

MINUTES
SGC-BBC Senate Meeting
January 27, 2020

IN ATTENDANCE

Gabriella Malak, Speaker of the Senate/Arts, Sciences & Educations Senator
Gabriel Hernandez, Speaker Pro-Tempore/Upper Division Senator
Aaliyah Gordon, Communication & Journalism Senator
Ronald Luque, Lower Division Senator
Lauren Doughty, Hospitality & Tourism Senator
Diamond Barnett, Health Services Administration Senator
Melissa Hernandez, Lower Division
Nicole Alva, At- Large Senator
Ana Maria Soler, At- Large Senator
Mahalia Balfour, Vice President

Excused

Stephanie Morisset, Art, Sciences & Education/ Finance Chair

GUESTS

Larissa James, SGA Advisor
Jonathan Espino-Panther Power Treasurer
Pamela Ho Fung- SGA BBC President
Kaila Jospitre- SGA Graduate Assistant
Dorian Jean - Jacques
Tania Adam
Briana Bruna

CALL TO ORDER

The SGC-BBC Senate held a meeting on **January 27, 2020 – WUC 221**. The meeting was called to order at **3:40 pm**, approximately, by **Speaker Malak** who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

WELCOME

Speaker Malak welcomed everyone back. She is ready for everyone to get back to business.

SPEAKER REPORT

Speaker Malak reported the following:

- Elections are coming up
- There is a Congress Meeting on Feb

- Senator Desme is leaving due to new job
- Last week there was a budget meeting
- Deliberations February 5th
- Reminder of motions workshop
- There is a congress meeting February 17, 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm (This time was voted on)
- Malak wants to discuss in the congress meeting about the lack of congressional rules of procedures.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Vice President Balfour reported the following:

- VP Balfour welcomed everyone back and we are off to a great start
- We are going to launch the Student Advocacy COmmittee's Clinic survey
- The Student Concern Form is available in the Google Drive. Please share it so that students are able to officially submit their concerns.

SPEAKER PRO'S REPORT

SpeakerPro Hernandez reported the following:

- There are changes to the committee
- There are a lack of committees
- There are a lack of chairs
- Yielded

ADVISOR'S REPORT

Ms. James reported the following:

- Freshmen year experience info session on Wed
- You can apply to be a peer member
- Jose Marti breakfast is January 28, 2019
- Student Summit is coming up, it is Mandatory to attend
- Yield

Finance Chair Report

No report. Chair was not present.

Rules, Legislations & Judiciary Report

No report. Chair was not present.

Operational Review Report

No operational review report. Chair was not present.

Internal Affairs Chair Report

- No Internal Chair report. Chair was not present.

Student Advocacy Chair's Report

Chair no present. No report.

Senator's Report

- Senator Gordon welcomed everyone back. She reports that there will be a recycling event around March and there will be a communications event. Yielded.
- Senator Barnett spoke with chairs about HSA. Yielded.

Old Business

A. Approval of the minutes

Senator Gordon moved to approve the minutes of January 13th, Senator Luque seconded the motion. By unanimous vote the minutes were approved.

I. New Business

a. Appointment of *Briana Bruna* for *Marketing Coordinator*

- Briana Bruna presented herself to the senate for the Marketing Coordinator position.
- She is a Senior at FIU and has taken many marketing courses

Senator Doughty moved to appoint, Senator Soler second

Senator Alva - Yea

Senator Soler - Yea

Senator Henandez - yea

Senator Luque- Yea

Seator Barnett - Yea

Senator Gordon - Yea

Senator Doughty - Yea

Speak Pro Hernandez - Yea

Speaker Malak - Yea

With a vote of 9-0-0 Briana Bruna was appointed as a new Marketing Coordinator.

b. Appointment of *Tania Adam* for *Elections Commissioner*

- *Tania Adam presented herself to the Senate for Elections Commissioner*
- *She is a Freshman at FIU*

Senator Desme moved to appoint ,Senator Luque seconds

Senator Alva - Yea

Senator Soler - Yea

Senator Henandez - yea

Senator Luque- Yea

Seator Barnett - Yea

Senator Gordon - Yea

Senator Desme - Yea

Senator Doughty - Yea

Speak Pro Hernandez - Yea

Speaker Malak - Yea

With a vote of 10-0-0 Tania Adam was appointed as the new Elections Commissioner.

