

# **Florida International University**

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

## <u>MINUTES</u> SGC-BBC Senate Meeting October 9, 2017

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Jonathan Espino, Housing Senator and Speaker of the Senate Jefferson Noel, Communication + Journalism Senator and Speaker Pro Tempore Leen Alkhouli, Arts, Sciences, & Education Senator Ashley Rosales-Tejeda, Communication + Journalism Senator Jessalyn Morel, Lower Division Senator Ronan Kelly, At-Large Senator Sigal Dahan, At-Large Senator Daniel Velasquez, At-Large Senator Meredith Marseille, Vice President

## **EXCUSED**

Doreen Patichi, Arts, Sciences, & Education

## **GUESTS**

Ben Binder, Graduate Research Assistant Mers Gabrielle San Pedro, Student Jennell Barnet, Student Larissa Adames, SGA Advisor Stefano Carl Selorio, Front Desk Assistant Leech Labranche, SGA Intern Kevon Robinson, SGA Intern

## CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on October 9, 2017 – Locale WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at 3:35pm, approximately, by Speaker Espino who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes of the [October 2, 2017] Senate meeting was made by Senator [Ronan Kelly] and seconded by Senator [Daniel Velasquez].

### **SENATE SPEAKER REPORT**

Speaker Pro Jonathan Espino stated the following,

Bayview Housing Council Meetings are to be held on Mondays from 1:00pm-2:30pm in the SGA Conference Room

In today's meeting, Chair Nominations are to be made.

### VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Vice President Meredith Marseille stated the following,

- Collaboration with the Haitian Student Association
  - Raise awareness of TPS effects
    - October 19
  - Mangrove Wall
    - School of Environment, Arts, and Society
    - Dean of Carta (Collaboration with Speaker Pro Tempore Jefferson Noel)
    - A mural designed by a Biscayne Bay Campus student

### **SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE REPORT**

Speaker Pro Tempore Jefferson Noel stated the following,

- Healthy Living
- Meet the Dean Event
  - (TENTATIVE) November 8th AC2 161
    - Luncheon with the Dean for CARTA Creators

### **FINANCE CHAIR REPORT**

Senator Ronan Kelly stated the following,

- Finance Request by Ben Binder, Graduate Student Assistant
  - Financial Request for \$425.00 to attend the 70th Annual Gulf & Caribbean Fisheries Institute at Merida, Mexico on November 6 10

### **STUDENT ADVOCACY CHAIR REPORT**

Senator Ashley Rosales-Tejeda stated the following,

Working to collaborate with Student Affairs Halloween Horror Nights

### ADVISOR REPORT

SGA Advisor Larissa Adames stated the following,

- October 14 Day in the Bay
  - 9:00am Commencement
    - 1:00pm Lunch
- October 14 2nd FIU Football Home Game
- Make sure to meet the new Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs
- November 2 Tri-Council Reunion and Block Party

### **NEW BUSINESS**

• Finance Request by Ben Binder, Graduate Student Assistant

• Financial Request for \$425.00 to attend the 70th Annual Gulf & Caribbean Fisheries Institute at Merida, Mexico on November 6 - 10

A motion to allocate \$425.00 to Ben Grinder in attendance of the 70th Annual Gulf & Caribbean Fishers Institute at Merida Mexico on November 6 - 10 was made by Senator [Daniel Velasquez] and seconded by Speaker Pro Tempore [Jefferson Noel]

The motion passed unanimously.

- AYE Jonathan Espino, Housing Senator and Speaker
- AYE Jefferson Noel, Communication + Journalism Senator and Speaker Pro Tempore
- AYE Leen Alkhouli, Arts, Sciences, & Education Senator
- AYE Ashley Rosales-Tejeda, Communication + Journalism Senator
- AYE Jessalyn Morel, Lower Division Senator
- AYE Ronan Kelly, At-Large Senator
- AYE Sigal Dahan, At-Large Senator
- AYE Daniel Velasquez, At-Large Senator
  - Chair Nominations
    - Senator Kelly nominated Senator Velasquez for Operational Reviews Chair
      - Senator Velasquez accepted the nomination

A motion to appoint Senator [Daniel Velasquez] for [Operational Reviews Chair] was made by Senator [Ronan Kelly] and seconded by Senator [Sigal Dahan].

The motion passed unanimously.

