



MINUTES **SGC-BBC Senate Meeting** **November 14, 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 (4:13 PM)
Yuze “Crystal” Ji, Hospitality & Tourism Management Senator
Xu Chang, Hospitality & Tourism Management Senator

GUESTS

Kaila Jospitre, SGA Graduate Assistant
Larissa Adames, Assistant Director of Campus Life (4:11 PM)
Heidy Martinez, SGA Front Desk Assistant
Brian Levine, Housing Senator Candidate
Jefferson Noel, SGC-BBC President (4:10 PM)
Gabriella Malak, Director of Accessibility (4:10PM)
Keanu Orfano, SGA Intern
Christ Saint-Hilaire, SGA Intern

CALL TO ORDER

The Student Government Association (BBC) held a meeting on November 14, 2018– **WUC 221**. The meeting was called to order at **3:42 PM**, approximately, by **Speaker Habib** who presided over the meeting in its entirety

WELCOME

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

SPEAKER REPORT

Speaker Habib...



B. Appointments:

Brian Levine was given two minutes for a presentation and three minutes for Q&A.

Mr. Levine made his presentation. Habib opened the floor for question and answers. The senate asked questions and Mr. Levine answered accordingly.

Senator Balfour motioned to end discussion. Senator Nemmi seconded the motion.

By a unanimous decision the motion was passed.

Senator Chen motions to appoint Brian Levine as Housing Senator.

Senator Nemmi seconds.

Roll Call Vote:

John Habib – Yea

Mahalia Balfour - Yea

Jiaqi “Water” Chen –Yea

Pamela Ho Fung - Yea

Catalina Nemmi – Yea

Xin Wang - Yea

Yuze “Crystal” Ji - Yea

Xu Chang - Yea

By a vote of 8/0/0, Brian Levine was appointed Housing Senator.

C. Opportunities for U-Wide Bills/Resolutions:

Speaker Habib...

- Informed the senate of the University wide (U-Wide) committee meeting tomorrow November 15, 2018. This meeting is based by congress/university wide statues. Since it was last minute if you are interested please have bill and resolution done by tonight to place it on new business for the meetings agenda.
- Stated to the senate that being proactive, resolutions should be your best friends. So lets pump things out and put the SGC-BBC brand on initiatives that we would



like to take.

D. Senate Marketing:

Speaker Habib...

- Informed the senate that the council polos are in now, and he would like to begin marketing on social media but looking professional. This is because you all need to be ready and be good public figures.
- Concluded his statement by stating he wants everyone to coordinate with SGC-BBC PR Manager Ms. Hernandez on availability to schedule photoshoots of each one of you in the new long sleeves. These pictures would be posted on social media along with a short bio.

DISCUSSION

Speaker Habib opened floor for 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 Nemmi brought up the lack of kosher items on campus, and how many jewish students go hungry during their time on campus. Also that bayview has no convenient grocery store, or restaurant open on the weekend. On another note, she brought up on how she can help a friend who was followed a couple days back.

Ms.Adames stepped in and stated to always call FIU police during situations like that even if it turns out to be nothing it's better to say something than to stay quiet.

Senator Wang brought up the lack of hot water accessibility or microwaves near and in hospitality housing.

FINANCE CHAIR REPORT

Senator Chen...

- Informed the senate that she scheduled a financial committee November 19, 2018 at 1:10 pm. Also that there is one spot left in finance committee.

OPERATIONAL REVIEW CHAIR REPORT



Senator Wang...

- Informed the senate that she also has a committee meeting November 19, 2018 at 12:30 pm with new members attending.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS CHAIR REPORT

Senator Sevil...

- Started her report by apologizing for being late. Last week hours every one did well only a couple people didn't make enough hours.

STUDENT ADVOCACY CHAIR REPORT

Senator Balfour...

- Mentioned that because of scheduling conflicts the event she was working on has been postponed and hopefully rescheduled for spring semester week of welcome.

SENATOR'S REPORT

Senator Nemmi...

- Mentioned to the senate that she would like to shout herself out for her hard work and dedication. The career expo food pantry was successful although she expected more help from the council.
- Informed the senate that it was decided to postpone the pantry for panthers event for next semester. Even though it has been postponed she is helping healthy living sort everything that has been donated.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Noel...

- Greeted the senate, spoke about the leadership meeting and those who attended. During that meeting there was lots of discussion about bayview. After that meeting he had a one to one with Ms. Adames where they spoke of the faculty senate meeting.
- Informed the senate that now that the merge is not happening he can focus on things that matter. For example, getting CAPS and panthers care on all syllabi to focus on student wellness.
- Concluded his report by discussing that FIU wants to break or create a Guinness world record. If anyone has any ideas or would like to be apart of it to contact him.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Pantry for Panthers**, November 13-15th (Postponed)
 - 8:30am-5:00pm
 - WUC 301
- **U-Wide Council (UWC) Meeting**, November 15th
 - 2:00pm
 - Location: TBA
- **Artsy, November 20**
 - 4pm-7pm
 - Panther Plaza?
- **SOC General Meeting**, November 15th
 - 12:30pm-1:30pm
 - WUC 159
- **BSU Thanksgiving Dinner**, November 19th
 - 6:00pm
 - WUC Ballrooms
- **Self Defense Class**, November 29th
 - 6:00pm-8:00pm
 - WUC Ballrooms
- **First Annual HSA Pageant**, November 30th
 - 6:00pm,
 - WUC Ballrooms

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Levine moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:51 PM. Senator Sevil seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was dismissed by Speaker Habib at **4:51 PM**.