Constitutional Convention of FIU
Meeting Agenda
January 23, 2024

1. Call to Order at 4:35PM
2. Roll Call

Brian Levine – present
Alex Sutton – present
Mia Rodriguez – present
Natalie Martinez – present
Alexander Stone – present
Tracy Mussotte – present
Kaily LaChapelle – present
Peter Hernandez – present

Quorum was established.

3. Correction and Approval of Last Meetings Minutes
   a. Minutes from December 8, 2023
      i. No corrections.
      ii. Minutes approved unanimously.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

5. Public Comments Period
   a. No members of the public wished to speak.

6. Reports
   a. Convention Chair Brian Levine
      i. Relaying the successes of the two previous committees on detail and style respectively. Today’s meeting involves reaching a consensus on the current draft of the SGA Constitution for approval.
   b. Convention Vice Chair Alexander Sutton
      i. Three questions still need to be answered by the entirety of the convention. They are as follows: 1) Should the BBC Governor and Lieutenant Governor run as a ticket together, or should they be separately elected positions? 2) Should the Comptroller be renamed to Student Body Treasurer? 3) Should the Comptroller be an elected position.
ii. Peter Hernandez had a point of inquiry on the implementation date of the proposed Constitution.

iii. Style changes were based on legibility. Format now includes sections with concurrent letters.

7. Old Business
   a. There is no old business.

8. New Business
   a. Peter Hernandez is positioning his case on whether BBC Governor and Lieutenant Governor should run on the same ticket. Alexander Sutton responded by explaining that separate positions would allow for a gubernatorial candidate to run even without a Lieutenant Governor. It also would make the Lieutenant Governor representative of a student vote.

   b. Motion to begin read-through of the Constitution draft.
      i. Convention Vice Chair Alexander Sutton is leading the read-through.
      ii. Santana Way asked why there was a proposed change from the name Bureau to Student Union. This will be addressed later.
      iii. Peter Hernandez and Mia Rodriguez want to address the jurisdiction of the Constitution based on the State University System, State, and Federal policies as was previously in Article I.
      iv. Motion passed to discuss the former power of Senior Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs to alter the Constitution.
          1. Conversation was paused to return to public comment to allow Nia to speak due to a personal hard stop.
      v. Article V: The Judicial Branch
          1. Motion from Mia Rodriguez passes to change order of official discussion to Article V.
          2. Motion from Alexander Sutton to have a three-minute discussion on Deputy Chief Justice.
             a. Alexander Stone asked a question about the potential position.
             b. Mia Rodriguez wants there to be only up to 2 clerks rather than the possibility of up to 3 clerks.
             c. Kaily LaChapelle questions why there should not be a Deputy Chief of Staff for the purposes of succession.
             d. Alexander Sutton motions to remove all references to Deputy Chief Justice in the Constitution. All vote yes except one abstention.
             e. Motion was adopted with one abstention.
          4. Public Comment
             We had the opportunity to hear public comment from James Hernandez and Emma Magdalene.

   c. Motion to adjourn meeting. All but one extension. Meeting concluded at 7:37PM.