Florida Atlantic University
Student Government
Boca Raton House of Representatives
5th Legislative Session
10th November 2010
CALL TO ORDER AT 3:36PM
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL
*Absent: Alincy, Baptiste, Berichi, Ellison, Gruber, Hasan, Yudien.
APPROVALS:
*Motion to approve the 12th of November minutes by Khonat; seconded by Wu
*Motion to approve the agenda by Scalice; seconded by Montes
SPECIAL ORDER SPEECHES: None
OPEN FORUM: None
PRESIDENT’S REPORT:
-Maher: What’s up guys? How are you doing? I would like to start off by saying the basketball team started off their season with a 3-1 start; the best season so far. Basketball is the 4th sport we added here. We won 6 games 3 years ago and we already won 3 now. We gave out 400 slices of pizza. We had a bunch of help and only a small community more students. I encourage you to go to these games. I also want to commend the mustache fundraiser; they have almost raised $2,000. You could sponsor someone to grow out a mustache or you could have someone sponsor you. Benefits go to Lance Armstrong Foundation. You are invited to go to the Stasche Bash at Coyote Jacks. I look like a creeper. I had the opportunity to go to Texas. It is amazing to go somewhere, but at the end of the day I felt like I should stay here. So, my chief of staff Hayden is sitting there. I didn’t go because my focus is here. I will be making a state of the university address when you guys get back form winter break. We’ll try not to make it on a Friday. You guys will be really happy for someone of the projects we have been working on. Once we have confirmed a date I will let you know. I hope you will be able to attend. We are doing a football thing with Greek life, but you should come out even if you are not in Greek life. This is the first annual turkey bowl. Other universities have been doing this for 50 to 100 years. You have to start tradition somewhere. When I spoke at orientation I said If you go to UF you ARE somebody, but at FAU you can actually BE someone.

Boris: Time has expired.
Maher: With that being said have a good Thanksgiving and come join me at the basketball game.
Questions:
Khonat: Will you be enjoying your turkey?
Maher: Yes
Scalice: What Fraternities are playing in the Turkey Bowl?
Maher: A few as well as my fraternity Phi-delt.
Romano: What is the admission?
Maher: 2 canned food items that is donated to charity.
Boris: Will you be able give the oath for the in-house?
Maher: May I repeat it aloud and have you guys correct me? <speaks aloud with the House correcting>
VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT: None
GOVERNOR’S REPORT:
Gentry: I wanted to remind you that the Boca campus is getting $70,000 if you have ideas come to me or the speaker or Mathew Owens so we could do really exciting things with that. I went to the CRAB committee and voted on the hours staying open all year round. Actually Ayden’s chief of staff. Tonight is Program Boards winter wonder land. Come check that out.
Questions: None
CHIEF JUSTICE REPORT:
Boris: Without any objections I would like to go back to President’s report.
PRESIDENT’S REPORT:
Maher: We have 3 candidates now for chief justice. Hopefully by next meeting we will have a chief justice.
PROGRAM REPORTS:
Robert Huffman: We just had our last COSO meeting. Clubs will have two months to complete the budget request. I will have 3 informational sessions to help clubs fill those out.
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ADVISOR’S REPORT: None
CHAIR REPORTS:
Committee on Committee: Grider- We had Committee on Committee meeting, but there was no business. We did go over 3 absence appeals. I would like to start next semester with absence appeals. I think this is something we should take pride in. Absence appeals will be getting a little more strict.
Ways and Means: Massetti- No Report
Campus Action: Arsolino- No Report
Boris: I would like to remind you that when you are addressing the assembly please rise.
Campus Budget Committee: Marie Dumas
Questions: None
Environmental Action Committee: Napier- No Report
De-stressor: Capata- No Report
Comfort Zone Implementation Committee: Hodapp- No Report
SCCC: Rashad Khonat: Unfortunately on the 19th I was not able to make the meeting for relay for life. As far as next semester is concerned, I might not be able to stay in the house. I have class during the meeting. If I do get booted out I would like someone to please show interest and tell speaker Bastidas. Come next semester I need some people to help me print out things because next semester SCCC is tabling.

Academic Lobbying Committee: Anastasi: No Report

IN-HOUSE ELECTIONS:

Boris: As of right now we have eight seats available in the House, but we have 11 applicants so we are going to listen to them speak and vote on each one individually.

