Florida Atlantic University
Student Government
Boca Raton House of Representatives
5th Legislative Session
3rd June 2011
Call to Order:
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call:

*Absent: Arsolino, Becker, Cyrise, Gordon, Gorry, Joseph, Lupo, Ortiz, and Wu.

Boris: We lost 8 people voluntarily. Half of 22 is 11 and we have 12, but if one of you leave then we are back where we started. To make this process a little bit easier I will be going to the governors appointments first, but first I will need some approvals.

APPROVALS:
*Motion to approve the 22nd April 2011 Minutes by Montes; seconded by Dunne; objections by Nicotra to delete “in a thong” in the presidents speech; accepted
*Motion to approve the 3rd of June by Varela; seconded by Montes; objection by Grider [Roll call]

Boris: A vote of yes is to move governors appointments after special order speeches a vote of no is to leave it as is.

Roll Call Vote: 0 Yes to 12 No

Boris: Without any objections I would like to go to Governors appointment and I would like to start with the MP Director. We can start.

GOVERNOR’S APPOINTMENTS:
MULTICULTURAL PROGRAMMING APPOINTMENT:
E-banks: Multicultural programming is an entity under SG and it deals with things under ethnic backgrounds and alternative programming because she has a lot of experience with other entities I think that her skills would help the program to excel she was also a part of the campus and university wide campus based budget committee, so she has an understanding of the fiscal process. Jeanie?

Dumas: I chose to apply for MP because I have been in SG for 2 ½ years. Like Ryan said I have participated in the budget process, so I have done this and I think that I will do very well.

*Motions to approve Jeanie Dumas as Multicultural Programming Director by Montes; seconded by Varela; no objections

Roll Call Vote:

Boris: According to the 700’s every single appointments has to have a roll and be approved by a majority vote. Yes is to approve as MP director and a no is to not approve MP Director.

Vote: 11 yes, 0 no, and 1 abstention.

Boris: Unanimous. You are now the MP director.

Boris: I am speaking in an unorthodox way because it is an unorthodox meeting. So I would at least like to get these people appointed and so that they are in their positions and ready to go. I don’t want them to feel like they wasted their time.

CHIEF OF STAFF APPOINTMENT:
Ryan: I would like to call here my pit bull she has passion for what she does and she compliments me very well.

Rebecca Capata: I applied for this position. I have been in the house for the 2 ½ years. I got a taste with the different branches last semester with stress week. I liked the way I was working with her and I like that he was more of an asset because I am a little more independent. And that is why I want to be chief of staff.

Questions:
Boris: Are you aware that I am going to miss you every now and then foul language because it wakes people up?
Capata: Yes and I am now aware.

Boris: Are you also aware that I was also inspired with what you did during stress week?

Capata: I am now aware.

*Motion to approve Rebecca Capata as Governors Chief of Staff by Varela; seconded by Montes; no objections

Roll Call Vote:

11 yes to 0 no.

Boris: It is unanimous. Congratulations Capata you are now Governors chief of staff.

TREASURER APPOINTMENT:
Ryan: Treasurer: I chose Chris Naff because he has experience with student government in New England he hasn’t had such student government experience here but he was the senate treasurer and he was also College treasurer. He is an accounting major, he is driven and he is meticulous from the interview and started to prepare himself for that job right after the interview and his vast amount of accounting should help him

Chris: I am from New England, so I was happy to see the heat lose last night. I did go to Western New England college, I was dual enrolled and I was the chairman of the senate finance committee and the treasurer of the SG and I am really looking forward to bringing my experience to a different school. Again I would just like to bring the experience that I had here.
Questions:
Grider: You didn’t really mean that about the heat?
Naff: I am a Boston fan.

