Florida Atlantic University
Student government
Boca Raton House of Representatives
5th Legislative Session
29TH July 2011
Call to Order: 3:35PM
PLEDGE of ALLIGIANCE:
ROLL CALL: Anastasi, Allen, Maher, Rattray

Approvals:
*Motion to approve July 22nd 2011 minutes by Varela, seconded by Arsolino
*Motion to approve July 29th 2011 agenda by Wu, seconded by Montes

SPECIAL ORDER SPEECHES: none
OPEN FORUM:
Coordinator of freshmen learning community: We don’t have funding for all of the learning communities. It’s really great you see the building of success in the students who are part
Wu: have you thought of getting funding through other organizations
Freshmen learning community coordinator: Yes we have and funding is very limited we had funding before from
Wu motion to extend question time by two minutes by Wu, seconded by Dunne
They are giving a discount for a whole group
Pop: Arsolino
PRESIDENT’S REPORT: none
VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:
Vice President: Robert Hoffman Vice president for the record. Ayden is having some family emergencies he apologizes that he could not be here. The senate passed five bills. Owl country to give flags and banners to businesses so that students can feel welcome in near by businesses. I’d also like to get more benches for students.
Motion to amend all member by Dunne , seconded by Montes
GOVERNOR’S REPORT:
I’m going to talk about the sensible cannabis policies bill. I vetoed it because there wasn’t a reference about the amount that could be considered a misdemeanor by law. When it goes to Dr. Brown it needs to be very clear and detailed. I would prefer for Aarons to add that to the bill before I pass it.
I’m doing a project with chief of staff called Sugar Rush.
Aarons: Are you aware it is there
E-banks: I probably did not read it, that was my mistake
Arsolino: Does he have to resubmit it
Boris: Yes
Wu: you read this bill incorrectly and vetoed it
E-Banks: Yes
GOVERNOR’S APPOINTMENTS:
I’d like to call the owl director
My name is john and we did interview and I appointed Amanda. She wants to know how things are done in the program, she’s very serious and well oriented.
Amanda Deer: I know budgeting inside and out I do have several years with security and hope that helps bring new ideas to the program
*Motion to approve Amanda Deer as new Night owl director by Aarons, seconded by Dunne
CHIEF JUSTICE’S REPORT:
Good afternoon I have a brief report because there’s not much happening with the court. We are still doing statue revisions. The court is working to do a sunshine law training and we are working with the speaker. About a week ago the court signed an executive order, when the court receives an executive order its not that we are also approving it , it only means that we received it, that it was officially recorded. That’s it that was a long report
PROGRAM REPORTS:
COSO director: August 1st I will be moving to the work house it’s also the day that registration links go up and I have mints like always.
POP: Nicotra
Director of SAVY: End of summer celebration will be August 2nd it’s just a day of fun
I’m new assistant director: we are looking forward to a great new year. Casino night is August 19th at 9pm
Chief of staff: Rebecca Capata, chief of staff. I’d like to distribute the agreement contract if they fail to meet the requirements are and what the expectations are. We are having cotton candy, popcorn, and music at Live Oak Pavilion.

Night owl: August 5th last night we will be running. If you haven’t liked our Facebook page please do so that way you know the times we are open and closed.

Bobby Peterson, program board director for the record our calendar is almost complete will all our events.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ADVISOR’S REPORT:

STUDENT GOVERNMENT COORDINATOR’S REPORT:

Judt got back from Jupiter we need volunteers to help out pass water for bonfire and I still didn’t get any feedback back for our website.

CHAIR REPORTS:

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE: Kevin Varela

Please make it to our committee meetings.

We have ways and means a 1pm, rules and policies at 2pm.

RULES AND POLICIES: Amanda Phillips: no report.

WAYS AND MEANS:

Jairo Montes: we did meet today we should pass BRHB-11-27 because we want to help freshmen but this will be a one time deal.

CAMPUS ACTION:

Thais Arsolino, BRHB 11-27 was approved and we also agree to make this a one time deal.

