



Florida International University

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

MINUTES

SGC-BBC Senate Meeting

June 18, 2018

IN ATTENDANCE

Jiaqi “Water” Chen, Hospitality & Tourism Management/Finance Chair

John Habib, Arts, Sciences, & Education

Chelsea De Silva, Hospitality & Tourism Management

Leonardo Cosio, Communication, Architecture + The Arts

Ruyu Hua, Housing Senator

EXCUSED

Xin Wang, Upper Division

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

Daniel Velasquez, Chief Justice Appointee

Flora Bordeau, Director of Campus Services Appointee

Alexandra Laroche, Front Desk Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on **June 18, 2018 - WUC 221**. The meeting was called to order at **3:39-PM**, 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 June 4th, 2018 was made by Senator Chen and seconded by Senator Habib.

By a unanimous decision the motion was passed.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Vice President Espino...

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed the Senate of all the appointments that are to take place according to the agenda—Chief Justice, Director of Campus Services, Speaker, Speaker Pro Tempore and Chair appointments.
- Stated that the previous vice president, Meredith Marseille, shared her transition manual with him and will be reviewing and working on the items listed in the manual.
- Informed the Senate that they will receive a more detailed update on the Reflexology path from Ms. Adames, and that he will be creating a club for this project which will involve both MMC and BBC councils. It was also added that Dr. DeSantis was contacted regarding this club to provide a faculty representative.
- Clarified that the club he is creating is not one of his own project but one that was listed on the former vice president Marseille's transition manual.

ADVISOR REPORT

Ms. Adames...

- Explained that next week the Reflexology path will be installed next to panther plaza and volunteers will be needed to assist with that. She also added that Elizabeth Marazita and Michael Spano asked five individuals to bring stones.
Senator Cosio stated that we should reach out to the Student Ambassadors for help.
- Stated that tomorrow—June 19, 2018—the Student Government Association office will participate in the event, Midday Mayhem, in which the office will be offering food—chicken and waffles— and giveaways to students as a part of the early fall week of welcome events.
- Reminded the senate that the retreat will take place this friday—June 22nd, 2018— and saturday—June 23rd, 2018. The council will have breakfast at 8:30am and will leave at 9:00am to MMC.
- Stated that any council member who has not yet submitted the forms on orgsync should do so as soon as possible, resumes, member info sheet, and bio should be completed.
- Stated that the Midday Mayhem would be a great opportunity for recruitment and encouraged the senate to participate in that event.

Dr. Kerrie Montgomery...

- No report.

FINANCE CHAIR REPORT

Senator Chen...

- Informed the Senate that she met with the MMC Finance Chair Javier Ortiz and SGA BBC Comptroller, Ronan Kelly, to review the request forms. They are revising the forms with the goal of simplifying it and shortening the process.
- Stated that she has already received a finance request but will not be processing it until July 1st, but in the meantime she will be following up with the student who requested funding.
- Informed the council that she currently does not have any members for the finance committee, and if anyone was interested to contact her.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of Minutes

The Senate Minutes of June 4th, 2018 were reviewed by the Senate.
For the motions made refer to “Approval of Minutes”.

B. Senate Resolution 2018.0014

President Noël took a moment to thank the senate for approving the Senate Resolution 2018.0013 last meeting.

President Noël presented the second reading of the Senate Resolution 2018.0014.

Senator Cosio moved to amend Senate Resolution 2018.0014 to add a time limit to this academic year.

Senator Habib seconded the motion.

By a unanimous vote the motion was passed.

Senator Cosio moved to approve Senate Resolution 2018.0014–In support of printing resumes on resume paper for Florida International University Students–as amended.

Senator DeSilva seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Jiaqi “Water” Chen–Yay
John Habib–Yay
Chelsea De Silva–Yay
Leonardo Cosio–Yay
Ruyu Hua–Yay

By a vote of 5/0/0, the Senate Resolution 2018.0014–In support of printing resumes on resume paper for Florida International University Students– was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointments

I. Daniel Velasquez – Chief Justice

Daniel Velasquez presented himself to the senate.

