



Florida International University

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

MINUTES

SGC-BBC Senate Meeting

October 29, 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
Priscila Sevil, Internal Affairs Chair/ At-Large Senator
Yuze “Crystal” Ji, Hospitality & Tourism Management Senator
Jonathan Espino, Vice President, (3:58 pm)

GUESTS

Larissa Adames, Campus Life Assistant Director and SGC-BBC Advisor
Dr. Kerrie Montgomery, Campus Life Director
Jefferson Noel, President
Anthony Jones, SGA Front Desk Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on October 29, 2018– **WUC 221**. The meeting was called to order at **3:39 pm**, approximately, by **Speaker Habib** who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Senator Chen moved to approve the Senate Minutes of October 22, 2018. Senator Sevil seconded the motion.

By a unanimous decision the motion was passed.

WELCOME

Speaker Habib welcomed the Senate with a game of Kahoot and thanked everyone for their participation.

SPEAKER REPORT

Speaker Habib...

- Stated that he knows that many of the senators are working on various initiatives and that he is very happy that they are all doing that.
- Informed the senate that they should not forget about working on and finishing the resolutions.

SPEAKER PRO REPORT

Senator Ho Fung...

- Updated the senate in regards to the Congress Meeting, informing the senate that MMC's council was unable to vote on the Congress meeting however, hopefully they will vote on it today and that she will keep everyone updated.

Ms.Adames, "The room has already been reserved for the Congress Meeting so just to make sure that the room still needs to be reserved, is there anyway that someone can confirm with MMC to make sure they will vote on it today?"

Speaker Habib, "Last week MMC was unable to make the motion due to time constraints however, there should be a motion today and I will make sure to keep up with Antonia and Brandon to inform Senator Ho Fung of what happens."

FINANCE CHAIR REPORT

Senator Chen...

- Informed the senate that she assisting Senator Nemmi in regards to the Food Pantry Thanksgiving Event.

OPERATIONAL REVIEW CHAIR REPORT

Senator Wang...

- Started her report by welcoming all of the senators, wishing that they all had a great weekend.
- Informed the senate that the Operational Review Chair meeting was canceled for today.
- Informed the senate on projects she is currently working on, stating that everything is going very smoothly.

STUDENT ADVOCACY CHAIR REPORT

Senator Balfour...

- Mentioned that she is continuing her work on the resolution homework and that she has been working on setting up a meeting with President Noel and Vice President Espino.

ADVISOR REPORT

Ms.Adames...

- Reminded the council that early registration is next week and stated, “take full advantage of this and do not wait until the last minute.”
- Informed the senate that she has sent out emails to some of them in regards to their stipend paperwork and to please fill it out as soon as possible.
- Informed the senate that they must complete the form and print it out from start to finish and cannot just start and finish it later.

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 22, 2018. The motions regarding the approval of the minutes are found under “APPROVAL OF MINUTES”

B. Food Pantry Event for Thanksgiving in SGA Office

Senator Nemmi explained to the senate a few of the possible food options and the prices for those food options. (Pizza from Costco - \$10/box; Publix Chicken Strips - \$102/50 Piece; 50 Chicken Wings - \$28.69)

Ms.Adames, “The Costco idea is good but it wouldn't work because you need a membership.”
Senator Nemmi, “How do you all feel about getting the wings? We could get different sauces and a veggie platter to go with it.”

Speaker Habib, “How many wings would we want to get if we decided to go with that option?”

Senator Nemmi, “I would say 2 platters of 50 so 2 per person.”

Senator Balfour, “If we want it to be more of a treat thing, then why don't we just give cupcakes or something sweet like that because desserts like cupcakes for example are easy to share.”

The senate continued to discuss on what type of food they would like to implement for the event.

Senator Nemmi moved to allocate \$200 from the Senate Discretionary to the Food Pantry Thanksgiving event.

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, \$200 was allocated from the Senate Discretionary to go towards the Food Pantry Thanksgiving event.

DISCUSSION

Speaker Habib opened floor for quick discussion and asked the senate if anyone had any questions, concerns, or have heard of any concerns from the students that they would like to bring up.

Senator Balfour reflected on her recent meeting with Faith Snow.

Senator Sevil announced to the senate that in celebration of halloween, she will be selling spooky bags.

Vice President Espino reminded the senate of the Doughnuts with the Dean event and highly recommended for them to attend and spread the word.

President Noel spoke about the Panthers to the Polls Event and announced that to participate they can go to go.fiu.edu/panthertothepolls

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. **Doughnuts with the Dean**, October 30
 - i. 11am-12:30pm
 - ii. WUC 155
- **Nightmare on Panther Street**, October 30
 - 1:00pm-2:30pm
 - WUC 244
- b. **Leadership Lounge**, October 31
 - i. 1pm-2pm
 - ii. WUC 353
- c. **Student Advocacy Committee Meeting**, October 31
 - i. 3pm
 - ii. SGA Conference Room
- d. **General Meeting**, October 31
 - i. 3:30pm
 - ii. WUC 221
- e. **President's Roundtable**, November 1
 - i. 11am-1pm
 - ii. SGA Conference Room
 - iii. Mojo Donuts
- f. **Finance Committee Meeting**, November 5
 - i. Time: 1:15pm
 - ii. Location: SGA Conference Room
- g. **Charting the Course: FIU 2025 - Conversation Series with President Rosenberg and Provost Furton**, November 5th
 - i. 2pm-4pm
 - ii. WUC Theatre
- h. **BBC Active Shooter Training**, November 6th
 - i. 1pm-5pm
 - ii. WUC will be closed
- i. **Career Expo**, November 8th
 - i. 10:30am-3pm
 - ii. Panther Square
- j. **HSA General Body Meeting**, November 8th
 - i. 4pm-6pm
 - ii. WUC 157
- k. **International Day of the Elimination of Violence Against Women**, November 14th
 - i. 11am-2pm
 - ii. Panther Square & Theater
- l. **Self Defense Class**, November 29th
 - i. 6pm-8pm
 - ii. WUC Ballrooms

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ADJOURNMENT

Senator Nemmi moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:48 PM. Senator Wang seconded the motion.

The meeting was dismissed by Speaker Habib at **4:48 PM.**