



Florida International University

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

MINUTES

SGC-BBC Senate Meeting

February 18th, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE

John Habib, Speaker / Arts, Sciences, & Education Senator
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
Gabriel Hernandez, Upper Division Senator
Mickalia Paisley, Upper Division Senator
Catalina Nemmi, Lower Division Senator
Xin Wang, Operational Review Chair / At-Large Senator

EXCUSED

Jonathan Espino, Vice President
Keanu Orfano, At-Large Senator
Priscila Sevil, Internal Affairs Chair/ At-Large Senator
Brian Levine, Housing Senator, RLJ Chair

GUESTS

Larissa Adames, Campus Life Assistant Director, and SGC-BBC Advisor
Kerrie Montgomery, Director of Campus Life
Kaila Jospitre, Graduate Assistant
Dania Myrthil, Program Specialist for Pre-College Program
Regine Brown, Appointment
Leonaria Beasley, Appointment
Edward Krzeminski, Appointment
Terin Weinberg, Appointment
Tonie Jean, Guest
Meredith Marseille, Guest
Nedjina Dol, Front Desk Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

The SGC-BBC Senate held a meeting on February 18, 2019– **WUC 221**. The meeting was called to order at **3:35 pm**, approximately, by **Speaker Habib** who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

WELCOME

Speaker Habib thanked all the guests for being at the meeting today and stated that, “We have a pack schedule today. It is a great day to be a senator in SGA.”

SPEAKER REPORT

Speaker Habib...

- Gave quick reminders to:
 - Not to speak unless acknowledged by the chair.
 - Be professional as possible.
 - Keep phone/laptop usage to minimum.
 - Do not go on tangents; stay focused.
- Informed Senate that placing their reports under the Google Drive will be required every week for now on.
- Reminded that chairs need to have at least 2 meetings this month and Minutes are required for each meetings. Minutes are to be uploaded onto the Committee Drive no later than 48 hours after the meeting has took place.
- Congratulated the Finance Committee for doing a great job with receiving Finance requests and discussing them in full detail as well as being meticulous.
- Congratulated Senator Balfour for showing excellent work with the making of her U-Wide Resolution and is proud of her productive and on-going collaboration with SGC-MMC Council members to work towards accomplishing this University-Wide issue. He would like for all the Senators to “look up to her” as inspiration for tackling issues and following through with it.

SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE REPORT

Speaker Pro Ho Fung...

- Mentioned that she is working on a file with Senator Nemmi.
- Gave reports on MMC Senate

ADVISOR REPORT

Ms. Adames...

- Reminded the senate that this is the last day to sign up for the “Women Who Lead Conference.” Stated that, if any senate is interested to email her by the end of the day.
- Reminded the senate that SGA Application is due this thursday at 5pm.

GRADUATE ASSISTANT REPORT

Ms. Jospitre...

- Told the senate to make sure they participate in the SGA events that's going on this week and also to promote the events.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of 1/24/2019 Minutes

Senator Nemmi moved to approve the Senate Minutes of January 24, 2019,

Senator Chang seconded the motion.

By unanimous decision the minutes of January 24, 2019 Senate Meeting have been approved

B. Approval of 2/04/2019 Minutes

Senator Wang moved to approve the Senate Minutes of February 04, 2019,

Senator Ji seconded the motion.

By unanimous decision the minutes of February 04, 2019 Senate Meeting have been approved.

C. Second Reading of University-Wide Resolution 2019.0001: : *In support of the reduction of fees for the Golden Panther Express Shuttle*

University-Wide Resolution was read by Senator Balfour

Speaker Habib mentioned that he sent out an email of the Resolution so that the senate can edit.

Speaker Pro Tempore Ho Fung motioned to approve Resolution 2019.0001 in support of the reduction of fees for the Golden Panther Express Shuttle. Senator Monaco seconded the motion.

Roll	Call	Vote
Senator Balfour - Yea		
Senator Chen - Yea		
Senator Ji - Yea		
Senator Chang - Yea		
Senator Monaco - Yea		
Senator Hernandez - Yea		
Senator Paisley - Yea		
Senator Nemmi - Yea		
Senator Wang		Yea
Speaker Pro Ho Fung - Yea		
Speaker Habib		Yea

With a vote of 11-0-0

By unanimous decision the motion to approve Resolution 2019.0001 was passed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Finance Requests

1. Majors Fair and ACS Open House (\$945.00)

Speaker Habib asked for a representative to present the fund request.

Appropriation 2019.0001 was read Senator Chen.

Speaker Habib opened the floor for questions.

Ms. Adames stated that an expense report and list of names including, name, email, and Panther ID of students who participated in the event should be sent to the Finance Committee two days after the event.

