



Florida International University

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

MINUTES

SGC-BBC Senate Meeting

August 27, 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
 Catalina Nemmi, Lower Division
 Leonardo Cosio, Speaker Pro/Communication & Journalism (3:50)
 Jonathan Espino, Vice President

EXCUSED

Priscila Sevil, At-Large

GUESTS

Dr. Kerrie Montgomery, Campus Life Director
 Larissa Adames, Campus Life Assistant Director and SGC-BBC Advisor
 Jefferson Noel, President
 Mahalia Balfour, Senator of Arts, Sciences, and Education Appointee
 Pamela Ho Fung, Senator of Lower Division Appointee
 Karla Hernandez, Marketing Coordinator 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 27, 2018– **WUC 221**. The meeting was called to order at **3:38pm**, 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 August 20, 2018. Senator De Silva seconded the motion. By a unanimous decision the motion was passed.

WELCOME

Speaker Habib welcomed the council to the senate meeting and stated that there were many things to discuss in this week's meeting.

SPEAKER REPORT

Speaker Habib...

- Gave a brief update regarding the SGA polos, button-downs, shirts, and bags, stating that they are working on getting all of these items to the office so council members can receive them once they complete all of their onboarding requirements. Also, once all council members receive their polo and button down shirts, they will be required to wear one of the two at all senate and general meetings.
- Reminded the senate that there are currently three chair positions filled and that each senator must join at least two committees. Furthermore, stating that if you are a senator who has not yet joined at least two committees to please do so as soon as possible and if anyone needed help, to please reach out to him as he has suggestions as to which committees to join.
- Addressed the confusion regarding the clocking-in and clocking-out process for office hours, informing the council that they must go to the front desk in order to clock-in and out.
- Informed the senate that SGA has their own box at the upcoming FIU home football games and explained that there are two tickets available for cabinet and two for the senate, tickets will be given at a first come first serve basis and if interested to please reach out to him for the tickets.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Vice President Espino...

- Informed the senate that the Reflexology Path has officially been opened and gave a brief summary of the ribbon cutting ceremony.
- Informed the senate that a Reflexology Path club is starting up and to please reach out to him if any one were interested in joining.
- Informed the senate that a Fitness Path may be in the works but there is no for sure word yet on whether or not it will really happen.
- Informed the senate that he met with the Director of Campus Sustainability, Coral Murray, to discuss the mangrove walls and future plans for them.
- Reminded the senate that there will be a Presidents Round Table next week and that the topic of discussion will be changes to the SGA Constitution for the next year.

FINANCE CHAIR REPORT

Senator Chen...

- Informed the senate that there are currently no finance requests as of this time.
- Gave an update regarding the resolution she's been working on getting together, stating that she is scheduled to meet with Scott Jones and Healthy Living this upcoming Thursday to discuss the possible locations of the food boxes.

OPERATIONAL REVIEW REPORT

Senator Wang...

- Updated the senate regarding the various things she's been planning and working on concerning the council.

ADVISOR REPORT

Ms.Adames...

- Reminded the senate of the various forms that needed to be completed on Panther Connect and to please fill them out as soon as possible.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of the Minutes

The senate reviewed the minutes of August 20, 2018.

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointments

I. Mahalia Balfour (Senator of Arts, Sciences, and Education)

Speaker Habib opened the floor for 2 minutes and 30 seconds for Ms. Balfour to present herself for position of Senator of Arts, Sciences, and Education, followed by 2 minutes and 30 seconds of Q&A.

Ms. Balfour presented herself before council.

The senate asked Ms. Balfour questions regarding her appointment to Senator of Arts, Sciences, and Education

Senator Cosio moved to appoint Ms. Balfour to Senator of Arts, Sciences, and Education
Senator De Silva seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

By a vote of 6/0/0, Ms. Balfour was appointed to Senator of Arts, Sciences, and Education

II. Pamela Ho Fung (Senator of Lower Division)

Speaker Habib opened the floor for 2 minutes and 30 seconds for Ms. Fung to present herself for position of Senator of Lower Division, followed by 2 minutes and 30 seconds of Q&A.

Ms. Fung presented herself before council.

The senate asked Ms. Fung questions regarding her appointment to Senator of Lower Division

Senator De Silva moved to appoint Ms. Fung to Senator of Lower Division.

Senator Wang seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

John Habib–Yay
Jiaqi “Water” Chen–Yay
Xin Wang–Yay
Chelsea De Silva–Yay
Catalina Nemmi–Yay
Leonardo Cosio-Yay
Mahalia Balfour-Abstain

By a vote of 6/0/1, Ms. Fung was appointed to Senator of Arts, Sciences, and Education

III. Kianna Humber (Public Relations Manager)

Speaker Habib recommended to table the appointment of Kianna Humber to the upcoming wednesday general meeting due to her absence.

Senator Cosio moved to table the appointment of Kianna Humber for the position of Public relations Manager to the upcoming wednesday general meeting.

