



# Florida International University

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

## MINUTES

**SGC-BBC Senate Meeting**

**July 23, 2018**

### IN ATTENDANCE

John Habib, Speaker/Arts, Sciences, & Education

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

Xin Wang, Operational Review Chair/Upper Division

Chelsea De Silva, Hospitality & Tourism Management

Priscila Sevil, At-Large

### EXCUSED

Catalina Nemmi, Lower Division

### ABSENT

Ruyu Hua, Housing Senator

### GUESTS

Dr. Kerrie Montgomery, Campus Life Director

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

Merveline Nelson, Director of Community Relations

Peter Flood, Finance Request Applicant

Alexandra Laroche, SGA Front Desk Assistant

### CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on July 23, 2018– **SGA Conference Room, WUC 301**. The meeting was called to order at **3:42pm**, approximately, by **Speaker Habib** who presided over the meeting in its entirety

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Senator De Silva moved to approve the Senate Minutes of July 2, 2018.

Senator Chen seconded the motion.

By a unanimous decision the motion was passed.

Senator Chen moved to approve the Senate Minutes of July 16, 2018.  
Senator Sevil seconded the motion.

By a unanimous decision the motion was passed.

## **WELCOME**

Speaker Habib welcomed the senate and explained that he, along with President Noël, and Vice President Espino just came from a NACA West trip held in Durango, Colorado. Speaker Habib explained further the purpose of NACA West and why some of the E-Board members attended this event.

## **SPEAKER REPORT**

Speaker Habib...

- Explained that besides the approval of minutes, and the finance request that is being presented today, majority of the meeting will be focused on the discussion which will focus on a recap of the summer term as well as ideas and/or concerns any senators might have.
- Stated that during the discussion senators can also ask about anything pertaining to the NACA West trip.

## **VICE PRESIDENT REPORT**

Vice President Espino...

- Confirmed that he did go to the NACA West trip.
- Informed the senate that he received an email from Felicia Townsend and was referred to another contact in regards to the PharmaBox. It was confirmed with him that the Pharmabox(s) are required to “pay themselves” in a certain amount of time.
- Suggested that one pharmabox should be place in ACI instead of two—one in ACI and one in Bayview Housing. He explained his reason for that suggestion.
- Stated that he met with Dr.DeSantis regarding having a fitness trail on campus, almost like an outdoor gym. He explained that how it would be paid is not yet decided, but during the meeting Dr.DeSantis shared a previous quote.
- Explained that the quote that was presented to him during his meeting with Dr.DeSantis was \$30,000, and mentioned that the numbers will be different because the quote was from 2007.

Dr.Montgomery gave the senate a better idea of what a fitness trail is and what sorts of machines/exercises are often available.

- Updated the senate regarding the mangrove wall project. She shared that the only thing that is left to do is the installation process, everything else—including the location—has been chosen/processed.

### **FINANCE CHAIR REPORT**

Senator Chen...

- Introduced, Peter Flood, and explained that he will be presenting his finance request to attend the annual meeting of the Ecological Society of America from August 6-10, 2018 in New Orleans.

### **OPERATIONAL REVIEW CHAIR REPORT**

Senator Wang...

- Updated the senate on the senate resolution she is working on. She stated that she is in the process of making an appointment this tuesday and has been researching forums of different universities.

### **ADVISOR REPORT**

Ms.Adames...

- Reminded the senate of the upcoming tabling opportunities:  
Summer Splash this friday July 27, 2018.  
Bayview Housing Move-In Day on August 18, 2018

Dr.Montgomery clarified that she has an update on Freshman Convocation

- Explained that SGA was invited to table on the first day of the fall “Week of Welcome” .  
The event is sent to be by the water/bay.
- Stated that all of the tabling opportunities can be found in the tabling google sheet, which will be sent out to everyone again.
- Informed the senate that orgsync is no longer available and everything will now be transferred to pantherconnect.fiu.edu. All of the files that were available previously should be available.
- Asked the senate to notify her if they are not able to retrieve information on panther connect.

Dr.Montgomery...

- Stated that there are a lot of transitions, one being panther connect. It was also explained that although the information on orgsync was transferred to panther connect not everything is accessible and the organizations have to clean up and archive past members and past files.
- Reminded the senate to notify Larissa if they cannot access files they previously had access to.
- Explained that there is also a transition to a more centralized system. Reservations will be done through panther connect, and only a selected number of people will be able to make reservations on behalf of an organization.
- Explained the transition from Aramark to Chartwells. She added that all BBC staff of panther dining and starbucks has been retained, but all will have to also go through the transition of using a different system.
- Encouraged the senate to think of how they can help in supporting the different entities going through these transitions and also making these transitions aware to others.
- Stated that the link to reserve a table during Freshman Convocation is on panther connect and will be sent out by next week.

### **SENATOR'S REPORT**

Senator De Silva...

- Stated that she is waiting for a response regarding the senate resolution 2018.0006. She informed the senate that Melinda Parrot, Parking and Transportation Manager, will be out until the 25th of August, so she will not receive a confirmation until then.

Speaker Habib explained that the senate resolution Senator De Silva is working on creating a parking and transportation forum. Thus, Senator De Silva contacted Melinda Parrot the parking and transportation manager.

Senator Wang...

- stated that she will not be able to meet with her contact for Senate Resolution 2018.0009, so she will have to reschedule an appointment.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. Approval of the Minutes**

The senate reviewed the minutes of July 2, 2018 and July 16, 2018.

The motions regarding the approval of both minutes are found under "APPROVAL OF MINUTES"

### **NEW BUSINESS**

## **A. Finance Requests**

### **I. Peter Flood**

Peter Flood presented himself to the senate and explained why he requested funding to attend the Ecological Society of America Annual meeting.

Peter Flood explained that the total cost of his trip is \$1,080 but he is requesting \$300.

The senate asked questions regarding the meeting.

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

Senator Sevil seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

John Habib–Yay  
Jiaqi “Water” Chen–Yay  
Xin Wang–Yay  
Chelsea De Silva–Yay  
Priscila Sevil–Yay

By a vote of 5/0/0, Peter Flood was funded \$300 to attend the Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting.

### **B. Discussion**

Speaker Habib open the floor for 10 minutes of discussion at 4:07pm to discuss any questions, concerns, or ideas the senate had regarding sga or the summer term.

The discussion ended at 4:17pm.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Speaker Habib...

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

Stated that there might be some appointments and finance requests presented during the general meeting.

B. FSA at FIU July 27th and 28th

Clarified that if any senators need more clarification on FSA, he or she can ask President Noël.

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

D. Freshman Convocation, August 19, MMC

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

Speaker Habib stated that if anyone has ideas on activities regarding SGA Day he or she can notify the E-Board, and/or Ms.Adames

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Senator Sevil moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:18pm.

Senator De Silva seconded the motion.

The meeting was dismissed by Speaker Habib at **4:18pm.**