



Florida International University

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

MINUTES

SGC-BBC Senate Meeting June 4th, 2018

IN ATTENDANCE

Jiaqi “Water” Chen, Hospitality & Tourism Management
Chelsea De Silva, Hospitality & Tourism Management
Xin Wang, Upper Division
Ruyun Hua, Housing Senator

EXCUSED

John Habib, Arts, Sciences, & Education
Leonardo Cosio, Communication, Architecture + The Arts
Stefano Selorio, Lower Division

GUESTS

Dr. Kerrie Montgomery, Campus Life Director
Larissa Adames, Campus Life Assistant Director and SGC-BBC Advisor
Jefferson Noël, SGA President
Jonathan Espino, SGA Vice President
Ronan Kelly, Comptroller Appointee
Merveline Nelson, Director of Community Relations Appointee
Aaliyah Gordon, Director of Events Appointee
Sophonie, Nursing Student
Alexandra Laroche, Front Desk Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on **June 4th, 2018 - SGA Conference Room**. The meeting was called to order at **3:58PM**, 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 May 21st, 2018 was made by Senator Chen and seconded by Senator De Silva.

By a unanimous decision the motion was passed.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Vice President Espino...

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Informed the senate of a suggestion made by Senator Cosio to table or remove senate Bill 2018.0003 from the Agenda since he is not able to attend this meeting.
- Informed the senate that the Speaker candidates are not present, thus the Speaker appointment will be tabled to the next senate meeting, in Summer B. However, this gives all those candidates and any other senator interested in that position time to prepare and learn more about the position.
- Stated that chair appointments will be done during this meeting as well as three others for the Comptroller, Director of Community Relations, Director of Events positions.
- Asked the senate to reach out to anyone they might know who would be interested in joining the senate.
- Sent an email of all resolutions to the senators with an additional document including the instructions on how to CC and assign the correct individuals to each resolution. One was done by the Vice President, which they can use as reference, and another was done by Senator Selorio.
- Advised the senate to CC future resolutions before they are presented to the meeting.
- Informed the senate that the first E-Board meeting—held before this one—went well.

ADVISOR REPORT

Ms. Adames...

- Reminded the senate to register for the retreat— taking place on June 22nd and 23rd. The bus will arrive at the MMC at 9:00am, the retreat will begin at 10:00am and will end at 8:00pm. On June 23rd at BBC the retreat will begin and end at the same time. Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner will be provided. When the schedule is finalized it will be shared with the council members.
- Informed of tabling opportunities that are coming up, the orientation being held next week, and in two weeks Midday Mayhem—an event where each office will either have good and/or giveaway for students— which is a great opportunity for council members to give tours of the office.
- Stated that all council members should have access to the tabling sign up sheet

- Informed the senate that she will be out from Monday June 11, 2018 to Wednesday June 13, 2018, however, the front desk assistant will be in the office and Dr. Montgomery will also be available.
- Reminded the senate that she will be setting up one on one meetings with the council later this summer.

Dr. Kerrie Montgomery...

- No report.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of Minutes

The Senate Minutes of May 21st, 2018 were reviewed by the Senate. For the motions made refer to “Approval of Minutes”.

B. Senate Resolution 2018.0013

President Noël presented the Senate Resolution 2018.0013 to the senate for the second reading and explained that the title of the resolution was changed after his conversation with Dr. Desantis

President Noël informed the senate that it would be beneficial to approve this resolution because, if passed, the Faculty Senate will need to approve of it as well.

Senator Chen moved to amend all “*Panther Cares*” to “*Panthers Care*”, change “*syllabi*” to “*syllabus*”, and add all titles to the names of all who are CC in the Senate Resolution 2018.0013.

Senator Wang seconded the motion.

By a unanimous vote the motion was passed.

A point on inquiry was made by Vice President Espino: *Does CAPS need to also be addressed separately in the title of this resolution?*

Dr. Montgomery explained that it did not since it falls under Panthers Care.

Senator Wang moved to approve the Senate Resolution 2018.0013–In support of adding Panthers Care description and contact information and the Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) contact information to every syllabus at FIU–as amended.

