Florida Atlantic University
Student government
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Call to order at 3:37PM
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OATH OF OFFICE:
Boris: If you were elected in March or February I believe it was into the house. I know there are some of you here. Can you please come forward in the is area in front of us. At this time in accordance with the order of succession I do not see the president or the governor so I would like the chief justice, Nicholas Scalice to come forward. The chief justice will administer the oath of office. [Nicholas Scalice administers the oath to McCoy, Ortiz, Robinson, Rudnick, Smatrakaleva, and Sosa]

Boris: you may now all sit in the first four rows. Next week you will have nametags, so for now I will have to learn your names. There were eight elected members, we have just sworn in 6 our total count is now 28 so we need 15 for quorum.

ROLL CALL:


-POP: Grider 3:41pm

APPROVALS:
*approve minutes for March 4th, 2011 anastasi; massetti
*agenda anastasi; tepper

SPECIAL ORDER SPEECHES: None

OPEN FORUM:

Scalice: I wanted to just quickly mention two tings that are not part of my formal report. One is the focus group, we have flyers made up for the focus group thanks to Thias and thanks to boris it will take place this upcoming Wednesday, March 23rd at 12:30PM, right here in the student union in grand palm room. if you would like a copy of the flyer that was made up that will be posted around campus within the next few days i am going to leave them up front for you to take them and is that okay speaker bastidas?

Okay. Also we had sign up sheets made. If you can remember a long time ago we brought something similar to these sign up sheets in, but that was for the first focus group that didn’t end up happening, so if you would like to sign up to be here even if you can’t be there for the whole time starting at 12:30 just put what time you are available here and also if you are available to table in the breezeway, if you would like to stand and promote it two days prior to it on Monday March 21st from 10:30 until 1PM. There is a separate sign up sheet for that. So please, we could use as much help as you can provide, there will be free food there, it will be a great opportunity to get ideas for legislation and hopefully we will get a lot of involvement and participation. So I thank you and I yield.

Questions:

Capata: Where is it, in the grand palm room?

Scalice: It is going to be in Grand palm, which is across form coyotes jacks.

Rudnick: What is this focus group on?

Scalice: What is this focus group on. Well basically a long time ago, when I was still in the house we decided we were going to create a forum for students to express there concerns, their ideas, their grievances and things they would like to see student government do. It would give representatives a chance to meet people that elected them and it would create new ideas other than the usual parking, textbook affordability and food complaints. So it’s basically just an open forum to allow students to voice whatever concerns they have and its also very specific where they will meet their representatives, the representatives will take their information down and contact them every week or every other week with progress on that specific issue so they can actually see things getting done, it won’t just be a one time thing, where they think okay they’re listening and that’s it they are going to hear back from their representative with progress.

Montes: Tabling is on Monday from 10:30 to what time?

Scalice: Tabling is 1030 to 1. So that is 1030am until 1pm. If you can’t stay the entire time that is fine and the focus group is going to start at 12:30 until probably 1:30. That’s the one where we’ll have free food. It will be on Wednesday. The tabling in the breezeway is just to inform people about the event on Wednesday.

SPEAKER’S APPOINTMENTS:

Boris: I have to apologize again because the representative I wanted to appoint to be the academic lobbying liaison is not here today and I’ve still not made a decision, so without any objections I would like to strike the appointments so that they don’t reflect on the agenda and the next meeting they will be finished.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: None

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT: None

GOVERNOR’S REPORT: None

CHIEF JUSTICE’S REPORT:

Scalice: As you hopefully be aware the court did meet for the first formal hearing of 2011 yesterday at 230 pm in legislative workroom, room 213 to hear the case

2011.01, which was an appeal filed by Ayden Maher originally filed on March 1st 2011. Two weeks back to the week before spring break the court had a meeting to determine when we would have this meeting. So yesterday was the actual hearing where evidence was presented and all sides were heard. It was a very open process and it was attended by Mr. Maher and it was also attended by on the phone a representative from the elections board Nicole Matoss from the Treasure Coast Campus and the elections board had submitted a written statement because Mr. Levy the chair of the elections board was not able to attend it in person. Basically after some deliberation was clearly shown in the minutes that will be available later today under the SG website under the judicial branch heading you can download the minutes. The deliberation ended up with a decision to uphold the decision of the elections board, so we sided with the elections board. We did not instruct them that they had to hear any of the contestations that they had originally said they wouldn’t hear. So basically with that being said the process is now returned to the elections board and they can continue to hear the cases and the contestations they originally said they would hear. I know it seems a little confusing, but whenever there is a contestation of the elections board and it goes to the court the entire process is halted at the elections board level. So it is an automatic stay. So it has been lifted now that a decision has been made. So once again the decision was to uphold the decision of the elections board that were originally made of February 28th. So this will all be formalized in a written report and this will also be made public on the website and it will hopefully conclude the case 2011.01. Another petition a formal petition that is completely separate that just got to the court recently is 2011.02 and that is a formal petition filed by a student and more information on that will be available later tonight and also early next week. So other than that is the happenings of the court.

