



Florida International University

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

MINUTES

SGC-BBC Senate Meeting

July 16, 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

Xin Wang, Upper Division **4:00pm**

Stefano Selorio, Lower Division

Catalina Nemmi, Lower Division

EXCUSED

Ruyu Hua, Housing Senator

GUESTS

Larissa Adames, Campus Life Assistant Director and SGC-BBC Advisor

Ronan Kelly, Comptroller

John Gatto, Finance Request Applicant

Priscila Sevil, Senator-At-Large Appointee

Alexandra Laroche, SGA Front Desk Assistant

Alejandro Narvaez, SGA Front Desk Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on July 16, 2018 – **Room WUC 221**. The meeting was called to order at **3:41 PM**, approximately, by **Speaker Habib** who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion to table the senate meeting of July 2, 2018 was made by Senator Selorio and seconded by Senator Chen.

By an unanimous vote the motion was passed.

WELCOME

Speaker Habib welcome the senate and explained that during this meeting Comptroller Kelly will go over the emoluments, finance requests will be presented, and an appointee will present herself for the position of Senator At-Large.

SENATE SPEAKER REPORT

Speaker Habib...

- Explained that he has been monitoring the Senate homework progress, and that many have already been completed while others are still in process. More information on the amount of progress made will be discussed later in the meeting.
- Informed that he has been working with the Careers and Talent Development office in regards of the MedEXPO and has also been working on the Panther Now project.
- Stated that the Vice President was not present for this meeting.

FINANCE CHAIR REPORT

Senator Chen...

- Introduced, John Gatto, and explained he will be presenting his finance request at this meeting.
- Explained the difference between General Finance Request and Graduate requests.
- Clarified that, because the finance committee is not complete the finance requests have to be presented either during the general or senate meetings.
- Reminded to be cautious of the requests they approve because SGA does have a budget for finance requests.

ADVISOR REPORT

Ms.Adames...

- Updated the senate on the tabling opportunities that are coming up, one being Summer Splash on July 27, 2018 from 5pm-10pm.
- Bayview Housing Move-In Day is on August 18, 2018, and SGA will also table.
- Explained the purpose of Freshman Convocation and that SGA will be tabling there as well.
- Stated that the Freshman Convocation will be held on August 19, 2018 and the location will be announced later.

SENATOR'S REPORT

Speaker Habib stated that each Senator will now have the opportunity to give the senate an update on the projects they are currently working on.

Senator Nemmi...

- Explained that her and senator Chen have been working on the Senate Resolution of 2018.0010 regarding the food pantry.
- Met with Ludovica, Office Specialist at the Healthy Living office, and are finalizing the three locations pantry boxes will be placed—three potential locations are the game room, bookstore, and cafeteria.
- Explained how her and senator Chen plan on collecting items from those boxes and their plans of adding advertisements/guidelines on the boxes as reference.
- Mentioned that she will need to contact Jerome Scott in regards of the project again.

Senator De Silva...

- Stated that she has been working on Senate Resolution 2018.0006 regarding the Parking and Transportation Forum, and has contacted the manager of Parking and Transportation.
- Informed the senate that she is now setting up a meeting with the manager of Parking and Transportation.

Ms.Adames recommended Senator Nemmi and Senator Chen to speak to Jerome Scott regarding the food project to ensure they have permission , the responsibility of the boxes, and how often the food should be picked up.

Speaker Habib...

- Stated that he often sees Jerome Scott, and will relay that information to him.
- Informed the senate that he has been working on Resolution 2018.0011, regarding the MedEXPO, and has met with the Careers and Talent Development office to plan since they hold a Career EXPO every year.
- Explained that Merveline Nelson, the Director of Community Relations, works directly with Career and Talent Development and will help in communicating with them regarding the MedEXPO.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of the Minutes

The senate minutes of July 2, 2018 was presented and reviewed by the Senate. Due to missing information within the minutes, Ms.Adames recommended the senate to table the minutes to the next meeting.

The motion to table can be found under “APPROVAL OF MINUTES”

A point of clarification was made by Ms.Adames stating that the general meeting minutes will be approved at the next general meeting.

Speaker Habib gave further information to the senate.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Finance Requests

I. John Gatto

John Gatto presented himself to the senate and explained his reasons for requesting funding for attending the Ecological Society of America Annual meeting/conference.

Senator Chen moved to fund \$300 to John Gatto to attend the Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting.

Senator Selorio seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

John Habib–Yay
Jiaqi “Water” Chen–Yay
Chelsea De Silva–Yay
Xin Wang–Yay
Stefano Selorio–Yay
Catalina Nemmi–Yay

By a vote of 6/0/0, John Gatto was funded \$300 to attend the Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting.

II. Peter Flood

Speaker Habib confirmed that there will be a senate meeting next monday, and explained that since Peter Flood was not able to present himself to the senate meeting, he will be able to do so on the next meeting, if this item is tabled.

Senator Selorio moved to table the second item under item *A. Finance Requests* to the next senate meeting.

Senator Chen seconded the motion

By an unanimous decision the motion was passed.