^POI: Baptiste: I was not admitted.

*Motion to admit all members by Dumas; Seconded by Scalice

Boris: We have 8 seats. Each applicant filled out a form and I would like to call up the first, Mr. Peter Amirato if you would come down and speak. You have 5 minutes to speak and 5 minutes of Questions.

Amirato: I would like to be in the house of reps. I was here over the past summer. I am also pretty involved at FAU. I am in a couple clubs and if something is going to happen I would certainly like to be a part of it.

Questions:

Montes: You said you were in the house?

Amirato: In all honesty I ran for senate and lost by 25 votes.

Romano: What clubs are you in?

Amirato: I am the President of film club and I am in SAA.

Romano: Follow up- Do those commitments coincide with the meeting?

Amirato: No

Pollock: I notice your high GPA will being in the House affect this?

Amirato: No. I have no classes on Friday.

Boris: I would now like to invite Coicou to speak. You have 5 minutes of speaking time and 5 minutes of questioning.

Coicou: Some of you may know me and see me around. I am a freshman; I ran for Senate and lost. I am on the appeals board and I am an orientation leader. I am finding out things. I interviewed Ayden Maher for a research paper I had. I think that I will be a valuable asset to the house.

Questions: None

Boris: Now I would like to invite Donald Danos to speak.

Donald Danos: I know most of your guys because I was in the house over summer and I in housed then. I don't know who was the 42nd member of the House, but you got 87 votes and I got 86. I am in phi-delta-theta and surfing club. I believe in Ayden Maher, we are a commuter and we need to change because we have a stadium on the way and we can't even fill up a basket ball game. I don't think student know we helped the Recreation center.

Questions: None

Boris: Next is Fawaaz Diljohn.

Diljohn: I was in-housed over summer. I am a part of the film club and I am really bad a speeches. Any questions.

Questions:

Khonat: Were you a House Rep. before?

Diljohn: No, only over summer.

Varela: I know you said you are not particularly well at giving speeches. So will you communicate?

Diljohn: I feel that I communicate really well, I just have a problem standing here.

Capata: It says you are a nurse and work 40 hours a week?

Diljohn: I got fired. I was asked to do something outside of my job description and I would have lost my license.

Romano: Will you be able to speak about a bill?

Diljohn: Yes, once I feel comfortable with the people here.

Wu: So you don't work 40 hours a week?

Diljohn: If I did work I would work two 12's, which is 24 hrs.

Boris: I would now like Esteves to come and speak.

Esteves: I actually was a representative before that. I am in ADPi. I have had a job and last semester is going to be my last semester. I am becoming vice president of the pre-law society. I am excited.

Questions: None

Boris: I would now like to invite Guimares to come up and speak.

Guimares: Not here

Boris: Since Guimares is not here. Sandy Jones is the next to speak.

Sandy Jones: Not Here

Boris: John Maher you have 5 minutes to speak and 5 minutes of questioning time.

John Maher: Hi everybody I my name is John Maher. The first time I was introduced in the house was with night owls; I feel that they have a better reputation now. I was an orientation leader and I am involved in the theatre department.

Questions:

Wu: Are you taking 18 credit hours?

This not next

Scalice: Are there any special projects you are wanting to work on?

Maher: I do not have many ideas, but I have been here and I have heard people come up here and ask for help.

Boris: I would like to recognize President Maher.