We are still looking for a student to fill the vacancy in treasure coast, so if anyone has a student in mind up there that is interested in being the associate justice, just let me know and with that I yield for questions.

Questions:

Lupo: will there be a runoff election for the sg president any time soon?

Scalice: the determination of whether we will have a runoff is going to be up to the elections board right now unless there is more appeals down the road, but as of right now the next step is to have the entire process go back to the elections board and continue their hearing process with the contestations that they will hear and it is all based upon the outcome of that, but we will see within the next two weeks whether or not there will be.

PROGRAM REPORTS:

Robert Huffman: COSO Director: how are you guys doing? So this past week we were working hard with the coso board to make allocations for next academic year and we finally came up with a number for each club from what we’ve been given from Jose Lezama. So we have finally come up with that. We are also working on expanding the clubhouse up to royal palm. We are trying to find how many work stations we should get in there we are thinking about 7 to 11 to give the clubs the space to work on events and things like that. We also came up with a date for the banquet, for the, it is called SOARS, Student Organizations Awards and Recognition and it is going to be on April 21st and it is going to be a little bit different than it has in the past, it is going to be more of a Grammy style, we are going to make it more entertaining for those that are in
attendance. The nominations are ready, so if you have any clubs or people in clubs that you would like to nominate for those awards then you can do so and they are on the website, fau.edu/sil if you guys have any questions.

Questions: None

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ADVISOR'S REPORT: None

*Motion to return to president’s report by Arsolino; seconded by Blouin; no objections

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Maher: sorry guys I was working on final details for FSA and I have no voice because I screamed a lot at the UM FAU game, in which we lost, but we had a nice bus load of students. We took the whole band the cheerleading team down there and 48 students out of 55 seats filled up. So it was a great event. I wanted to say that going forward with the last two months and with the monies remaining in both my account and also your house contingency account, I would like to thank speaker Bastidas because he has reached out to me and representative Varela for reaching out to me as well and also I hope to work with you guys in order to push joint projects together. The representative talked about doing student polling on an annual basis. And I think that is very important to gauge the student’s interest in certain issues. Then Boris has also talked to me on a number of projects that I have been currently working on in which it would be nice to have the house supplement my current ongoing projects to give you guys ownership on other projects as well and not just myself. If you have noticed the student union is starting to undergo renovations and this would be a project that we will pick up again next week. There will be a barber shop coming in May, I believe, and there will also be a full renovation of the flooring and we are also working on doing a renovation of the SG legislative workroom. We are going to be doing renovations. Our club house is coming together if you have noticed one of the rooms has now been deemed the club house. Speaker Bastidas and I have been working on a whole slew of issues that we hope to present to you at the next meeting in order for you guys to say that you have helped these ongoing renovations and to make sure that we don’t just spend $40,000 again on t-shirts or something, we have so much money left over and it doesn’t make any sense just to waste it. In terms of bicycle racks, I know the Chief Justice Scalice and I have been working with Shannon Clouts still and we are still working on, I had a meeting tentatively scheduled for the 21st, but I had to cancel on it due to the FSA trip, which if you guys would like to attend we are still taking names. We will be going up with FIU students as well. We have about 13 people confirmed right now and it will be a 55 person charter bus, so you will be able to stretch out if you would like to sleep on the way up there. And I think it is very important regardless of your political beliefs that we tell our state leaders that education is very important when it comes to the budgetary process because currently right now the governor wants to slash 304 million dollars from education and that’s just higher education. That doesn’t include secondary and postsecondary education as well as children for which he plans to cut 800 dollars per children last term as well. So we are looking at massive cuts and obviously we have a shortfall, but the one thing that shouldn’t be cut first is education. So if you would like to attend it’s a long trip. I believe speaker Bastidas will be there and I will be there the whole weekend. I have lunch with the governor as well on Tuesday hope to represent the interest of Florida Atlantic University at the state capital with all the other 10 universities in the state university system. We had a university wide senate meeting today, in which the university wide budget was passed. I would like to thank representative Dumas, she was absolutely instrumental and key to making sure that the Boca campus got everything it needed and she stayed on my butt to make sure that we got the budget passed in time so you guys could allocate it. I would also like to thank Senator Brown, who is also in attendance with us as well. With that being said there is a whole slew of projects that I am working on currently right now, my main one is the student union renovation, we just had the UM bus go down in which was a success and we are hoping to make sure that the Florida FSA trip rally in Tally is a successful trip as well. I would really like if you guys would like to come just let me know by 5pm today. We will be taking sign ups all the way until Monday at 5pm. The bus will leave at 11pm Monday evening; we will travel to the capital over night so you can sleep on the bus. Then we will have breakfast, there is an empowerment workshop series for student leaders, the rally itself and then there will be a reception with fellow student leaders on the capital and then we will do a capital tour grab dinner and then head home. You will be excused from class from a letter via student governor you can sleep on the bus. Then we will have breakfast, there is an empowerment workshop series for student leaders, the rally itself and then there will be a reception with fellow student leaders on the capital and then we will do a capital tour grab dinner and then head home. You will be excused from class from a letter via student governor you can sleep on the bus.