B. Presentation of Emoluments

I. Comptroller Kelly

Comptroller Kelly presented the emoluments to the senate explaining why there was a cut in the funding for the council positions and the change in the money allocated for each position and the councils affected.

Ms.Adames explained that the funding allocated to both council is based on the enrollment. Before the percentage was 74% to the Modesto Maidique Campus and 26% to the Biscayne Bay campus and FIU @I-75. Due to the decrease in enrollment at the Biscayne Bay Campus the percentage is to be 85% to the Modesto Maidique Campus and 15% to the Biscayne Bay campus.

Dr.Lunsford decided to only have a 6% cut, 80% to the Modesto Maidique Campus and 20% to the Biscayne Bay Campus.

Comptroller Kelly clarified that this is the first presentation of the Emoluments therefore the way the money is allocated can still change.

Upon answering a question from the senate Comptroller Kelly clarified that the money not used by the positions will roll over to the next council.

A point of inquiry was made by Speaker Habib regarding whether the emoluments will be approved today.

Ms.Adames answered that because this is the first reading of the emoluments, it will not be approved today.

Speaker Habib informed the senate that they can meet with Comptroller Kelly regarding the emoluments to make any suggestion or to ask any questions.

Comptroller Kelly clarified that although he will not be available after this meeting he will be in the office during the week.

C. Appointments

I. Priscila Sevil – Senator-At-Large

Priscila Sevil presented herself to the senate and explained her reason for wanted to join SGA as well as plans she has in mind if appointed as Senator-At-Large.

Senator Selorio moved to appoint Priscila Sevil as Senator-At-Large.
Senator De Silva seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

John Habib–Abstain
Jiaqi “Water” Chen–Yay
Chelsea De Silva–Yay
Xin Wang–Yay
Stefano Selorio–Yay
Catalina Nemmi–Yay

By a vote of 5/0/1, Priscila Sevil was appointed Senator-At-Large

II. Chair Nominations

Speaker Habib explained that there are open positions available, and that senators can nominate themselves or others for the position.

Senator Chen nominated Senator Wang for the Operational Review Chair position.
Senator Wang accepted the nomination.

Senator Wang presented herself to the senate and shared her plans if she were to be appointed for the chair position.

Senator Selorio moved to appoint Senator Wang as Operational Review Chair.
Senator Chen seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

John Habib–Yay

Jiaqi “Water” Chen–Yay
Chelsea De Silva–Yay
Xin Wang–Yay
Stefano Selorio–Yay
Catalina Nemmi–Yay
Priscila Sevil–Yay

By a vote of 7/0/0 Senator Wang was appointed Operational Review Chair.

D. Senate Poster Discussion

Speaker Habib explained that he would like the student to know which senator represents them. For this project a graphic will be created including the senator’s name, position, picture and the position he or she is holding currently.

Speaker Habib placed emphasis on the idea that all students should know who to reach, within SGA, if they have an issue or want to share his or her concerns.

Speaker Habib presented an example of how the poster would look like and confirmed that the posters could be posted on TV screens as well.

Senator Selorio moved to open discussion for five minutes at 4:32pm.

Senator Wang seconded the motion.

By an unanimous vote the motion was passed

During the discussion the senators voiced their opinions regarding where the posters should be posted, what should be added within the description and changes to be made in the graphic.

Senator Sevil moved to extend time by 2 minutes.

Senator De Silva seconded the motion.

By an unanimous vote the motion was passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker Habib...

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

B. FSA at FIU July 27th and 28th

Ms.Adames explained that FSA is an organization where SGA presidents of almost all florida universities meet monthly. This month, they will be meeting at FIU. On the July 27, 2018, the reception will be held at BBC. Whereas, the meeting will held at MMC.

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

Ms.Adames mentioned that SGA will be tabling for the whole day, but the council can beak off their shifts throughout the day–taking turns when tabling.

D. Freshman Convocation, August 19, MMC

Ms.Adames clarified that SGA will be tabling and recruiting for both the open positions within the branches of SGA and the intern program.

E. Week of Welcome, August 20-24

F. Reflexology Ribbon Cutting, August 23, 10am-1pm

G. Summer Splash, July 27, 5pm - 10pm (SPC Hosted)

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

I. Senate Meeting, July 23, 3:30 pm, Location: TBA

Speaker Habib explained that he planned to have one last senate meeting. The room location might be held in the SGA conference room but it will be confirmed with the senate via message.

Senator Chen explained that last week she received a finance request and explained the reason behind why \$1,069 was requested. Senator Chen explained that the finance request will be presented during the next senate meeting and reminded the senate to be wise when allocating funds.

Speaker Habib explained that there is money allocated for undergraduate funding requests and general funding request. Speaker Habib reminded the senate to ask any questions Senator Chen regarding the finance requests as well.

Senator Selorio announced that today will be his last day as senator, thanked the council, and wished for them to do well this academic year.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Selorio moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:53pm.

Senator Sevil seconded the motion.

The meeting was dismissed by Speaker Habib at **4:53pm.**