



Florida International University

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

MINUTES

SGC-BBC Senate Meeting

February 4th, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE

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(3:38 PM)

Mark Monaco, Health Services Administration Senator

Mickalia Paisley, Upper Division Senator

Catalina Nemmi, Lower Division Senator

Priscila Sevil, Internal Affairs Chair/ At-Large Senator

Xin Wang, Operational Review Chair / At-Large Senator

Keanu Orfano, At-Large Senator

Brian Levine, Housing Senator, RLJ Chair

EXCUSED

John Habib, Speaker / Arts, Sciences, & Education Senator

Xu Chang, Hospitality & Tourism Management Senator

GUESTS

Larissa Adames, Campus Life Assistant Director, and SGC-BBC Advisor

Kaila Jospitre, Graduate Assistant

Regine Brown, Upper Division Senator Candidate

Gabriel Hernandez, Upper Division Senator Candidate

Valentina Palm, Panther Now Reporter

Heidy Martinez, Front Desk Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

The SGC-BBC Senate held a meeting on February 4th, 2019– **WUC 221**. The meeting was called to order at **3:34 pm**, approximately, by **Speaker Pro Tempore Ho Fung** who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

WELCOME

Speaker Pro Tempore Ho Fung welcomed the Senate to the first meeting of February.

SPEAKER REPORT

On behalf of Speaker Habib Speaker Pro Tempore Ho Fung relayed his report...

- Reminded the senate of Senate Meeting proper etiquette. Also, that a resolution/bill is due Feb. 11. Those who have not completed it please see him, new appointed senators are exempt.
- Reminded the senate that minutes for your committee meeting are public record and should be done no later than two business days.
- Concluded his report by stating he is proud of the committees but expects that they meet their requirements of meeting twice of month including Internal Affairs and RLJ.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Vice President Espino...

- Welcomed the senate and stated that he sent out a doodle to schedule one on one meetings if you have not received one or haven't scheduled one to email him.
- Informed the senate of his meeting with AVP DeSantis about a fitness class that might come to FIU (American Ninja Warrior style). Although, nothing is set in stone yet.
- Concluded his report by stating the Mangrove wall is still being worked on.

SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE REPORT ****

Speaker Pro Ho Fung...

- Mentioned to the senate her attendance to the Leadership Summit over the weekend, very insightful, an investment for personal development, was a great opportunity to network and become a better leader
- Informed the senate of MMC Senate Updates Meeting on 01/28/19: Confirmation of one Senator At-Large (Dominique Macon) and Senator of College of Business (David Nivia). Finance Committee received 4 request, held info sessions in EC on Wednesday Jan 30, 2019. Student Advocacy is working on a prayer room for students

- Concluded her report by informing the senate that she will meet with Scott Jones at 2:30pm tomorrow, Feb 5th 2019 to discuss the possible positive changes to WUC. Also, will attend Faculty Senate Committee meeting tomorrow, asked the Senate if there is any specific reports that they want to share

GRADUATE ASSISTANT REPORT

Ms. Jospitre...

- Informed the senate that she will now be taking on all things event programming so please come straight to her and not Ms.Adames.

ADVISOR REPORT

Ms. Adames...

- Reminded the senate of next week's Town Hall meeting from 2pm- 2pm, where she expects to see you all there with your long sleeve SGA button downs. Also, to encourage other students to attend because it is the opportunity to bring to Rosenberg's attention any issues and/or ideas.
- Concluded her report by stating because of next week's Town Hall meeting the senate meeting is cancelled.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of 1/24/2019 Minutes

Senator Levine motioned to move the approval of January 24, 2019 Senate Meeting minutes on to next senate meeting.

Senator Sevil seconded.

Roll	Call	Vote
Senator Balfour		- Yea
Senator Chen		- Yea
Senator Ji		- Yea
Senator Monaco		- Yea
Senator Paisley		- Yea
Senator Nemmi		-Yea
Senator Sevil		- Yea

Senator		Wang			-	Yea
Senator			Orfano			-Yea
Senator			Levine			-Yea
Speaker	Pro	Ho		Fung		Yea

With a vote of 11-0-0

By unanimous decision the approval of January 24, 2019 Senate Meeting minutes have been moved to next senate meeting.

B. Approval of 1/28/2019 Minutes

Senator Wang moved to approve the Senate Minutes of January 28, 2019,

Senator Chang seconded the motion.

Roll		Call				Vote
Senator Balfour						Yea
Senator Chen						Yea
Senator Ji						Yea
Senator Monaco						Yea
Senator Paisley						Yea
Senator Nemmi						Yea
Senator Sevil						Yea
Senator		Wang			-	Yea
Senator			Orfano			-Yea
Senator			Levine			-Yea
Speaker	Pro	Ho		Fung		Yea

With a vote of 11-0-0

By unanimous decision the minutes of January 28, 2019 Senate Meeting have been approved.

C. Second Reading of University-Wide Resolution

University-Wide Resolution was read.

Senator Balfour motioned to postpone bill indefinitely.
Senator... seconded.

Roll	Call	Vote
Senator Balfour - Yea		
Senator Chen - Yea		
Senator Ji - Yea		
Senator Monaco - Yea		
Senator Paisley - Yea		
Senator Nemmi -Yea		
Senator Sevil - Yea		
Senator Wang	-	Yea
Senator Orfano		-Yea
Senator Levine		-Yea
Speaker Pro Ho Fung	-	Yea

With a vote of 11-0-0

By unanimous decision the motion of postponement indefinitely of the University-Wide Resolution was passed.

