

# Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & FIU at I-75

# MINUTES SGC-BBC Senate Meeting July 1st, 2019

# IN ATTENDANCE

Gabriella Malak, Speaker of the Senate
Gabriel Hernandez, Speaker Pro-Tempore
Aaliyah Gordon, Communication & Journalism Senator
Keanu Orfano, At-Large Senator
Catalina Nemmi, FIU at I-75 Senator (SA Chair) (4:11pm)
Stephanie Morisset, CASE Senator
Mickalia Paisley, At-Large Senator (IA Chair)
Mahalia Balfour, Vice President

# **GUESTS**

Larissa Adames, SGA Advisor Nedjina Dol, SGA Front Desk Samira Peete, SGA Front Desk Kelli Perkins, Appointment Kayla Osborne, Student

# **CALL TO ORDER**

The SGC-BBC Senate held a meeting on July 1st, 2019 – WUC 221. The meeting was called to order at 3:42 pm, approximately, by Speaker Malak who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

# **WELCOME**

Speaker Malak welcomed everyone with statement, "Happy Monday, thank you everyone for the positive energy and great mindset over the weekend for the U-Wide Retreat."

# **SPEAKER'S REPORT**

Speaker Malak...

- Welcomed everyone
- Introduced a new idea to have an information brochure or pamphlet with each of the cabinet positions and descriptions so that if anyone has any inquires about them it will be readily available.
- Has made a Google Doc for potential Fall semester events, please add to it if you have any ideas

• Wants to have a BBC Council Retreat similar to the U-wide retreat so everyone can get to know each person individually and understand everyone's strengths and weaknesses.

# VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Vice President Balfour...

- Welcomed everyone. Had a productive day.
- Went to the clinic asked for the dietician... going to be doing some further investigation
- Has a meeting with Dr. DeSantis after she returns from her trip on Monday July 14th.
- After speaking a nurse there she wants to start reaching/promoting events to faculty and staff because some are interested in attending events
- Planning a reunion for SGCBBC officials during homecoming week

# **SPEAKER PRO'S REPORT**

Speaker Pro Hernandez...

- Apologized for arriving late
- In terms of office improvement wants everyone's input on what could be improved on in terms of the aesthetic affinity of the office
- Finished the survey for the outdoor activation has to contact Dr. Montgomery and Ms. Adames on the next steps
- Would like to collect council members availability for the Fall semester but can hold off on that until a later date
- Retreat was a success, met a lot of Senators from MMC and gained a lot of knowledge.

# **ADVISOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Adames ...

• No report

Dr. Montgomery...

• Spoke to Scott Jones about the SGA lounge. He is open to making that space less inviting to the MAST students and more formally the SGA lounge. There is a possibility of putting something on the windows to overlook Panther Square.

# **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Approval of the Minutes

Senator Orfano moves to approve Senate Meeting Minutes of 6.24.2019. Senator Gordon

seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

# **President Ho Fung and Speaker Malak...**

- Discussed and explained on the various SGC-BBC values that everyone in the office should embody when interacting with others
  - a. SGC-BBC Values
    - i. Positivity
    - ii. Preparedness
    - iii. Passion
    - iv. Resiliency
    - v. Responsibility
    - vi. Respect
- Discussion of Senate Agenda Goals
  - o Senator Orfano's goal for the year is to get more SIPA classes here at BBC
  - Senator Gordon's goal was to create more opportunities for student internships
- Week of Welcome Ideas
  - Speaker Malak...
  - If you do have ideas for the Week of Welcome please submit them by next week Friday (July 12th) so that it can make it on the calendar on time.
- Appointment for Public Relations Manager
  - Kelli Perkins

Ms. Perkins introduces herself and elaborates on why she is fit for the position.

• Floor is open to Q&A for 5 minutes.

Senator Orfano moves to extend Q&A for 2 minutes. Speaker Pro Hernandez seconds.

Senator Orfano moves to appoint Kelli Perkins as the Public Relations Manager Senator Paisley seconds.

# Roll Call

Speaker Malak- Yea

Speaker Pro Hernandez- Yea

Senator Orfano- Yea

Senator Paisley- Yea

Senator Nemmi- Yea

Senator Morisset- Yea

With a vote of 7/0/0, the motion passes for Kelli Perkins to be the Public Relations Manager.

# **DISCUSSION**

#### A. Student Concerns

No student concerns were discussed.

# **REPORTS**

# A. Senator's Report

Senator Nemmi...

- Has spoke with Diana at 1-75
- There will be an Art Therapy Session on December 3rd from 4:30pm -6:30pm for finals week
- Community event with movies and food trucks will either be December 6th or 7th
- Midterm Motivation will be October 8th from 4:30pm-6:30pm
- Has finished the survey questions and will submit them to Diana to make sure they are good. The survey is about what classes students would like to see at the Biscayne Bay campus and the 1-75 and their transportation habits.

# **B.** President's Report

President Ho Fung...

- Met with Dr. DeSantis last week Friday and got to share her priorities for the year. He gave her connections to individuals to help reach goals for the year.
- Wants to expand on the kayaking and spoke with Elias to collab on something
- Wants to connect and collab with Panther Power
- Is going to have a meeting with Vice President Balfour with Vice Provost Ortiz
- Having the first pop-up tomorrow (July 2nd) to recruit and get feedback

# ANNOUNCEMENT

- Conversations with Panthers July 2nd
  - a. 12-2 pm AC2 Forum
- Stress Relief Week Summer
  - a. FIU at I-75, Mon-Thurs, July 15th-18th, 4:30PM-6:30PM
- Bayview Move-In August 24
- Freshman Convocation, August 25
- Week Of Welcome
  - a. FIU at I-75 Mon-Thurs, August 26th-29th 4:30PM-6:30 PM

- b. Saturday August 31st 11:30-1:30PM
- SGA Day September 4th

Senator Paisley moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:38 PM. Senator Orfano seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by Speaker Malak at 4:38 PM.