



# Florida International University

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

## MINUTES

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

**January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

#### 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  
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  
Priscila Sevil, Internal Affairs Chair/ At-Large Senator  
Mickalia Paisley, Upper Division Senator (3:38 PM)

#### GUESTS

Larissa Adames, Campus Life Assistant Director, and SGC-BBC Advisor  
Jefferson Noel, President  
Kaila Jospitre, Graduate Assistant  
Keanu Orfano, Student (Appointment)  
Jennifer Nguyen, Student (Appointment)  
Nedjina Dol, Front Desk Assistant

#### CALL TO ORDER

The SGC-BBC Senate held a meeting on January 28, 2019– **WUC 221**. The meeting was called to order at **3:32 pm**, approximately, by **Speaker Habib** who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

#### WELCOME

Speaker Habib welcomed the Senate back and stated that they have a pack schedule today then proceeded with his Speaker report.

## **SPEAKER REPORT**

Speaker Habib...

- Congratulated Mahalia and the Council members for the great work of arranging the SGA Meet & Greet.
- Reminded Senate to be weary of the GroupMe chat for Senate. GroupMe is where all the main communication takes place between Senators/Council members.
- Reminded Senate about the February 11th deadline to submit a Resolution/Bill.
- Reminded Senate to wait to be acknowledged by the Chair before speaking when Robert's Rule is in effect.
- Reminded Senate that there must be at least two committee meetings each month for each committee. Keep in constant contact with Chair

## **VICE PRESIDENT REPORT**

Vice President Espino...

- Stated that he sent out a doodle for his one on one meeting with the senate.

## **SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE REPORT**

Speaker Pro Ho Fung...

- Mentioned that she is happy that the committees are meeting frequently and focusing on productive work
- Reminded the Chairs to make agendas for the committees meetings and to take minutes precisely while uploading it to the drive
- Thanked Senator Nemmi for putting the effort in building the Senate Board, as well as Senator Chen and Senator Wang for helping out
- Encouraged the senate to keep up the good work with legislation and to seek help if needed when in the process of creating a bill or resolution

## **GRADUATE ASSISTANT REPORT**

Ms. Jospitre...

- Reminded the Senate that she sent out an email document for events and encouraged the senate to add their upcoming events in the document as soon as possible.

## **ADVISOR REPORT**

Ms. Adames...

- Reminded the senate that she will be submitting names for AOL soon.
- Stated that election application are available from Friday to February 22nd.
- Reminded the senate to submit their office hours, purchase request online, and graphic request online and if they need any help to ask her or the front desk.
- Reminded the council that the Student Leadership Summit is this saturday and encourage everyone to come.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Upcoming Congress Meeting**

Speaker Habib stated there is no update on arranging a day or time but use this as a reminder to start preparing the university wide bill and etc.

### **B. Second Reading of Resolution 2019.0002**

Speaker Habib presented President Noel to read the resolution.  
President Noel read and started discussion of the resolution.

Senator Levine stated that before each whereas to put “and,” commas after “resolved”

Senator Levine moved to amend resolution to make changes to resolution.  
Senator Chang seconded to make changes.

Motion Passes

Ms. Jospitre asked to include graduate courses to resolution.

Senator Levine moved to amend resolution for unanimous consent to make changes to resolution.

Motion Passes

Speaker Habib asked to fx some grammar errors. Senator Balfour and Senator Sevil made suggestions for grammar correction.

Senator Balfour moved to amend resolution with suggestion given.  
Senator Sevil seconded the motion.

Motion Passes

Senator Sevil moved to amend to make changes on last “Resolved”  
Senator Wand seconded the motion.

Motion Passes

Senator Levine moved to add “s” to University.  
Nobody seconded the motion.

Motion Fails

Senator Sevil moved to amend resolution by adding “Therefore be it resolved.”  
Senator Balfour seconded the motion.

Motion Passes

Senator Balfour moved to amend resolution by adding “be Finally Resolved”  
Senator Levine seconded the motion

Motion Passes

Senator Balfour moved to approve Resolution 2019.0002  
Senator Nemmi seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Speaker Habib - Yea						
Speaker	Pro	Ho	Fung	-		Yea
Senator Balfour - Nay						
Senator Chen - Yea						
Senator			Ji			-Yea
Senator Chang - Yea						
Senator		Nemmi		-		Yea
Senator		Levine		-		Yea
Senator Wang - Yea						
Senator Sevil - Yea						
Senator Monaco - Yea						
Senator Paisley - Yea						

By a vote of 12-0-0, Resolution 2019.0002 was approved.

### C. Second Reading of Bill 2019.0001

Speaker Habib stated to the senate that the Bill is being edited before second reading. Speaker Habib asked to motion to postpone Bill.

Senator Levine moved to table the second reading of Bill 2019.0001.  
Senator Sevil seconded the motion

Motion Passes

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Approval of the Minutes Of January 14th, 2019**

Senator Wang moved to approve the Senate Minutes of January 14, 2019,  
Senator Chang seconded the motion. Motion passes.

### **B. First Reading of Bill 2019.0002**

Speaker Habib presented Senator Nemmi to read Bill 2019.0002  
Senator Nemmi did the first reading of Bill 2019.0002  
Speaker Habib asked the senate for suggestion for edits.

