



# Florida International University

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

## MINUTES

**SGC-BBC Senate Meeting**

**October 1, 2018**

### IN ATTENDANCE

John Habib, Speaker/Arts, Sciences, & Education

Jiaqi “Water” Chen, Finance Chair/Graduate Senator

Mahalia Balfour, Senator of Arts, Sciences, and Education Student Advocacy Chair

Catalina Nemmi, Lower Division

Christopher Gil, Upper Division

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 (3:41)

### GUESTS

Dr. Kerrie Montgomery, Campus Life Director

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

Trevis Belle

Jefferson Noel, President

Karla Hernandez, Marketing Coordinator

Anthony Jones, SGA Front Desk Assistant

### CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on October 1, 2018– **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 Nemmi moved to remove “Chelsa De Silva” from the minutes of September 24, 2018.

Senator Sevil seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Sevil moved to include Senator Nemmi’s report to the minutes of September 24, 2018.

Senator Ho Fung seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Chen moved to approve the Senate Minutes of September 24, 2018 with the listed changes.

Senator Balfour seconded the motion.

By a unanimous decision the motion was passed.

### **WELCOME**

Speaker Habib welcomed the senate and announced to them that he has sent out the latest “Habibs Guide” so everyone should have access to it.

### **SPEAKER REPORT**

Speaker Habib...

- Explained that today will be a packed day with many things to go over during the meeting.
- Asked the committee chairs to please make their reports concise in order to cover everything that is needed to be covered during this meeting.
- Announced that he has added Student Advocacy to the google drive for Mahalas committee.

### **VICE PRESIDENT REPORT**

Vice President Espino...

- Informed the senate that he does not have any updates regarding any of the special projects that he has been working on due to the fact that many of the emails he sent out got lost over the weekend.

### **FINANCE CHAIR REPORT**

Senator Chen...

- Informed the senate that she is working on a project to determine exactly how much money is allocated each department.
- Informed the council that she is working on creating an excel sheet to determine how much money has been spent since last summer.
- Explained how she and Senator Wang will be working on the FIU Hospitality Implementation Board alongside the CASE Center.

### **RLJ CHAIR REPORT**

Senator Ho Fung...

- Informed the council that she has met up with Vice President Espino and Ms.Adames to work on finding solutions/remedies to create a more lively/beautiful environment on the campus through art.

### **OPERATIONAL REVIEW CHAIR REPORT**

Senator Wang...

- Announced to the senate that she has checked into the HR building's info box and that she has reached out to the different leaders of each department in order to assist in the resolution that she is currently working on.
- Gave a warm welcome to Senator Gil as he is the newest member of the Operational Review Committee.

### **INTERNAL AFFAIRS CHAIR REPORT**

Senator Sevil...

- Opened her report by wishing that everyone had a great weekend.
- Reflected on the retreat she just recently attended.
- Informed the senate that only a few members were a little behind on their office hours however, overall everyone did really well.
- Informed the senate that she will be following up with everyone regarding the senate homework.

### **STUDENT ADVOCACY CHAIR REPORT**

Senator Balfour...

- Informed the senate that she now has 2 members on her Student Advocacy council.
- Reflected on her very first Student Advocacy meeting.

### **ADVISOR REPORT**

Ms.Adames...

- Informed the senate that everything is all set for the Homecoming Parade.
- Informed the senate that she will be sending out an email for all those who would like to participate on the Homecoming float.

- Reminded the senate that the safety walk will take place tomorrow and highly encourage everyone to attend.
- Informed the senate of an active shooter training and highly recommend everyone to attend.

## **SENATOR'S REPORT**

Senator Nemmi...

- Stated that she is working on the expository event and that Senator Gil would probably be working with her.

Senator Gil...

- Reflected on the meeting he attended with the Student Advocacy Committee.

## **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**

Speaker Habib informed the senate that MMC's RLJ Chair has not yet gotten back to him regarding the amendments to the bill so he highly recommends that the senate table this to the next senate meeting on October 8th.

Senator Sevil moved to table U-Wide Bill 1802 to the October 8th senate meeting.  
Senator Nemmi seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Speaker Pro Temp**

#### **I. Q/A**

Speaker Habib announced that both candidates will stand up before the senate for a total of 7 minutes of Q&A.

Senator Sevil & Senator Ho Fung each stood up before the senate for 7 minutes of Q&A.

The senate asked both Senator Sevil & Senator Ho Fung questions for 7 minutes to which they responded accordingly.

