



# Florida International University

*Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center*

## **MINUTES**

### **SGC-BBC Special Session Senate Meeting July 19, 2017**

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Jonathan Espino - Speaker of the Senate/Housing  
Jefferson Noël - Student Advocacy Chair/Communication & Journalism  
Elizabeth Gomez - Arts, Sciences & Education  
Maria Fauve - At-Large

#### **EXCUSED**

Ronan Kelly - Finance Committee Chair/Lower Division  
Doreen Patichi, Arts, Sciences & Education (Leave of absence for entire summer)  
Sigal Dahan, Senator At-Large (Leave of absence for entire summer)  
Meredith Marseille - Vice president (Leave of absence for entire summer)

#### **GUESTS**

Dr. Kerrie Montgomery - Campus Life Director  
Larissa Adames - SGA Advisor  
Jamie Adelson - Chief of Staff  
Leonardo Cosio - SGA BBC President  
John Gatto  
Leen Alkhoul

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on Monday, July 19, 2017 in WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m. by Jonathan Espino, Speaker of the Senate, who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

See old business

## **SENATE SPEAKER REPORT**

- Had a U-Wide meeting on Monday.
- Three applicants applying for senate positions.
- Bi-weekly tabling beginning in the fall semester.
- There will be an addition of a health service administrator to the senate due to more students attending the BBC campus in the fall.
- Had an interview with a possible senator on Tuesday
- Matthew from Bayview housing requested to have one RA to liaison between SGA and Bayview
- Discussed was having a bronze Roary bench for pictures/school spirit, gender neutral bathrooms around campus.
- Welcome video in the works between the two SGA's of FIU
- SGA added a transportation senate to their council

## **FINANCE CHAIR REPORT**

No Report

## **ADVISOR REPORT**

Larissa

- U-Wide retreat, requested that members confirm their attendance.
- Updated tabling sign in sheets, wants members to have further involvement with students

Kerrie

- Shuttle from BBC to MMC for freshman convocation August 20. Advised members to be at MMC early to get their table

## **OLD BUSINESS**

July 3rd approval of minutes

- Senator Noel moved to have the minutes of July 3rd, 2017 approved. Senate speaker Jonathan second, 4-0 passes unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Leen Alkhouli presented herself to the senate for a position. Discussed her experienced from serving her high school's SGA. Senator at large Marie asked for any ideas about getting feedback from students. Leen responded with face to face surveys. Senator Noel asked for further clarification about more opportunities of learning. Leen responded by saying that there is always more great things to learn. Speaker Jonathan asked what was her leadership style? Leen responded by saying there is a strict line between being serious and having

fun. Senator Noel asked if all members but you are ok with a motion what would you do? Leen said she would stay with here opinion and speak her mind. Senator Noel moved to appoint Leen as a Arts, Science and Education senator. Elizabeth Gomez seconded. Passes unanimously 4-0.

- John Gatto presented his finance request to the senate. The amount was \$300 to cover his airfare to a convention of Ichthyologist and Herpetologists (JMIH) . Currently working on his dissertation and brought up topics to discuss at the convention. Worked as a temporary representative of FIU when he attended this convention.

Maria moved to allocate \$300 to John Gatto for travel funds of the “Fish and Lizards” convention. Jefferson seconded, passes unanimously 4-0.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Third General Meeting
  - A. July 26 (Third General Meeting)
2. Orientation Tabling, Panther Square
  - A. July 20 (Transfer, 12:30pm-1:30pm)
  - B. August 10 (Freshman, 12pm-1pm)
3. 100 Days to Homecoming, July 27, 3pm-6pm, Bayview Pool
4. U-Wide Retreat– August 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 2017, UCF- Mandatory
5. Campus Life Resources Fair for New International Students- August 18, 12pm-2pm
6. BayView Move-In- August 19, 8am-6pm
7. Freshman Convocation August 20, 1pm-4pm
8. Week of Welcome
  - A. Kick-Off, August 21, 11am-2pm, ACI Bus Area
  - B. Restaurant & Business Fair, August 22, 12pm-2pm, WUC Ballrooms
  - C. Breakfast Bonanza, 9:30am-11:30am, specific offices
  - D. Panther Luau, 11am-2pm, WUC Ballrooms
9. First Senate Meeting in Fall, August 21, 3:30pm, WUC 221
10. Involvement Week
  - A. Involvement Fair (Councils, Clubs and Groups), August 28, 12pm-2pm, Panther Square
  - B. Involvement Fair (Departments & Volunteer Partners), August 29, 12pm-2pm Panther Square & WUC 155
  - C. SGA Day, August 30, TBA
11. FIU vs. Alcorn State (First Home Game of the Season), September 9, Time: TBA

Marie moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:10PM. Noel seconded. Motion passess 4-0 unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by Jonathan at **4:10PM**