The 40th Session of the Student Body Senate
Meeting Minutes
Date: March 18, 2024

I. Call to Order
   A. Meeting called to order at 4:11 p.m.

II. Roll Call

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III. Correction and Approval of Last Meeting’s Minutes
   A. None
IV. Adoption of the Agenda
   A. Sen. Brochinsky: moves to suspend the rules and conduct a series of votes after a 6-min debate on the Constitutional convention bill, motion passes.
V. Invited Speakers
   A.
VI. Public Forum
   A. Cherish: proposes a system between BBC and MMC for Lost and Found for items to be entered so that they are easier to find, personally lost a water bottle
   Sen. Brochinsky: water bottles must be discarded due to health concerns; lost items should be reported to the desk.
   Sen. Dawson: had to turn in found items but they were refused, would like more consistency.
VII. Committee Reports
   A. Appropriations Committee
      Approved the Sustainability Fair appropriation, passed a request for a ceremony, will meet on Thursday.
   B. Committee on Rules and Administration
      Met on Tuesday, approved the bill on Student Support and Mental Wellness and Nursing student’s bill.
   C. Graduate and Professional Student Committee
      Met on Fri, discussed the budget, voted on application change requirements, discussed Grad Student Appreciation Week
   D. University Sustainability and Innovation Committee
      Could not meet last week, drafting the legislation for Climate Action Plan
   E. Health and Well-Being Committee
      Were not able to meet, CASE fair conducted, will meet tomorrow, planning to hold a financial seminar.
F. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee
Did not meet quorum today, discussed several legislations works.

G. International Student Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee
Voted on a bill in a meeting, next meeting this week.

VIII. Executive Board Reports
A. Student Body President Alexander P. Sutton
   Signed an executive order to allocate funds to purchase more equipment for Honors College club.
B. Senate President Kaily Lachapelle
C. Senate President Pro-Tempore Tiara Campbell
D. Senate Floor Leader Karina Hernandez
   Had a conversation with Chairs and Vice Chairs, quorum needs to be met for progress, there is need to define excused vs. unexcused absences, personal appointments should not be scheduled on meeting days where possible.
E. Student Body Vice President Santana Way
F. Comptroller Iara Raggio
G. Executive Administrator Natalie Martinez
   Those who need assistance or support are encouraged to reach out.
H. Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus Grace King
I. Chief of Staff Anna Meredith
J. Chief Justice Mia Rodriguez
   Were able to come to agreement, resolve conflicts of interest for judicial branch and budget, addressing appeal for the election. Meeting can be scheduled for any matter in need of discussion. Constitutional convention term of 2 years is justified, open to reconfirmation.

IX. Vetoed Legislation
A.  

X. Unfinished Business
A. S.B. 04 025 - The Constitutional Revision Act
i. Pres. Sutton: recommends a reading by a title and a brief overview; many amendments were sent and some incorporated into the document, some to be voted on.

ii. Sen. Brochinsky asked for unanimous consent to read by title only, passed.

iii. Sen. Hernandez reads the first amendment: Senate President vs. Speaker of the Senate title.
   1. Sen. Brochinsky: SGA president and Senate President position titles are confusing, agrees with the change.
   2. Sen. Salup-Cid: Speaker of the Senate title is clearer.
   3. Sen. Barriga: does not see it as confusing or major difference.
   4. Sen. Stone: considers Senate President title appropriate, change would be difficult to manage.
   5. Sen. Salup-Cid: the current titles are confusing; email addresses are similar as well and can confuse students.
   6. Justice Rodriguez: Speaker would directly refer to the Legislative branch, prefers Speaker title, also for email communication purpose.
   7. Sen. Salup-Cid moves to go into voting; clarified: vote yes for Senate President, no for Speaker of the Senate; Sen. Brochinsky proposes a direct vote on Senate President vs. Senate Speaker
   9. Speaker of the Senate title name wins. 12 votes for Speaker of the Senate and 3 votes for Senate President

iv. Finance Chair vs. Floor Leader on the Budget Committee and University-Wide Council, vs. split membership (Finance Chair on the Budget Committee, Floor Leader on the University-Wide Council)
   1. Sen. Brochinsky: thinks that both should participate in both.
   2. Sen. Stone: thinks too many people would be participating, does not agree with the point.
5. Sen. Stone: Floor Leader will have more power and overview on the Senate, adding the positions will take responsibilities from the Comptroller.