*Motion to approve Chris Naff as Treasurer by Montes; seconded by Dunne; No objections
Roll Call Vote:
Boris: A vote of yes is to approve Chris Naff and a vote of no is to not approve him.
Vote: 10 yes and 1 no.
Boris: Congratulations you are now the Boca Treasurer

COSO APPOINTMENT:
Ryan: Ella will be an amazing COSO director and she was appointed a COSO chair of SG for an academic club and she went to every single COSO meeting, she is part of the house and she is a very devoted candidate and she has been working diligently every since she was told she was elected.
Ella: Hi everyone. I originally applied having the privilege serving as academic chair and I was a representative and I have gained quite an experience and my involvement has been extensive. And I can’t wait to bring the drive.

*Motion to approve Ella Tepper as COSO Director by Nicotra; seconded by Dunne; no objections
Roll Call Vote:
Boris: A vote of yes it to approve Tepper and a vote of no is to not approve Tepper.
Vote: 11 Yes to 0 No
Boris: Congratulations Ella Tepper is now the COSO director

PROGRAM BOARD APPOINTMENT:
Ryan: I chose Bobby because of his vast experience with program board and under his leadership such program such as the foam party and there where emails sent to the president from students because they couldn’t go in. I hope for program board that they will have every event like this and every student will see how much we give back to student through program board.
Bobby: hello everyone my name is Bobby Peterson. I have been involved since my freshman year. And I was a chair and I was also on the rules and policies committee and I left the house to go to program board. As a chair and a director for the last year. And Hopefully I will have a chance to do that next year.
Questions:
Varela: in what ways do you think you can improve ideas for new events?
Bobby: We try to get things back from the students and seeing what they would like to see here and we work on a realistic thing we can do.
Boris Bastidas: What high school did you go to?
Bobby: The best high school. South plantation high school.
Boris: Me too

*Motion to approve Bobby Peterson as Program Board Director by Phillips; seconded by Dunne; No objections
Roll Call Vote:
Boris: A vote of yes is to approve Bobby as Program Board Director a vote of no is to not approve him as Program Board Director.
Vote: 11 yes to 0 no
Boris: Unanimous. Congratulations once again you are the program board director.

NIGHT OWLS APPOINTMENT:
Ryan: I chose Jon because he has helped night owls to grow the traffic is phenomenal they have had golf carts to help various types of students. Like the golf cart for handicap students he has a vision that will help us in the future.
Jon Waller: For those of you who know me we are just kind of there, most people don’t notice. I am always looking to see what we can do and how to get bigger and better now my goal is to get recognized and to get the entire night owls crew into the other programs and work with other GAC members.
Questions:

*Motion to approve Jon Waller as Night Owls Director by Montes; seconded by Dunne; no objections
Roll Call Vote:
Boris: A vote of yes is to approve Jon Waller as Night Owls Director a vote of no is to not approve him as Night Owls Director.
Vote: 11 yes to 0 No
Boris: It is unanimous. Congratulations you are once again night owls director.

PET APPOINTMENT:
Ryan: I chose Karla because she is well trained in her craft and as we like to say in PET and I have also liked to volunteer Karla and myself. We were in a DIS class and we have also had training in various other topics. Karla?
Karla: One great thing about me is I like to listen to the students and speak to the students and find a way that we can communicate and we always run into as PET I would love to give the students information and to get the programming that the students need to see on.
Questions: None
*Motion to approve Karla Valentin as PET Director by Varela; seconded by Montes; no objections
Roll Call Vote:
Boris: A vote of yes is to approve and a vote of no is to not approve
Vote: 11 Yes to 0 No
Boris: The vote is unanimous. Congratulation you are the PET director.

SAVI APPOINTMENT:
Ryan: I chose Riccardo because I was impressed with his interview. He is a student that was a volunteer in SAVI he puts the extra effort out and he also is a part of a team and he is also doing a multimedia project and he had a team of people that put on a videos on youtube and he can lift it to a level it hasn’t been before.
Riccardo: Good afternoon I get it all the time from family back home. I wanted to take on a few opportunities and SAVI is to foster civic responsibility and community service. I am ready for the challenge to tailor the students to because it will produce better student leaders and I feel SAVI gives us all of that and not only to myself but to others.
Questions: None
*Motion to approve Riccardo as SAVI Director by Montes; seconded by Varela; no objections
Roll Call Vote:
Boris: A vote of yes is to approve Riccardo as SAVI Director a vote of no is to not approve him as SAVI Director.
Vote: 11 yes and 0 no
Boris: It is unanimous. Congratulations you are now the SAVI Director.

