandez’s chair

DISCUSSION

Open forum

- No student concerns
- Senate Concerns
 - Senator Soler→ Changing Senators is based on student enrollment? There is a limited number of seats per college due to student enrollment per year
 - Senator Hernandez→ Can students re-run for positions each year? $\frac{2}{3}$ of the those students will be able to do so
 - Senator Morisset→ Open number of senators? Number of Senators are in correlation with enrollment for each college
- No additional comments, suggestions or concerns

Roll call Vote Apportionment Bill 3603

Senator Jean-Jacques: yea

Senator Alva: yea

Senator Soler: yea

Senator Hernandez: abstain

Senator Barnett: yea

Speaker Pro Hernandez: yea

Senator Gordon: yea

Senator Doughty: yea

Senator Morisset: abstain

Total: 7-0-2. Bill passed

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Ho Fung...

- No report. President Ho Fung was at MMC discussing different U-Wide bills.

ANNOUNCEMENT

- **SGA BBC Annual Town Hall Meeting, February 18th**
 - Mary Ann Wolfe Theatre 2pm-4pm
- Congress Meeting, February 17th
 - GC 150 4:30pm-6:30 pm

Senator Morisset motioned to the adjourn meeting. Senator Gordon seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned by Speaker Pro Hernandez at 4:50 pm