



# Florida International University

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

## MINUTES

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

**January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

#### IN ATTENDANCE

John Habib, Speaker / Arts, Sciences, & Education Senator  
Jonathan Espino, Vice President  
Pamela Ho Fung, Speaker Pro Tempore / Lower Division Senator  
Mahalia Balfour, Arts, Sciences, and Education Senator / Student Advocacy Chair (3:45 PM)  
Jiaqi “Water” Chen, Finance Chair / Graduate Senator  
Yuze “Crystal” Ji, Hospitality & Tourism Management Senator  
Xu Chang, Hospitality & Tourism Management Senator  
Mark Monaco, Health Services Administration Senator  
Catalina Nemmi, Lower Division Senator  
Brian Levine, Housing Senator, RLJ Chair  
Xin Wang, Operational Review Chair / At-Large Senator

#### EXCUSED

Priscila Sevil, Internal Affairs Chair/ At-Large Senator

#### GUESTS

Dr. Kerrie Montgomery, Campus Life Director  
Larissa Adames, Campus Life Assistant Director, and SGC-BBC Advisor  
Kaila Jospitre, SGA Graduate Assistant  
Jefferson Noël, SGA President  
Nedjina Dol, Front Desk Assistant

#### CALL TO ORDER

The SGC-BBC Senate held a meeting on January 07, 2019– **WUC 221**. The meeting was called to order at **3:37 pm**, approximately, by **Speaker Habib** who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

#### WELCOME

Speaker Habib welcomed the Senate back and asked the council to fill out the survey that was given to them.

## **SPEAKER REPORT**

Speaker Habib...

- Mentioned that he had been working with President Noel over the break and stated that they are working on a specific budget for this semester.
- Encouraged everyone to come to the budget committee even if they are not part of the committee.

## **VICE PRESIDENT REPORT**

Vice President Espino...

- Stated that he is excited for this semester.
- Mentioned to the Senate that it's budget season and all meeting dates will be posted soon.

## **SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE REPORT**

Speaker Pro Ho Fung...

- Stated that she was happy to be back and hoping that this semester will be productive.
- Mentioned that she will be working on being more productive with both roles as Lower Division Senator and Speaker Pro Tempore.
- Said that she is looking forward to this semester.

## **ADVISOR REPORT**

Ms. Adames...

- Reminded the Senate about their retreat that is this Saturday.
- Mentioned that if any council cannot make it to the retreat, send her an email as soon as possible.
- Told the council to sign up for tabling and also submit their office hours schedule as soon as possible.
- Stated that Budget Hearing is available for those who are interested.

Dr. Montgomery...

- Stated that, "Do good work this semester, focus on balance because you guys are leaders, and take care."

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Approval of the Minutes**

Senator Levine asked for Unanimous Consent that the Senate Minutes of November 26, 2018, as corrected, be approved.

There were no objections, therefore the Senate Minutes of November 26, 2018, as corrected, were approved.

### **B. Upcoming Congress Meeting**

Speaker Habib states that SGC MMC wants a congress meeting. Speaker mentioned to the senate that he messaged the Speaker Pro at MMC to see if the MMC council would like to have the meeting on a different date or on the weekend. MMC Speaker Pro replied that he will check.

Speaker Habib also spoke with the MMC advisor about the best date for the meeting and they mentioned that they are still working on it.

Speaker asked the senate if they are okay with having the congress meeting on a saturday.

Vice President Espino asked if SGC is allowed to have a meeting on a saturday.

Ms. Adames stated that, they can host a meeting on a saturday because there is classes on saturday, however, it is better to have it on a weekday even if it is late in the afternoon because it is more convenient and the shuttle is available.

Ms. Adames asked how many council from BBC needs to be present at the congress meeting.

Speaker Habib stated that they need to have at least 7 people to attend for BBC.

Ms. Adames suggested that Speaker Habib should create a doodle to find which date will be better for everyone.

Senator Nemmi asked if they can have the meeting through polycon.

Speaker Habib said that he will ask if they are okay with that.

Speaker Habib told the council that the congress meeting is coming soon, but in the meantime, he encouraged the senate to work on resolution.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **A. Student Concerns**

Speaker Habib asked the Senate if any of them had any student concerns that they would like to share.

Senator Levine updated the council on the elevator inspection and stated that they have not responded back to him at all. He also mentioned that there is a huge communication issue with Bayview staff.

### **FINANCE CHAIR REPORT**

Senator Chen...

- Mentioned that she received an email from MMC Finance Chair Rose during the winter break.
- Stated that their senate tended to change a few articles of the U-Wide Statues.
- She said that, “MMC finance committee wanted to grasp this opportunity to change Finance Code. They also wants to listen our voices from us, so if you have any ideas, contact me.”

### **RLJ CHAIR REPORT**

Senator Levine...

- Informed the Senate that the RLJ Committee met for the first time with him as chair.
- Informed the Senate that they still need a vice chair and they are not going to meet again this semester but he looks forward to chairing this committee.

### **STUDENT ADVOCACY CHAIR REPORT**

Senator Balfour...

- Informed the Senate that there will be a committee meeting this Wednesday in the SGA Conference Room.
- Reflected on her phone meeting with the MMC Student Advocacy Chair.

### **SENATOR'S REPORT**

Senator Chang...

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Spring Week of Welcome**, January 7-11, 2019
- **SGC-BBC Spring Retreat**, January 12, 2019
- **Civility Summit**, January 18th
  - 1pm-5pm
  - Lynn University
- **SGA Budget Hearings & Deliberations**
  - Hearings
    - University Wide Hearings @MMC - 9:00 am to 5:00pm - GC 325 Tuesday, January 15, 2019
    - University Wide Hearings @BBC - 9:30 am to 4:00pm - WUC 155 Thursday, January 17, 2019
    - Hearings BBC Specific: 9:30 am to 4:00 pm - WUC 155 Wednesday, January 23, 2019
  - Deliberations
    - Uwide @ MMC 9:00 am to 5:00 pm - GC 325 Tuesday, February 12, 2019
    - Uwide @ BBC 9:30 am to 4:00 pm - WUC 155 Thursday, February 14, 2019
    - Deliberations BBC Specific - 9:30 am to 4:00 pm - WUC 155 Thursday, February 21, 2019
- **Student Leadership Summit**, February 2nd
  - 8:30am-4:30pm
  - WUC
- **Admitted Student**, March 2nd
  - Time: TBA
  - WUC

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Senator Nemmi moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:18pm.  
 Senator Balfour seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned by Speaker Habib at **4:18pm**.