A. Maher: have you been involved in anything else?

J. Maher: I was an orientation leader and I am president of the improv club and I have another show for the theater department. I also have free time.
Blouin: Will your shows conflict with the House Meetings or Student Government?
J. Maher: No I asked and they typically start at 8PM and go until eleven.
Boris: I would now like to invite Murphy to speak.
Murphy: I served in the house during spring and summer. Over the summer I took off work every Friday even if we had no business or committee meeting. I have to explain to people FAU students that I am working on bills for people already.
Questions:
Khonat: I notice here that it says you are self employed, do you think the house work would conflict with that?
Murphy: I was doing a swim instruction business for underprivileged children that is over now.
Scalice: Are you aware that the house just passed legislation to enact focus groups. Would you be active in them?
Murphy: Yes it sounds great. I really think it is key to talk to people.
Boris: Next is Rebecca Sosa.
Rebecca Sosa: None
Boris: Jasmine Wilson.
Jasmine Wilson:
^POI Blouin: Did you skip a page on purpose?
Boris: NO that person wasn’t here.
Wilson: My name is Jasmine. I am a freshman at FAU. This is not my first time in a college setting. But this is the first time I am away from home. But I have been facing a lot of trouble at FAU. I have heard a lot of people engage in what I call locker room talk. I feel like I need my hand in the decision making process. I am a psychology major.
Questions:
Scalice: Do you have any specific projects or aspirations?
Wilson: Actually, two. I noticed in the cafeteria they did a board to tell us how much waste we were making; I feel that we should bring that back because we waste a lot of food. I feel we should be more aware of what we have been doing. I realized our freshman red shirts aren’t allowed to dress if you are on a football scholarship you should be able to dress.
Boris: We have eleven applicants and eight seats, but eleven people. You can only vote yes 8 times. If you surpass 8 yes votes, I will remind you that you can only vote no each time.
^POI Baptise: Will you have the people we are voting on stand?
Boris: Yes I will call their name and they will stand.
Boris: I would like to recognize John Maher.
Maher: How many were here today?
Boris: eight.
^POI- Lupo- 4:27PM
^POI: Baptiste- Are these the last two categories?
Boris: Yes
^POI: Tepper
*Motion to admit all members by Hodges; seconded by Dumas at 4:36PM.
^POI- Hodges- 4:36PM
Vote: Amirato 29 yes to 0 no; Coicuo 27 yes to 2 no; Danos 21 yes to 8 no; Diljohn 27 yes to 2 no; Esteves 29 yes to 0 no; Guimares 6 yes to 23 no; Jones 8 yes to 21 no; Maher 29 yes to 0 no; Murphy 23 yes to 5 no; Sosa 2 yes to 26 no; Wilson 26 yes to 2 no.
New in house representatives are Amirato, Coicuo, Danos, Diljohn, Esteves, Maher, Murphy and Wilson.
HOUSE FORUM:
Scalice: BRHR-10-06 this is a very simple resolution which just thanks Shackelford for his service in the house. He has served for three full years. Please vote honestly what you decide. I left this to the house to not get into the specific. It is to thank him for his time here and let the decision of the house be counted.
Questions:
Pollock: Do you now know that Phillips and I are the longest serving members in the house?
Scalice: He once tried to do the time capsule and kind of lost his way there. He had many controversial projects as YAF and free speech. He definitely tried to get things done.
Capata: What happened to it and the stuff that was going to go inside it?
Scalice: It currently sits in a cardboard box in front of Bishara’s door.
Capata: Where is the actual capsule?
Scalice: It had to be kept in just one box.
Capata: So we don’t have a time capsule?
Scalice: We never ordered a time capsule. There was a piece of concrete that was created. It was a project that was never kept up with.
Boris: Your questioning time has expired.
*Motion to extend questioning time by 5 minutes by Pollock; seconded by Philips.
*Capata: I would like to make a friendly amendment to the motion. Can we make it 3 minutes?
Pollock: I don’t accept.
Boris: Questioning time is extended by 5 minutes. Pollock you have the first question.
Pollock: Do you know how much time he put into it?
Scalice: I don’t think that Shackelford intended to get distracted. He didn’t mess it up enough that we can’t pick it up and finish what he started. We were all in the house we should all be responsible for what we pass and we should not let our house members drop anything. We shouldn’t just say that he didn’t do it; too bad.
Massetti: You said one of his biggest accomplishments was the time capsule. Are you just writing it because you are his friend?
Scalice: The biggest thing was his job as Secretary.
