



Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES

SGC-BBC Senate Meeting

July 3rd, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE

Jonathan Espino - Speaker of the Senate/Housing

Ronan Kelly - Finance Committee Chair/Lower Division

Jefferson Noël - Student Advocacy Chair/Communication & Journalism

Elizabeth Gomez - Arts, Sciences & Education

Maria Fauve - At-Large

ABSENT

Harry Castillo - Communication & Journalism

GUESTS

Kerrie Montgomery – Director of Campus Life

Ryan Mignagary

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on Monday, June 19, 2017 in **WUC 221**. The meeting was called to order at **3:35 p.m.** by Jonathan Espino, Speaker of the Senate, who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

SPEAKER REPORT

- Speaker Espino welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Speaker Espino as previously mentioned in the discussion the Senate had before the meeting, since the finance committee is not finalized any request will be presented to the Senate through Senate meetings.
- Speaker Espino stated that senators should speak to any friends or students in classes about SGA, because the finance committee will not be able to approve requests directly.
- Speaker Espino stated that Maria has been working hard on the reflexology path project. Maria reached out to the senate concerning any quotes they might want to place on the stones of the reflexology path.

FINANCE REPORT

- Finance Chair, Senator Kelly, mentioned that besides the request placed during the transition between finance committees, he has not received any other finance requests.
- Finance Chair, Senator Kelly, stated that although finance requests can be presented to the Senate he will still need a committee and any senators who have time to join; as well any friends who might be interested in joining.

STUDENT ADVOCACY

- Student Advocacy Chair, Senator Noël reached out and spoke to students about the Student Advocacy committee. Fifty-four percent of the students he reached out to did not know what the Student Advocacy Committee, while the remaining forty-six percent were either interested in obtaining more information or wanted to join.
- Student Advocacy Chair, Senator Noël mentioned that his findings show that many students were not aware of the Student Advocacy Committee and that if we reached out to the students accordingly many could potentially join.
- Student Advocacy Chair, Senator Noël stated that he now has a list of some changes students would like to see on campus, and will send an email to all senators to discuss what SGA could do to make these changes; which will help build a better FIU.

Ms. Adames was not present at the meeting but a copy of her report was shared with the senators.

A. Please encourage everyone to be sign up the following events. Since these events are back to back, we should look into having the tabling/volunteering being split up amongst the council

1. ISSS Resource Fair, August 18th, 12-2pm, Location: TBA

2. *Bayview move in, August 19, 8am-6pm, Location: Bayview*

Speaker Espino stated that the email regarding Bayview move-in sign will be sent out to the Senate again this week.

3. *Freshmen Convocation Resource fair, 1pm-4:30pmish Location: Football Stadium,*
B. SPC is hosting a Game of Thrones Season 7 watch party on July 16th. The watch party starts at 7:30 with light refreshments. They would like to give the other student councils to participate in the watch party by having reps from each of the organizations promote their councils and possible recruit. That will go on until about 8:45ish, since the show starts at 9pm. I think this will be a great opportunity for us to network with housing students and recruit them. I would like to volunteer Jonathan to lead on this J. Since we have left over cups and plates from our spring events, we are helping with that.

C. I would like for all of e-board to read the 4 agreements. Leo and Meredith should already have a book. If you need a book, please let Marcy know so that she can give you one. If you would like to have a PDF copy of the book, let me know and I will email it to you. I would like for us to begin a discussion on this book when I return. I believe the book will be very helpful for the eboard and this upcoming year.

D. I would like to find out what type of involvement SGA BBC wants to have in the composition of the Bayview Hall council. I will be researching different residential hall council constitutions to use as a guide for ours.

Speaker Espino explained that SGA will be required to have at least one RA in the council, as a liaison between the Bayview Hall council and SGA.

E. Jim Wassener emailed me back about the FIU letters project and reflexology path. He requested more information which I provided. I am waiting to hear back from him. I will follow up with him when I return.

Dr. Montgomery stated that the ISS Resource Fair, is hosted by Campus Life. The event is meant to be a fun way to welcome international students to FIU. Lunch will be provided from 1pm-2pm in Panther Square.

Dr. Montgomery explained the event provides an opportunity for different organizations to be represented and really demonstrate why students should get involved on campus and participate through tabling

Dr. Montgomery notified the senate that there will be a bus shuttle available for Freshman Convocation. The sign up for that will be available soon.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of Senate Minutes – June 19th, 2017

The Senate Meeting Minutes were presented to the Senate.
Minor Changes were made.

Senator Kelly moved to approve the Senate Meeting Minutes of June 19, 2017.
Senator Gomez seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Jonathan Espino - Yay
Ronan Kelly - Yay
Jefferson Noël - Yay
Elizabeth Gomez - Yay
Maria Fauve - Yay

By an unanimous vote of 5/0/0, the Senate Meeting Minutes of June 19, 2017 was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointments

1. Ryan Mignagary (Marketing Coordinator)

Ryan Mignagary presented himself to the Senate for the position of Marketing Coordinator.

Senator Fauve after stating that the position was not officially added to the statutes and asked for a point of inquiry: We would not be able to appoint Ryan Mignagary to a position not yet listed in the Statutes. Should we then table this appointment?

Dr.Montgomery stated that it is true that the Senate cannot appointment someone to a position not yet added to the statutes. This appointment should be tabled until there is more clarification and when the position is included in the statutes.

Senator Fauve moved to table the first appointment under New Business, Ryan Mignagary (Marketing Coordinator), until the next senate meeting on July 17, 2017.

Senator Noël seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Jonathan Espino - Yay
Ronan Kelly - Yay
Jefferson Noël - Yay
Elizabeth Gomez - Yay
Maria Fauve - Yay

By an unanimous vote of 5/0/0, the first appointment under New business, Ryan Mignagary (Marketing Coordinator), until the next senate meeting on July 17, 2017.

2. Johnathan Espino (AD HOC Committee)

Speaker Espino stated that he will be replacing Jefferson Noël in the AD HOC Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Second General Meeting-

1. July 26 (Third General Meeting)

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

1. July 10
2. August 10

C. U-Wide Retreat– August 4 th -6 th , 2017, UCF- Mandatory

D. BayView Move-In- August 19

Speaker Espino stated that he will forward the email where all those helping during Move-In date could sign up.

E. Freshman Convocation August 20

F. SGA Day- August 30

Senator Kelly moved to adjourn the meeting at 3.55 p.m.

Senator Gomez seconded the motion.

By an unanimous decision the motion was passed.

The meeting was adjourned by Speaker Espino at **3:55 p.m**