Florida Atlantic University
Student Government
Boca Raton House of Representatives
5th Legislative Session
5th November 2010

CALL TO ORDER at 3:36PM
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

- Boris: I would like to have Amanda fill in as parliamentarian and have Scalise fill in as pro-tempore because pro-tempore Shackelford is not here.

APPROVALS
*Motion to approve 22nd of October, 2010 minutes by Khonat; seconded by Dumas.
Objections: None
Approved

*Motion to approve the 5th of November, 2010 agenda by Romano; seconded by Khonat
Objections:
- Arsolino: Friendly amendment to have the chair reports after the chief justice report.
- Romano: approves/accepts friendly amendment.
*A Motion to admit all members by Scalise; seconded by Tepper.

-POP: Hasan at 3:40PM
SPECIAL ORDER SPEECHES: None

OPEN FORUM: None

- Summit: Thank you, especially the 19 members who showed diligence in building the float. I am just here to thank Grider, Scalise, and Capata. And Shackelford for building the frame and Capata, Kristina, and Alincy for having the idea. Thanks to Massetti, Arsolino and Boris for supporting the parade. And even if we didn’t win it doesn’t matter, so please don’t get depressed about it or anything.
- Massetti: Do you know that is the best float that Student Government has ever made?
- Summit: Thanks.
- Capata: Are you aware that Harbor Branch one the float?
- Summit: Yeah. [Read off the winners for homecoming].
- Wu: Do you remember the amount of Asian people who worked on the float?
- Summit: Yes. Also thanks to representative Wu and the members of Asian Student Union.
- Scalise: Are you aware that we thank you for organizing and making this float so amazing?
- Summit: Oh. Thanks you.

*S Motion to admit all members by Montes; seconded by Dumas.
- Brown: [Boca Raton Senator] I sat in rules and policies committee meeting today. They discussed BRHR-10-02 and at first I had concerns about it by giving too much power to the speaker, but talking to Scalise it could happen with or without passing. So pass it. Also I talked to RSA about creating a scholarship and they are with me to go to housing. I created two resolutions for the senate.

Questions:
- Khonat: Are you aware we appreciate you for coming? Also we edited the resolution so you should probably wait until then.
- Brown: oh, ok.

- Juan Izaguirra: Hi my name is Juan Izaguirra, that’s I-Z-A-G-U-I-R-R-A so you can spell it. I am the new director of Multicultural programming. I have been here a month and I am laughing at everyone down here. I am from Tennessee and back home it is probably 20 degrees up there so for the weatherman to say bundle up is funny. I am the advisor of Multicultural Programming. I thank heather for inviting me to come to this meeting and meet you guys. I am making my rounds saying hi to all organizations including you.

Questions: None

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: None
VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT: None
GOVERNOR’S REPORT: None
CHAIR REPORTS:

- Committee on Committee: none
- Rules and Policies: [Phillips] In regards to BRHR-10-02 we would like to see it passed, but to amend the “therefore be it resolved” portion to be a trial basis instead of a regular basis.

Questions: None

- Ways and Means: [Masseti] Thanks for those of you in the committee, we had almost 100% attendance. We discussed BRHR-10-02. Instead of having in the 4th clause the speaker in charge, we recommend to have the Campus Action Committee to be in charge. Also we want to strike out posters and flyers from the resolution.

Questions: None

- Campus Action: [Arsolino] We discussed BRHR-10-02. We wanted the same things that the Rules and Polices Committee agreed to, but we would like to define the trial period and we decided that the spring semester should be the trial period. We would like to see it passed. Also I chose Romano as vice chair. Lastly, if you cannot make the meeting at 2PM please e-mail the speaker because you will get kicked out of the house if you continue missing the meetings.

Questions: None

- Campus Budget: No Report

- Environmental Action Committee: [Napier] Hi. I am looking for members. So if you are interested I will wait for five minutes outside. A brief description we are going to work on a recycling bill that was passed and work on it being implemented. Also we will work for other things about the recycling bins.

Questions: None

De-stressor: No Report (Capata)

Comfort Zone: No Report (Hodapp)

SCCC: [Khonat] For those of you who are not aware the SCCC was created to sponsor Dr. Maharaj in his study, but it is my belief, the speakers belief and other representatives for me to look at other things than Maharaj’s. Therefore, I would like to get a team together for relay for life. Also I would like other clubs and people to show up. Also you can write your name in the SCCC notebook and if you sign up for SCCC notebook and Maharaj gets published your name will go down as well as SG in his publication. You can join academic lobbying, please join SCCC. If you believe they would be instrumental. I am very flexible and I am always willing to change to fit with your schedule.

