



Florida International University

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

MINUTES

SGC-BBC Senate Meeting

July 2, 2018

IN ATTENDANCE

John Habib, Speaker/Arts, Sciences, & Education Senator

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

Chelsea De Silva, Hospitality & Tourism Management

Stefano Selorio, Lower Division

Ruyuan Hua, Housing Senator

EXCUSED

Xin Wang, Upper Division

Catalina Nemmi, 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

Sabrina Javellana, Chief of Staff

Daniel Velasquez, Chief Justice

Flora Bourdeau, Director of Campus Services

Gabriella Malak, Director of Accessibility Appointee

Alexandra Laroche, SGA Front Desk Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on July 2, 2018 – **SGA Conference Room WUC 301**. The meeting was called to order at **3:35 PM**, approximately, by **Speaker Habib** who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of June 18, 2018 was made by Senator Chen and seconded by Senator De Silva.

By an unanimous decision the motion was passed.

SPEAKER REPORT

Speaker Habib...

- Welcomed the senate and guests to the meeting and informed the senators that they will have a lot of things to go over in this meeting.
- Explained that this is the first meeting he will be presiding over as Speaker of the Senate.
- Informed that he and Vice President Espino have been meeting and want to accomplish all resolutions passed by the beginning of the fall semester. Vice President Espino will also go over the next phase for doing so later in the meeting.
- Stated that there are a lot of projects in the works including the Panther TV and the reflexology path.
- Explained that it would be beneficial to have a legislative lounge, in which the council will have the opportunity to learn more about SGA as a whole, Robert's Rules, resolutions, and other SGA processes. Speaker Habib stated that it could be held on a Monday before the senate meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Vice President Espino...

- Explained that although he will no longer preside over every senate meeting, he will be present and will give his report as he did before.
- Informed that later today he will go over phase two of the process of accomplishing the resolutions passed.
- Stated that the reflexology path has been installed and is across from the Wolfe University Center. He also mentioned that a reflexology club will be created as well and he and Senator Chen will be taking part in it.
- Stated that the project regarding the FIU Letters will also be installed near the reflexology path and said advisors will go into more detail regarding this project.
- Informed the senate that he will meet with Felicia to go through different locations within AC1 where the pharmabox could be installed. The previous administration thought AC1 would be a good place to have the pharmabox that way it will be accessible 24/7. Any updates regarding that resolution and the placement of the pharmabox will be shared with the senate as well.

FINANCE CHAIR REPORT

Senator Chen...

- Informed the senate that she and Ms. Adames have updated the graduate finance request form and will be uploading it to the website soon.
- Stated that she received a finance request from a bio major and will be processing it.

ADVISOR REPORT

Ms. Adames...

- Explained that the FIU letters will be approximately 8 feet tall and near the reflexology path.
Dr. Montgomery clarified that they are working on completing that project by the ribbon cutting of the Reflexology Path.
- Stated that the Ribbon Cutting of the Reflexology Path will be held on August 22nd, 2018—which will be during the Week of Welcome.
- Informed the senate that Roarsync will now be called Panther Connect, and the transition will occur by the end of this month. More information will be shared with the council as the transition begins as well.
- Reminded the council to register for at least nine credits for the upcoming fall semester and to ensure that 50% of the classes chosen are located at BBC. If any council member needs assistance regarding this, they are welcome to speak to her and/or Dr. Montgomery.

Dr. Montgomery...

- Explained that the quote given for the reflexology path was \$4,000 and that they have found alternatives to secure the reflexology path. It was decided to use sandbags to make it harder for people to access the path and reinforce the fence that is currently surrounding the path. In addition, signs will be placed, indicating that the sidewalk is closed.
- Reminded the council that staff and students should have received an emailing regarding the merge of the Division of Student Affairs and the Division of Academic Affairs. The current VP for Academic Affairs, Elizabeth M. Bejar, will transition to Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs. Keeping that in mind, Dr. Montgomery suggested council members give her time before setting up meetings and/or speaking to her about projects that SGA might have.

SENATOR'S REPORT

Speaker Habib explained that at this time senators are free to share any reports they have for the senate.

Vice President Espino added that if today there are no reports it is okay, but for the next meetings each senator should have something to report on.

