



Florida International University

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

MINUTES

SGC-BBC Senate Meeting September 24, 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 Student Advocacy Chair
Catalina Nemmi, Lower Division (3:47 P.M.)
Xin Wang, Operational Review Chair/At-Large Senator
Pamela Ho Fung, Senator of Lower Division RLJ chair
Priscila Sevil, At-Large Internal Affairs Chair
Jonathan Espino, Vice President

GUESTS

Larissa Adames, Campus Life Assistant Director and SGC-BBC Advisor
Dr. Kerrie Montgomery, Campus Life Director
Jefferson Noel, President
Kaila Jospitre, SGA Graduate Assistant
Chelsea Oscar, Student
Nedjina Dol, SGA Front Desk Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on September 24, 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 Wang moved to approve the Senate Minutes of September 17, 2018. Senator Balfour seconded the motion. By a unanimous decision the motion was passed.

WELCOME

Speaker Habib welcomed the council to the senate meeting stating, “Hello legislative of ladies, happy to see you all today.”

SPEAKER REPORT

Speaker Habib...

- Informed the senate that senator De Silva had to resign from SGA due to working two jobs and going to school full time
- Informed the senate that he received three senate applications so far, two for Hospitality and one for Upper Division. Also, speaker Habib gave a shout out to the committees and stated that, he received two agenda senate meeting for finance.
- Informed the senate that he had been working on the “Habib’s Guide to SGA” folder for SGA where he added more information and the folder will be sent out soon after e-board sent an approval.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Vice President Espino...

- Updated the senate about the Pharmabox, stated that he received an email that the Pharmabox will be located in WUC along with the other vending machines, however, the microwave in WUC will have to be moved.
- Updated the senate on the Mangrove Wall stating, “Coral met with some Architecture students in order to see if they would be willing to work on the Mangrove Wall with us and they seemed very willing to help us on the project so we are setting up a meeting with them to figure out how to make it happen. They have a class project and will be willing to work on it. “
- Informed the senate that the senate one on one meetings were great, they had good ideas and he can share their meeting notes with the council if they want.

FINANCE CHAIR REPORT

Senator Chen...

- Informed the senate that she is working at Finance Code and trying to find something to improve.

RLJ REPORT

Senator Ho Fung...

- Informed the senate that that she has been reading the Constitution and Statutes while slowly trying to learn them.
- Stated that she submitted the meetings to Panther Connect and Drive.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS CHAIR REPORT

Senator Sevil...

- Informed the senate that she checked last week's hours and stated that everyone is doing well with their hours.

STUDENT ADVOCACY CHAIR REPORT

Senator Balfour...

- No Report

ADVISOR REPORT

Ms.Adames...

- Reminded senate that we will be decorating the office for homecoming and we need all the help we can get to assist us in decorating the office and to please see her if you would like to help out.
- Reminded the senate that Yselande Pierre, Assistant Director of Student Affairs, is running for staff homecoming queen.
- Reminded the senate that bayview is having a photoshoot, if the senate are interested, the details were sent through emails.
- Informed the senate to use the conference room wisely and to send request ahead of time.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of the Minutes

The senate reviewed the minutes of September 24, 2018.

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

B. U-Wide Bill 1802

There is still no updates on U-Wide Bill 1802.

Senator Nemmi table to second reading this bill for next senate meeting on October 1st. Senator Sevil seconded the motion. By a unanimous decision the motion was passed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Speaker Pro Tempore Nominations

Speaker Habib opened the floor for Speaker Pro Tempore nominations.

Senator Balfour nominated Senator Sevil for position of Speaker Pro Tempore.

Senator Chen nominated Senator Ho Fung for position of Speaker Pro Tempore.

Speaker Habib opened the floor for 2 minutes of presentation followed by 2 minutes of Q/A.

Senator Sevil and Senator Ho Fung presented themselves.

The senate asked questions regarding Senator Sevil and Ho Fung’s appointment to Speaker Pro Tempore.

Senator Nemmi motion for an open discussion for 5 minutes. Senator Balfour seconded the motion. By a unanimous decision the motion was passed.

Senator Sevil motion to extend open discussion. Senator Balfour Seconded the motion. By a unanimous decision the motion was passed.

Senator Balfour motion to extend Q/A for 2 minutes. Senator Wang seconded the motion. By a unanimous decision the motion was passed.

Senator Nemmi moved to table the vote for next meeting on October 1st, 2018. Senator Wang seconded the motion

Roll Call Vote:

John Habib–Nay

Mahalia Balfour-Yay
Jiaqi “Water” Chen–Yay
Pamela Ho Fung- Nay
Catalina Nemmi–Yay
Priscila Sevil-Yay
Xin Wang - Yay

By a vote of 5/2/0, the vote was moved for next meeting for October 1st 2018.

B. Appointments: Elections Board Commissioner

Speaker Habib opened the floor for 2 minutes of presentation followed by 2 minutes of Q/A for Chelsea Oscar to present herself for the position for Elections Board Commissioner

Chelsea Oscar presented herself and explained why she should be appointed to Elections Board Commissioner.

The senate asked questions regarding Chelsea Oscar’s appointment to Elections Board Commissioner.

Chelsea answered the questions accordingly.

Senator Balfour moved to appoint Chelsea to position of Elections Board Commissioner.

Senator Ho Fung seconded the motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

By a vote of 7/0/0, Chelsea Oscar was appointed to Elections Board Commissioner..

C. Committee

1. Committee Folders

Speaker Habib informed the senate that he created a google drive call “committees” where there is five different folders for all committees, he also added constitutions for all committees.

Speaker Habib informed the senate that in the folders, he included template for agenda/minutes for committee chair and stated that if there is any more important items that need to be added, he will add the.

2. Vice Chair Position

Speaker Habib informed the senate that each committee has a position for Vice Chair.

3. Committee Meetings

Speaker Habib stated that RLJ had place Robert's Rules on drive as well as PantherConnect and informed the council that all chair meetings should be public.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. **Leadership Lounge**, September 26, 1-2pm, WUC 353
- B. **General Body Meeting**, September 26, 3:30-5pm, WUC 221
- C. **Constitutional Review Committee Meeting**, September 28, 2018, WUC TBA
- D. **Operational Review Committee Meeting**, October 1
- E. **Safety Walk**, October 2, 7:30pm-9pm, Meet at the Library
- F. **Homecoming Week**, October 6-13, 2018
- G. **Finance Committee Meeting**, October 8
- H. **Senate Review New Constitution**, October 8
- I. **Constitution Voting**, October 15
- J. **Day on the Bay**, October 20, Behind the Pool

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Chen moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:58 PM. Senator Sevil seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was dismissed by Speaker Habib at **4:58 PM**.