



Florida International University

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

MINUTES

SGC-BBC Senate Meeting September 10, 2018

IN ATTENDANCE

John Habib, Speaker/Arts, Sciences, & Education
Jiaqi “Water” Chen, Finance Chair/Hospitality & Tourism Management
Mahalia Balfour, Senator of Arts, Sciences, and Education
Xin Wang, Operational Review Chair/Upper Division
Chelsea De Silva, Hospitality & Tourism Management
Catalina Nemmi, Lower Division
Pamela Ho Fung, Senator of Lower Division
Priscila Sevil, At-Large
Jonathan Espino, Vice President

GUESTS

Larissa Adames, Campus Life Assistant Director and SGC-BBC Advisor
Jefferson Noel, President
Kalia Richardson, Student
SaVonne Reddick - Director of Student Wellness 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 September 10, 2018– **WUC 221**. The meeting was called to order at **3:37pm**, approximately, by **Speaker Habib** who presided over the meeting in its entirety

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Senator Nemmi moved to approve the Senate Minutes of August 27, 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 he is excited for today's meeting.

SPEAKER REPORT

Speaker Habib...

- Informed the senate that he had sent out emails regarding the welcome senators guide, stating that the guides should be available to all senators and encouraged them to thoroughly read the document, suggested that there will be new information.
- Elaborated on the legislative document titled “Habib’s Guide to SGA,” consisting of the Senators’ Guide, Statute Documents, Robert Rules, and other SGA related documents. Informed the council that he “did not want to overload the council on documents, I will share them one by one and you will be able to leave comments about any questions you may have.”
- Updated the senate regarding clocking in/out office hours stating that last week council members were required to login their hours at the front desk. However, there’s now a tablet located by the mailbox where they clock in/out using Panther ID.
- Stressed to the senate the importance of office hours. Stating that council members who do not meet their office hours requirements will first be issued a warning, afterwards, they will be addressed during senate meetings. Reminded senate about the required hours, five hours for Senate and seven hours for Chairs.
- Highlighted Senator Chen, Wang, and Nemmi in their progress with the resolution homework.
- Informed the council that the e-board has decided on the council polos and that he wished to see all senators with their polos. However, all senators must complete their member info sheet located in Panther Connect before receiving polos and other SGA items.
- Encouraged all council members to start recruiting for SGA.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Vice President Espino...

- Updated the senate about the Pharmabox, stated that he met with Kenia Junco and Pharmabox representatives, also there is a 3 month preliminary trial. The locations are being discussed and that Pharmabox will most likely locate in WUC.
- Updated the senate on the Mangrove Wall and stated, “Coral Murray in contact with Nick Ogle for the Mangrove wall project. Reaching out to Marine Biology and Ecology Students (SEAS) and art students for the Mural.”
- Informed the council about the President's Times Roundtable and stated that the first meeting was successful, however, some councils were not able to attend because of the Block Party. Stated that meetings will be once a month, at the beginning of each month.

- Updated the senate on Zen Garden and stated that he reached out to Ed Furnace and updated him on the current state of the mangrove wall and asked him about any updates on the Zen Garden and introduce him to the idea.
- Updated the senate on Fitness Path and stated, “I will be attending a meeting this Thursday from 1:30 to 2:00pm about the fitness path and the current quotes and updates in that project that I will update yall on at the next e-board Meeting.”
- Reminded the senate that he will be setting up his one on one meetings with the legislative branch and will have them completed by next week.

FINANCE CHAIR REPORT

Senator Chen...

- Mentioned that she had a meeting with Catalina Nemmi and Scott Jones regarding the resolution for the possible locations for the food boxes.
- Updated the senate on the food drive and wants students and staffs to donate for the food drive and that there will be a gift package towards the end of the semester, around November, for the winner.

RLJ REVIEW REPORT

Senator Ho Fung...

- Mentioned that if anyone is interested in being part of a committee to get in contact with her.

OPERATIONAL REVIEW REPORT

Senator Wang...

- No Report

ADVISOR REPORT

Ms.Adames...

- Informed the council that the office is going to have intern from MAST Academy and FIU Panther LIFE Program.
- Stated that Kayla and her are working on workshops based on senators office hours.
- Reminded councils that homecoming tickets are available now for \$10 for students.

SENATOR'S REPORT

Senator Nemmi...

- Informed the council the food campaign and that boxes are being added around campus for people to drop food. However, she has not yet decided who will be responsible to drop and pick up the boxes around campus
- Stated that the winners for the food campaign will be rewarded including extra credits, also, flyers and social media posts will be available for marketing for food campaign.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of the Minutes

The senate reviewed the minutes of August 27, 2018.

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

B. U-Wide Bill 1802

The bill will be sent to MMC RLJ Chair to make sure everything is correct. Edited version will be sent to Speaker Habib. Speaker Habib recommended the senate to vote to table U-Wide Bill on September 24th.

Senator Sevil moved to table U-Wide Bill to September 24th, 2018. Senator Wang seconded the motion. By a unanimous decision the motion was passed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. At-Large Senator

I. Xin Wang

Speaker Habib opened the floor for 2 minutes and 30 seconds for Senator Wang to present herself for position of At-Large Senator, followed by 2 minutes and 30 seconds of Q&A.

Senator Wang presented herself before council.

The senate asked Senator Wang questions regarding her position to At-Large Senator.

Senator Sevil moved to appoint Senator Wang to At-Large Senator. Senator Chen seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

John Habib–Yay
Mahalia Balfour-Yay
Jiaqi “Water” Chen–Yay
Chelsea De Silva–Yay
Pamela Ho Fung-Yay
Catalina Nemmi–Yay
Priscila Sevil-Yay

By a vote of 6/0/0, Senator Wang was appointed to At-Large Senator.

B. Appointments

I. SaVonne Reddick (Director of Student Wellness)

Speaker Habib opened the floor for 2 minutes and 30 seconds for Ms. Reddick to present herself for position of Director of Student Wellness, followed by 2 minutes and 30 seconds of Q&A.

Ms. Reddick presented herself before council.

The senate asked Ms. Reddick questions regarding her appointment to Director of Student Wellness

Senator Fung moved to appoint Ms. Reddick to Director of Student Wellness. Senator De Silva seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

John Habib–Yay
Mahalia Balfour-Yay
Jiaqi “Water” Chen–Yay
Xin Wang–Yay
Chelsea De Silva–Yay
Pamela Ho Fung-Yay
Catalina Nemmi–Yay
Priscila Sevil- Yay

By a vote of 6/0/0, Ms. Reddick was appointed to Director of Student Wellness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. **One SGA Constitution Forum**, September 11, 12-2pm, WUC 155
- B. **One Constitution Committee Meeting**, September 14, 3pm-5pm
- C. **One SGA Constitution Forum**, September 19, 6PM-8PM, Bayview
- D. **Leadership Lounge**, September 26, 1pm-2pm, WUC 353
- E. **Safety Walk**, October 2, 7:30pm-9pm

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Wang moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:23 PM. Senator Sevil seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was dismissed by Speaker Habib at **4:23 PM**.