Vice President Balfour arrived at 4:22pm

c. U-Wide Bill

d. Chair/Committee Nominations:

i. Student Advocacy Chair

- Senator Soler Relinquished her nomination
- Melissa Hernandez presented herself to the Senate for the Student Advocacy Chair
- She addressed lack of food concerns at FIU BBC
- Senator Gordon moved to extend Q&A
- Senator Doughty second
- Vice President Balfour discussed the requirements of the position. She yielded.

Senator Barnett moved to approve, Senator Gordon Seconds

ii. Internal Affairs Chair

- No nominations

- iii. Finance Committee
 - No nominations

e. Legislation Ideas

- Three new senators positions

Senator Alva

- Did not have any new ideas, but is thinking of doing some events.

Senator Luque

- He suggested that there should be mandatory events.

Senator Melissa Hernandez

- No legislation Ideas

Appointment of *Doreen Jean-Jacques* for *At-Large Senator*

- Doreen Jean-Jacques presented herself to the Senate for the position of Senator At-Large.
- She is a Senior at FIU majoring in Psychology.
- Speaker Pro- Hernandez moved to approve
- Senator Soler second

Senator Alva - Yea

Senator Soler - Yea

Senator Hernandez - yea

Senator Luque- Yea

Senator Barnett - Yea

Senator Doughty - Yea

Speaker Pro Hernandez - Yea

Speaker Malak - Yea

With a vote of 8-0-0 Doreen Jean-Jacques was appointed as a new At-Large Senator.

f. Elections

- VP Balfour reminded that SGA closes this Friday and encouraged

everyone to apply.

- g. Watched a video on Referendum
 - Speaker Pro Algerin called on the phone
 - Speaker Malak reported that there are 17 Senator positions
 - Speaker Malak relinquished her position to Speaker Pro Henrnadez
 - Speaker Pro Hernandexx relinquished his position back to Speaker Malak
 - Speaker Malak relinquished her chair to Speaker Pro Hernandez
 - Speaker Pro Hernandez relinquished his chair back to Speaker Malak
 - 8-1-0

DISCUSSION

A. Open Forum

a. Student Concerns

Senate Barnett discussed with a student that wanted to make a complaint about a professor, but she did not know the procedures to go about it.

b. Senate Concerns

No concerns

c. Additional Comments, Suggestions, Concerns

No additional, comments, or concerns.

REPORT

President's Report

President Ho Fung reported on the following:

- Went to a Council retreat last semester,
- She planned an invent with FIU infinity
- She wants to make a big SGA day during the Spring Semester
- She discussed that former Senators have to reapply again to be re-elected.
- Elections closes this friday @ 11:59pm
- The Budget hearing is complete and now we are in deliberations
- SGA is responsible for allocating about 20 million dollars

- She further reports that if anyone is interested in the process she will explain
- She had a meeting with the board of directors at FIU foundations. They want to raise 200 million for fundraising. They have been working on this goal for about 15 months.
- Wants to discuss ways on how to promote and donate more items to BBC's food drive meeting and the food pantry.
- FIU has two new majors, Cybersecurity and Neuroscience.
- There is a General Meeting this Wednesday and she will discuss legislative ideas.
- There is a budget meeting with president Foutain this Friday.
- There is also a Student leadership summit this Friday from 8:30am - 4:00pm. Attendance is mandatory.
- There will be a marketing campaign. She is brainstorming ways to promote SGA to student body.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 5:28pm.
- Senator Gordon motioned
- Senator Doughty Second