### **C. Appointments (Senator At-Large)**

Speaker Habib presented Keanu Orfano to the senate and gave Mr. Orfano 2 minutes to present himself and why he wants to be a Senator At-Large.

Mr. Orfano presented himself.

Speaker Habib gave the senate 2 minutes for Q/A.  
Speaker Habib presented Jennifer Nguyen to the senate and gave Mrs. Nguyen 2 minutes to present herself and why she wants to be a Senator At-Large.

Mrs. Nguyen presented herself.

Speaker Habib gave the senate 2 minutes for Q/A.

Senator Nemmi moves to do the voting procedure.  
Senator Chang seconded the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Speaker Habib - Keanu

Speaker	Pro	Ho	Fung	-	Jennifer
Senator Balfour - Keanu					
Senator Chen - Keanu					
Senator		Ji		-	Keanu
Senator Chang - Jennifer					
Senator		Nemmi		-	Keanu
Senator			Levine		-Present
Senator Wang - Keanu					
Senator Sevil - Jennifer					
Senator Monaco - Keanu					
Senator Paisley - Jennifer					

By a Vote of 7-1-4, Keanu Orfano was appointed as the new Senator At-Large.

#### **D. First Reading of Resolution 2019.0003**

Speaker Habib presented Speaker Pro Ho Fung to read Resolution 2019.0003

Speaker Pro Ho Fung did the first reading of Resolution 2019.0003

Speaker Habib asked the senate for suggestion for edits.

#### **E. First Reading of Resolution 2019.0004**

Speaker Habib presented Senator Wang to read Resolution 2019.0004

Senator Nemmi did the first reading of Resolution 2019.0004

Speaker Habib asked the senate for suggestion for edits.

*5:00 PM*

Senator Levine move to extend meeting by 15 minutes.

Speaker Pro Ho Fung seconded the motion

Motion Passes

### **DISCUSSION**

#### **A. Student Concerns**

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

share and granted 5 minutes to share.

Speaker Habib stated that during the Meet & Greet at Bayview, a student named Shawn mentioned that the Bayview Meal Plan works at the Biscayne Bay Campus, however, they are unable to eat during the weekend because the restaurants are close.

Senator Monaco said that a student by the name of Emily stated that some of the vending machines do not work. Senator Monaco mentioned that he is going to check to see if that is true.

Speaker Habib stated that Senator Monaco should ask which vending machine that is not working.

President Noel mentioned that he is planning on adding a life-threatening cardiac at Bayview to help people with their health.

### **RLJ CHAIR REPORT**

Senator Levine...

- Mentioned that RLJ meeting is this thursday at Bayview at 1:00 PM.

### **OPERATIONAL REVIEW CHAIR REPORT**

Senator Wang...

- Informed the Senate that they are having an Operational Review Committee meeting this afternoon.

### **STUDENT ADVOCACY CHAIR REPORT**

Senator Balfour...

- Thanked everyone who came to the Meet & Greet last Friday at Bayview.
- Reminded the senate that the next Advocacy Meeting is Wednesday at 11:00 AM.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Noel...

- Thanked the Senate for passing his Resolution.
- Mentioned that last saturday was the Next Horizon Campaign for FIU and that it was a great event.
- Reminded the Senate that BBC Leadership meeting is tomorrow.

- Informed the Senate that he will be having a meeting with Ms. Isabel in regards to better promote FIU Biscayne Bay Campus.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Internal Affairs Committee Meeting**, January 29, 2019
  - 6:00pm-6:30pm
  - SGA Conference Room
- **Kompa 101 (HSA)**, January 29 and 31, 2019
  - 6:00pm-9:00pm
  - WUC Culture Corner
- **Blue & Gold Recruitment Week**, January 29, 30, and 31, 2019
  - 1/29: SPC's Inside Scoop, 11:00am-1:00pm (Panther Square)
  - 1/30: Wild n' Out, 7:00pm (WUC Ballrooms)
  - 1/31: Pop-In on your BBC Orgs, 11:00am-2:00pm (AC2); Game Night, 7:00pm-9:00pm, Bayview
- **U-Wide Council Meeting**, January 30, 2019
  - 8:00am-9:00am
  - SGA Conference Room (WUC 301)
- **Student Advocacy Committee Meeting**, January 30, 2019
  - 11:30am-12:00pm
  - SGA Conference Room
- **R.L.J. Committee Meeting**, January 30, 2019
  - 1:00pm-2:00pm
  - Bayview
- **General Meeting**, January 30, 2019
  - 3:30pm-5:00pm
  - WUC 221
- **Vice Provost Reception w/ Dr. Pablo Ortiz**, January 30, 2019
  - 5:30pm-7:00pm
  - WUC 155
- **Student Leadership Summit**, February 2, 2019
  - 8:30am-4:30pm
  - WUC
- **Town Hall Meeting with President Rosenberg**, February 11, 2019
  - 2:00pm-5:00pm
  - Mary Ann Wolfe Theater
- **SGA Week**, February 18-23, 2019
- **SGA Budget Hearings & Deliberations**
  - Deliberations
    - U-Wide @ MMC 9:00 am to 5:00 pm - GC 325  
Tuesday, February 12, 2019
    - U-Wide @ 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
- **Admitted Students' Day**, March 2, 2019
  - Time: TBA
  - WUC

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Senator Orfano moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:15pm.

Senator Levine seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned by Speaker Habib at **5:15pm.**