Senator Chen moved to appoint Daniel Velasquez as Chief Justice.
Senator Habib seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Jiaqi “Water” Chen–Yay
John Habib–Yay
Chelsea De Silva–Yay
Leonardo Cosio–Yay
Ruyu Hua–Yay

By a vote of 5/0/0, Daniel Velasquez was appointed as Chief Justice.

II. Flora Bordeau – Director of Campus Services

Flora Bordeau presented herself to the senate.

Senator De Silva moved to appoint Flora Bordeau as Director of Campus Services.
Senator Cosio seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Jiaqi “Water” Chen–Yay

John Habib–Yay
Chelsea De Silva–Yay
Leonardo Cosio–Yay
Ruyu Hua–Yay

By a vote of 5/0/0, Flora Bordeau was appointed as Director of Campus Services.

III. Speaker Appointments

Vice President Espino explained to the senate that they are able to make self nominations and also nominate other senators as well for the Speaker position.

Senator Habib nominated Senator Cosio as Speaker of the Senate.

Senator Cosio accepted the nomination.

Vice President Espino made a point of inquiry regarding how the nominated senators should be presented and voted on.

Ms. Adames explained that all nominations should be made, then those senators will each present themselves to the senate, after all the nominees have presented themselves there will be one roll call where the senators will say which senator they would like to appoint as Speaker of the Senate. The senator with the most vote will be appointed for the position.

Senator Chen nominated Senator Habib as Speaker of the Senate.

Senator Habib accepted the nomination.

Seeing there were no other nominations each nominee, Senator Cosio and Senator Habib, presented themselves to the senate.

Roll Call Vote:

Jiaqi “Water” Chen–Senator Habib
John Habib–Senator Habib
Chelsea De Silva–Senator Habib
Leonardo Cosio–Senator Cosio
Ruyu Hua–Senator Habib

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

IV. Speaker Pro Appointments

Senator Habib nominated Senator Cosio as Speaker Pro-Tempore.
Senator Cosio accepted the nomination.

Seeing there were no other nominations for the Speaker Pro-Tempore position, Senator Cosio presented himself to the senate.

Senator De Silva moved to appoint Senator Cosio as Speaker Pro-Tempore.
Senator Chen seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Jiaqi “Water” Chen–Yay
John Habib–Yay
Chelsea De Silva–Yay
Leonardo Cosio–Yay
Ruyu Hua–Yay

By a vote of 5/0/0, Senator Cosio was appointed as Speaker Pro-Tempore.

V. Chair Appointments

Vice President Espino explained that at this time any nomination for the available chair positions—Operational Review, Internal Affairs, Student Advocacy, and Rules, Legislation and Judiciary.

Senator Cosio moved to open discussion at 4:33pm for two minutes.
Senator Chen seconded the motion.

Senator Cosio moved to end discussion at 4:35pm.
Senator De Silva seconded the motion.

No chair nominations were made.

VI. Senate Resolution 2018.0015

President Noël presented Senate Resolution 2018.0015 to the senate, in support of the Student Body voting on the proposed amendments to the constitution of the Student Government Association.

President Noël answered questions asked regarding the Senate Resolution 2018.0015.

VII. Revamp of the Office

Vice President Espino suggested that the Senate table the last item of New Business “Revamp of the Office” to the next meeting so this could be discussed fully.

Senator Cosio moved to table the last item under New Business “Revamp of the Office”.

Senator Chen seconded.

By a unanimous vote the motion was passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice President Espino...

- A. Early Fall/Summer B Week of Welcome- June 18-22
- B. Midday Mayhem, June 19, 11am-12:30pm all of WUC
- C. U-Wide Retreat, June 22-23, MMC & BBC
- D. General Meeting, June 27, WUC 221, 3:30pm
- E. Reflexology Path Installation, June 27-28, Panther Plaza

Senator Cosio asked if the President’s Office will be attending the Reflexology path Installation.

Ms.Adames answered that they will not, however a request was sent for the President’s Office to be present for the ribbon cutting of the Reflexology Path scheduled for the first week of the Fall semester.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Cosio moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:59 PM .

Senator De Silva seconded the motion.

By unanimous decision the motion was passed.

The meeting was adjourned by Vice President Espino at 4:59 PM.

