



Florida International University

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

MINUTES

SGC-BBC Senate Meeting May 21st, 2018

IN ATTENDANCE

Jiaqi “Water” Chen, Hospitality & Tourism Management
Chelsea De Silva, Hospitality & Tourism Management
Leonardo Cosio, Communication + Journalism
Xin Wang, Upper Division
Stefano Selorio, Lower Division

EXCUSED

John Habib, Arts, Sciences, & Education

ABSENT

Ruyu Hua, Housing Senator

GUESTS

Dr. Kerrie Montgomery
Larissa Adames, Campus Life Assistant Director and SGC-BBC Advisor
Jefferson Noël, SGA President
Jonathan Espino, SGA Vice President
Alexandra Laroche, Front Desk Assistant
Sabrina Javellana, Chief of Staff Appointee
Ronan Kelly, Engineering and Computer Science student
Taryn Edwards
Sergio Batista

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on **May 21st, 2018 - WUC 221**. The meeting was called to order at **3:38PM**, approximately, by Vice-President Jonathan Espino who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 7th, 2018 meeting was made by Senator Selorio and seconded by Senator Chen.

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 16th, 2018 meeting was made by Senator Chen and was seconded by Senator Selorio.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Vice President Espino...

- Welcomed the Senate and reminded everyone that the CAPS–Counseling and Psychological Services–office is open during the summer for them to use throughout the semester.
- Notified the Senate that they will have the opportunity to amend the agenda to discuss if members are interested in having bi-weekly senate meetings from here on out.
- Stated that at the next meeting the Speaker of the Senate and Committee Chairs will be appointed, and encouraged the senate to look over those positions if interested. Vice President Espino also stated the available chair positions–Finance Committee, Operational Review Committee, Internal Affairs Committee, Student Advocacy Committee, and Rules, Legislation, and Judiciary Committee.
- Reminded the senator that the next Senate meeting will not be held on May 28, 2018 but the following Monday–June 4th, 2018–because next monday is Memorial Day.
- Stated that he has set up a meeting with President Noël regarding the first President’s Roundtable.
- Informed the Senate that he will be going over the special projects folder the previous Vice President Marseille passed on to him

ADVISOR REPORT

Ms. Adames...

- Reminded the Senate of the Retreat which will take place on June 22nd and 23rd. Ms.Adames also added that all senators should have received an email regarding their registration for the retreat and whether or not they will be taking the bus or not.
- Informed the senate that the deadline for registering for the retreat is on the 15th of June.
- Stated that the senate events will resume next week.
- Clarified that the Merging of SGA will be effective for the Spring Semester; before then, a committee will be going over the details of the merge. The senators will have the opportunity to attend these meetings in June.

Dr.Kerrie Montgomery...

- Stated that although she does not have any updates as of right now she will reiterate what Ms. Adames mentioned regarding the meetings on the merging of SGA. The council is not required but is strongly recommended to attend these meetings, especially because there will be room for discussions.
- Stated that the minutes for each of those meetings will be available as well in case anyone misses the meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of Minutes

The Senate Minutes of May 7th, 2018 and April 16, 2018 was reviewed by the Senate. For the motions made refer to “Approval of Minutes”.

B. Senate Resolution 2018.0012

The Senate Resolution 2018.0012 was presented by President Noël.

Questions and suggestions were made.

Senator Cosio moved to lower case the “a” in “According” of the first, second, and third clauses of the Senate Resolution 2018.0012–In support of creating a FIU @ I-75 student committee. Senator Selorio seconded the motion.

By a unanimous decision the motion was passed.

Senator Cosio moved to approve the Senate Resolution 2018.0012, In support of creating a FIU @ I-75 student committee, as amended. Senator Chen second the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Jiaqi “Water” Chen–Yay
 Chelsea De Silva–Yay
 Leonardo Cosio–Yay
 Xin Wang–Yay
 Stefano Selorio–Yay

By a vote of 5/0/0, the Senate Resolution 2018.0012 was approved.

C. Bill 2018.0002

Senator Cosio presented the second reading of Bill 2018.0002 to the Senate.

A point of inquiry was made by Senator Cosio asking the advisors if the process of making motions could be explained to the Senate.