D. Second Reading of Resolution 2019.0005

Resolution 2019.0005 was read by Senator Monaco.

Speaker Pro Tempore Ho Fung granted the senate three minutes of discussion.

Point of information by Senator Levine: "I noticed they were some comments next to the document is this document completed?"

Ms. Adames: "Those comments were resolved but seemed like we were showing the version where you can see previous comments to the document."

Senator Orfano: "See since President Noel is not here for the second reading, I believe we should table it until he is here."

Senator Levine: "President Noel did mention for us to vote on it today despite him not being here, since this is an important resolution and we won't have another senate meeting for about two weeks."

Senator Balfour motioned to correct the first whereas to space the ‘ to‘ ’ from the quotation.
 Senator Nemmi seconded.

Roll	Call				Vote
Senator Balfour - Yea					
Senator Chen - Yea					
Senator Ji - Yea					
Senator Monaco - Yea					
Senator Paisley - Yea					
Senator Nemmi -Yea					
Senator Sevil - Yea					
Senator		Wang		-	Yea
Senator			Orfano		-Yea
Senator			Levine		-Yea
Speaker	Pro	Ho		Fung	-
					Yea

With a vote of 11-0-0

By unanimous decision the motion correct the first whereas on Resolution 2019.0005 was passed.

Senator Orfano motioned to pass Resolution 2019.0005
 Senator Nemmi seconded.

Roll	Call				Vote
Senator Balfour - Yea					
Senator Chen - Yea					
Senator Ji - Yea					
Senator Monaco - Yea					
Senator Paisley - Yea					
Senator Nemmi -Yea					
Senator Sevil - Yea					
Senator		Wang		-	Yea
Senator			Orfano		-Yea
Senator			Levine		-Yea
Speaker	Pro	Ho		Fung	-
					Yea

With a vote of 11-0-0

By unanimous decision the resolution passes.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointments (Upper Division Senator)

Speaker Pro Tempore Ho Fung presented Ms. Brown to the senate and gave Ms.Brown two minutes to present herself to the senate.

Ms. Brown presented herself.

Speaker Pro Tempore Ho Fung gave the senate two minutes for Q/A.

Speaker Pro Tempore Ho Fung presented Mr. Hernandez to the senate and gave Mr.Hernandez two minutes to present himself to the Senate.

Mr.Hernandez presented himself.

Speaker Pro Tempore Ho Fung gave the senate two minutes for Q/A.

Senator Balfour motions to move to voting procedure.

Senator Orfano seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Senator Balfour - Ms.Brown			
Senator Chen - Ms.Brown			
Senator Ji - Mr.Hernandez			
Senator Monaco	-		Mr.Hernandez
Senator Paisley - Ms.Brown			
Senator Nemmi -Mr.Hernandez			
Senator Sevil - Mr.Hernandez			
Senator Wang	-		Ms.Brown
Senator Orfano			-Mr.Hernandez
Senator Levine			-Present
Speaker Pro Ho Fung - Mr.Hernandez			

By a Vote of 6-4-0-1, Mr. Gabriel Hernandez was appointed as the new Upper Division Senator.

DISCUSSION

A. Student Concerns

Speaker Pro Tempore asked the Senate if any of them had any student concerns that they would

like to share and granted five minutes to share.

Senator Nemmi brought a concern from a transfer student from Boston where most of his credits did not transfer and his advisor said there is a way but she “didn’t want to help”.

Vice President Espino responded to Senator Nemmi by stating that person needs to work hand and hand with advisors. Schools have an education system in place that some course may not correlate with the curriculum here at FIU in order to graduate from FIU.

FINANCE CHAIR REPORT

Senator Chen...

- Mentioned that Finance committee met last week.

RLJ CHAIR REPORT

Senator Levine...

- Mentioned that RLJ committee meeting was last week Wednesday. If anyone has anything they are working on and need help with the writing of legislations don’t hesitate to come to RLJ.

OPERATIONAL REVIEW CHAIR REPORT

Senator Wang...

- Informed the Senate that they are having an Operational Review Committee meeting Feb. 18, 2019 at 12:30, also Chinese New Year celebration on Feb. 12 from 12:00PM-2:00PM. Please come out and support at the Panther Plaza.

STUDENT ADVOCACY CHAIR REPORT

Senator Balfour...

- Greeted the Senate and started by stating that they had a student advocacy meeting on Wednesday.
- Informed the Senate of the ideas about making the shuttle busses free have also been circling over at MMC. Been in contact with the student advocacy chair at MMC for a resolution.

SENATORS REPORT

Senator Nemmi...

- Informed the Senate about promoting the I-75 Senator position since it has been vacant for a while.
- Mentioned to the senate her conversation with Scott Jones on advertisement for the open position and also for more inclusive bathroom signs around campus.

Senator Ji...

- Informed the Senate about her resolution to make a lost and found room, it was brought to her attention that they do have one but they have no sign. She will be changing resolution to include the signage.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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 Wang moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:49pm.

Senator Orfano seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned by Speaker Pro Ho Fung at **4:49pm**.