GSA APPOINTMENT:
Ryan: I chose Juan Beranichi because he is an amazing student director, rather that advocates the needs as graduate students he is always working and he always has projects I heard graduates comment on his mixer and with student affairs he is devoted to GSA.
Juan: Thank you very much for your kind words. I just want to ask real quick. How are you? We are the voice and the advocate. There is over 4,000 PhD and master student s so we put on professional development and wine mixing, and research days and owl service the great leadership we had by Katie Burke we had over 1,000 people attend our events. So it has really grown a great deal and the work has gone about and I hope to continue to serve as the director.
Questions: None
*Motion to approve Juan Beranichi as GSA Director by Varela; seconded by Montes; no objections.
Roll Call Vote:
Boris: A vote of yes is to approve Juan Beranichi as GSA Director a vote of no is to not approve him as GSA Director.
Vote: 11 yes and 0 no
Boris: It is unanimous. You are now the GSA director.

SPECIAL ORDER SPEECHES:
Boris: Thank you all for coming. Now we have a GAC. Usually I don’t do this, but by a show of hands is there anyone who has to leave before 6?
Dunne: I just wanted to apologize for my actions at the last house meeting I felt like I got out of and I just got so used to how the 5G system works I forgot about my human qualities.

OPEN FORUM:
Waller: I just want to take the time to show extreme gratitude with the things waiting to get out and work to be done.
Questions: None
Josh shall: I am president of SEEDS it is an ecology club we are proposing for a bill for a nature trail for our campus reserve next to the airport to tell you exactly where it is in the past couple years. The living from the partner Scripps, Max Plank. So I think this is a great opportunity to create a trail for the student and for this campus so because of that I will go through the details about all the work is volunteered. We are all volunteering. We have completed about 70 percent of the path regarding the details of the trail will serve 3 primary functions. Just for any visitor. Also education. We have done lots of events through bioblitz and also conservation were are also proposing a butterfly garden and to get rid of the evasive plants. We are proposing 30 signs artwork and picnic tables in the shade. One will be in the one side by the butterfly gardens.
*Motion to extend the speakers time by 2 minutes by Montes; seconded by Dunne; no objections
Josh: The trail would be located in the preserve right next to the stadium and it will go see the game and after take a walk through the preserve and it would be an easy way to get to campus and we plan to have this trail complete by September.
Questions:
Maher: Is this open 24/7?
Josh: Yes but regarding safety probably not.
Montes: How often would there be maintenance?
Josh: We are out there every week and we will be monitoring it.
Varela: Are you aware that I applaud what you and SEEDS are doing and I am helping and are you aware?
Josh: That is why I included the pictures. It is very tough. I have personally been helping.
Dumas: Thanks everyone for appointing me the recycling bin bill I have been working with Jill Rosina and with Chartwells the bins are a go and hey should be here in 2 weeks we're are going to start them in the summer and plants and facilities might match and it is on the agenda as former governor gentry even though president Maher said he may veto it as well his concerns with that bill. It is really simple the SG office closes at 5 and people that take night classes need access to those scantrons as well and that puts a box behind the desk. Also for the MP riders and it kind of not good to be talking to this crowd. When a program comes to the house they are coming for a reason if you don’t agree with the lack of Asian heritage month programming now one of the accounts is overdrawn and now I have to work with the treasurer and governor to fix that.

Questions:
Varela: Did you say to represent a new MP?
Dumas: the new fiscal year.
Varela: you were just mentioning it?
Dumas: Yes
Grider: With you college outreach bill when do they need it by?
Dumas: Whenever they can get it
Grider: I think is should be tabled. Are you aware?
Dumas: I am aware, but I do not agree.