- AYE Jonathan Espino, Housing Senator and Speaker
- AYE Jefferson Noel, Communication + Journalism Senator and Speaker Pro Tempore
- AYE Leen Alkhouli, Arts, Sciences, & Education Senator
- AYE Ashley Rosales-Tejeda, Communication + Journalism Senator
- AYE Jessalyn Morel, Lower Division Senator
- AYE Ronan Kelly, At-Large Senator
- AYE Sigal Dahan, At-Large Senator
- AYE Daniel Velasquez, At-Large Senator
  - Senator Kelly motioned to appoint Senator Velasquez to be the Operational Reviews Chair
    - Senator Dahan seconded the motion to appoint Senator Velasquez to be the Operational Reviews Chair
      - Unanimous vote
  - Senator Rosales-Tejeda nominated Senator Alkhouli for Internal Affairs Chair
    - Senator Kelly seconded the nomination of Senator Alkhouli for Internal Affairs Chair
      - Senator Alkhouli accepted the nomination
  - Senator Kelly motioned to appoint Senator Alkhouli for Internal Affairs Chair

- Senator Noel seconded the motion to appoint Senator Alkhouli for Internal Affairs Chair
  - Unanimous vote
- Senator Morel nominated Senator Morel for Rules, Legislation, and Judiciary (RLJ) Chair
  - Senator Kelly seconded the nomination for Senator Morel for RLJ Chair
- Senator Velasquez motioned to appoint Senator Morel for RLJ Chair
  - Senator Dahan seconded the motion to appoint Senator Morel for RLJ Chair
- Appointments
  - Sigal Dahan for Upper Division

A motion to appoint Senator [Sigal Dahan] for [Upper Division] was made by Senator [Ashley Rosales-Tejeda] and seconded by Senator [Ronan Kelly].

The motion passed unanimously.

- AYE Jonathan Espino, Housing Senator and Speaker
- AYE Jefferson Noel, Communication + Journalism Senator and Speaker Pro Tempore
- AYE Leen Alkhouli, Arts, Sciences, & Education Senator
- AYE Ashley Rosales-Tejeda, Communication + Journalism Senator
- AYE Jessalyn Morel, Lower Division Senator
- AYE Ronan Kelly, At-Large Senator
- AYE Sigal Dahan, At-Large Senator
- AYE Daniel Velasquez, At-Large Senator
  - Mers Gabrielle San Pedro Candidate for Hospitality and Tourism Management

A motion to appoint [Mers Gabrielle San Pedro] for [Hospitality and Tourism Management] was made by Senator [Ashley Rosales-Tejeda] and seconded by Senator [Ronan Kelly].

The motion passed with 7 favored, 1 no.

- AYE Jonathan Espino, Housing Senator and Speaker
- AYE Jefferson Noel, Communication + Journalism Senator and Speaker Pro Tempore
- AYE Leen Alkhouli, Arts, Sciences, & Education Senator
- AYE Ashley Rosales-Tejeda, Communication + Journalism Senator
- AYE Jessalyn Morel, Lower Division Senator
- AYE Ronan Kelly, At-Large Senator
- AYE Sigal Dahan, At-Large Senator
- NO Daniel Velasquez, At-Large Senator
  - Jennell Barnet Candidate for Hospitality and Tourism Management

A motion to table [Jennell Barnet] for [Hospitality and Tourism Management] towards the end of Announcements was made by Senator [Daniel Velasquez] and seconded by Senator [Ronan Kelly].

A motion to appoint [Jennell Barnet] for [Hospitality and Tourism Management] was made by Senator [Jessalyn Morel] and seconded by Speaker Pro Tempore[Jefferson Noel].

The motion passed unanimously.

- AYE Jonathan Espino, Housing Senator and Speaker
- AYE Jefferson Noel, Communication + Journalism Senator and Speaker Pro Tempore
- AYE Leen Alkhouli, Arts, Sciences, & Education Senator
- AYE Ashley Rosales-Tejeda, Communication + Journalism Senator
- AYE Jessalyn Morel, Lower Division Senator
- AYE Ronan Kelly, At-Large Senator
- AYE Sigal Dahan, At-Large Senator
- AYE Daniel Velasquez, At-Large Senator

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- October 14, 9am Day on the Bay
- October 14, 7pm FIU vs Tulane
- October 30 November 4 Homecoming Week
- November 2 Tri-Council Reunion
- November 7 Rally in Tally

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:44pm was made by Speaker Pro Tempore [Jefferson Noel] and seconded by Senator [Ronan Kelly].

Speaker Espino adjourned the meeting at 4:44pm.