

Minutes
U-Wide Budget Hearing at BBC
January 23, 2020

Attendance

Pamela Ho Fung, BBC President
Mahalia Balfour, BBC Vice President
Dora Febles, BBC Comptroller
Gabiella Malak, BBC Speaker of the Senate
Sabrina Rosell, MMC President
Isabella Ojeda, MMC Vice President
Ariadna Natteri, MMC Comptroller
David Nivia, MMC Speaker
Angel Algarin, MMC Speaker Pro Tempore
Kaila Jospitre, SGA Graduate Assistant-BBC
Larissa James- Assistant Director/SGA Advisor-Student Government
Silvana Rogelis, Assistant Director of Finance
Matilde Grammiling, Assistant Vice President
Jose Tocano, Senior Director of Student Life & Development
Michelle Castro, Associate Director of Student Government
Kayla Brown, SGA Graduate Assistant-MMC
TV Production Class

Call To Order

The SGA University Budget Committee held the University Budget Hearing on **January 23, 2020** – **WUC 155**. The meeting was called to order at **9:21am**, approximately, by **Comptroller Febles** who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

Panther Luau

10 minutes to present

5 minutes Q/A

Speaker: Ivy Siegel

- Discussed history of Panther Luau
- Last year: 277 attendance. Cannot differentiate between BBC and MMC students
- Advertisements posted everywhere.
- Would like to continue the event and increase educational component
- **Budget Request: \$12, 083.97**
 - Programming, food, giveaways (\$1-2k), etc
- Q/A

- Isabella→ Connection to convocation? MMC had convocation, but BBC did not. Panther Luau is for all students to feel welcome
- Sabrina→ Marketing at MMC? Marketing done through housing, GC tabling, “Save the Date”, campus life
- Adrianda→ Major breakdown? Sent to Michelle Castro

Panther Power

10 minutes to present

5 minutes Q/A

Speaker: President, Marketing, Treasurer

- Discussed history of Panther Power
- Initiatives: Pep rallies, tailgate/shuttle bus football games, tailgate swim meet, Roary’s birthday
 - 290% increase in shuttle attendance compared to last year
- Collaborate with MMC, GSA, BSU, SGA BBC, etc
- Events: MMC/BBC Spirit week, Panther Power Hour, Gamenight (collab with Bayview/MMC), Wild n Out (collab with SPC), 2020 sporting events
- Average Attendance: 107. 141 attendance pep rallies Fall/Spring
- **Budget Request**
 - **Pep Rally MMC/BBC: \$6,191**
 - **Roary’s Birthday: \$1,235**
 - **Spirit Week: \$2, 752**
 - **Event Collaborations: \$1,240**
 - **Tailgate: \$504**
 - **Away Games: \$887**
- Q/A
 - David
 - Attendance for each event? Will be sent via email by next week
 - Pictures from this year? Yes
 - Been present at each event, however, I have not seen any of these events shown in the photos. I have photo/video evidence.
 - Do not feel that Panther Power merits increased funding or any funding

Angel moved to extend time by 5 minutes. David seconded the motion.

- Angel→ How does Veteran’s/Glitter ball build panther pride/move organization? Panther Power support
- Adrianda
 - How many shuttle buses? 4-5, information will be sent via email
 - Weekend events? Yes, swim meet and pregame Saturdays
 - Buses from MMC→ BBC? No, will look into

- Sabrina→ Sporting events collaboration, communication with athletics? Yes, but was unable to have student athletes in attendance to pep rally
- Pam→ How did Panther Power become apart of Wild n Out if it is a signature SPC event? Panther Power reached out to support with marketing, financial, set up/clean up. Panther Power=Blue team. SPC=Gold team

Angel moved to extend time by 3 minutes. David seconded the motion

- Isabella→ Is there a general board? No, but working on it. Only E-board.
- Adrianda→ MMC E-board? Only two MMC students on E-board.

First Generation Week

10 minutes to present

5 minutes Q/A

Speaker: Jeannette Cruz

- Discussed history of First Generation Week and shared video from last year
- Last year
 - FIU named 1st forward institution
 - Resource fair, panel, SGA assisted with marketing (floor stickers)
 - Nov. 8→ national 1st generation day
- Offer 1st generation scholarship

Sabrina moved to extend time by 5 minutes. Adrianda seconded the motion

- Planning for 3 day 1st generation week
 - Saturday, Nov. 7→ Kickoff movie night, collaborate with SPC
 - Sunday, Nov. 8→ Sunday Brunch at MMC/BBC 10am-1pm
 - Monday, Nov. 9→ Career and Talent workshop
- **Budget Request: \$10, 892**
 - **Buttons \$200**
 - **Stickers \$200**
 - **Floor stickers \$300**
 - **Room \$1,500**
 - **Food \$3,000**
 - **Videos \$2, 500**
 - **“I am FIU” T-shirts \$2, 625**
 - **Shared services \$568**
- Q/A
 - David→ Looked into sponsorships? Yes, all other First generation councils contribute (MPAS, etc)
 - Adrianda→ How do you file for funding? Committees come together to serve first generation students