Senator Balfour move to add “That a copy of the sign-in sheet, that includes name, email and Panther ID, copy of receipts and flyers be submitted to the Finance Committee (2) days after their last event.” on the 3rd “Resolved.”

Senator Paisley seconded.

Motion Passes.

Senator Chen move to approve Appropriation 2019.0001 of \$945.00 for Majors Fair and ACS Open House.

Senator Nemmi seconded.

Roll	Call	Vote
Senator Balfour - Yea		
Senator Chen - Yea		
Senator Ji - Yea		
Senator Chang - Yea		
Senator Monaco - Yea		
Senator Hernandez - Yea		
Senator Paisley - Yea		
Senator Nemmi -Yea		
Senator	Wang	-
Speaker Pro Ho Fung - Yea		Yea
Speaker	Habib-	Yea

With a vote of 11-0-0

By unanimous decision the motion to approve Appropriation 2019.0001 was passed.

2. It takes a Village Conference (\$2,172.50)

Speaker Habib asked for a representative to present the fund request.

Finance request was presented by Senator Nemmi.

Speaker Habib gave the council 2 minutes for questions and answer.

Senator Nemmi moves to amend SGA Appropriation 2019.0002 to moved 1st Resolved to “ in support of allocating \$2,172.50 to the It Takes a Village Event held on March 30, 2019 at the FIU BBC Campus.”

Senator Paisley seconded the motion.
Motion Passes

Senator Nemmi moves to approve the Appropriation 2019.0002 in support of Allocating \$2,172.50 to the It Takes a Village Conference on March 30,2019 at the FIU BBC.

Senator Hernandez seconded the motion.

Roll	Call	Vote
Senator Balfour - Yea		
Senator Chen - Yea		
Senator Ji - Yea		
Senator Chang - Yea		
Senator Monaco - Yea		
Senator Hernandez - Yea		
Senator Paisley - Yea		
Senator Nemmi -Yea		
Senator	Wang	-
Speaker Pro Ho Fung - Yea		Yea
Speaker	Habib-	Yea

With a vote of 11-0-0

By unanimous decision the motion to approve Appropriation 2019.0002 was passed.

3. Terin Weinberg (\$315.00)

Speaker Habib asked Ms. Weinberg to present herself for 2 minutes.

Ms Weinberg presented herself and explained why she needs funding.

Senator Hernandez move to extend presentation by 2 minutes.

Senator Monaco seconded the motion.
Motion Passes.

Speaker Habib opened the floor for 5 minutes discussion.

Ms. Adames mentioned that students are allowed to request a total of \$300 for trip plus registration fee.

Dr. Montgomery stated that Ms. Weinberg completed the wrong form for funding and the correct application will be sent to her.

4. Edward Krzeminski (\$600.00)

Speaker Habib asked Mr. Krzeminski to present himself for 2 minutes.

Mr. Krzeminski presented himself and explained why he needs funding.

Speaker Habib opened the floor for 5 minutes discussion.

Ms. Adames mentioned that students are allowed to request a total of \$300 for trip plus registration fee.

Dr. Montgomery stated that Mr. Krzeminski also completed the wrong form for funding and the correct application will be sent to him.

Speaker Habib stated that both Ms. Weinsberg and Mr. Krzeminski need to resubmit the correct form and then the council will discuss the funding at the Senate meeting.

B. Appointments- Elections Board

1. Bryan Regalado

Speaker Habib asked Ms. Brown to present herself for 2 minutes.

Ms Brown presented herself and explained why she should be elected.

Speaker Habib opened the floor for 2 minutes discussion.

Senator Nemmi moves to appoint Ms. Brown as an Election Board Member.

Senator Wang seconded the motion.

Roll

Call

Vote

Senator Balfour - Yea
Senator Chen - Yea
Senator Ji - Yea
Senator Chang - Yea
Senator Monaco - Yea
Senator Hernandez - Yea
Senator Paisley - Yea
Senator Nemmi - Yea

Senator	Wang	-	Yea
Speaker Pro Ho Fung - Yea			
Speaker	Habib-		Yea

With a vote of 10-2-1

By unanimous decision the motion to approve Ms. Brown as an Election Board Member was passed.

2. Leonaria Beasley

Speaker Habib asked Ms. Beasley to present herself for 2 minutes.

Ms Beasley presented herself and explained why she should be elected.

Speaker Habib opened the floor for 2 minutes discussion.

Senator Balfour moves to appoint Ms. Beasley as an Election Board Member.

Senator Chang seconded the motion.

Roll	Call		Vote
Senator Balfour - Yea			
Senator Chen - Yea			
Senator Ji - Yea			
Senator Chang - Yea			
Senator Monaco - Yea			
Senator Hernandez - Yea			
Senator Paisley - Yea			
Senator Nemmi - Yea			
Senator	Wang	-	Yea
Speaker Pro Ho Fung - Yea			
Speaker	Habib-		Yea

With a vote of 11-0-0

By unanimous decision the motion to approve Ms. Beasley as an Election Board Member was passed.

