Senate meeting  
November 1st, 2010  
Call to order: 5:35pm  
Roll Call:  
Bean: Absent  
Bishop: P  
Brown: P  
Haney: A  
Landau: P  
Edwards: P  
Vargas: P  

Minutes: Approved. Brown, 1st. Landau, Second  
Agenda: Approval: Brown, Landau  

Open Forum:  
Brown:  
Scholarships- Was told Chartwell’s gives money, but they don’t. They do at other schools. They apparently don’t fund us, but they said they help with the RAs & President’s scholarships.  
I am going to look into that.  
I wrote a resolution for us to look at asking that the BOT does support scholarships.  
I’m also drafting a resolution similar to the one that just went through in the Boca House.  

Edwards: Would like to have a copy of the bills.  

Vargas: The scholarship funds you’re trying to establish- will it be based on academic or financial needs?  

Brown: Whomever donates the funds would be in charge of setting forth the criteria for the scholarships… I wanted to do an address to my constituents about scholarships, but I could only find 3 general ones.  

Landau: Motion to amend the agenda to add the swearing in of Senator Edwards.  
Seconded by Bishop  

Maher: Swearing in of Elizabeth Edward  

President’s Report: Two items of new business. The first is Owl Radio, they are trying to record and play their shows live. They can’t do commercials and such. They need an automation system…This is basically their reimbursement from Dr. Brown’s account.  
The second legislation item is the Priorities list. It is in the last page of your packet. The money for the 2010-2011 year did not include the increase of A&S fees. Once, the BOT approved the increase, we established a list of priorities which included the attached list.
A great thing we were able to do was do a $.75 increase for OPS employees. I worked hard with Dr. Brown on this- it should help with the rise in tuition and in the growing costs of

Additional funds were taken from Dr. Brown’s reserve account- he had about $160,000 leeway, and that is where some of the infusion of funds comes from. (This reserve account is for

Homecoming was a great event, VP Konecky will talk about this in his report. FAU won!

Bishop: The Owl Radio bill is not coming out of our account, right?

Maher: Yes, it is coming out of Dr. Brown’s account. The same with the priorities. He has to sign off on the bill and the account before we do anything.

Vargas: When will the Owl Radio stuff be ordered/taken care of?

Maher: It has already been ordered and has taken place.

Bynes: The .75 cents when will it happen?

Maher: Would like to see this happen immediately. Dr. Brown said he wants it to be done with in the next pay period. In discussion with Dr. Brown we came to the agreement that in order to retain the best students possible we need to keep them at a salary.

Bynes: The priorities list reflects the increase?

Maher: Yes

VP’s Report:
Hope Homecoming went well, great job to Jupiter on Carnival. Football was great- we held the FIU team to no touchdowns. The parade was great.
We play Western Kentucky next week- it is going to be televised. Green Fest is November 4th. There is a Graduate Open House on November 5, 830am-130pm.
November 4 is FAU basketball pre-season game.

Advisor’s Report: No Report
Bynes: Great work on Homecoming. University-wide it was a valiant effort. Great to see people on the buses.
Bishara: Owl Awards is November 15 for GSA. We had a great alumni brunch on Saturday.

New Business:
First item: Owl Radio
Motion to Approve: Landau, Second by Vargas. Voice Vote: All in Favor- YAYs have it.
Second Item: Priorities List
Landau: What would executive Projects pay for?
Maher: tradition events, sporting events, owl leaders, midnight madness, spirit-related events, giveaways.
Bynes: Any initiatives that would touch the partner campuses
Maher: We have already ordered Owl statutes for every campus. Bronze statues with a life expectancy of 50-100 years. Hope to help build traditions like Harvard, FSU…. Will have a plaque recognizing SG.
Brown: How much per statue.
Maher: $2000 plus the
Edwards: So approving this is just approving the budget lines? And where would the statues be funded from?
Konecky: The statues would come from the Executive Projects account.

Motion to approve the priorities list, SGS 02-10, Landau, Second by Brown
Voice Vote: ALL IN FAVOR: Ayes have it, no Nays.

Open Forum:
Fargas: I heard that some of us don’t know how to write bills.
Konecky: President Maher will be talking to Scalice about a workshop.
Maher: Scalice will be doing a parlimentarian workshop. Hopefully we can do this before the end of the semester. The format of the bills is pretty simple, we can do this worshop to better help the process.
Maher: I want to thank Senator Brown for taking action, often times people don’t do a lot. He also proposed video technology. Have used something like this in the Tech Fee committee.
Edwards: To propose a bill we just have to send to Evan?
Konecky: You write a bill and propose to your constituents, and then it needs to be sent to me within 48 hours of the meeting.
Bynes: It would also be good to share with the campus governors to get their support. Use your resources.
Brown: How would I talk to someone about the FAU website?
Bishara: what do you need?
Brown: I would like to see the website updated. Can you let me know who updates the website?
Bishara: What would you like updated?
Brown: The scholarship information is out of date.
Bishara: We would have to talk to Financial Aid about this. They are the ones who oversee their site.
Edwards: Could our meetings eventually take place on other campuses?
Konecky: That will be happening. Needed to get the ball running, will eventually be traveling to the other campuses.
Bishara: Be prepared for the Budget Process. We need to make sure our campuses have budget chairs
Bishop: Jupiter wants to have a parliamentary lecture. If anyone is interested, please join us.
Konecky: Please send a date to me and I will send that out.
Brown: In the future could we have a parliamentarian workshop at Training?
Bishara: We are working on revising the training schedule for the future and would like to have the fall training be more legislative focused. Thank you for the suggestion.
Announcements:
Konecky:
You guys are doing a great job.
Next Senate Meeting will be Wednesday, November 10th. May be a joint meeting of the Senate & the Budget Meeting
Final Roll Call:
Bean: Absent
Bishop: P
Haney: A
Landau: P
Brown: P
Edwards: P
Vargas: P

Adjournment:
Landau, Edwards

Meeting Adjourned at 6:15pm