HOUSE FORUM:

Representative Wu: I was against the rope course bill. The reason been is because we are putting 7% of our budget on students and it’s a small group.

Varela: BRHB 11-27 I’m not against funding them but I mean they could fund themselves it wouldn’t be hard for students to come up with $10. We should consider to overturn the veto the BRHB-11-12 bill today.

Dunne: I’m gonna talk about making FAU shuttle service better. I think we should make one for the athletic center.

Rosario: The experience is really bonding and you learn to trust people. I think we definitely need to fund it.

Wu: Are you aware that it’s not right for us to take 7,000 from our budget when instead these students can just come up with paying $10.

Rosario: Well I’m aware you all had a hard time spending money last year budget.

Boris: Questions, seeing none.

Boris: Last year we had $193,000 in our budget and this year we have 100,000. We aren’t going to be funding a lot of the programs we funded last year this year.

*Motion to extend speakers time by three minutes by Nicotra, seconded by Montes

Boris: The marijuana bill should go not on the ballot. I think it has more weight than a student government resolution.

POP: Arsolino

POP: Macceus

Motion to amend all members by Varela, seconded by McCoy.

Lupo: I think the bill should be put on the ballot. Alcohol is illegal at a certain age but Marijuana is still illegal.

Varela: Through this resolution we are not saying marijuana is legal.

Lupo: I think we should veto it but that we should but this question on the ballot.

Boris: Representative Lupo does not support the resolution, but does support to put it on the ballot.

Varela: Speaker’s time has expired.

Extend speaker time by one minute by Montes seconded by Varela.

*Motion to extend speakers time by three minutes by Nicotra, seconded by Montes.

Boris: The marijuana bill should go on the ballot.

VETOED BUSINESS:

*Motion to overturn the bill by Varela, seconded by Dunne.

Boris: Going to roll call for BRHB-11-12.

Boris: Resolution passes by 10 yes.

TABLED BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Varela for the “Learning Communities and the Ropes Course” I’d like to make some revisions to bill.

*Motion to amend BRHB-11-27 by Varela, seconded by Montes.

*Motion to amend BRHB-11-27 by Wu, seconded by Varela.

Roll call for bill.

Boris: Bill passes.

NEW BUSINESS:

*Motion to amend BRHB-11-28 by Nicotra, seconded by Varela.

Boris: Any objections to motion by Nicotra, motion approved.
Phillips: This is applying that students should not get housing suspension for the first time they’re caught with marijuana.
Varela: I believe we should be more specific we are talking about immediate suspension from housing upon of up to 20 grams of marijuana
Motion to amend BRHB 11-28 by Varela, seconded by Wu
Boris: We will now be going to roll call for BRHB-11-28
Boris: BRHB-11-28 has been passed
OPEN FORUM:
Varela: This is an idea to come up with undoing a veto just a process.
Wu: I don’t think we should do that because if they’re doing their jobs right then it shouldn’t exist.
Rosario: When it’s about a big population of 600 students I believe the funding should be supported because it’s going to benefit students
Wu: I don’t think we should let a specific amount of students do the rope course I think all students should be entitled to participate in the rope course.
Varela: I think it’s a great contribution that we’d be making instead of funding the owl book that most students will be leaving in their dorms
POP: Phillips
SPECIAL ORDER SPEECHES:
LEGISLATIVE REPORT:
Boris: I see really good points being proposed. The only problem I have about this bill is that it’s a limited amount of students that will be participating in this rope course. I’m not against it because we will be contributing to the freshmen class. I believe there should be a meeting on August 5th because those poll questions that we supported last week and this week might face some veto threats. Yield time for questions
Aarons: When are the elections
Boris: August 29th you can put your application for elections and the fall elections are September 14 and 15
Dunne: Do you support what I said about transportation
Boris: We are far behind in transportation and I totally agree with you we need to accommodate people
Varela:
REMINDERS: August 5th next meeting
FINAL ROLL CALL: Anastasi, Allen, Maher, Rattray
ADJOURNMENT:
*Motion to adjournment by Montes, seconded by Dunne
Boris: Meeting is over at 5:07 pm