GOVERNOR’S REPORT:
Ebanks: Of course you know I am slightly nervous I came into office and I am trying to build student government to a level better than it was while there was a lot of issues or projects not completed I am trying to fix those projects and do my own projects. My goals are to form a tradition along with my chief of staff to have an event that involves freshmen so that they can also be aware of how much programming we do probably 90% done by student government we have resources available and the recreation center and we give to and we have the programs that sponsor events such as free condoms PET and MP gives a lot of programming that deals with events and they have no idea of use and I haven’t hired a marketing director because we need someone experienced enough to make us a lot more visible. We are trying to come up with new ideas street teams and pins. Students can see who you are without flashing your title to say how many people and we spend 9 billion dollars on the school and they want to take away that mentality and make them understand what direction I think it should go.

Capata: Are you aware that I will be working with you?
Ryan: I am aware.
Varela: I am aware that I applaud you for making great selections and have you every thought of making a video or advertising what student government does that could be played in the beginning of class?
Ryan: That is a good idea
Boris: I would like to recognize Mike Cacooza
Cacooza: When will you be hiring the marketing director:
Ryan: The application process is in process I didn’t interview two weeks ago and the selection was dare I say horrid so I had to send it out to get more candidates. I am trying to reach out to marketing majors to see if I can get a better pool.
Cacooza: The student union has one and I would like her to get together. Are you aware that I would like to job forces combined.
Ryan: We should have an appointment and we can discuss the future of the marketing director.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: None
VICE PRESIDENTS’S REPORT: None
CHIEF JUSTICES REPORT:
Scalice: Okay. A few things to update you on where the judicial branch stands there is not pending appeals but that does not mean that the court can not be helpful or stay active. I am working on finalizing the sunshine law and it is very similar to the parliamentary procedure workshop. Also I am continuing to do the Roberts rules presentation. So if anyone is in Davie you are welcome to attend and that is one thing that I would like people to be a part of and this is to help them do their job even better and this is something even during the training and this will be template for what minutes could look like and everything would be recorded so all you need is a template fill it out an it would be a records and that would finalize it a week and I am beginning to organize a timeline for the statute revision and we will be overseeing the statute revision and finding out the statutes availability times and everyone would be welcome. Some other things we are doing. To track legislation. From time to time a representative will wonder has it gone to the presidents desk? Once one of the signed got the thing they will find and how they will virtualized or put on the R drive or the student government website and making the process of business more effective. Other than that the judicial branch do you every have any questions follow us on twitter and please like us on facebook it will be very active.
Varela: is that a twitter account following sunshine laws?
Scalice: As well it should not be a violation. Everything is public record. We would not be putting business on there and there will not be a our sole way for posting meetings. So how can we especially on facebook
Guimares: I would like to do a petition if you could create a format of how to do a petition and how to submit to and all of the good stuff?
Scalice: The chapter 600’s tells you how to fill out a petition, but it is a bit confusing that is a very good idea. To simplify the forces and that is a good idea and we will look into a way of making it easier.

PROGRAM REPORTS:
Capata: Governors Chief of Staff: I want to update you guys on the freshman event. I wanted to do something different. Weeks of welcome does showcase every single program we fund and more we are going to be a highlight, but we fund everything. So let’s showcase us all the branches to hook them in now so they stay longer. It is hard when you are a junior and you try to learn things very fast and it is good for them and because we are going to have a good new community so I wanted to have a big event I wanted to have us some representatives, the governor, speaker, and the higher positions and all the programs we funded we are not separate entities. Student government is the string that holds that all together.