Massetti: So you are writing it because he was an excellent secretary. So you think he was good even if he was only here for 4 out of 8 meetings?
Scalice: He was here before me and you and before everyone in this room we should think about that.
*Motion to admit all members by Montes; seconded by Pollock
*Motion to recognize Gentry by Pollock; seconded by Montes
Gentry: What makes you feel that it is right to recognize this particular representative instead of recognizing people like myself, Mathew Owens, Marni Sherman, or Ejene.
Scalice: He won the representative award when Pollock was speaker. I wasn’t here when Tobin was here, but I was under the impression that if one of has a good idea it should be recognized.
*Motion to return the orders of the day by Khonat.
Boris: We are in the orders of the day in House Business
*Motion to extend questioning time by 2 minutes by Grider; seconded by Pollock
Scalice: You have to remember how the house works. Not all pieces of legislation are going to pass. We shouldn’t just pass things if they are presented. I tried to be as neutral as possible and there are many reasons why.
Blouin: Are you sure that it is important to recognize all Representatives. That not passing this would be kind of rude. Sorry, I just lost my whole train of thought.
Scalice: I agree with this. We shouldn’t hold one person accountable.
Massetti: I think that recognizing people is a good idea, but about the thing Shane just brought up. There were bills that you Scalise brought up that he didn’t agree with.
Scalice: I am aware, but he only opposed to the financial aspect.
Capata: Would you be opposed to rewriting to include the house as a whole or do a conjoint thing to recognize everyone as a person?
Scalice: If that is what the house wants.
Capata: I like the whole idea of you to recognize their years of service.
Scalice: That is definitely nice and it doesn’t cost anything.
*Motion to close the floor for questioning by Capata; seconded by Pollock
VETOED BUSINESS: None
TABLED BUSINESS: None
OLD BUSINESS: None
NEW BUSINESS:
*Motion to table BRHR-10-06 indefinitely by Anastasi: seconded by Pollock
-Objection by Grider
Grider: Con: This doesn’t need to be tabled indefinitely, it could be sent to committees.
Boris: Pro?
Capata: I don’t know if it is a pro or a con. I think that if the people that want to table indefinitely they should rewrite the bill.
Pollock: Pro: I don’t think this bill needs to be rewritten.
Anastasi: Pro: I think that the same result could be brought about without writing a bill. I think it is a waste of time. Why are we going to send this to be rewritten.
Massetti: Pro: We don’t have to write a bill. We could give them a tassel when they graduate. Let’s stop wasting time.
Khonat: the only time we are wasting is our own because we have no other bills. Any more discussion on this bill we are not doing anything for the students we are doing it for ourselves.
Pollock: Pro: We have already established that there are 5 or 6 other people that should be recognized everybody. If someone would like to write a bill to start a committee to recognize people, then good.
-POP: Baptiste- 4:54PM
Anastasi: Pro: He just gave no reason for quitting.
Napier: Con: I think he didn’t have to give us a reason.
Pollock: Pro: We elected James Shackelford to do a job for a year. If he wouldn’t have had the time to do the job he shouldn’t have ran.
Massetti: Pro: We do pay him with A&S fees.
Boris: We are going to move on to a roll call vote. A vote of yes is to table indefinitely.
-POP: Gorry- 4:56PM
Vote: 13 yes to 10 No. BRHR-10-06 is tabled indefinitely.
OATH OF OFFICE:
Boris: I would like to call the new in-housed representatives down to say the oath of office. If you could all get in this area in front of the podium.
-POP: Ward- 4:59PM
Maher: Raise your right arm and said oath of office to the in house representatives.
Boris: Congratulations representative Wilson, Diljohn, Esteves, Murphy, Maher, Amirato, Coicuo, and Danos if you would please take a seat in the first four rows. We now have 43 members.
*Motion to admit all members by Wu; seconded by Varella at 5:00PM
-POP: Varella- 5:01PM
OPEN FORUM:
Sherman: I thought I should shed some light on this whole resolution. Everyone who is graduating from a particular semester is written in a bill, which is then passed, copies are made, everyone signs and then it is put in a frame and given to those house members. I thought I should shed some light.
Massetti: Did any who get a bill quit?
Sherman: No they graduated
Pollock: He was here when you were here. What did he do?
Sherman: When I became speaker he got the 700 and the 400 mixed up and I gave him the job of secretary and I thought that if he wanted to improve his knowledge was to become secretary and write it. I also asked him to write him a chair position.