Ms. Adames then explained the process of making motions.

Senator Cosio moved to approve the Senate Bill 2018.0002, to amend Section 503.01 and 507.04 to update the name of Journalism and Mass Communication Senator in SGC BBC Statutes to Communication, Architecture + The Arts (CARTA) Senator.

Senator De Silva seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Jiaqi “Water” Chen–Yay

Chelsea De Silva–Yay

Leonardo Cosio–Yay

Xin Wang–Yay

Stefano Selorio–Yay

By a vote of 5/0/0, the Senate Bill 2018.0002 was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointments - Sabrina Javellana

Sabrina Javellana presented herself to the Senate as the Chief of Staff appointee.

Senator Selorio moved to appoint Sabrina Javellana as Chief of Staff.

Senator Cosio seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Jiaqi “Water” Chen–Yay

Chelsea De Silva–Yay

Leonardo Cosio–Yay

Xin Wang–Yay

Stefano Selorio–Yay

By a vote of 5/0/0, Sabrina Javellana was appointed Chief of Staff.

B. Senate Resolution 2018.0013

The first reading of the Senate Resolution 2018.0013, *In support of adding Counseling and Psychological Services description and contact information to every syllabus at FIU*, was presented by President Noël.

Senator Cosio moved to amend the Senate Resolution 2018.0013 to lowercase the “A” in according for the first clause.

Senator Selorio seconded the motion.

The motion was not entertained because it was clarified that since it is the first reading of the Resolution it cannot be approved or amended.

C. Senate Bill 2018.0003

Senator Cosio presented the Senate Bill 2018.0003.

A point of inquiry was made by Senator Selorio, asking whether or not this would count as the first reading of the Senate Bill if the Sponsors are not included. In this case how should the Senate go about it?

It was clarified that the Senate can table the first reading of the Senate Bill 2018.0003.

Senator Cosio moved to table the 2018.0003 Senate Bill, *To amend Article VIII of the SGA Constitution regarding the method by which University-Wide Council meetings can be held*, to the next Senate Meeting.

Senator Selorio seconded the motion.

By a unanimous vote the motion was passed.

Vice President Espino reminded the Senate that it is up to their discretion to amend the agenda to open discussion regarding bi weekly senate meetings.

D. Open Discussion

Senator Selorio proposed to amend the agenda to add Open Discussion under New Business. Senator Cosio made an amendment to the motion to limit discussion to 5 minutes. Senator Selorio accepted it.

Senator De Silva seconded the motion.

By a unanimous decision the motion was passed.

Senator Cosio ended the discussion at 4:17pm.

Senator Selorio seconded the motion.

By a unanimous decision the motion was passed.

Senator Cosio moved to have bi-weekly Senate meetings starting June 4th, 2018.

Senator Chen seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Jiaqi “Water” Chen–Yay
Chelsea De Silva–Yay
Leonardo Cosio–Yay
Xin Wang–Yay
Stefano Selorio–Nay

By a vote of 4/1/0, the motion was passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice President Espino...

- A. General Meeting, May 30. WUC 221
- B. U-Wide Retreat, June 22-23, MMC & BBC

Ms. Adames...

- Reminded the Senate that the retreat will be held at MMC on Friday 22nd, but at BBC on Saturday.
- Stated that the Senate workshops might be moved to next wednesday.

Dr. Montgomery...

- Confirmed that transportation and food for the retreat will be provided.
- Clarified that there are no consequences for not attending the retreat but it is an

expectation. However, if one could not attend he or she should notify Larissa in advance.
Senator Selorio...

- Stated that he brought two of his friends, Taryn Edwards and Surgio Batisto, to the Senate Meeting.

Alexandra Laroche...

- Asked the senate to review the minutes in advance, once available, especially the motions that were made.

President Noël...

- Stated that he would like to get to know any projects the senators would like to work on, so that he could help them achieve that and/or collaborate with them.
- Confirmed that he is available to meet with any senators and that they are free to contact him

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Selorio moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:28 PM.

Senator Cosio seconded the motion.

By unanimous decision the motion was passed.

The meeting was adjourned by Vice President Espino at 4:28 PM.