Florida Atlantic University
Student Government
Boca Raton House of Representatives
5th Legislative Session
10th June 2011
Call to Order at 3:30PM
Pledge of Allegiance
ROLL CALL:

*Absent: Becker, Cyrise, Gordon, Gorry, Joseph, Nicotra, Ortiz, Phillips, and Sosa

APPROVALS:
*Motion to approve the 3rd of June 2011 minutes by Montes; seconded by Varela
*Motion to approve the 10th of June 2011 agenda by Maher; seconded by Montes

SPECIAL ORDER SPEECHES:
Dunne: I am sure you are wondering why I am all dressed up. I had an interview with Boris and Grider for the parliamentarian position. Oh and I am not going to be here next week because I will be on vacation in Ohio, Cedar Point starting next Thursday.

OPEN FORUM: None

SPEAKER'S APPOINTMENTS:
Boris: It is that time of the year. Unfortunately Mr. Blouin is not around this summer so there was an opening for the parliamentarian position. One of the expectations is that sometimes questions about statutes come up. I have never read the 700’s from start to finish, but I know the statutes because I read when things are relevant. I read when things are happening. Sometimes a question might come up that I do not know and I was counting on someone to know that. That is why I wanted to go with someone with experience, was rules and policies chair and who was very involved with our recent statute revision. That is Kristina Fritz. Do you [accepted]

*Motion to approve Kristina Fritz as parliamentarian by Arsolino; seconded by Lupo

Boris: you are now the parliamentarian but keep doing what you are doing.

Rules and Policies Chair: I wanted to stay with someone with experience, with someone who has been involved a long time. But currently Mrs. Phillips is getting her wisdom teeth removed. She has done this position, so clearly she accepts because she has been here for a while. I have some more things for the chairs, seeing that we will change things in the statutes. Her committee deals mostly with the programs. So we have spoken about how we want to be on top of the programs a bit more. She has assured me that she would provide that in addition to things in the past.

*Motion to approve Amanda Phillips as Rules and Policies Chair by Varela; seconded by Dunne; no objections

Boris: I hope she recovers after her surgery.

Boris: Ways and Means: Big shoes to fill. The Ways and Means Chair will sit on the COSO meetings. I want someone who is new and is really involved. This person has rarely missed meetings, involved in the process and he takes the extra time as well. And the experience he is lacking he will gain and with that I would like to appoint Mr. Jairo Montes as Ways and Means Chair.

*Motion to approve Jairo Montes as Ways and Means Committee Chair by Grider; seconded by Dunne; no objections

Boris: Campus Actions: Kind of the same thing with rules and policies. I wanted to stick with the experience, someone who has had the position. But there would be some changes as well. Some people have always thought that Ed June did a lot because he did a lot of tabling. We changed the statutes so that we could have a lot of focus groups, so that is going to be one change, and to help out with resolutions and stuff like that and the campus action committee would be in charge of that and I would like to stick with Mrs. Thais Arsolino.

*Motion to approve Thais Arsolino as Campus Action Chair by Montes; seconded by Wu; no objections

Boris: No one applied for secretary because I knew that the least popular one is going to get kicked to the curb, so just like when I do some of the other agendas I am not going to appoint someone I am just going to announce that I need to appoint the chair positions by next week and the other s don’t have the same. I did have one individual that applied for the other that said she would be fine with doing this position as well. Just keep in mind that is somewhat annoying to type that much, but we have a tape recorder and we have a gadget that is really cool that transcribes the audio to text. It is not as hard as it used to be and that position is open and it is a paid position.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None

GOVERNOR'S REPORT:
Ryan E-banks: I would like to inform the house that the programs just went through their first day of training. 6 hours of training and also I have been doing an initiative with the speaker with the LGBTQA, a few members... The A is for Ally. A few students have been sending emails to, the graduate students mainly, are asking us to help fund the LGBTQA position. I have been talking to Dr. Brown and the speaker, the vice president, and the president to try and decide how we can fund that in the future. I will be talking to them and I, both of us will keep you up to speed in the near future. The speaker had an idea about extending student government to form a program that facilitates academics. We don’t delve into academics, we have nothing to contribute. Something that is geared towards academics and another that is about spirituality and religion. We haven’t decided because there are multiple facility entities. It would be nice if we had a program that help with those things for students.