Senator Chen seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Jiaqi “Water” Chen–Yay
Chelsea De Silva–Yay
Xin Wang–Yay
Ruyu Hua–Yay

By a vote of 4/0/0, the Senate Resolution 2018.0013–In support of adding Panthers Care description and contact information and the Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) contact information to every syllabus at FIU–was approved.

C. Senate Bill 2018.0003

Vice President Espino reminded the senate of a the suggestion previously made to remove or table the Senate Bill 2018.0003 since Senator Cosio– who is the author and presented the meeting– is not present.

Senator Chen moved to table Senate Bill 2018.0003 to the next senate meeting.
Senator De Silva seconded the motion.

A point of inquiry was made by Vice President Espino regarding if this motion needed to be passed via a roll call vote.

Ms.Adames answered that it did not need to be passed via a roll call vote.

By an unanimous decision the motion was passed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointments

I. Ronan Kelly – Comptroller

Ronan Kelly presented himself to the senate.

Senator Chen moved to appoint Ronan Kelly as Comptroller.
Senator Wang seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Jiaqi “Water” Chen–Yay
Chelsea De Silva–Yay
Xin Wang–Yay
Ruyu Hua–Yay

By a vote of 4/0/0, Ronan Kelly was appointed as Comptroller.

II. Aaliyah Gordon – Director of Events

Aaliyah Gordon presented herself to the senate.

Senator De Silva moved to appoint Aaliyah Gordon as Director of Events.

Senator Wang seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Jiaqi “Water” Chen–Yay
Chelsea De Silva–Yay
Xin Wang–Yay
Ruyu Hua–Yay

By a vote of 4/0/0, Aaliyah Gordon was appointed as Director of Events.

III. Merveline Nelson – Director of Community Relations

Merveline Nelson presented herself to the senate.

Senator De Silva moved to appoint Merveline Nelson as Director of Community Relations.

Senator Chen seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Jiaqi “Water” Chen–Yay
Chelsea De Silva–Yay
Xin Wang–Yay
Ruyu Hua–Yay

By a vote of 4/0/0, Merveline Nelson was appointed as Director of Community Relations.

IV. Chair Appointments

Vice President Espino explained to the senate that all senators have the option to nominate others or themselves for the available chair positions—Finance, Operational Review, Internal Affairs, Student Advocacy, and Rules, Legislation and Judiciary. However, not all appointments have to be made during this meeting.

Senator Chen nominated herself as finance committee chair.

Senator De Silva seconded the motion.

Senator Chen presented herself to the senate.

Senator De Silva moved to appoint Senator Chen as the finance committee chair.

Senator Wang seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Jiaqi “Water” Chen—Yay

Chelsea De Silva—Yay

Xin Wang—Yay

Ruyu Hua—Yay

By a vote of 4/0/0, Senator Chen was appointed as the finance committee chair.

V. Senate Resolution 2018.0014

President Noël presented the senate resolution 2018.00014.

The senate suggested changes to the resolution.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice President Espino...

A. Early Fall/Summer B Week of Welcome- June 18-22

- B. U-Wide Retreat, June 22-23, MMC & BBC
- C. General Meeting, June 27, WUC 221, 3:30pm
- D. Reflexology Path Installation, June 27-28, Panther Plaza

President Noël...

- Invited everyone to an event in which a reporter will present in one of the classes at BBC at 9:30am.
- Stated that he is working on possible NBC tours—for those interested in broadcast— this Fall semester under SGA’s goal to provide opportunities for students.
- Informed the senate that the SGA presidents of various universities will be at BBC on July 27th, 2018 and encouraged the senate to attend that event as well.
- Stated that he will be at FIU @I-75 on the 19th of June to participate in their Week of Welcome events and encouraged those who are available to attend as well.
- Informed the senate that the Career and Talent Development department will be hosting a statewide conference on June 28th, 2018 at MMC.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Chen moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:52 PM .

Senator De Silva seconded the motion.

By unanimous decision the motion was passed.

The meeting was adjourned by Vice President Espino at 4:52 PM.