CHAIR REPORTS:
COC: Grider: We met with committee on committee everyone was there. Thanks guys. I think the only one that had quorum was Rules and Policies, but I am sure it will be different next week when we have all the new members and obviously if you can’t make it to your committee meetings talk to Boris. We had some absence appeals. I think we accepted them all so if you put one in, you are good.

Questions: None

-POP: Becker at 4:02PM

*POI: Capata: Was Grider admitted?

Boris: Can I get a motion. He didn’t vote, so it is not going to be that much of a problem. I apologize for that.

*Motion to admit all members by Montes; seconded by Arsolino

Rules and Policies: Phillips: we met today and we have a couple suggestions for the house. In regards to brhr1105, we basically agree with this resolution, there are just a few grammar errors, which we are going to fix today. When it comes to brhr1106 we are going to recommend to table this indefinitely and I’m going to let representative Anastasi talk about this. And lastly brhr1106 we would like to table this today and bring it up in the focus groups that we are hosting this week. I yield my time.

Ways and Means: No Report

Campus Actions: Arsolino: My committee hasn’t met in over a month so if you are in campus action and you can’t come to your committee please resign because the work that is done in the house is supposed to be discussed in the committee meetings, so if you can’t make the committee meetings there is no point in you being in here and I am not trying to be rude or call anybody out. But I am just saying for the sake of student government and for the sake of being more efficient. If you can’t make it it’s not your fault obviously you have other commitments that you have that you are a part of. So if you can’t commit time to student government just resign because it just delays a lot of our work. Cause it is hard to get everybody in approval of certain things if you are not there to discuss and then it just delays everything. Again we are here for the students and if you can’t commit that time then you don’t have to be a representative it’s voluntary so just resign if you can’t be here. Also like chief justice Scalise said earlier we are going to be tuning in Monday and having a focus group on Wednesday. We want as many representatives there as possible so then we can show our presence to students so that they know who is working for them and who their representatives are, so if you have any time throughout the times that we’ve allocated for those two days then you can show up and I would be really great and very appreciated. I yield my time for questions.

Questions:

Varela: I would like to.

*Point of Order: Blouin: Please stand up when you are speaking.

Varela: I would like to recognize the student body president.

Maher: Are you aware that the campus action committee is very important and that the university takes it very serious when a member of the campus action committee comes to them and tells them anywhere from there being a crack in the sidewalk to a leaky window. The campus action committee can get a lot of work done and it is a very important committee?

Arsolino: I am aware.

