



Florida International University

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

MINUTES

**SGC-BBC Senate Meeting - Special Session
January 10, 2018**

IN ATTENDANCE

Jonathan Espino, Housing / Speaker of the Senate
Meredith Marseille, Vice President
Ronan Kelly, Senator At-Large / Finance Chair
Jessalyn Morel, Lower Division / Rules, Legislation, and Judiciary Chair

EXCUSED

Ashley Rosales-Tejeda, Communication + Journalism / Student Advocacy Chair

ABSENT

GUESTS

Larissa Adames, Assistant Campus Life Director/ SGA Advisor
Gerald Johnson II, Graduate Assistant
Jefferson Noel
Mark Burton
Andrea Nodal
Katrina Abel
Alexandra Laroche, SGA Front Desk Assistant
Anthony Jones, SGA Front Desk Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on January 10, 2018 – WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at 4:05pm, approximately, by Speaker Espino who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2017 meeting was made by Senator Kelly and seconded by Senator Morel.

SPEAKER OF SENATE REPORT

- Speaker Espino welcomed the Senate to the meeting and explained that many senators were “lost”–due to scheduling conflicts–but the senate should keep their hopes high because more applications will be arriving.
- Speaker Espino reminded the Senate that if anyone else they knew wanted to join the Senate they would have to apply before applications close in two weeks.

FINANCE CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Kelly stated that he does not have a committee as of yet; but he did receive finance requests.
- Senator Kelly stated that Mark Barton and Andrea Nodal will be presenting themselves– to the Senate– for Finance Requests.

RLJ CHAIR REPORT

- Senator Morel hoped that all of the classes that the senate are taking are going well and that each of them are remaining strong as the semester continues.
- Senator Morel mentioned that she does not have anything to report for her committee or position.

ADVISOR REPORT

- Ms.Adames reminded the senate that they should all submit their spring office hour and class schedule forms by next Tuesday via Orgsync. Also that they should submit final schedules by no later than next Wednesday.
- Ms.Adames also stated that the last day to add or drop any classes is next Tuesday and that they should be mindful of the fifty percent rule– fifty percent of their classes should be located at BBC.
- Ms.Adames also stated that the Tabling Sign-Up sheet is up for this semester and that more events will be added. Also reminding that it will be a good opportunity for the Senate.
- Ms.Adames also stated that a new to-do-list for the semester was placed in each of the council’s mailboxes and include ways in which they could help promote SGA and recruiting.
- Ms.Adames also stated that SGA has two new Front-Desk Assistants, Cynthia Jackes and Anthony Jones, and were recommended to say hello when they see them at the office.
- Ms.Adames also made an announcement that the Budgeting process starts next week from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on MMC Campus.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

- Vice President Marseille gave a brief summary of the success of the Food Pantry drive, stating that one hundred and thirty pounds of food were donated to the student food pantry.
- Vice President Marseille also stated that the council is working with the group Healthy Living to host a food freshness workshop.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of Senate Minutes – November 27, 2017

The Senate Meeting Minutes of November 27, 2017 was presented to the Senate.

Senator Kelly moved to approve the Senate Meeting Minutes of November 27, 2017.
Senator Moral seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Jonathan Espino – Yay
Ronan Kelly – Yay
Jessalyn Morel – Yay

By a unanimous decision the motion was passed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Alaska Marine Science Symposium 2018 Finance Request - Presented by Mark Burton and Andrea Nordal

- Mr. Burton expressed his gratitude to the council for looking upon his finance request and then transitions to give background knowledge on his research conducted alongside FIU over the past six years and explained how attendance to this years Symposium would be beneficial not only to that research but also to the students and university as a whole.
- Mr. Burton then expressed how this conference would be beneficial to FIU student - Andrea Nordal, stating that she would be able to learn things not possible in a classroom and that she would receive life changing work experience.
- Mr. Burton also expressed that their attendance to this years Symposium would give FIU a front row seat into info about current climate change.
- Mr. Burton presented that their total request for funds were equal to One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty One dollars or \$1,861.00
\$1,231.00 for room and board
\$630.00 for airfare
- Senator Kelly, upon reviewing the request, acknowledges that the request for \$1,231.00 towards room and board for Andrea Nordal can be voted on. However,

he mentions to Mr. Burton that the max amount of funds that he can request as a graduate student filing a local general application is limited to \$300.00.

- a. Speaker Espino requested a point of inquiry to confirm with Ms. Adames if indeed \$300 is the max amount to be requested by a graduate student filing a local general application - Mr. Burton.
 - i. Ms. Adames confirmed.
- Mr. Burton understandably communicated to the council that although he will not be able to request more than \$300.00, he would be grateful to receive the max amount of funds the council will approve to him. Also that if the council were to approve to him \$300.00, he would be able to get his fellow department to match to him the rest of the funds needed in order to make the conference.
 - a. Ultimately the total funds requested by Mr. burton for airfare decreased from \$630.00 to \$300.00 once it was understood that \$300.00 was the maximum he could receive.

Senator Kelly moved to allocate \$300.00 to Mr. Burton for airfare to the Alaska Marine Science Symposium 2018.

Senator Morel seconded the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Jonathan Espino – Yay

Ronan Kelly – Yay

Jessalyn Morel – Yay

By a unanimous vote of 3/0/0 the motion was passed.

Senator Morel move to allocate \$1,231.00 to Ms. Nordal for room and board to attend the Alaska Marine Science Symposium 2018.

Senator Kelly seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Jonathan Espino – Yay

Ronan Kelly – Yay

Jessalyn Morel – Yay

By a unanimous vote of 3/0/0 the motion was passed.

B. Appointments

1. Graduate Senator, Jefferson Noel

Jefferson Noel presented himself to the Senate.
Questions were asked and answered.

Senator Kelly moved to appoint Jefferson Noel as Graduate Senator.
Senator Morel seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Jonathan Espino – Yay
Ronan Kelly – Yay
Jessalyn Morel – Yay

By a unanimous vote of 3/0/0, Jefferson Noel was appointed as Graduate Senator.

2. Director of Sustainability, Katrina Abel

Katrina Abel presented herself to the Senate.
Questions were asked and answered.

Senator Morel moved to appoint Katrina Abel as Director of Sustainability.
Senator Kelly seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Jonathan Espino – Yay
Ronan Kelly – Yay
Jessalyn Morel – Yay

By a unanimous vote of 3/0/0, Katrina Abel was appointed as Director of Sustainability.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Week of Welcome, January 8-12
- B. U-Wide Deliberation, Jan 16, GC 325, 9aa-5pm
- C. U-Wide Deliberation, January 18, WUC Ballroom Side B, 9:30am-4:30pm
- D. Tuesday Times Roundtable, January 23, WUC 159, 12:30-1:30pm

- E. BBC Specific Hearings, January 26, WUC 155, 9:30am-4pm
- F. Student Leadership Summit, February 3, 8:30am-4pm
- G. Town Hall Meeting with President Rosenberg, February 12, 2pm, WUC Ballroom

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Morel moved to adjourn the meeting on at 4:51 PM.
Senator Kelly seconded the motion.

By an unanimous decision the motion was passed.

The meeting was adjourned by Speaker Espino at 4:51 PM.