- Dora→ SGA give partial fund, will you have access to sponsors? Not only counting on SGA, other departments will assist
- Pam→ First time doing week celebration? In 2017, celebration was few hours, then we extended time in 2018. In 2019, we extended to 3 days. It has become more expensive, that is why we are requesting this amount

Angel moved to extend time by 5 minutes.

- Angel
 - How many swipes? Student panel had 135 students in attendance
 - Reach out to Career and Talent for funding? No, but we work together for workshops
 - Would like attendance information→ 2019 information will be sent via email

MPAS

20 minutes to present

10 minutes Q/A

Speaker: Anthony DeSantis

- Discussed goals/ strategies
- Last year allocations = \$70, 911.81
- Last year attendance
 - 2659 student, 5846 served
 - 1267 MLK Day
 - 423 Diverse Day
 - 737 program on demand
 - 166 social justice badge
- **Request**
 - **MPAS Ambassador \$5,000**
 - **Travel \$15,780**
- **Budget Request: \$94,674.30**
 - **Difference: \$23,765.47**

LGBTQ

20 minutes to present

10 minutes Q/A

Speaker: Erica Friedman

- Last year allocations = \$52, 179.24
- Data information passed out
- 2019-2020 Breakdown

- \$21,800 graduate student position
- \$30,000 programs
- Flyers for upcoming events were passed out
- 772 participants, 1900 served
- **Request**
 - **Program Coordinator \$56,757**
 - **Difference: \$56,757**
 - **Travel \$13,124**
 - **Difference: \$11,396**

Q/A MPAS and LGBTQ

- David→ Talks with outside FIU for sponsor? Need coordinator to have time for that. Applied to 3 grants in the last 6 months .
- Sabrina→ Why program coordinator? This has been an ongoing request over the last 5 years. Coordinator is necessary to move the program forward.
- Adrianda
 - Will the coordinator apply for grants? That is the idea. Team effort to bring in more money, which will decrease SGA assistance.
 - If given partial amount, are you able to find the rest? Yes. We have been able to make ends meet with salary savings
- Pam→ Is travel the same as MPAS? No. 2 separate budgets.

Gabirelle moved to extend time by 5 minutes. Adrianda seconded the motion.

- Dora→ Explain funding for computers, etc? Equipment and supplies needed for computer lab and tutoring services.
- Adrianda→ Why 2 separate budgets? 3 years ago, the budget split. However, it is the same department

Tailgating Safety

10 minutes to present

5 minutes Q/A

Speaker: Anthony DeSantis

- Discussed history of Tailgating Safety
- Last year allocation: \$60, 817.83
 - Spent: \$46, 854.57
- **Request (2 options)**
 - **\$12, 705.24**
 - **\$5, 353.98 (IF 3 water buffalos purchased)**
 - **2 water buffalos at MMC and 1 water buffalo at BBC**
- Q/A

- Pam→ Student attendance to home games are low after the homecoming game. Fine with paying for 5 games.
- Dora→ how much money left over? \$5890. Request 3 water buffalos and cup holders
- David→ If you are using money left over, then you need approximately \$2k? Depends on when homecoming game is
- Balfour
 - Volunteers monitor buffalos/tailgate? We walk around tailgate to make sure people are hydrated and no underage drinking.
 - Polos necessary? Yes, needed to for identification.
- Dora→ Rent water buffalos to other to make money back? Yes, within FIU

Center for Student Engagement

10 minutes to present

5 minutes Q/A

Speaker: Hazel Hooker

- Discussed background
- Request
 - Continue to finance events through travel, etc
 - **2 engagement student liason**
 - **Only hire 2 federal work study students**
 - **\$10k for 3 semesters, \$10/hr**
- Need resources, money for conference, travel and hire 2 students
- Q/A
 - David
 - Main purpose? Help build affinity to institution
 - Sponsors? In the past, we have collaborated with SGA, SPC, Campus Life to provide food, etc. We would provide space.
 - Grants? Have not attempted

Angel moved to extend time by 5 minutes. Unanimous decision to second motion.

- Angel→ Why switch to ANS? It has already happened
- Pam→ Tangible plans for BBC? Yes, working on it
- Adrianda→ Difference between engagement and CSO? Engagement involves internships, volunteer opportunities, study abroad

Adjournment

The hearings was adjourned at 11:12 AM

