



# Florida International University

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

## MINUTES

### **SGC-BBC Senate Meeting**

**March 30, 2020**

#### IN ATTENDANCE

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

Stephanie Morisset, Arts, Sciences & Education/ Finance Chair

Arrived at 4:49pm

Lauren Doughty, Hospitality & Tourism Management/ Interim IA

Diamond Barnett, Health Services Administration

Aaliyah Gordon, Communication + Journalism

Ronald Luque, Lower Division/ Rules, Legislation & Judiciary

Melissa Hernandez, Lower Division/ Student Advocacy

Ana Soler, At-Large

Arrived at 4:35pm

Nicole Alva, At-Large

Doreen Jean-Jacques, At-Large

Mahalia Balfour, Vice President

#### EXCUSED

Gabriel Hernandez, Upper Division/ Speaker Pro Tempore

#### ABSENT

#### GUEST

Ednise Davilien, SGA Front Desk Assistant

Larissa James, SGA Advisor

Kaila Jospitre, SGA Graduate Assistant

Keanu Orfano, Chief Justice

Pamela Ho Fung, President

Lauren Socarras, FIU I-75 Office Assistant

Yully Castrillon, FIU I-75 Student Assistant

Justin Bu, SGA BBC Intern

Duwayne Parkes, FIU I-75 Student Assistant

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on **March 30, 2020** via **Zoom**. The meeting was called to order at **3:38 pm**, approximately, by **Speaker Malak** who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

### **WELCOME**

Speaker Malak stated a greeting.

### **SPEAKER'S REPORT**

Speaker Malak...

- There is not much to report; however, we have the first reading of the U-Wide Bills and Resolution to go over
- President Ho Fung noticed errors on Resolution 2020.0009. We will review
- I need to speak with Senators Doughty, Luque and Jean-Jacques. I already met with Senator Alva
- Please nominate your peers for the Leadership Awards

### **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Vice President Balfour...

- I have an announcement dropping on Instagram tonight. Please share with your friends
- March 31, 2020 □ I have a meeting with BBC administration. Speaker Malak and President Ho Fung will also be in attendance

### **ADVISOR'S REPORT**

Ms. James...

- Please nominate your peers and faculty members for the Leadership Awards
- Next Monday's meeting will be the last of first readings
- I need 3 council members to review the High Achievers award. An email will be sent
- An email will also be sent regarding composite pictures. Dates for composite pictures are TBA
- Elections will be held April 7-8, 9am-7pm

- voting.fiu.edu

### **GRADUATE ASSISTANT'S REPORT**

Ms. Jospitre...

- I am working with Vice President Balfour on her special announcement
- If you have any events in mind, please contact me

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Ho Fung...

- March 31, 2020 □ I have a meeting at 2pm regarding research and ideas
- I have reached out to the FIU foundation about the emergency aid. I was informed that the aid was handled by Student Affairs. I will contact them and ask how students can get access to it and increasing its promotion

### **R.L.J REPORT**

Senator Luque...

- According to the Amendment Bill, each chair will have 5 hours
- We will be going over many Resolutions during next week's meeting
- I will schedule my one on one meeting with Speaker Malak

### **STUDENT ADVOCACY REPORT**

Senator Hernandez...

- I have already completed two meetings for the month. April meeting days will be released once the quiz results have been reviewed

### **SENATOR'S REPORT**

- Senator Barnett
  - I will schedule a one on one meeting with Speaker Malak
- Senator Gordon
  - I have 3 Bills to read today. I look forward to feedback
- Senator Doughty
  - I had a meeting with Internal Affairs last Friday. We have an upcoming meeting in April
  - I will schedule a one on one meeting with Speaker Malak
- Senator Jean-Jacques

- I am working on my Legislation. I will schedule a one on one meeting with Speaker Malak
- Senator Alva
  - I have my first legislation reading today

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Approval of the minutes □ March 23, 2020
  - Edits were made. Roll call votes will be added

Senator Luque motioned to approve the minutes. Senator Gordon seconded.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Second reading of Resolution 2020.0009
  - Senator Melissa presented
  - President Ho Fung asked for the following edits
    - Write both campus names in full
    - Full buses cause student tardiness and stress
  - Q/A
    - Senator Gordon: Can you get a quote for the 4<sup>th</sup> “whereas”?
      - Senator Hernandez responded: “Senator Soler made a comment regarding transportation, which will be added”
    - Senator Malak: Put a separate “whereas” for the bus departure days/times
    - Senator Gordon: Shouldn’t a copy be sent to the Department of Transportation?
      - Senator Hernandez responded: “Yes. It will be added to the Resolution”

Senator Barnett motioned to vote. Senator Alva seconded.

### **Roll Call Vote**

Senator Jean-Jacques: yay

Senator Alva: yay

Senator Hernandez: yay

Senator Luque: yay

Senator Gordon: yay

Senator Barnett: yay

Senator Doughty: yay

Speaker Malak: yay

With a motion of 8-0-0, the Resolution passes.

- Second reading of Senate Bill 2020.0001
  - Speaker Malak presented
  - Senators will do 3 hours and Chairs will do 5 hours weekly

Senator Gordon motioned to vote. Senator Barnett seconded

#### Roll Call Vote

Senator Jean-Jacques: yay

Senator Alva: yay

Senator Hernandez: yay

Senator Luque: yay

Senator Gordon: yay

Senator Barnett: yay

Senator Doughty: yay

Speaker Malak: yay

With a motion of 8-0-0, the Resolution passes.

- Second reading of Resolution 2020.0007
  - Senator Jean-Jacques presented

Senator Gordon motioned to amend the Resolution for edits. Senator Hernandez seconded.

- Q/A
  - Senator Gordon: Correct grammar mistakes. Send a copy to the Director of the Academic Success Center

Senator Gordon motioned to vote. Senator Alva seconded.

#### Roll Call Vote

Senator Jean-Jacques: yay

Senator Alva: yay

Senator Hernandez: yay

Senator Luque: yay

Senator Gordon: yay

Senator Barnett: yay

Senator Doughty: yay

Speaker Malak: yay

With a motion of 8-0-0, the Resolution passes.

- First reading of U-Wide Bill 2020.0002
  - Senator Gordon presented
  - Edits were made
- First reading of U-Wide Bill 2020.0003
  - Senator Gordon presented
  - Edits were made
- First reading of U-Wide Bill 2020.0004
  - Senator Gordon presented
  - Edits were made
- First reading of Resolution 2020.0008
  - Senator Alva presented
  - Edits were made

## **DISCUSSION**

- Open Forum
  - Student concerns
    - Yully Castrillon suggested to add the times of the Senate and General meetings to the flyers that sent via email
      - Ms. James responded: “The times can be sent via email. Corrections will be made for future flyers”
  - Senate concerns
    - Senator Hernandez: “Does FIU have steps in place for a crisis?”
      - Speaker Malak responded: “There are resources available to students; however, Ms. James may be able to provide you with a better answer.”
    - Ms. James responded: “FIU has an Emergency Management office; however, there was no plan in place for this pandemic.”

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **SGA Elections, April 7 & 8**
  - Voting.fiu.edu, 9am-7pm
- **Blue Table Talk, April 7**
  - Register here for the event: <https://go.fiu.edu/bluetabletalk>
- **General Meeting, April 15**
  - <https://fiu.zoom.us/j/203105528>

Senator Hernandez motioned to adjourn the meeting. Senator Alva seconded

*The meeting was dismissed by Speaker Malak at 5:22 pm*