Questions: None
Dumas: MP two things. The MP positions will be open on Monday please if you are interested apply. The second thing we are currently working with the office of multicultural affairs for Caribbean heritage day and I will also check in with a July 4th barbeque.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ADVISOR’S REPORT:
Bishara: Hi. What a long strange journey the day has been. Our coordinator has started, his office is next to the UP we are in the process of us getting furniture and end of year purchases and all of the student entities may 31st. I am kind of concerned with anything on the agenda. It has to be done by yesterday and that is the university as a whole. So I am making it aware. In addition to that I am hoping to make an offer for the AD of SG we are a bit of official cuts. I have a worry whether we have A&S fees do to budget issues that should not be the case. We are working very hard and it is actually less then what was planned for. So that is the swing of things.

Questions:
Varela: do you feel there is still a chance to get these purchases done?
Bishara: we could push it or things could be discussed. We don’t immediately say yay or nay.

^POI: Grider: What do we have in the account?
Boris: We have before the owlbook we are looking just under $30,000.

CHAIR REPORTS: No Reports

HOUSE FORUM:
Boris: SEEDS. Yes. Everything the advisor just said is true however if I receive a bill I will put a chance to vote. We don’t have a straight answer whether it will pass. We have just around $27,000 to $28,000 this is a 15 thousand dollar bill and we could put our names all over it and if not big deal once July 1st hits we will start with $100,000 in July. I am sure we can work something out. That account become a quote on quote slush account and because we don’t have committee chair we can do it. If you want to delay it that is fine. The after hours scantrons I support. I support the college outreach program bill. It is the same situation. I think we should pass it, I feel if we should, lets go for it. If for whatever reason what is left is about $3,400. That is better than seeing it going to waste.

Questions: None

VETOED BUSINESS:
*BRHB-11-19 : “Supporting the College Reach-Out Program”
*Motion to approve by Varela; seconded by Fritz; no objections
Roll call vote: A vote of yes is to approve BRHB-11-19 a vote of no is to not approve BRHB-11-19.
Roll Call Vote: 8 yes to 3 no [Bill passes]

TABLED BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSIN ESS: None

NEW BUSIN ESS:
BRHB-11-23: “SEEDS Nature Trail Through the FAU Preserve”
Boris: without any objections I would like to have the bill read.
[Fritz reads bill a load]

^POI: Varela: This is a question directed to the author. Is it Tortuga trace or Tortuga trail?
*Motion to amend the therefore be it resolved clause to say Tortuga Trail by Varela; seconded by Montes

^POI: Fritz: Typically we put the dollar amount and write it out and we add the account. Should we do that?
Boris: Yes
*Motion to write out the dollar amount and put the numbers in parentheses and add the account in the therefore be it resolved clause by Fritz; seconded by Montes; no objections

Dumas: I would like the 3rd to 5th legislative session and we should probably write transfer and allocate.

^POI: Varela: I move to amend the bill to say the things she said, such as none because I was just kidding.
*Motion to change the 3rd legislative session to 5th legislative session by Fritz; seconded Montes; no objections
Boris: there is a difference to transfer and allocate.