6. Sen. Brochinsky: Comptroller represents the exec side and Finance Chair is for the legislative representation.

7. Pres. Sutton: Finance Chair represents the legislative branch, should be on both.

8. Sen. Stone moves to extend the discussion by 5 min, motion passes.

9. Sen. Dawson: Budget Chair could be on the Budget Committee, Floor Leaded should be on the University-Wide Council

10. Sen. Stone: asks why Comptroller cannot be on the Budget Committee, thinks too many positions are being added.

11. Sen. Brochinsky: Floor Leaded will be on the Internal Affairs Committee as a new responsibility.

12. Sen. Stone: thinks that 3 executive positions are not necessary.

13. Pres. Sutton: agrees that Finance Chair could be on the Budget Committee, could utilize the financial knowledge, Floor Leader on the University-Wide Council

14. Sen. Brochinsky moves to vote on options starting from point C by simple majority as option C as most restrictive, motion passes with 11 ayes.


16. Placard vote on option C: Shall the Finance Chair be a member of the Budget Committee and the Floor Leader be a member of the University-Wide Council: 12 yes, 2 no, 2 abstentions; passed. Options A and B failed.

v. Renaming of the position of the Comptroller to Student Body Treasurer

1. Sen. Salup-Cid thinks the Treasurer position is most appropriate.


3. Sen. Sharma: is in favor of Chief Financial Officer

4. Sen. Stone: thinks the renaming is done for the sake of renaming only.

5. Sen. Stone moves to enter the placard vote.

6. Renaming to Student Body Treasurer: 5 votes in favor
7. Chief Financial Officer: 4 in favor
9. The position name will be kept as Comptroller.

vi. Special Election for filling a vacant Senate seat.
2. Sen. Stone: agrees with Sen. Brochinsky, logistically will be difficult, should be kept as it is.
3. Sen. Salup-Cid: different jurisdictions should not decide unrelated elections, election calls attention to SGA and increase awareness, promotes talent pool.
4. Sen. Stone: more active student body would be helpful.
5. Sen. Hernandez: special elections make the student body more active, produces more representation within colleges.
6. Sen. Noel: agrees that the student body would be more active, the process would be more representative, logistical issues would need to be addressed but the proposal is feasible.
7. Sen. Sharma: in the political system senators are appointed by the governor in case of resignation.
8. Sen. Salup-Cid moves to extend the discussion by 5 min, passed.
9. Sen. Young: special elections could be held at the beginning and end of each semester.
10. Pres. Sutton: currently the senate has the power for special election or filling the vacancy through application.
12. Sen. Salup-Cid: elections do not have to be held immediately after a resignation, can have designated days, constituents should choose representatives.
14. Sen. Salup-Cid moves to extend the discussion by 2 min, motion fails.
15. Sen. Stone: moves for a placard vote, yes for a special election and no against special election. Motion passes.
16. With 5 in favor, 13 against, the amendment to add special elections fails.

vii. Judicial retention election during the general election for Supreme Court Justices

viii. Sen. Salup-Cid agrees with the proposal.

ix. Sen. Stone: whether the justices should continue should go to the student body.

x. Sen. Sharma: justices should be free from backlash since they occasionally make controversial decisions.

xi. Sen. Brochinsky: justices would be coming through appointment and through election, should not go back to the whole student body.

xii. Sen. Salup-Cid: if the student body does not approve the decision by a judge the judge would lose representation.

xiii. Sen. Stone: judges must be reconfirmed every year, thinks student voices in retention should be heard.

xiv. Sen. Dawson: moves to table the rest of the agenda to the next week except for the advisor reports and 10-min senate forum due to connection problems at BBC, motion passes.

B. S.B. 04 011 – Senate Town Halls
C. S.B. 04 012 – ABC’s
D. S.B. 04 013 – ASBO Act
E. S.B. 04 021 – Election Streamlining
F. S.R. 04 023 - Student Support and Mental Wellness Act

XI. New Business
A. S.B. 04 024 – Nursing and Health Sciences Student Council Reaction Act

XII. Senate Forum
A. Sen. Brochinsky: Toasty Tuesday event was successful; BBC Senate meeting did not have much attendance from MMC.
B. Sen. Stone: congratulated Sen. Almansa on the win
C. Sen. Salup-Cid: announced a donation event on Friday.
D. Sen. Hernandez: those anticipating an absence should reach out, Sustainability Fair is on Apr 4, would like to add a pool table or a ping pong table on the EC.
E. Sen. Baptiste: clarified the tabling of business to the next meeting.
F. Exec Admin Martinez: asked about the coordination of the EC equipment addition, Sen. Hernandez answered.
H. Sen. Barriga: gave an outline of the event and organization process.

XIII. Announcements
A. 

XIV. Advisor Reports
A. Larissa Adames: committees to submit meeting minutes, Day on the Bay on Saturday, Night at the Museum link shared.
B. Michelle Castro: members to work on transition documents and information, survey to be shared, Recharge for Finals volunteering encouraged.

XV. Meeting Adjournment
A. Meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.