Questions: None

CHIEF JUSTICE REPORT: None

PROGRAM REPORTS:
Tepper: Hi everyone. Just to give you a quick update the new COSO work room will be done by the end of this month and we will do a grand opening during the beginning of the fall semester and pretty much other than that the name of the room will be decided by five o’clock. So we will have a name. Other than that not much is going on. I will be sure to update you guys because there will be Clubfest and what not. I will keep you guys up to date with that.

Dumas: MP - Caribbean Culture day is next week. I want to see all of you guys out for this event. MP paid for the food. It is from 11:30am to 1:30pm. There will be music, dancing, food and lots of food. There better be we paid a lot of money for it.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ADVISORY'S REPORT: None

CHIEF REPORTS:
Grider: Pro-Tempore: we obviously didn’t have a committee apparently there is a grace period. If you missed last week, Wu, you are excused so you don’t have to worry about that otherwise you need to submit an absence appeal. There better be a good reason too.

Questions: None

HOUSE FORUM:
^POI: Capata: Are you aware that I would like the house to work with the GAC?
Boris: I know

^POI: Follow-up: And will you be willing to work with the GAC more so than other semesters.
Boris: Be careful what you wish for.

VETOED BUSINESS: None
TABLED BUSINESS: None
OLD BUSINESS: None
NEW BUSINESS: None

IN-HOUSE ELECTION:
Dorothy Daniel: Hello. I am an English major and a history major at FAU. I was introduce to the House meeting by Jeanie Dumas. I have been to about 3 or 4 meetings. I found them very interesting and I want to get involved in the University. I don’t really know that much about it, but I want to learn and I thought it would be very fun.
Questions:
Maher: Will you be willing to make all the meetings on Friday?
Daniel: Yes
Grider: Do you have any classes from 12 to 5 on Friday?
Daniel: I have one in the Fall from 3pm to 3:20pm, but I should be able to get here.
Grider: could you tell the speaker when that happens so he puts you in a committee you could make it to?
Daniel: Yes

Lily Moss: [Not Here]
Matthew Rattray: I am a computer science major at FAU. I am currently a sophomore to a junior. I was interested in student government when I met Robert Huffman. It was mostly a new school when I came here and I want to help people out and I thought I would try to influence the decisions by being in student government by being a house of representative.
Maher: Can you make the meetings?
Rattray: Yes
Wu: would you clarify you statement on you application. Do you understand that you are free to present the student body opinion not what you see feel is fit. Are you aware?
Rattray: I didn’t necessarily mean it like that I would help in any way I could help, that would help it and if it is representing the student body that is what I would do.
Arsolino: I see that you are taking discrete math and analytical geometry. Would you be willing to tutor me in stats?
Rattray: I probably don’t know it because it is after and you don’t need any major math. I was busy trying to derive them is what called static models. So you are better off than you might think.
Dunne: Are you aware that I am taking statistics this summer?
Rattray: I know one guy that said it was really cool.
Maher: are you willing to tutor for free?
Rattray: I will try to help you.
Maher: Are you aware that I am not taking a math class?
Rattray: No
Varela: are you aware that I know a guy who is taking a math class?
Rattray: No