^POI: Varela: What is the difference between allocating and transferring?
Boris: if we allocate we get to keep the money and it is a way of protecting unless.
POI: Varela: do they have the ability to make those purchases?
Boris: Yes
*Motion to approve by Phillips; seconded by Varela; no objections
Roll call vote:
Boris: A vote of yes is to approve BRHB-11-23 a vote of no is to not approve BRHB-11-23.
Vote: 11 yes to 0 No [Unanimous passed]
BRHB-11-12: “After Hours Scantron Disbursement”
Boris: I would like to have Grider read it
[Grider read aloud]
*Motion to approve by Varela; seconded by Montes; Fritz friendly amendment to add an S to allocate in the first whereas clause and to change within to on in the therefore be it resolved clause [accepted]; Dunne friendly 4th whereas clause to strike “as such” [accepted].
Roll call:
Boris: A vote of yes is to approve BRHR-11-12 a vote of no is to not approve BRHR-11-12.
Vote: 11 yes to 0 No [the resolution passes]
OPEN FORUM: None
SPECIAL ORDER SPEECHES:
Fritz: I didn’t have a chance to say this earlier, but when we appoint people we tend to just approve them. We need to ask questions. Now that the appointments are made we have to keep an eye on the programs. That is our job. Don’t hesitate to ever ask any questions because sometimes the governor or the president might not make the best recommendation for a position.
LEGISLATIVE REPORT:
Boris: 1st things first. I thank you all very much for being here. Clearly some of the people resigned within this week. This is the summer time and I was making the comment that sometimes a member say that I won’t go today and if there one or two of them think a certain way and I understand people have jobs and they need to get on top of people and then need to give them time and a lot of them needed to come out of the account and it is good I will get right on top of this seeds bill I have seen exceptions done in the past before I want to remind you all that all of the positions are open in the house if you want and I am going to have to email this and if you want to apply for any of them they are wide open and especially with ways and means, parliamentarian and secretary and even those of you have experienced people. We need new leadership, we lost a lot of experienced people so you have the ability to step up and there is money involved and it won’t be voluntary so for those of you that are motivated it is 10 hours a week. I do want to address what Ms. Fritz said. I was not going to go over those questions. I will be very clear I have expectations because we can’t wait until March and April to say that there is an issue. We cannot wait until April we have to be on top of it in September and October. We have to be on top of it from day one. We have to start now we have that ability. Everytime you see events and you don’t thinks something is good enough. They are all supposed to come once a month. I don’t like voting against appointment s, I would like to give them hell if they are not done correctly. Give them a chance. I agree that most of them have a lot of promise. I keep hearing that. The good thing is I go to Ryan for so much stuff and the fact that he is right next to me is so much easier.
*Motion to extend the speakers time by 1 minute by Montes; seconded by Phillips; Objections by Dunne 3 minutes [accepted]
Boris: The most important thing is I have to email after I update the new butchered list and I will need anyone who is interested in applying for the position. We will have to have you contact me by Wednesday at five and you can apply for multiple positions and we will have interviews Friday. They are 15 minutes they will include the pro-temp and myself. I will need people for the constitution revision committee there are changes that I need to see a lot of people that I wanted to appoint are in the GAC now and I really want to thank the people to move on and the people that are here will have to move up. And I think that she has had enough over there. Everything is wide open.
Questions:
Dunne: Are you aware that I might not be going to the committee meetings?
Boris: usually committee meetings are impossible but we won’t have committee meetings until the 17th.
Montes: how about that game last night? Huh?
Boris: a champion has to have killer instinct you can’t have a team by the neck up 6, 7, 8 points with a little bit left. I told my friends they are not just going to give us a trophy the heat will be champions by the end.
Varela: are you aware that I am going to purchase a Mavericks banner? Are you aware?
Boris: I am aware. Whatever man.
Dunne: Any committee positions besides the committee chairs?
Boris: There is Secretary and Parliamentarian.
Dunne: what does the parliamentarian do?
Boris: it is the person that is supposed to be the person that has any answer. They are supposed to be ready to answer any questions on procedures. And say no glasses and no hats. Nick Scalice is back there he knows all about it.
Grider: I am sure that it is very noble to have them resign. Do you feel that it is wrong to have them not have the ability to apply for a chair position so we could have the meeting?
Boris: Unfortunately they are not in my power. Today starting Monday I need to appoint the chairs by next week. I could delay it but I do not see why and we are going to have an in-house and I am upset because some of the people that resigned decided to not be here. They already were probably not going to get it. They did a good thing by resigning. And now you are going to come to me and say you want a higher position. It hurts them I think. We had a member that left early but she was here. They helped us have a meeting today but it is their problem.
Philips: Don’t you feel that if the people were resigning they probably would have known?
Boris: they probably would.
REMINDERS:
Next house meeting is the 10th of June 2011 at 3:30 PM in the senate chambers. Please find all of those people and tell them to come.
FINAL ROLL CALL:
*Absent: Arsolino, Becker, Cyrise, Gordon, Gorry, Joseph, Lupo, Ortiz, and Wu
ADJOURNMENT:
*Motion to adjourn by Montes; seconded by Varela; no objections
6:01PM