



# Florida International University

*Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center*

## MINUTES

**SGC-BBC Senate Meeting**

**May 22, 2017**

### IN ATTENDANCE

Meredith Marseille – Vice President  
Elizabeth Gomez – Arts, Sciences & Education  
Maria Fauve – At-Large  
Ronan Kelly – Lower Division  
Jonathan Espino – Housing

### EXCUSED

Doreen Patichi – Arts, Sciences & Education  
Sigal Dahan – At-Large  
Harry Castillo – Communication & Journalism

### GUESTS

Jamie Adelson  
Leonardo Cosio – President  
Jefferson Noel

### CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on Monday, May 22, 2017 in WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at **3:34 p.m.** by Vice- President Meredith Marseille, who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

### **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- Vice- President Marseille welcomed all senators and guest and stated that today might be the last time she will preside over the Senate Meetings.
- Vice- President Marseille explained that she has been presiding over the meetings for the Senate due to the fact that the Speaker of the Senate was not yet voted upon. Throughout the meeting senators will have a chance to nominate any current senator and vote upon a speaker.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **a. Approval of Senate Minutes – May 8, 2017**

The minutes of May 8, 2107 were presented to the senate.

Senator Kelly moved to approve the Senate Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2017.  
Senator Espino Seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Elizabeth Gomez – Yay  
Maria Fauve – Yay  
Ronan Kelly – Yay  
Jonathan Espino – Yay

By an unanimous vote of 4/0/0, the Senate Minutes of May 8, 2017 was approved.

#### **b. Second Reading - Bill 2017.0002 - Director of Sustainability**

President Cosio presented Bill 2017.0002 – Director of Sustainability to the Senate.  
Questions were asked and answered

Senator Fauve moved to amend Section 404.16 Director of Civic Engagement in Article IV of SGC BBC Statutes.

Senator Kelly Seconded the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

Elizabeth Gomez – Yay  
Maria Fauve – Yay  
Ronan Kelly – Yay  
Jonathan Espino – Yay

By an unanimous vote of 4/0/0, Bill 2017.0002 – Director of Sustainability was passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Appointments**

1. Jefferson Noel – Communication & Journalism Senator.

Jefferson Noel presented himself to the Senate and answered questions posed by the Senators.

Senator Espino moved to appoint Jefferson Noel as Communication & Journalism Senator.  
Senator Kelly seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Elizabeth Gomez – Yay  
Maria Fauve – Yay  
Ronan Kelly – Yay  
Jonathan Espino – Yay

By an unanimous vote of 4/0/0, Jefferson Noel was appointed as Communication & Journalism Senator.

2. Jamie Adelson – Chief of Staff

Jamie Adelson presented herself to the Senate.

Senator Kelly moved to appoint Jamie Adelson as Chief of Staff  
Senator Gomez seconded the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Elizabeth Gomez – Yay  
Maria Fauve – Yay  
Ronan Kelly – Yay  
Jonathan Espino – Yay  
Jefferson Noel – Abstain

By a vote of 4/0/1, Jamie Adelson as Chief of Staff.

#### **b. Speaker Nominations**

Vice-President Meredith explained that she presided over the last two meetings, usually this would be the time in which the senate would appoint a speaker. Once the speaker is appointed he or she will preside over the meetings after this one.

Some of the duties of the Speaker was explained briefly then the floor was open for nominations.

Senator Kelly nominated Senator Espino as Speaker of the Senate.

Senator Espino accepted the nomination.

Point of procedure: President Cosio explained that all nominations must be announced before any Senators present themselves to the Senate.

Vice President Marseille asked if there were any other nominations for the position. Seeing there were no other nominations, Senator Espino presented himself to the senate.

Questions were asked.

Senator Fauve moved to appoint Senator Espino as Speaker of the Senate.

Senator Gomez seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Elizabeth Gomez – Yay  
Maria Fauve – Yay  
Ronan Kelly – Yay  
Jonathan Espino – Yay  
Jefferson Noel – Abstain

By a vote of 4/0/1, Senator Espino was appointed as Speaker of the Senate.

#### **c. Chair Nominations**

Vice President Marseille stated that an email of all Chair positions and descriptions was sent to the Senate sometime last week. Chair positions for all five committees—Rules Legislative and Judiciary, Operational Review, Student Advocacy, Finance Committee, and Internal Affairs— are open.

The floor was open for Chair nominations.

Senator Espino nominated Senator Kelly as Finance committee chair.  
Senator Kelly accepted nominations

Senator Kelly presented himself to the Senate.

Senator Espino moved to appoint Senator Kelly as Finance Committee Chair  
Senator Fauve seconded the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Elizabeth Gomez – Yay  
Maria Fauve – Yay  
Ronan Kelly – Yay  
Jonathan Espino – Yay  
Jefferson Noel – Abstain

By a vote of 4/1/0, Senator Kelly was appointed as Finance Committee Chair.

#### **d. Bills**

President Cosio presented Bill 2017.0003 to the senate.  
Questions were asked.

Point of Clarification: Vice President marseille stated that the senate may decide to bypass the second reading and vote on this bill. If not, the second reading will occur on the next general meeting.

Senator Fauve moved to bypass the second reading of the bill.  
Senator Espino seconded the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Elizabeth Gomez – Yay

Maria Fauve – Yay  
Ronan Kelly – Yay  
Jonathan Espino – Yay  
Jefferson Noel – Abstain

By a vote of 4/0/1, the second reading of Bill 2017.0003 was bypassed by the Senate.

Senator espino moved to approve Bill 2017.0003 to renumber subsections that are incorrectly listed in certain Cabinet positions.

Kelly seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Elizabeth Gomez – Yay  
Maria Fauve – Yay  
Ronan Kelly – Yay  
Jonathan Espino – Yay  
Jefferson Noel – Abstain

By a vote of 4/0/1, Bill 2017.0003 to renumber subsections that are incorrectly listed in certain Cabinet positions was passed.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. First General Meeting- May 31, 2017, 3:30 pm, WUC 221

1. June 28
2. July 26

B. Orientation Tabling, Panther Square, 12pm-1pm

1. June 12
2. July 10
3. August 10

C. U-Wide Retreat– August 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 2017, UCF- Mandatory

D. BayView Move-In- August 19

E. Freshman Convocation August 20

President cosio clarified that freshman convocation will be different than the past. It will not be held at the arena but in a different location. Once more information is given it will be shared

F. SGA Day- August 30

Senator Espino moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:52pm.  
Senator Gomez seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously.