



Florida International University

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

MINUTES

SGC-BBC Senate Meeting

October 22, 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
Catalina Nemmi, Lower Division Senator, 3:49pm
Jonathan Espino, Vice President, 3:45pm

EXCUSED

Priscila Sevil, Internal Affairs Chair/ At-Large Senator

GUESTS

Larissa Adames, Campus Life Assistant Director and SGC-BBC Advisor
Yuze “Crystal” Ji, Student
Chelsea De Silva, Student
Brian Levine, Bayview Resident
Christ St.Hilaire, Bayview Resident
Nedjina Dol, SGA Front Desk Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on October 22, 2018– **WUC 221**. The meeting was called to order at **3:40pm**, 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 15, 2018. Senator Balfour seconded the motion.

By a unanimous decision the motion was passed.

WELCOME

Speaker Habib welcomed the Senate with a game of Kahoot and stated that “I am very happy to see everyone today.”

SPEAKER REPORT

Speaker Habib...

- Stated that he is happy that all the senate are involved and active.
- Informed that senate that they should write down resolutions and put them on the documents so that they can be official.
- Informed the council that he sent an email of the “Habib’s Guide for Resolutions”, and also a template to make the best resolution and everyone will be able to access the template.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Vice President Espino...

- Stated that he was really happy that all of the senate was able to show up at the Day on the Bay.
- Stated that he had a meeting with Kristie Zapata and she is willing to house a Pharmabox for Bayview and they will be letting FIU know.
- Stated that he had a meeting with Anthony Desantis and Andrea Ramos and he was given an option for two models and they are Elevate and Healthbeat.
- Updated the senate on the mangrove wall and stated that Kristy Elvirez would be able to work on the mural, she works for a company called Unconventional but she is willing to do it freelance on her own.
- Informed the senate that he will start doing one on one scheduling again with all the councils and that they should keep their emails open.

SPEAKER PRO REPORT

Senator Ho Fung...

- Stated that the Finance meeting was awesome and that Senator Nemmi brought some good ideas.
- Mentioned that the SGC MMC Minutes report will be shared at next week’s meeting.

FINANCE CHAIR REPORT

Senator Chen...

- Spoke about submission for resolutions and stated that Larissa said to use Panther Connect to submit the resolutions.
- Emphasized that the Finance Funding Regulations are very important.

OPERATIONAL REVIEW CHAIR REPORT

Senator Wang...

- Concern/suggestion boxes were discussed for location at major campus departments, the library already has the boxes however, they are going to set up an online suggestion box. There is also an online student concern website through Student Affairs.

STUDENT ADVOCACY CHAIR REPORT

Senator Balfour...

- Stated that she did not have committee meeting this week and will have it next week.
- Stated that she is working on different questions about food options on campus.
- Mentioned that she is working on her resolution homework, she spoke with President Noel and she has not yet received any answers.

ADVISOR REPORT

Ms. Adames...

- Reminded the council that priority registration is next week and stated, “take full advantage of this and do not wait until the last minute.”

SENATOR’S REPORT

Senator Nemmi...

- Mentioned to the council that she went to her first SLS class and it was great. She spoke about SGA and a support group for exploratory students. She also had a sign-up sheet for students who were interested in joining.
- Informed the council about a Proclamation she is working on with President Noel that honors custodians.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of the Minutes

The senate reviewed the minutes of October 15, 2018. The motions regarding the approval of the minutes are found under “APPROVAL OF MINUTES”

B. Appointment of Yuze “Crystal” Ji- *Senator of Hospitality & Tourism Management*

Speaker Habib opened the floor for 3 minutes of presentation followed by 2 minutes of discussion for Yuze Ji to present herself for the position for Senator of Hospitality & Tourism Management.

Yuze Ji presented herself and explained why she should be appointed to Senator of Hospitality & Tourism Management.

The senate asked questions regarding Yuze Ji's appointment to Senator of Hospitality & Tourism Management.

Senator Chen motion to extend discussion time, Senator Balfour seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Yuze Ji answered the questions accordingly.

Senator Ho Fung moved to appoint Yuze Ji to position of Senator of Hospitality & Tourism Management. Senator Balfour seconded the motion

Roll Call Vote:

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

By a vote of 6/0/0, Yuze Ji was appointed to Senator of Hospitality & Tourism Management.

C. Student Government Congress

Speaker Habib opened floor for quick discussion and questions about the Student Government Congress.

Speaker Habib informed the council that the Student Government Congress meeting would be on November 5th at BBC after the FIU 2025 meeting with the President and the Provost. Speaker Habib encouraged all the senators to attend.

Speaker Habib stated that the reason why SGC-MMC would like a Student Government Congress meeting is because the RLJ Chair at MMC is curious to why the BBC council and students would be opposed to a merge.

Speaker Habib mentioned that the council can present the U-Wide Bills to the meeting so they can still vote on them. He stated that, "If you guys have something to change in the Constitution, you can bring that up at the meeting."

Speaker Habib stated that the council can invite others who want to voice at the meeting.

Speaker Habib recommended the council to vote on having the Student Government Congress meeting in the month of November.

Senator Nemmi motion to have the Student Government Congress meeting in the month of November. Senator Wang seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

John Habib–Yay
Mahalia Balfour-Yay
Jiaqi "Water" Chen–Yay
Pamela Ho Fung-Yay
Catalina Nemmi–Yay
Xin Wang - Yay
Yuze "Crystal" Ji- Yay

By a vote of 7/0/0, the Student Government Congress meeting will be in the month of November.

D. Food Pantry Event for Thanksgiving in SGA Office

Speaker Habib opened the floor for 5 minutes for Senator Nemmi to speak about the Food Pantry.

Senator Nemmi mentioned that the food pantry will be on the week of November 12. She stated that they will be a raffle ticket given for every 1 pound donated.

Senator Nemmi spoke about having a pizza party for everyone who donated. However, she was not sure which pizza company she will be ordering from, she will like to discuss that on the next senate meeting.

Senator Nemmi moves to table for discussion of Food Pantry on New Business next week. Senator Wang seconded that motion. By an unanimous vote, the motion passes.

DISCUSSION

A. Doughnuts with the Dean (October 30, 11am-12:30pm, WUC 155)

Speaker Habib stated that “President Noel wants me to speak with senate and wants the senate to promote this event in their classes and also for everyone to invite other students.”

B. Career Expo

Speaker Habib opened the floor for Senator Nemmi to give five minutes of presentation on the Career Expo, followed by five meetings of discussion.

The Career Expo will take place Nov. 8th, 10:30 AM to 3 PM in the WUC Ballrooms.

Senator Nemmi states that she will have the employers bring food to students and they will be a sign-up sheet for tabling for all the councils.

Senator Nemmi mentioned that certificates will be given to the employers with the SGA, Healthy Living, Career and Talent Logo on them.

C. Student Concerns

Speaker Habib opened the floor for any students who have concerns at the school.

Chelsea De Silva, Student at FIU BBC, stated that the yield signs at the parking lot should be more visible or instead be replaced as stop signs because students do not slow down at the yield signs which will continue to cause unwanted accidents at the school.

Ms. Adames stated that “someone should bring this issue to parking and transportation, and also to bring this to Senator Balfour at the next meeting.”

Brian Levine, Student living at Bayview, stated that the FIU Police always park in non accessible locations. He mentioned that the signs that direct people to Bayview housing should be clearer.

It was five o'clock, Senator Balfour move to extend discussion for an extra 20 minutes. Senator Wang seconded that motion. By a vote of 6/1/0, motion passes.

Brian Levine said that when visitors are heading to Bayview, they are most likely to get lost.

Christ St.Hilaire, Student living at Bayview, mentioned that more informations on SGA meetings should be at Bayview so that Bayview students can be aware.

Ms. Adames asked “what are some ideas that you have that will be visible enough for bayview students.”

Christ stated that SGA should have more flyers at Bayview because these meetings are extremely important to the students.

Speaker Habib closed discussion time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. **Halloween Horror Nights**, October 24th, 12 PM
- b. **HSA Pool Party**, October 26, 4 PM, Bayview Pool
- c. **Mentor Monday**, October 29, 11 AM-1 PM, WUC 257
- d. **Doughnuts with the Dean**, October 30, 11 AM-12:30 PM, WUC 155
- e. **Leadership Lounge**, October 31, 1 PM -2 PM, WUC 353
- f. **General Meeting**, October 31, 3:30 PM, WUC 221
- g. **President’s Roundtable**, November 1st, 11 AM- 1 PM, SGA Conference Room, Mojo Donuts
- h. **Charting the Course: FIU 2025 - Conversation Series with President Rosenberg and Provost Furton**, November 5th, 2 PM-4 PM, WUC Theatre
- i. **BBC Active Shooter Training**, WUC , 1 PM -5 PM, WUC will be closed
- j. **Career Expo**, November 8th, 10:30 AM- 3 PM, Panther Square
- k. **International Day of the Elimination of Violence Against Women**, November 14th, 11 AM- 2 PM, Panther Square & Theater

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Balfour moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 PM. Senator Chen seconded the motion.

The meeting was dismissed by Speaker Habib at **5:20 PM**.