Questions:
- Arsolino: When you said man power, did you mean man or woman power?
- Khonat: when I said man power I meant the derogatory thing for a group of people, not particularly for men.
- Academic Lobbying Committee: No Report
*Motion to admit all members by Romano; seconded by Dumas.

CHIEF JUSTICE’S REPORT: None

PROGRAM REPORTS:
- Night Owls: Jon Waler; I wanted to give the numbers for October; we had 2,092 phone calls, 643 wave downs and about 500 walk-ins. That means we had a total of 5,740 men and women moved, which is a new record. That is about 2,000 more than last month.
- Blouin: How is your new cart?
- Waler: Oh, the ADA golf cart? It’s going. The OSD is helping us and Johnny helped us with the training.
- Capata: With the higher number of callers will you need a new golf cart or more drivers?
- Waler: When innovation village is up and running I will need a lot more.
- Scalise: What do you think the reason was for the increase in numbers?
- Jon Waler: The biggest reason is we push more for routes to be constantly used instead of sending multiple carts in one direction.
- Multicultural Programming: [Shamal] I wasn’t here last week, but I am here now. You guys just met my new advisor. He has been doing a good job. We are working on T-shirts members for volunteering. We have an event coming up on the 16th. It’s a healing workshop. We are trying to use the Governors golf cart, but it keeps getting stolen. If you know who is stealing the golf cart could you hit them over the head. Take that off the minutes. We would like to use the golf cart.

Questions:
- Varella: When did you say the event is?
- Williams: 5pm on the housing lawn. We will have lots of tents.
- Blouin: Will the tents be tips?
- Williams: We tried to get tipis, but they are hard to come by.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ADVISOR’S REPORT:
- Bishara: Good afternoon. [Good afternoon said the House] I wasn’t expecting that. I would like to thank Capata who was excited about the office decorating. I would also like to thank the parade committee for cleaning up the parade. I would like to thank Jon Waler and Night Owls for their willingness to drive the president and her family back and forth when they weren’t working and were off. I would like to thank them in their willingness to help. As mentioned briefly by Jon. The budget process is beginning. This budget process means that the budget for the next year is done. The forms for budget requests went out today. We will be hosting sessions on how to fill out the form. If you have questions you can speak to me or Jose Lezame in the accounting and budget office.

CHAIR REPORTS HOUSE FORUM:
- Scalise: I am going to speak about all of the bills so I might need a little more time. I wanted to go over “We Need Focus Groups” BRHR-10-02 I support most amendments, except the one that indicates when to start this. We should just work to get these implemented as soon as possible. The goal here is to find out what students concern are and if we don’t start until next semester then we won’t get ideas, bills, and resolutions until late semester. If we do it now we could make next semester one of the most productive. The next I want to address is BRHR-10-03 “Flags in every classroom”; there is a regulation in Florida called the Carey Baker Freedom Flag Act to have a flag in every single classroom.
- Boris: Time has expired.
- Motion to extend time by 5min Varella; seconded by Arsolino.
- Scalise: Won’t need all that time. It is a law that we should be in compliance of. It won’t cost anything because the flags should be donated we just have to be proactive. It is just going to take time. And it will show we are patriotic and in compliance. Also BRHR 10-04 let votes be known; saying that we should show a vote count, but I think that for transparency we should put what we vote and don’t vote for. But I think it is important that we put our name and our votes on a form to follow every piece of legislation. I yield for questions.
- Questions: None
- POP: Anastasi at 4:10PM

VETOED BUSINESS: None

TABLED BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

BRHR-10-02 “WE NEED FOCUS GROUPS”
*Motion to Change support to supports and to change the 4th clause on the back, where it says that the structure of the meeting should be determined by speaker of the house, to change to campus action committee by Massetti; seconded by Phillips.

