



# Florida International University

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

## MINUTES

**SGC-BBC Senate Meeting**

**DATE: March 2, 2020**

### IN ATTENDANCE

Gabriella Malak, Art, Sciences & Education/ Speaker of Senate  
Stephanie Morisset, Art, Sciences & Education/ Finance Chair  
Diamond Barnett, Health Services Administration Senator  
Gabriel Hernandez, Upper Division Senator/Speaker Pro-Tempore  
Aaliyah Gordon, Communication & Journalism Senator  
Ronald Luque, Lower Division Senator/ Rules, Legislation & Judiciary  
Melissa Hernandez-Bautista, Lower Division Senator/ Student Advocacy  
Ana Maria Soler, At-Large Senator  
Nicole Alva, At-Large Senator  
Doreen Jean-Jacques, At-Large Senator  
Mahalia Balfour, Vice President

### EXCUSED

Lauren Doughty, Hospitality & Tourism Senator/ Interim Internal Affairs

### ABSENT

### GUESTS

Ednise Davilien, SGA Front Desk Assistant  
Larissa James, SGA Advisor  
Kaila Jospitre, Graduate Assistant  
Brian Levine, BayView Hall Council  
Pamela Ho Fung, President

### CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on **March 2, 2020 – WUC 221**. The meeting was called to order at **3:37pm** approximately, by **Speaker Malak** who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

## **WELCOME**

Speaker Malak stated a greeting.

## **SPEAKER REPORT**

Speaker Malak...

- A Congress meeting was held before Spring Break. I appreciate everyone for dressing professionally. Legislation was passed
- Town Hall meeting went great
- Last deliberations meeting, everyone suffered budget cuts due to less money and less enrollments. 19/81 split between BBC and MMC
- Vote on BBC specific budget soon→ will pass next year
- Committee meetings should be held 2x monthly
- Operational Reviews and Internal Affairs Chairs are still open
- Legislation ideas due next Monday, March 9, 2020
- Please schedule one on one with Vice President Balfour and myself if you have not already

## **VICE PRESIDENT REPORT**

Vice President Balfour...

- Attended Congress meeting. I encourage you all to speak up more and take advantage of your positions
- April 1, 2020→ blue table talk at Women Who Lead conference
  - Theme: Women in power
  - Please register. Lins have already been sent via email
- Missing one on one meeting with me: Speaker pro Hernandez, Senator Alva, Senator Luque

## **SPEAKER PRO-TEMPORE REPORT**

Speaker Pro Hernandez...

- I was unable to make the Congress meeting due to family issues
- However, I was able to do some networking in Orlando and Tampa
  - UCF trip w/ fellowship→ Cyber FL (purpose is to heighten security)
    - I plan to connect the representative with FIU BBC. They have great internships
  - Tampa Center→ National Forensic Technology Sciences
    - I would like to bring awareness of this center to FIU BBC
- I have a one on one meeting scheduled with Vice President Blafour

## **ADVISOR REPORT**

Mrs. James...

- Saturday, March 7, 2020→ Student Admitted Day
  - Tabling 11am-1 pm {Set up at 10:15 am}
  - If you can come and serve any time in between event, please let me know
- Please complete payroll sign-on packet by April 1, 2020. Reminder email has already been sent
  - Payment is scheduled May 8, 2020 or May 22, 2020
- Please share any pictures taken from our Events for Campus Life yearbook
- April 24, 2020→ Leadership Banquet at Little Havana. Please RSVP, space is limited.
  - If you have not received an invite, please let me know
- Sahara Martin is now our Office Assistant. Unfortunately, she will no longer be handling graphics
  - Submit graphics for flyers to the Graphics Department. Must submit 4 weeks in advance. Link has been sent via email
- Please have guests sign in at Front Desk. The purpose is to keep track of our guests on a daily basis
- Day on the Bay is in partnership with Academic & Student Affairs

### **GRADUATE ASSISTANT REPORT**

Ms. Jospitre...

- March 14, 2020→ Day on the Bay 8:30am-12pm.
  - Please be present, as this is an SGC BBC event. Attendance is also important for budgeting

*Speaker Malak relinquished her seat to Speaker pro Hernandez at 3:57 pm*

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Ho Fung...

- It is important to attend Day on the Bay
- Deliberations were challenging due to lack of resources and budget cuts
- Town Hall meeting was great
- Had a lunch meeting with Anthony DeStantis
- Please support Love Your Body event

### **FINANCE CHAIR REPORT**

Senator Morisset...

- Undergraduate budget: \$1,808

- Graduate budget: \$3,500
- Will speak with committee for finance chair meetings

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

Senator Luque...