## **II. Voting**

Senator Nemmi moved to appoint the Speaker Pro.  
Senator Balfour seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

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

By a vote of 5/3/0, Senator Ho Fung was appointed to Speaker Pro Temp.

## **B. Finance Committee Nominations**

Speaker Habib reminded the senate that there can only be 5 members within the Finance Committee and all must be nominated.

Senator Nemmi nominated herself to be part of the Finance Committee.

Roll Call Vote:

John Habib–Yay  
Mahalia Balfour-Yay  
Jiaqi “Water” Chen–Yay

Xin Wang–Yay  
Christopher Gil–Yay  
Pamela Ho Fung-Yay  
Catalina Nemmi-Yay  
Priscila Sevil–Yay

Senator Sevil nominated herself to be part of the Finance Committee.  
Roll Call Vote:

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

Senator Wang nominated herself to be part of the Finance Committee.  
Roll Call Vote:

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

Senator Balfour moved to appoint the following members, Senator Nemmi, Senator Sevil, & Senator Wang to the Finance Committee.

Senator Gil seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

John Habib–Yay  
Mahalia Balfour-Yay  
Jiaqi “Water” Chen–Yay

Xin Wang–Yay  
Christopher Gil–Yay  
Pamela Ho Fung-Yay  
Catalina Nemmi-Yay  
Priscila Sevil–Yay

By a unanimous decision Senator Nemmi, Senator Sevil, & Senator Wang were appointed to the Finance Committee.

### **C. Senate Bill 2018.0005**

Speaker Habib reviewed before the senate, Senate Bill 2018.0005.

Dr.Montgomery pointed out a conflict within the language of the document.

Speaker Habib acknowledged the conflict and made a note to correct it.

Ms.Adames recommended to remove the word, “however” in order to make the language more specific and sure.

Dr.Montgomery also suggested to replace the phrase, “there can be” with “may.”

Speaker Habib made note of all the changes that needed to be made and reminded the senate that the seconded reading of this bill will take place next senate meeting.

### **D. Proclamation 2018.0001**

#### **I. Trevis Belle**

President Noel spoke before the senate and explained the proclamation.

President Noel was very excited as this was the very first proclamation ever at the SGA here at BBC.

President Noel gave background on the award recipient of this Proclamation, Trevis Belle.

Trevis Bell went up before the senate to accept his reward, share his story, and give thanks for being the very first award recipient.

Senator Balfour moved to amend the proclamation to include, “the inaugural presidential leader.”

Senator Sevil seconded the motion.  
The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Balfour moved to approve Proclamation 2018.0001 as amended.  
Senator Nemmi seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

By a unanimous decision Proclamation 2018.0001 was approved as amended.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. **Safety Walk**, October 2, 7:30pm-9pm, Meet at the Library
- b. **Caristem Scholarship at FIU**, October 2-3, Anthony’s Coal Fired Pizza,  
(Plantation, Miramar, Aventura, N. Miami, Doral, Kendall, Coral Gables)
  - i. *The CARISTEM Scholarship benefits economically disadvantaged undergraduate students pursuing a degree in STEM major and the first generation from their household to attend college. 20% of all tracked Dine In or Take Out sales will be donated to this scholarship.*
- c. **President’s Round Table**, October 4, 11am SGA Conference Room
- d. **Homecoming Week**, October 6-13, 2018
  - i. **Panthermonium w/ Miguel + Rich the Kid**, October 6th
  - ii. **Dancing the Bay Away**, October 8th
  - iii. **Caribbean Bash**, October 9th
  - iv. **4th Annual Dessert Challenge for Roary’s Birthday**, October 10
  - v. **Diversity Day**, Oct 11
  - vi. **A Night In Paris**, October 12
- e. **Homecoming Parade**, October 13



- f. **Finance Committee Meeting**, October 8, 1:15pm, SGA Conference Room
- g. **Senate Review New Constitution**, October 8
- h. **Constitution Voting**, October 15
- i. **Day on the Bay**, October 20, Behind the Pool
- j. **Mentor Monday**, October 29, 11am-1pm, WUC 255
- k. **Doughnuts with the Dean**, October 30, 11am-12:30pm, TBA
- l. **Leadership Lounge**, October 31, 1pm-2pm , WUC 353
- m. **General Meeting**, October 31, 3:30pm, WUC 221

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Senator Nemmi moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:50pm.  
Senator Balfour seconded the motion.

The meeting was dismissed by Speaker Habib at **4:50pm.**