Pollock: You were his supervisor when he wrote the time capsule?

Sherman: When he was appointed to that position his jobs were to form a committee, have committee meetings, and he was to get together with his committee. He tried his best and the good thing about him is he never stopped trying. I didn’t even have as much passion as he did, but other than that it is hard to recognize people like that eventually quit. Something that comes from the inside, but not seen on the outside.

*B*Motion to admit all members by Capata; seconded by Montes

*B*Motion to close the questioning period by Capata; seconded by Massetti

Boris: I would like to go back to 5G Advisors Report.

**SG ADVISOR’S REPORT:**

Bishara: I have to apologize about being late. There were 2 selections that took place for the owl TV station manager position. Michael Long that every week on January 21st there is a committee and a house meeting and join the SCCC.

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Bishara: He was selected by the committee, but he will need to be approved by the university wide senate.

Amirato: You said the station manager for owl TV?

Questions:

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**SPECIAL ORDER SPEECHES:**

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Bloun: Hi I am an RA and today I am doing a transgender awareness day program so I have Peter Kava coming to speak about the pressures and problems and I have a student that is going to speak about his experience as well.

Wu: I want to welcome all the new house members. Welcome to the house finally [applause]. Also today I think we bickered like little school children. When we discuss issues we don’t want to hear personal reasons. Honestly, I feel less classy being here. I feel like I should be covered in gold glitter selling alcohol.

Coiou: I would like to thank all the new members. They think that you are an asset so be one. I like to think that I am an asset. I was to say the reason why I am here. I came here thinking that I could have fun and do whatever. I came and I met this girl and she was abused by her mother. I really want to make a bill about that. That was a real concern I saw. I also had an interview with Ayden Maher. So what I wanted to tell you is I would like you to think about who you are outreaching to. Thank you for your time.

Grider: I want everybody to put in legislation this upcoming spring semester. And I know that Nick Scalise is probably the biggest contributor. I think that everyone of us should be able to write at least one bill. I do believe in you. I want to thank Scalise; he got me a book.

Phillips: I just wanted to make a quick comment on representative Wu. I think that today we actually functioned as the House of Representatives should. I think we should debate about issues if we just simply voted on things we would never accomplish anything. I feel that if we actually functioned as we should we are doing what we are supposed to be.

Capata: Totally off topic. I found out who green man was. His name is Micheal B., but he will be back because there are two and their junk is the same

Scalice: We should hit the ground running. I am starting a new club; the college independents. It is for people that are interested in politics. If you are interested in that come talk to me about it.

Amirato: I do think that you did elect a very fine group of new members. On green man I am not disappointed about it, I don’t have to look at his testicles anymore. Also I would really like us to take this seriously. Like Phillips. I know bodies at FAU who go around Student government. I am very passionate about things going through the house. Student media I have noticed they are doing things with our money but not going through the house.

Wu: Alright. I think there was a misperception. I don’t have a problem with debate, but I felt that the conduct was totally inappropriate. I don’t want to say we cannot have fun in the house. We can table it. But once it is tabled indefinitely, could we drop it after that.

Phillips: to respond to what you just said. Shackelford is someone who came up in front of the house and he told me I was unqualified for a position because I voted no for a bill that he wrote and told the house that someone is unqualified. That is just not okay, but that is my response.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT:**

Boris: All the resolutions and bills that have been passed have been signed by Gentry Dr brown. We will be making sure about the people being implemented. Getting with orientation leaders to get them their netbooks. We are going to put the one bill in the legislative workroom. That is for what we have been passing. I will be meeting with Summit and Amanda Sullivan for everything that is to be new. So that everything will be updated by January. Let me give my personal opinion that I always agree with debate and Shackelford and his conduct especially towards me. I don’t want anyone to feel discouraged. But next time if you are writing a controversial issue talk to people. Two really quick things. Ever since he took the Protemp position he didn’t seem to care anymore. My issue is then why did you run for speaker. The classes weren’t going to go away if he was speaker. We were going to have a meeting. Shackelford told me that he wasn’t in the building, but he was in the UP. I agree with his service. Who would have thunk it I got today a PO for a time capsule. That is all I have to say about that.

Questions:

**REMINDE**R**S:**

Boris: Without objections I would like to amend the meeting time to 2011 not 2010.

Next House meeting is the 21st of January 2011 at 3:30PM right here in the Senate Chambers.

**FINAL ROLL CALL:**

*Absent: Alincy, Arsolino, Berichi, Ellison, Gruber, Hasan, Hodges, Romano, Tepper, Yudien.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*Motion to adjourn by Khonat; seconded by Pollock

Meeting adjourned at 5:28PM