- Congress legislation bill denied→ section involving separation of both senates
- I have a one on one meeting scheduled with Vice President Balfour

*Speaker Malak returned her to seat at 4:05 pm*

### **STUDENT ADVOCACY CHAIR REPORT**

Senator Hernandez-Bautista...

- I have two committee meetings scheduled for this month

### **SENATOR'S REPORTS**

- Senator Gordon: no report
- Senator Barnett: Meeting with Senator Doughty to finalize survey for HSA. Will be able to set up for Student Admitted Day before work shift
- Senator Alva: One on one meeting scheduled with Vice President Blafour
- Senator Soler: Resolution will be finished by next week
- Senator Jean-Jacques: There are no tutors for Academic Success

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Approval of the Minutes February 10, 2020**

- A motion to approve the minutes of the **February 10, 2020** meeting was made by Senator Gordon and seconded by Senator Morisset

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Kahoot
- Second Reading of Resolution 2020.0001
  - A motion to review Resolution 2020.0001 at the next meeting was made by Senator Hernandez and seconded by Senator Barnett
- Second Reading of Resolution 2020.0003
  - Presented by President Ho Fung
  - Q/A
    - Senator Soler: What is the point? Response yielded to Vice President Balfour→ The active learning model is aimed to learn with collaborative efforts. Essentially, some BBC classes will be remodeled with more computers, learning assistants and groups

- Senator Barnett: Is this based on major? No, some classes will be remodeled into active learning environments. However, this is helpful to Science majors more than others
  - Speaker pro Hernandez: Perhaps add the definition of learning as another “whereas”
  - Senator Morisset: Perhaps add the statistics supporting the benefits of active learning
  - Senator Gordon: How many active learning spaces? There are 3 classrooms in planning for now→ HM 135, AC 130, HL 160
  - Vice President Balfour: statistics with CASE can be obtained at AC1, 3rd floor
- A motion to table Resolution *2020.0003* at the end of the meeting was made by Senator Morisset and seconded by Senator Gordon
  - A motion made to bring back Resolution *2020.0003* was made by Speaker pro Hernandez and seconded by Senator Morisset

Roll call Vote

Senator Jean-Jacques: yay

Senator Alva: yay

Senator Soler: yay

Senator Hernandez\_Bautista: yay

Senator Luque: yay

Senator Gordon: yay

Speaker pro Hernandez: yay

Senator Barnett: yay

Senator Morisset: yay

Speaker Malak: yay

Total: 10-0-0. Resolution passed

- Second Reading of Resolution *2020.0002*
  - Presented by Speaker pro Hernandez.
    - The first reading contained grammatical errors.
    - For this second reading, I would like to amend the last “whereas” by removing “Student Advocacy”
  - A motion to amend the second reading of Resolution *2020.0002* by removing “Student Advocacy” was made by Senator Barnett and seconded by Senator Hernandez

### Roll call Vote

Senator Jean-Jacques: yay

Senator Alva: yay

Senator Soler: yay

Senator Hernandez-Bautista: yay

Senator Luque: yay

Senator Gordon: yay

Senator Barnett: yay

Senator Morisset: yay

Speaker Malak: yay

Total: 9-0-0. Resolution passed

- Chair/Committee Nominations: NO NOMINATIONS
  - Internal Affairs Chair
  - Operational Reviews Chair
  - Finance Committee

*Senator Gordon took a point of privilege at 4:50 pm*

### DISCUSSION

Open Forum

- Student Concerns: NONE
- Senate Concerns: NONE
- Additional Comments, Suggestions, Concerns
  - Brian Levine: Please support Bayview 305 Day on March 5, 2020

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **305 Day, March 5, 2020**
  - 7pm-11pm, Bayview Pool
- **Student Admitted Day, March 7, 2020**
  - 10am-1pm, Panther Plaza
- **Love Your Body, Love YOur Health, March 11, 2020**
  - 2pm-3:30pm
- **Day on the Bay, March 14, 2020**
  - 8am-12pm, Check-in Panther Plaza
- **Mentor MOnday, March 16, 2020**
  - 12pm-1:30pm, WUC 255

- **SGA Elections, March 17 & 18, 2020**
  - 9am-7pm, Panther Square & Bayview 1st Floor Lobby (until 5pm)
- **SGA Elections *Tentative* Announcements, March 20**
  - 12 noon Panther Square
- **General Meeting, March 25, 2020**
  - 3:30pm-5:30, WUC 221
- **Career Expo, March 26, 2020**
  - TBA
- **Women Who Lead COnterence, April 1**
  - BBC
- **Bayfest, April 4, 2020**
  - Bay Area
- **Career Espresso, April 9, 2020**
  - 3pm-4pm, WUC 255

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Senator Barnett and seconded by Senator Alva

*The meeting was dismissed by Speaker's Malak at 4:55pm.*