ROLL CALL VOTE:
Dorothy Daniels:
*POI: Maher: Can I move for a vote of unanimous consent.
Boris: Not for this no. Again a vote of yes is to approve Ms. Daniel a vote of No is to not approve Ms. Daniel.
Roll Call Vote: Unanimous 12 yes to 0 no
Boris: You are now a representative
Lily Moss:
Boris: a vote of yes is to approve Ms. Moss a vote of No is to not approve Ms. Moss.
*POI: Wu: would you abstain if she is a club member?
Boris: If that was a reason it would be conflict of interest if I was appointing someone.
Roll Call Vote: 11 yes to 1 no.
Matthew Rattray:
Boris: a vote of yes is to approve Mr. Rattray a vote of No is to not approve Mr. Rattray,
Roll Call Vote: 12 yes to 0 no

Boris: Congratulations I see the governor here. Come to the front and we will see how good he is at giving the oath.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Ryan gives the oath to Dorothy Daniels and Matthew Rattray

OPEN FORUM: None

SPECIAL ORDER SPEECHES:
Grider: this is very important to me and it is something I am really sad about last night the heat lost. I am really sad about it. I just want to say to all you maverick fans it is going back to Miami LeBreusen is going to quick being a baby. Wade will lead like the man who should and deecisky is going to cry. Wu: I would like to congratulate the new representatives. I know they gave a hard time in questions. Word your things very carefully.
Maher: I would also like to congratulate the new representatives. And Boston was at home, they weren’t in the finals. To all you haters. That is what I thought.
Dunne: I would like to welcome the new representatives. And congratulations and all the committee chairs and the Parliamentarian. I know I might not get it anyway but it was worth a shot.
Varela: I woke up in a better state of mind. I saw that we were up 3 to 2 so now that Durk is healthy again and Jason Taylor. We need one more win in Miami. Have fun winning two games guys.
Guimares: I am not talking about basketball. I just wanted to say that I have been in student government since 2007 and this is the first time that this is the first time it felt like my family. I may or may not be here in the fall because I am looking for a job. I just wanted to say that.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT:
Boris: 1st order or business the college reach out bilI have given it to the president he has not signed it or vetoed it. Either we will have that under old business or vetoed business and if you look for the list of the points. You are going to have to keep an eye out for the chair and the chairs you are going to have to decide what time they will be meeting. When they make it they will call me. Points will start I will e-mailing you separately but I will not do that until Wednesday. That is the important, that is probably the most important. The secretary is 10 hours a week at $8.50 an hour. It is not as hard as it looks. It is just kind of annoying after a while. I just want to say that I applied for positions without getting to them at first. I have had some serious political battles. Please don’t get discouraged, people will be changed in the fall and there will be ambitious people. I had a flashback. It was 94’ the Nicks were up 3 to 2 going back to Houton and Hacki Malaga had to beat them twice in a row. One year ago the Lakers were down 3-2 going back to LA and they got back on LA. I have saw the Lakers beat the Kings. I kept telling my friend that as long as Boston does not hold a trophy. I cannot stand to see those people with another trophy. I will at least be happy for Durke and David Hasselhoff

Questions:
Maher: When will we be doing the Roberts rules of orders.
Boris: I am not sure, but I was thinking of doing it early to Mid-July.
Maher: I was just wondering because when I was inducted I did not know how to do that. I just felt that it would help the new people.
Boris: I cannot make a limit. So maybe this week, next week or the following week so for ten minutes the Parliamentarian can talk about it and pass out a hand out. But I will say that we will be getting people every week. Next week we are going to have at least 2 people come in. They are likely going to return soon.

POI: Montes: do we still have those books?
Boris: Yes, but we will have to order some more and look through the big mess I call my office.
Dunne: I know I will not be here next week, but when will be the best time to turn the absence appeal in?
Boris: as long as it is before the Friday or the following week.

^POI: Grider: you can turn it in today I just will not be reviewing it until next week.

REMINDEERS:

Boris: The next house meeting will be the 17th of June 2011 in the Senate Chambers, here at 3:30PM.

FINAL ROLL CALL:

*Absent: Becker, Cyrise, Gordon, Gorry, Joseph, Nicotra, Ortiz, Phillips, and Sosa

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by Varela; seconded by Wu

4:27 PM