Objections:
- Varella: I object to change speaker of the house to campus action committee.
- Boris: Would you like to go to Pro-Con or a Roll Call Vote?
- Varella: Pro-con. Con: it would be beneficial to keep it as not complicated as possible. If we make a committee in charge it would just make it delay and cause more problems than solutions. I feel we should move to amend it to speaker and maybe 1 other person not a whole committee.
- Massetti: [said to Varella that he meant just the Campus Action Chair, not the committee]
- Boris: Roll call vote

*Point of Information by Capata: I thought it was clarified?
- Boris: Yes but he said campus action committee, not campus action chair. A vote of yes it to change it to campus action committee instead of speaker and to change support to supports.

Roll Call Vote: The amendment to change it to campus action committee instead of speaker passes with 27 Yes to 1 No. Amendment Passes.

Objections:
*Motion to change, in the first therefore be it resolve clause, “regular” to “trial” by Lupo; seconded by Phillips. Resolution amended

*Motion to strike out posters and flyers from the third clause by Massetti, seconded by Capata.

Objections: None

Amended
- Boris: Any more objections?
- Motion to include “during the 2010-2011academic years” by Arsolino; seconded by Romano

Objections:
- Dumas: It is unnecessary to define it. By putting a start and end date. We are not going to carry this forever.
- Boris: Would you like to go to a roll call or a pro-con?
- Dumas: Pro-Con.
- Capata: pro: We would start at 2010 academic year, but there should not be an end date.
- Blouin: I think she was just trying to put an end to a trial period

*Motion to admit all members by Anastasi; seconded by Tepper at 4:22PM
- Scalise: We are just putting a complication to something that isn’t meant to be so difficult. We should just try to do it as soon as possible.
Scalice: Would it be in the best interest of the house to save time and appoint today.

Boris: Absolutely not. I would never endorse you not writing bills. I am going to have to work on previous stuff regardless. I am never going to say it is too much.

Boris: I have to reach out to the parliamentarian who wrote the bill. Also I have to create the committee. Exactly who is going to do it? I will be reaching out to authors of bills.

Massetti: Would you suggest that we work on old bills? Also go to the most responsible representatives. For purchases; I think that for learning how to purchase I will be reaching out to Ways and Means committee. According to the resolution I would do different things. I would also be asking committees to do certain things. Also, I would like to start changing the appearance of our bills to look like other universities with brown paper and a seal. In to be sent to certain places, like the library. I have been working with the governor. If something was signed by everyone, especially Dr. Brown I would call that enacted. I will also be asking committees to do certain things. Also, I would like to start changing the appearance of our bills to look like other universities with brown paper and a seal. In to be sent to certain places, like the library. I have been working with the governor. If something was signed by everyone, especially Dr. Brown I would call that enacted. I will also be asking committees to do certain things.

Boris: Thank you all for those of you who stayed. I appreciate the meeting. I know we had to rush through it. I liked seeing the committees really getting engaged with the bills. Also thank you new members for being so active. Also I would like to let you know that the resolution was signed by the governor. Same goes for the netbook bill. Also I have been going over bills we have passed and called for us to make a purchase, but the purchase was never made. There are also Bills and Resolutions that say that they were to be sent to certain places, like the library. I have been working with the governor. If something was signed by everyone, especially Dr. Brown I would call that enacted. I will also be asking committees to do certain things. Also, I would like to start changing the appearance of our bills to look like other universities with brown paper and a seal. In regards to in-house elections, we have three vacancies now in the House, but we have eight applicants. However, in the past we have had eight people come in and compete for the three seats. Although that is precedence, I do not see that anywhere in any statutes. And just so you know in the 400’s there is a standing committee that chooses which applicants to go to the house and be voted on. We will be having in house elections next week. I thank you for bearing with me. And I know there are a lot of things to learn about procedure and bills. But we all have a lot to learn.

-Scalice: Would it be in the best interest of the house to save time and appoint today.
*Motion to extend the questioning time by 2 min by Pollock; seconded by Montes.

*Motion to extend the questioning time by 5 minutes by Romano; seconded by Montes.

Objections:
- Massetti: Friendly amendment to make it 2 min.
  Accepted by Romano.
- Varella: Should we make a structure to follow?
- Boris: The policy from here on out is what is going to happen next week. I do agree that because of this scenario, because we had a precedent it should be written. Also anyone who was in-housed has to run in the spring election.

Any additional questions: None

REMINDERS
There will probably be in-house elections next week.

*Motion to admit all members by Montes; seconded by Romano.

FINAL ROLL CALL

ADJOURNMENT
*Motion to adjourn by Hodges; seconded by Dumas.