Senator Nemmi seconded the motion

The motion passed 6/0/2

IV. Karla Hernandez (Marketing Coordinator)

Speaker Habib opened the floor for 2 minutes and 30 seconds for Ms. Hernandez to present herself for position of Marketing Coordinator, followed by 2 minutes and 30 seconds of Q&A.

Ms. Hernandez presented herself before council.

The senate asked Ms. Hernandez questions regarding her appointment to Marketing Coordinator

Senator Cosio moved to appoint Ms. Hernandez to Marketing Coordinator

Senator De Silva seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

John Habib–Yay

Jiaqi “Water” Chen–Yay

Xin Wang–Yay

Chelsea De Silva–Yay

Catalina Nemmi–Yay

Leonardo Cosio-Yay

Mahalia Balfour-Abstain

Pamela Fung-Abstain

By a vote of 6/0/2, Ms. Hernandez was appointed to Marketing Coordinator

B. New Cabinet Position: Director of Cultural Affairs, by President Noel

- President Noel thoroughly explained the new proposed cabinet position to the senate.

POI - *Vice President Espino* - “Does this require a second reading in order to be voted on”

Ms. Adames responds, “No it does not require a second reading and it can be voted on today.”

- Regarding the language of the position description, Senator Cosio recommended that “attend events held on campus” be more specific in order to avoid confusion as to how many events must be attended and as to which events must be attended.

Senator Nemmi Moved to approve the replacement of “Deputy Chief of Staff” with the new cabinet position, “Director of Cultural Affairs.”

Senator De Silva seconded the Motion

Roll Call Vote:

John Habib–Yay
Jiaqi “Water” Chen–Yay
Xin Wang–Yay
Chelsea De Silva–Yay
Catalina Nemmi–Yay
Leonardo Cosio-Yay
Mahalia Balfour-Abstain
Pamela Fung-Abstain

By a vote of 6/0/2, It was approved that the cabinet position “ Deputy Chief of Staff” would be replaced by “Director of Cultural Affairs.”

C. Bill 2018.003

- Senator De Silva presented Bill 2018.003 to the senate for its first reading.

- The senate discussed their thoughts toward the bill and its first reading.
- Vice President Espino and Senator Cosio both gave recommendations on a few grammatical errors that needed to be fixed.

D. U-Wide Bill 1802

- Speaker Habib re-read to the senate the U-Wide bill 1802.
- Speaker Habib informed the senate that since the first reading of U-wide Bill 1802 that he has spoken to MMC Speaker Brandon Aquino in order to gain further clarification on what the bill really means, he then explained what he learned to the rest of the senate.

Senator Cosio moved for 2 minutes of discussion

Senator Chen seconded the motion

The motion passed, 6-0-2

- The wording of the bill's language and grammatical integrity was questioned by the senate.
- Speaker Habib reached out to the SGA at MMC to make sure they were on the same page regarding the wording of the bill.

Senator Cosio moved to close the discussion.

Senator De Silva seconded the motion.

The motion passed, 6-0-2

Senator Cosio moved to amend the agenda to move U-Wide Bill 1802 to the last item on the agenda.

Senator Chen seconded the motion.

The motion passed, 6-0-2

E. Bill 2018.004

- President Noel presented Bill 2018.004 to the senate for its first reading.
- The senate discussed their thoughts toward the bill and its first reading.
- The senate gave recommendations on a few grammatical and structural errors that could be changed to improve the bill.

D. U-Wide Bill 1802 Cont.

- Speaker Habib shared to the council the update that he had just received from the SGA at MMC, stating that they also recognized the various grammatical and structural issues that were apparent throughout the document and that they would like to change the bill by correcting those various errors so they are going to table it for their next senate meeting.
- Speaker Habib recommended that the senate table the U-Wide Bill 1802 for their next senate meeting to stay on the same page as the SGA at MMC.

Senator Nemmi moved to table the U-Wide Bill 1802 to the next senate meeting.

Senator Cosio seconded the motion.

The motion passed, 6-0-2

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. **Council & Org Fair**, August 27, 2-4:30pm, Library 157
- B. **Student Affairs Expose & Involvement Fair**, August 28, 12pm-2pm, Panther Plaza
- C. **General Meeting**, August 29, 3:30pm, WUC 221
- D. **SGA Day**, August 29, 11am-2pm, Panther Square
- E. **SGA Day: Party in the Forum**, August 29 6pm-8pm, Panther Square
- F. **The Bay Market Place**, August 30, 10am-4pm, Panther Plaza
- G. **Panther Connect Hunt (online)**, August 31, PantherConnect
- H. **Constitution Review Committee Meeting**, August 31, 2:30pm-4:30pm, MMC- TBA
- I. **Fall Fest**, September 4-6

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Nemmi moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:48pm. Senator Wang seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was dismissed by Speaker Habib at **4:48pm**.