



Florida International University

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

MINUTES

SGC-BBC Senate Meeting

August 20, 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
Leonardo Cosio, Speaker Pro/Communication & Journalism
Jonathan Espino, Vice President

EXCUSED

Catalina Nemmi, Lower Division

GUESTS

Dr. Kerrie Montgomery, Campus Life Director
Larissa Adames, Campus Life Assistant Director and SGC-BBC Advisor
Jefferson Noel, President
Ronan Kelly, Comptroller
Coral Murray, Director of Sustainability Appointee
Anthony Jones, SGA Front Desk Assistant
Nedjina Dol, SGA Front Desk Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on August 20, 2018– **SGA Conference Room, WUC 221**. The meeting was called to order at **3:36pm**, approximately, by **Speaker Habib** who presided over the meeting in its entirety

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Senator Chen moved to approve the Senate Minutes of July 23, 2018.
Senator Sevil seconded the motion.

By a unanimous decision the motion was passed.

WELCOME

Speaker Habib welcomed the council to the first senate meeting of the Fall 2018 semester and informed the council that he wanted to try to keep the senate meetings as short and sweet as possible.

SPEAKER REPORT

Speaker Habib...

- Welcomed Senator Cosio back after his leave of absence.
- Stated that he is doing the best he can to ensure that this year's senate is the best that it can be and he is very happy with how the council has been doing their part to ensure that this year's senate is performing at its full potential.
- Informed the council of a few of the new things that are taking place within the senate such as a new council applications and updates to the senate's resolution homework.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Vice President Espino...

- Updated the council regarding the completion of the Reflexology Path, further stating that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on the upcoming Thursday and that President Rosenberg will be in attendance.
- Informed the council that Ms. Coral Murray will be presenting herself before council for the position of Director of Sustainability.
- Stated that he's added the majority of the resolutions from as far back as the 2009 SGA council to the Senate Homework.
- Informed the council that he's added meeting the dean and the assistant dean to the senate homework.

SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

Speaker Pro Cosio...

- Reminded the council that he is here for anyone who needs help and he's looking forward to getting involved in the council.

Speaker Habib Stated that he highly recommend all members of the council to speak with Speaker Pro Cosio regarding any advice about SGA.

FINANCE CHAIR REPORT

Senator Chen...

- Informed the council that there are currently no finance requests as of this time.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS CHAIR REPORT

Senator Sevil...

- Stated that she wished that everyone would have a great fall semester.
- Informed the council that there are no office hours for the week.

ADVISOR REPORT

Ms.Adames...

- Reminded the senate of the various forms that needed to be completed on Panther Connect and to let her know if they had any trouble accessing any of the forms.
- Reminded the senate that they need to submit their office hours by next week.
- Informed the council that the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Reflexology Path will take place this Thursday and she is expecting to see the senate in attendance.
- Informed the council that SGA Day is taking place next week and that it will be broken up into two parts, one from 11:00 - 2:00 P.M. and the second from 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.
- Reminded the senate to look at the sign in sheet for tabling to see which events they will be available to table for.

Dr.Montgomery...

- Updated the council regarding Panther Connect.
- Stated that Panther Connect is the best way for all students and council members to know what's going on and reminded the senate to log in if they haven't done so already.
- Recommended that the senate attend the upcoming ribbon cutting ceremony to show their support.

SENATOR'S REPORT

Senator De Silva...

- Updated the council regarding the senate resolution 2018.0006. She informed the senate that Melinda Parrot, Parking and Transportation Manager, is still on vacation until the 25th of August, so she will not receive a confirmation until then.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of the Minutes

The senate reviewed the minutes of July 23, 2018.

The motions regarding the approval of the minutes are found under “APPROVAL OF MINUTES”

NEW BUSINESS

A. Graduate Senator

I. Water (Jiaqi) Chen

Speaker Habib opened the floor for 1 minute for Senator Chen to present herself for position of Graduate Senator, followed by 1 minute and 30 seconds of Q&A.

Senator Chen presented herself before council.

No questions were asked regarding Senator Chen’s appointment to Graduate Senator

Senator Sevil moved to appoint Senator Chen to Graduate Senator.

Senator Wang seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

By a vote of 6/0/0, Senator Chen was appointed to Graduate Senator.

B. Appointments

I. Coral Murray (Director of Sustainability)

Speaker Habib opened the floor for 2 minutes for Ms. Murray to present herself before council for the position of Director of Sustainability, followed by 2 minutes of Q&A.

Ms. Murray presented herself before council

The council asked Ms. Murray questions regarding her appointment and she answered them accordingly

Senator Cosio moved to appoint Ms. Murray to position of Director of Sustainability.
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
Leonardo Cosio-Yay

By a vote of 6/0/0, Ms.Murray was appointed to Director of Sustainability.

C. Senate Resolution Homework Update & More

- Vice President Espino updated the senate regarding the senate homework excel sheet.
- Vice President Espino informed the senate that he has added a “meet your deans” section which he expects the senate to use to help them to get to know the deans better.
- Vice President Espino elaborated on the updates he made to the resolution homework such as adding past resolutions from as far back as 2009.
- Vice President Espino stated that the senate can find all of the resolutions within Panther Connect and if the senate had any questions to please contact him.
- Vice President Espino informed the senate that he is currently in the process of crossing off the already completed resolution homeworks.

Speaker Habib stated that the senate speak to senator Sevil regarding their progress with the resolution homework so that she can update the Senate Resolution Homework sheet accordingly.

D. U-Wide Bill 1802 (First Reading)

- Speaker Habib presented to the senate the first reading of U-Wide Bill 1802.
- The senate discussed their thoughts and feelings regarding U-Wide Bill 1802 as well as ask questions which were answered accordingly.

- Speaker Habib informed the council that the senate will put U-Wide Bill 1802 to a vote next senate meeting and that they should take the time in-between meetings to look over and really think about U-Wide Bill 1802.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Restaurant and Business Fair, August 21, 12pm-2pm, WUC Ballrooms
- B. Panther Luau, August 22, 4pm-6pm, Panther Plaza
- C. Reflexology Ribbon Cutting, August 23, 10am-1pm
- D. Panthers in the City: Wynwood Nights, August 23, Bus leaves at 6pm
- E. Heroes of the Bay: Countdown to Homecoming, August 24, 1pm-3pm, Panther Square
- F. Council & Org Fair, August 27, 2-4:30pm, Library 157
- G. Student Affairs Expose & Involvement Fair, August 28, 12pm-2pm, Panther Plaza
- H. SGA Day, August 29, 11am-2pm, Panther Square
- I. SGA Day: Party in the Plaza, August 29 6pm-8pm, Panther Square

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Sevil moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:16pm.

Senator De Silva seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

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