



FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

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

MINUTES

SGC-BBC Senate Meeting

DATE: April 6th, 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
Ronald Luque, Lower Division Senator/ Rules, Legislation & Judiciary
Melissa Hernandez - Bautista, Lower Division Senator/ Student Advocacy
Nicole Alva, At-Large Senator
Aaliyah Gordon, Communication & Journalism Senator
Doreen Jean-Jacques, At-Large Senator
Lauren Doughty, Hospitality & Tourism Senator/ Interim Internal Affairs
Ana Maria Soler, At-Large Senator

Excused

Mahalia Balfour, Vice President

GUESTS

Sarah Cooke-Williams, SGA Front Desk Assistant
Larissa James, SGA Advisor
Kaila Jospitre, Graduate Assistant
Keanu Orfano, Chief Justice

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on April 6, 2020 – Via Zoom
The meeting was called to order at 3:50pm approximately, by Speaker Malak who presided over the meeting in its entirety

WELCOME

- Speaker Malak welcomed everyone back. She encourages everyone to stay home and hopes everyone is adjusting to remote learning.

Speaker's Report

Speaker Malak

- Many legislations to go over
- She will present today
- She was at Ad Hoc committee last week

Speaker Pro Report

Speaker Pro Hernandez

- He hopes that everyone is during good in quarantine
- He is working on an idea about planning FIU events during quarantine
- For example, every week would be a different challenge such as a photoshop contest,
- If anyone else has any other ideas, please share.
- Yield.

Vice President Report

The Vice President was not present. Speaker Malak delivered her message:

- She enjoys doing leader interviews with president Ho Fung.
- She looks forward to blue table talk this Wednesday.

Advisor's report

Mrs. James reported:

Updates:

- She hopes everyone is doing well
- Encourages everyone to fill out payroll forms,
- If you have not received an email that means you are already in the system.
- The latest anyone should receive a stipend is May 8th. If not email her.
- Campus life awards are still open
- She is looking forward to council members to help review awards
- She will email transition manuals tomorrow. They will be helpful for incoming councils.
- If you need assistance let her know
- Elections are tomorrow.
- She encourages everyone to vote.
- Next Monday is last senate meeting
- Yield.

Grad Assistance report

Ms. Jospitre

- She encourages everyone to come to the blue table talk.
- If you are planning to attend register for event and it will send you a zoom link
- Encourages everyone to vote
- Yield.

President's report

President Ho Fung was not present. Speaker Malak delivered her message.

- She states that Leader interviews was a great event

- Elections are tomorrow and make sure to vote.

Finance Committee Report

- The amount in finance has not changed
- There will be a meeting this Wednesday.
- Undergrad: \$1,808
- Graduate: 3,500
- She is making transition manuals

Rules, Legislation and Judiciary Committee Report

Senator Luque

- Ad Hoc committee removed the voting part of it.
- They are planning to make a separate bill by summer
- Next meeting is this Thursday around 5pm pending approval
- They will go over the 3 U-Wide bills.
- Yield.

RLJ report

- Had first meeting this semester for RLJ,
- cleared some legislations
- trying to pass a bill,
- They are revising the senate rules of procedures,
- the next meeting is planned for this Thursday.
- Will go over more tutors' legislation.

Student Advocacy Chair report

Senator Hernandez-Bautista

- If you are in the group chat please fill out a survey.
- Yield.

Senator Reports

Senator Gordon:

- Reviewed bills that she presented,
- She will present U-Wide Bill 2020.0003 today at MMC,
- She hopes that next week she can present the remaining bills
- Last week Thursday had a meeting with Dean Snider and she gave feedback on how some of the students were feeling in regards to internships
- She will have a final zoom meeting to see how they are feeling
- Every Tuesday she has a meeting with Dean Snider.
- Yield.

Senator Alva

- Has to send the resolution to ROJ

Senator Doughty

- Had an internal affairs meeting,
- All chairs should put their minutes into google drive.
- She is still working on mental health bill
- By this week will send it to the president Ho Fung and Speaker Malak
- Yield.

Senator Jean-Jacques

- Will send her bill.

Old Business

Approval of the minutes

Senator Morisset moved to approve the minutes of March 30th, 2020. Senator Barnett seconds

RollCall Vote

Speaker Malak- Abstain

Senator Morisset- yea

Senator Barnett - yea

Speaker ProHernandez- yea

Senator Luque- yea

Senator Hernandez - Bautista - yea

Senator Alva, At-Large Senato - yea

Senator Jean-Jacques-yea

Senator Doughty - yea

Senator Gordon- yea

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

Speaker Malak relinquished her chair to speaker Pro- Hernandez

Speaker Pro Hernandez relinquished his chair back to Speaker Malak

New business

Resolution 2020.0005

Speaker Malak presented

- A bill to amend subsection E as it has confusing words
- Due to this rule, all 4 candidates for Vice President and President were misinterpreted.
- Last week she had a meeting about enrollment at BBC
- A lot of them did not know this rule.

Discussions:

Advisor James: Have you all thought of changing “he, she” into “they” for more inclusive language.

Resolution 2020.0001

Congressional Procedure

Speaker Malak presented

- Was brought up in the congress meeting

Ana soler joined at 4:38pm

Resolution 2020.0002

Senator Gordon presented second reading

- Senator Gordon motion to remove previous 3, and number it to the “financial shall meet twice a week.”
- Senator Morisset seconds. Motion passes
- Senator Gordon move to amend a subsection part for the staff meeting
- Senator Morisset moved to table until next senate meeting
- Speaker pro Hernandez seconds.

U-Wide Bill 2020.0003

Senator Morisset moved to table until meeting

Senator Barnett seconds

Motion passes

Senator Gordon Point Of Personal Privilege

Resolution 2020.0008

Senator Alva presented for the second time

- Senator Luque moved to amend the changing of “therefore” to be capitalized.
- Senator Doughty move to change the “installation of machines” to “offer free feminine hygiene products at BBC”
- Senator Barnett Seconds. Motion passes
- Senator Alva moves the extend meeting by 5 minutes

- Senator Barnett seconds

Roll Call Vote

Speaker Malak, Art, Sciences & Education/ Speaker of Senate - yea
Stephanie Morisset, Art, Sciences & Education/ Finance Chair - yea
Diamond Barnett, Health Services Administration Senator - yea
Gabriel Hernandez, Upper Division Senator/Speaker Pro-Tempore - yea
Ronald Luque, Lower Division Senator/ Rules, Legislation & Judiciary - yea
Melissa Hernandez - Bautista, Lower Division Senator/ Student Advocacy - yea
Nicole Alva, At-Large Senato - yea
Doreen Jean-Jacques, At-Large Senator yea
Lauren Doughty, Hospitality & Tourism Senator/ Interim Internal Affairs - yea
Senator Soler - yea

With a roll call vote of 10-0-0 motion passes

Chair committee nominations

No nominations.

Student concerns

No student concerns

Senator Alva moved to adjourned meeting @ 5:34pm

Senator luque seconds

Motions passes