No senator reports were made.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of Minutes

The Senate Minutes of June 18, 2018 were reviewed by the Senate. For the motions made refer to “Approval of Minutes”.

B. Senate Resolution 2018.0001

President Noël presented the second reading of the U-Wide Resolution 2018.0001 to the senate.

A point of Inquiry was made by Vice President Espino regarding whether this resolution has already been sent to the MMC council.

President Noël answered that it was already sent to the MMC council.

President Noël clarified that this resolution was presented at the previous general meeting–June 27, 2018.

Senator Chen moved to approve the U-Wide Resolution 2018.0001–In support of the Student Body voting on the proposed amendments to the constitution of the Student Government Association.

Senator Selorio seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

John Habib–Yay
Jiaqi “Water” Chen–Yay
Chelsea De Silva–Yay
Stefano Selorio–Yay
Ruyu Hua–Yay

By a vote of 5/0/0, The U-Wide Resolution 2018.0001–In support of the Student Body voting on the proposed amendments to the constitution of the Student Government Association– was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointments

I. Gabriella Malak– Director of Accessibility

Gabriella Malak presented herself to the senate.

Senator Selorio moved to appoint Gabriella Malak as Director of Accessibility.
Senator Chen seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

John Habib–Yay
Jiaqi “Water” Chen–Yay
Chelsea De Silva–Yay
Stefano Selorio–Yay
Ruyu Hua–Yay

By a vote of 5/0/0, Gabriella Malak was appointed Director of Accessibility.

II. Resolution Assignment

Vice President Espino explained to the senate that the first phase of the process of accomplishing the resolution was to assign each resolution to the appropriate department or persons, and that almost all of the resolutions have been assigned. Now the senate can move to the second phase of this process which is to contact those departments and/or assigned person.

To help this process go more smoothly Vice President Espino created a excel sheet where each resolution will be assigned to a senator and where any updates will be added.
The senators stated which resolutions they would like to work on.

Dr. Montgomery suggested adding a column to indicate which resolutions are BBC specific or U-Wide.

Ms. Adames made the suggestion of also adding a column to the table indicating a small description of each resolution.

It was decided that senators will have access to the excel sheets but will not be able to directly edit it. Instead, they will add notes and/or comments, and the Vice President, President, Speaker, or advisor will then add those edits into the excel sheet.

All senators agreed to complete the first two parts of phase two of this process by the next senate meeting.

Vice President Espino explained that during “Senator’s Report” each will give updates regarding the resolutions they were assigned to.

Vice President Espino also reminded senators of open chair positions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker Habib...

A. Constitutional Review Committee Meeting, July 6, 1p-3p, GC 241A

- Dr. Montgomery clarified that the location was changed to the Engineering Center and will be held in room: EC2461, which is the Dean’s conference room.
- Speaker Habib explained that the Engineering Center is right across from the Modesto Maidique Campus, and that attending is not mandatory but would be very beneficial.

B. General Meeting, July 25, 3:30pm, WUC 221

- Speaker Habib explained that general meetings are held once a month, and all branches of SGA will be attending.

C. FSA at FIU July 27th and 28th

- Ms. Adames explained that FSA is an organization in which almost all state universities are a part of in which all SGA presidents gather and discuss statewide

issues each month. For the month of July the meeting will be hosted at MMC.

One day they will meet at BBC and the other at MMC.

D. Bayview Move-in, August 18, Bayview Housing

E. Freshman Convocation, August 19, Riccardo Silva Stadium-MMC

F. Week of Welcome, August 20-24

- Ms. Adames explained that for the the Bayview Move-in, Freshman Convocation and the Week of Welcome SGA would usually table. These events are shared during the meeting so that they could remain on the radar of all council members. Updates will be shared with the council.

G. SGA Day, August 29, Time & Location: TBA

- Speaker Habib explained that they are gathering ideas on what activities to do for SGA Day. Any council member can get in touch with him, President Noël, and Vice President Espino regarding any ideas they might have.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator De Silva moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:38 pm .

Senator Chen seconded the motion.

By unanimous decision the motion was passed.

The meeting was adjourned by Speaker Habib at **4:38 pm.**