Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 14, 2023

I. Call to order

   a. Meeting called to order at 12:10

II. Roll Call

Name	Position	Attendance
Alexander Sutton	Student Body President	Present
Santana Way	Student Body Vice President	Present, joined 12:19
Iara Raggio	Comptroller	Present
	Executive Administrator	Vacant
Grace McCullough	Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus	Present
Kaily Lachapelle	Senate President	Absent (excused)
Tiara Campbell	Senate President Pro-Tempore	Present
Karina Hernandez	Senate Floor Leader	Present
Anna Meredith	Chief of Staff	Absent (excused)
	Chief Justice	

   a. Quorum was established

III. Reports

a. Student Body President
    i. BOT tomorrow
    ii. Listed several initiatives that are currently underway including collaborations with FSL

b. Student Body Vice President
    i. Been working for orientation as always
    ii. Working on streamlining list of initiatives
    iii. Social media suggestions
        1. More evening events
        2. More free stuff
        3. Jeanette McCurdy???
        4. More stuff at EC
        5. Much more
    iv. Santana is working on organizing feedback received from the Instagram poll
    v. Idea: job/opportunity fair
        1. Help students find opportunities to get involved
        2. For example: the Student Conduct Committee is understaffed
        3. Fair advertising openings in FIU positions

c. Comptroller
    i. She tabled yesterday, many students are interested in joining SGA,
    ii. Anna and Iara will be interviewing applicants for Deputy Comptroller

d. Executive Administrator

e. Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus
    i. Will soon begin interviewing applicants for Governor's cabinet
    ii. Interview Friday @4

f. Senate President

g. Senate President Pro-Tempore
    i. Senate Committees have been assigned, group chats have been made for all, as well as Chair & Vice-Chair group chat
    ii. Sen. Stone was displeased with his committee assignment
    iii. GPSC will be having its first meeting on Friday

iv. Sen. Baptiste moved from DEI Ad-Hoc to USI committee
v. Spoken with Sen. Moya-Palacios regarding SB266
vi. Next Senate there will be confirmations for Exec. Admin and vacant CASE Seat as well as Chief Justice

h. Senate Floor Leader
    i. Spoken with Sen. Stone regarding frustrations about committee assignment, Kaily had a good resolution to the conflict
    ii. Appreciates all the work that Sen. Stone has put in
    iii. How will we explain to Senators that we are not just focusing on state and national politics (e.g. SB266 and DeSantis etc.) but also non-political issues?
        1. Pro Temp Campbell said that when legislation affects the student body SGA needs to respond to help them
        2. Pro Temp Campbell emphasized that this year there will be a respectful Senate
        3. Vice President Way discussed seeing both standpoints with regards to Sen. Stone's criticisms about Senate being too political, Vice President Way mentioned frustrations with Senators asking questions about outside politics in SGA during confirmations
    iv. Connie Caldwell asked to present for 10 minutes in Senate so Senators can be more aware of sustainability and what the office of sustainability is doing

i. Chief of Staff

j. Chief Justice

IV. Old Business

a. None

V. New Business

a. 5 minute discussion on politics in Senate
    i. Pro Temp Campbell: Committee assignments were not political, wanted strong people in different areas to help amidst state efforts to eliminate DEI
    ii. Pres. Sutton shared his support for Senators asking whatever questions they want in Senate and that Senate should focus, but not solely focus, on state politics issues and Senate should address non-political issues as well

iii. Floor Leader Hernandez shared that the Senate at the end of the day should focus on these political issues when they arise because we haven't seen such an issue like this before; mentioned potential need for a training on "neutrality", because how do you stay neutral in a time like this?

b. Discussion on upcoming Board of Trustees meeting
    i. Pres. Sutton gave an overview of the report he will share at BoT tomorrow

c. Night at the Museum
    i. Pres. Sutton explained the idea for Night at the Museum
    ii. VP Way: do we need an administrator there?
    iii. Dr. Castro: yes
    iv. Floor Leader Hernandez: logistically complicated to do it during Homecoming; from a student perspective, there's not as much programming after Homecoming week, so it's best to space it out
    v. VP Way agrees
    vi. Comptroller Raggio: Homecoming often does things back-to-back and it takes time to get things approved
    vii. VP Way: my friends would go if there's free stuff and food!
    viii. Floor Leader Hernandez: her friends found out about the museum through a newletter and did a photoshoot there. People get into art because they want to do photoshoots in a museum. Some people will want to go to take pictures. Could be a "formal" night, similar to a "gala". And yes, free food!
    ix. Pro Temp Campbell: people will go if we advertise it properly. People don't go to the museum often so this is a good opportunity to get more people there. We have to make videos about it to get people excited
    x. Comptroller Raggio: has never been in the museum and has never had any interest in doing so. Will probably never go to the museum and likely her friends wouldn't either if it's during the day because they are so busy. But this event could be catered towards freshmen because they want free merch, meet other students, get to know the campus better, especially if it's early in the semester, tag the freshman class. SGA Photoshoot, feature merch and giveaway!

d. Sustainability Efforts

i. Karina is willing to take the lead on getting biodegradable confetti
ii. Karina: talk to environmental orgs on campus and see what vendors they use
iii. Dr. Castro: day on the bay. E-board needs to be there! Will keep eboard posted on dates.
iv. Karina: environmental talks? Grace will be working on coordinating it at BBC. How can I help those efforts?
v. Dr. Castro: help in the selection of speakers, make actual attempts to promote it. Need a level of commitment!
vi. VP Way: did an Instagram poll about what students want to see from SGA, many of the responses mentioned sustainability. Field day, environmental events. Need more sustainability events.
vii. Comptroller Raggio: Asked about bike rental programs
viii. Dr. Castro: parking & transportation tried a bike rental program and the cost was prohibitive, bikes ended up chained to buildings, FIU doesn't want bikes all over campus anymore
ix. Floor Leader Hernandez: sustainability panel/forum

VI. Advisor Reports

a. Michelle Castro

i. Schedule eboard meetings consistently
ii. Need office hours starting Fall
iii. All eboard members should now have access to their emails
iv. Photoshoots once everyone returns
v. Michelle can help connect SGA members to admin / staff for initiatives

VII. Meeting Adjournment

a. The meeting was adjourned at 1:38PM