*Motion to admit all members by Montes; seconded by Philips at 4:06

-POP: Philips at 4:06

HOUSE FORUM:

Anastasi: I am here to speak about brhr1106 that is the one we have been talking about for two weeks now. So the criminal justice committee of Florida, house of representative and senate met and they don’t want concealed carry on campus so we are not going to try to bring it here. Obviously if our legislators that we voted in don’t want it and that was non-partisans so you should be proud of the Republicans for voting the way you guys wanted. So yeah, I want to just table that indefinitely, but I am going to bring back a bill with the last therefore be it resolved clause. I think that since the statutes don’t specify whether or not Activity and Service fees can be used for self defense training or gun related activities, they only say you can’t buy guns with them. So I’m still going to bring that back because for instance the criminal justice clubs who did request money for self defense training and were denied from it, so that they can get the opportunities to get self defense training. Also it was two girls that asked for the money so I think it is really important for girls to learn how to shoot and defend themselves. So we’ll bring that back and you guys can vote or debate and that will be exciting, but no concealed carry for now, maybe we’ll get some guns in cars if the state senate decides, but that’s all I have to say. I yield my time.

Questions:

Shane: Are you aware that there are already self defense training that FAU gives that are probably just as effective?

Anastasi: I am aware, but they specifically asked for NRA training. If the statutes intended to say that you can’t use guns at all that’s fine. I’m just looking for specifics.

Boris: I asked that my time be expedited. Old business Shannon Clouts facilities has not given us an amount for the bicycle parking racks. I know it is annoying seeing it in the agenda but we can purchase until June. We will make purchases in June if we need to. So with that in mind I want to be very clear that we can wait until that point waiting for it to be table and table, but there is a good reason for that. Also the more responsibility and accountability I support that 100%. I totally agree with Anastasi. I am glad because I know that it was bipartisan up there. I don’t know why it happened exactly but is important to realize that. Obviously in this case nothing is set in stone regardless of major. The library hours I have problems with that because they are outside of student affairs. I don’t think it is right for anyone to sit there and just shoot down another proposal. I hope those of you that are looking at this can back your point of view. I thought it was really funny because we passed a bill last year about recycling bins, and representative Dumas wrote the breezeway café still needs recycling bins. I thought it was funny; it is only $506 not that much.

Grider: Time expired

*Motion to extend the speakers time by 3 minutes by Anastasi; seconded by Dumas

Boris: I am pretty sure most of you know what SI it is a thing brought about through CLASS. I know it has been here for several years. They are asking students who received A’s. Those courses have the highest fail and drop rate, this program is to help with that. Back in 2008 the former governor’s chief of staff wrote a bill to promote SI. I was approached both by Angelica and one of my friends Mr. Casm. He is an SI leader. They will be here next week to speak about it. They want some stress balls. So I want the SI leaders to also. It is somewhat of a reasonable amount. They actually wanted us to fund. We will fund promotional items I told them we are not funding people we are funding students. I want the SI leaders to want this. They actually wanted us to fund two more people’s salaries, but I told them I don’t want to fund people’s salaries and I also told them this is a one shot deal if they want more money next year they have to go to campus budget. The last one, it is just under 10,000 for baseball fans, I think it is something we can chip in with. Cup holders are something at baseball games because there are lots of sunflower seeds around.

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Boris: if we spend x amount by May 15th and the treasurer says no I will just come back to the house and say it was at there discretion. I am more than willing to put it in someone else’s hands.

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Questions:

Capata: could you elaborate on the bill since we have new members

Grider: The first one is a line item and the second is a sheet with all the state university library hours in Florida. FAU our school has the shortest library hours of any state funded school in Florida. It is ridiculous. We have a 50% increase with innovation village. That is a resource that students need. The library is the best resource. I don’t see any reason why we should have the poorest library hours in the state. I spoke with Dr. William Miller he supports me 100%. Their money is tied up I have there budget form 2007 to 2011. They go down

Boris: Time has expired

*Motion to extend anastasi 5 minute; montes
Grider: and now here they are this year still with $8,400,000. They are saying let the Library do this, but they don’t have the money. They are getting cut, but we have money we have 170,000 to spend and we have 2 months to spend it. This money goes somewhere we don’t even know. Why not do something? We are here to procreate change for students, why do I want to go and we have to be kicked out at 6pm. Should I go to Hillel? No it is dirty, cramped, etc. Do I want to go home? That is why I wrote this bill to give resources that the students need. I think we should just pass it; I was kind of iffy when I came up. I will read it to you. I will read it to you “[read a letter from Miller]”. It can be done budgetary wise if anyone has that concern. The number of additional hours will, if you could offer us 40,000 we could stay open until 1 am. They have expressed their intention to do this.

