



Florida International University

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

MINUTES

SGC-BBC Senate Meeting

October 15, 2018

IN ATTENDANCE

John Habib, Speaker of the Senate /Arts, Sciences, & Education Senator
Pamela Ho Fung, Speaker Pro Tempore/Senator of Lower Division
Jiaqi “Water” Chen, Finance Chair/Graduate Senator
Mahalia Balfour, Student Advocacy Chair/ Arts, Sciences, and Education Senator
Xin Wang, Operational Review Chair/At-Large Senator
Priscila Sevil, Internal Affairs Chair/ At-Large Senator
Catalina Nemmi, Lower Division Senator
Jonathan Espino, Vice President

GUESTS

Dr. Kerrie Montgomery, Campus Life Director
Larissa Adames, Campus Life Assistant Director and SGC-BBC Advisor
Ronan Kelly, SGA BBC Comptroller
Keanu Orfano, SGA BBC Intern
Jennifer Nguyen, SGA BBC Intern
Nedjina Dol, SGA Front Desk Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on October 15, 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 Nemmi moved to approve the Senate Minutes of October 8, 2018. Senator Chen seconded the motion.

By a unanimous decision the motion was passed.

WELCOME

Speaker Habib welcomed the Senate and stated that, “It’s nice to see you guys on this lovely Monday. Today will be a relax senate meeting.”

SPEAKER REPORT

Speaker Habib...

- Stated that Senator Gill had to resigned this morning.
- Stated that all of his reports will be in New Business.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Vice President Espino...

- Informed the senate that he had a meeting with Scott Jones On Thursday, October 11th in regards to the placement of the Pharmabox within WUC. He stated that they do not want to take down the microwave and the vending machines in WUC. He mentioned that he will be having a meeting with Ms. Christie for Pharmabox at Bayview.
- Stated that he will be meeting with Coral so she can update him on the Mangrove Wall.
- Stated that he will be meeting with Dr. Desantos for update on Fitness Path.

SPEAKER PRO REPORT

Senator Ho Fung...

- Stated that she had no update on SGC MMC unites.

FINANCE CHAIR REPORT

Senator Chen...

- Informed the senate that there will be a Finance meeting next week on October 22nd at 1:15 PM in the SGA Conference Room.

OPERATIONAL REVIEW CHAIR REPORT

Senator Wang...

- Stated that she is working with the Operational Review Committee to help view audits and make comments

INTERNAL AFFAIRS CHAIR REPORT

Senator Sevil...

- 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 one member on her Student Advocacy council.
- Reflected on her Student Advocacy meeting and meeting with the chairs.

ADVISOR REPORT

Ms.Adames...

- Stated that she will be sending out an email about information on Saturday pre-registration.
- Informed the senate of an active shooter training and highly recommend everyone to attend.

Dr. Montgomery...

- Informed the council about FIU letter project and the location for that will be next to Panther Plaza.
- Stated that the project is to make big FIU letters to take pictures and it will be accessible for all students.
- Mentioned that the goal for this project is to be completed by the end of the fall semester, so, that it can be ready for spring 2019.

SENATOR'S REPORT

Senator Nemmi...

- Stated that she spoke with Ms. Larissa about the exploratory students and she is planning on speaking with SLS students to advice and guide them to help find the best major that suits them.
- Mentioned that she will be working on some activities and events that will also help the students find a major.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of the Minutes

The senate reviewed the minutes of October 8, 2018. The motions regarding the approval of the minutes are found under “APPROVAL OF MINUTES”

B. Senate Marketing

Speaker Habib stated that President Noel and himself met with the Bolt Agency, a student led PR team that practices PR, and said that they wanted to work with SGA. Speaker mentioned that he spoke with their advisors and he told them more about SGA and what SGA does.

Speaker Habib mentioned that they came up with different marketing ideas. One of the idea was to place pictures of different eboards members on the buildings on that fits their position. Another idea was to create instagram highlights for different branches, cabinets, eboards, and major events, so that when people visits SGA instagram page, they can have a more understanding of SGA.

Speaker Habib stated that he wants the councils to have two different photoshoots by the statue, one that shows the fun side of SGA and the other that shows the serious part of SGA.

Speaker Habib said that once the senate received their polos, they will start working on these ideas including headshots and looking professional.

Speaker Habib mentioned that SGA needs more senators, and told the senate that he encouraged them to tell others about senator positions.

Speaker Habib stated that Senator Fung and himself will be going to different classes to promote.

Speaker Habib stated the he created a FIU family tree and that he will soon share it with everyone.

DISCUSSION

A. Mid-semester Reflection

Speaker Habib asked the councils about feedbacks and suggestions on how the senate is doing so far.

Senator Nemmi, “Stop asking councils to critique you (Speaker Habib), instead ask to critique all of us. We need to do more, we complain a lot but don’t do much, and there is not collaboration among us.”

Speaker Habib, “I agree, we need to work on resolutions and we need more collaboration. If any of you need help on resolution, help each other out.”

Senator Sevil, “For critiquing, we can do activities where we can each other their weaknesses and how they can improve. Also, students wants a vending machine in the Green Library as well as an hydration station in both GL and AC2.”

Speaker Habib, “Whenever students want something done by FIU, instead of talking about it, put that in the resolutions because its important and that’s how we get things done. More information will be on the Habib’s Guide. How do you all feel about the Habib’s Guide?”

Senator Balfour, “They are helpful and straightforward.”

Ms. Adames, “He breaks everything down which is nice of him because everyone supposed to read the entire statute and constitution. I love the fact that John (Speaker Habib) actually break everything down so that you guys don’t have to read the entire book.”

Speaker Habib, “Constitutions and statutes are important to know and to read. You guys are the most important branch of SGA, you guys vote on everything that is going on. I encourage everyone to open and read all email that is being sent to the council.”

Speaker Habib asked councils if they had anymore comments or questions. The council did not have anymore comments.

Speaker Habib closed discussion time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. **HSA Car Wash**, October 16 & 18, 10 AM-1:30 PM, outside AC2, in front of Parking Lot
- b. **Day on the Bay**, October 20, 8:30 AM -12:30 PM, Lawn by the Bay
- c. **Finance Committee Meeting**, October 22, 1:15 PM, SGA Conference Room
- d. **Halloween Horror Nights**, October 24th, 12 PM
- e. **HSA Pool Party**, October 26, 4 PM, Bayview Pool
- f. **Mentor Monday**, October 29, 11 AM-1 PM, WUC 257
- g. **Doughnuts with the Dean**, October 30, 11 AM-12:30 PM, TBA
- h. **Leadership Lounge**, October 31, 1 PM -2 PM, WUC 353

- i. **General Meeting**, October 31, 3:30 PM, WUC 221
- j. **President's Roundtable**, November 1st, 11 AM- 1 PM, SGA Conference Room,
Mojo Donuts
- k. **Charting the Course: FIU 2025 - Conversation Series with President
Rosenberg and Provost Furton**, November 5th, 2 PM-4 PM, WUC Theatre
- l. **BBC Active Shooter Training**, WUC , 1 PM -5 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Chen moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:37 PM. Senator Sevil seconded the motion.

The meeting was dismissed by Speaker Habib at **4:37 PM**.