3. Bryan Regalado

Mr. Regalado was not able to attend the Senate Meeting due to an urgent meeting that was at FIU Modesto Maidique Campus.

Senator Nemmi move to postpone the appointment of Bryan Regalado to the next Senate Meeting on February 25, 2019.

Senator Monaco seconded the motion.

Motion Passes.

C. Proclamation 2019.0001 - The Vice Provost Council

Speaker Pro Temp Ho Fung gave Speaker Habib 3 minutes to read Proclamation.

Speaker Habib read the Proclamation.

Speaker Pro Temp Ho Fung opened the floor for discussion.

Senator Nemmi amend to add “former Vice Provost Steven Moll” to the last “Resolved.”

Senator Monaco seconded.

Motion Passes.

Senator Balfour move to approve Proclamation 2019.0001.

Senator Monaco seconded.

Roll	Call	Vote
Senator Balfour - Yea		
Senator Chen - Yea		
Senator Ji - Yea		
Senator Chang - Yea		
Senator Monaco - Yea		
Senator Hernandez - Yea		
Senator Paisley - Yea		
Senator Nemmi - Yea		
Senator	Wang	-
Speaker Pro Ho Fung - Yea		Yea
Speaker	Habib-	Yea

With a vote of 11-0-0

By unanimous decision the motion to approve Proclamation 2019.0001 was passed.

D. Senate Spring 2019 Goals Updates

Due to lack of time, Speaker Habib stated that this New Business will be discussed and included in the next Senate Meeting Agenda.

DISCUSSION

A. Student Concerns

Speaker Habib gave the council and guests 3 minutes for student concerns.

Senator Nemmi stated that a couple student concern .

* 2 minutes left*

Senator Balfour moves to end discussion.

Senator Paisley seconded.

Motion Passes.

FINANCE CHAIR REPORT

Senator Chen...

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OPERATIONAL REVIEW CHAIR REPORT

Senator Wang...

- Stated that, “we had our Operational Review Committee Meeting today.
- Welcomed Mark for joining OPR Chair Committee!
- Stated that, “we will have our next committee meeting on February 28th.”
- Stated that, “I hold my first event of celebrating Chinese New Year last week. Thanks for participating and thanks for our beautiful senators’ helping!”

STUDENT ADVOCACY CHAIR REPORT

Senator Balfour...

- Reminded the council that there is an Advocacy Chair Meeting today at 5:15 PM.

SENATORS REPORT

Senator Nemmi...

- Mentioned that, “myself and Speaker Pro Ho Fung will be working on a bill to update/add the responsibilities for each senator position.”
- Stated that she communicated with Lower Division Senator for MMC and she liked the certificates for the Career Expo event and would like to work on something similar together. She also asked to use the certificates for those who donate to the food pantry at MMC
- Stated that “we have the Student Advocacy meeting today after this meeting so please attend”

Senator Monaco...

- Stated that he attended the O.R.C. meeting today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

I. Announcements

- **Student Advocacy Committee Meeting**, February 18, 2019
 - 5:15pm - 6:15pm
 - SGA Conference Room
- **SGA Week**, February 18-22, 2019
 - Monday, February 18:
 - **Intro to SGA**, 12:00pm - 5:00pm, WUC 301
 - Tuesday, February 19:
 - **No Limit Luncheon**, 11:00am - 1:00pm, WUC Ballrooms
 - **Government in the Game Room**, 5:00pm - 7:00pm, WUC 222
 - Wednesday, February 20:
 - **Wellness Warriors Workshop**, 1:00pm - 3:00pm, WUC 155
 - Thursday, February 21:
 - **Year of the Pig at the Culture Corner**, 5:30pm - 7:00pm, WUC Culture Corner
 - Friday, February 22:
 - **BBQ at Bayview**, 6:00pm - 9:00pm, Bayview Pool
- **HSA Car Wash**, February 19 & 21, 2019
 - 10:00am - 1:30pm
 - In front of AC2
- **RLJ Committee Meeting**, February 19, 2019
 - 1:30pm - 2:30pm
 - SGA Conference Room
- **BBC Budget Deliberations**, February 21, 2019
 - 9:30am - 4:00pm
 - WUC 155
- **Operational Review Committee Meeting**, February 28, 2019
 - 12:30pm - 1:30pm

- SGA Conference Room
- **Admitted Students' Day**, March 2, 2019
 - Time: TBA
 - WUC
- **Panther Power Spirit Week**, March 25-28, 2019
- **Women Who Lead Conference**, March 27, 2019

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Balfour moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:00pm.

Senator Ji seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned by Speaker Habib at **5:00pm.**