*POI: Arsolino: how much money do we actually have?  

Boris: it is correct. When I did an estimate over spring break, I got in the area of 170,000  

Arsolino: don’t you think that it will better to wait and see how the students actually feel about it, it is a lot of money, but it is coming out of their bank account. And honestly, even if the library does get extended. Wouldn’t you rather wait until after next week to see what the students think about this? Are you aware?  

Grider: I would love to hear what the students have to say. It may it be a little bit redundant. I think a lot of students would benefit. Also about focus groups, there isn’t a likely chance that it actually represents our student population. Unless we have some statistics professor we won’t know if it is an accurate sample.  

*Motion to extend the speakers questioning time by 3 minutes by Arsolino; seconded by Rudnick  

Grider: You mentioned finals week, there is an average of about 133 students per hour late at night. I don’t know how they get these statistics, but let’s face it people study at night. I study all the time during the night. I just think it is redundant to ask the students.  

Anastasi: Are you aware I agree with you and I am also inspired by your passion for your bill?  

Grider: I am aware.  

Arsolino: you said in your email that they don’t know what their budget is?  

Grider: The director of the library guaranteeing he will make every available effort in the uncertainty of next year’s budget. He know as much as you know. What he is saying is he is giving us his word.  

Arsolino: I think everyone is in agreement that we want this but do you think it is we shouldn’t, as students, have to pay. We already pay for everything it shouldn’t be the students’ burden. Yes we all want the library to stay open longer, and the only way is to ask you to pay.  

Grider: Thais I think you are. This is something that we are doing to initiate change that will directly impact the students. This would be carried out and pick it up, we are giving it the initial push we are giving it the kick in the ass, so yeah I think the students want this.  

Blouin: Could you please read the statistics instead of blowing over them.  

Grider: November 19, 2010: It says patron count 314,737 and then it says 2pm. What I can understand is average per hour 135.5 on a Monday and the night is 267.  

Boris: Time has expired  

*Motion to close the floor by Capata; seconded by Anastasi  

Boris: for new members if you have to leave you have to raise your hand and say POP.  

Dumas: I would like to speak to speak about BRHR: uncertainty of next years budget” end quote and what. What Grider is failing to recognize last fiscal year we had an injection. Next year the house is only going to have $100,000 because uncertainty of next year’s budget applies to them and us. The difference with speaker Bastidas bills is it says it is a one shot deal. With this it isn’t a one shot deal. BRHR 1106 I also agree with representative Anastasi and the problem with written resolutions. The amendment that was made by Senator Evers, to take out the concealed carry that can always come back. That was the main difference between the Arizona bills because it was the law. BRhr1108 I would like this tabled, last legislative session it was passed unanimously  

Blouin: are you aware that I am glad you know all of these different things and you are willing to provide a different light on them?  

-POP: Blouin at 4:35pm  

Grider: are you aware when you say puts it on the back bus if student government passes it this year, it is great injustice, and even if fro some unseen reason the library can’t fund it later. To do this in the coming years even so if the fact that our budget is not what it is this year. Do you agree that we might want to use it for a very just person.  

Dumas; I think FAU should fund the library so students can us it for extra hours, but students should not have to pay. We are throwing money at a problem what about the next year and the year after that.  

Grider: are you aware that the goal is not to throwing money at a problem. This is just to initiate it originally because they don’t have the money this year.  

Dumas: It is throwing money at a problem if you had written a resolution, you can initiate change.  

Varela: right now we can’t foretell the future and no one is taking upon themselves, which include FAU. The first best option would be, but we should do the second best options. Don’t you think as students we should make it aware that this change should be made and if you are not going to do it we will.  

Dumas: Again we can do that with a resolution.  

Varela: Are you sure that it will spark some change?  

Dumas: I wouldn’t say immediate, but it could spark some change  

Grider: yes I agree that a resolution could make it known that the students want this, but are you also aware that it is impossible to have a change with the next fiscal year and there is no way of getting around that.  

Dumas: The University knew that innovation village was coming and there was an increase of admissions.  

Grider: Are you aware that the y might not have been ignorant of the students, but the needs students need.  

Dumas: That doesn’t make sense it goes hand in hand.  

*Motion to close to the floor by Arsolino; seconded by Anastasi  

Arsolino: I am only going to speak about the library ill. I just want to reiterate. I don’t think it is fair that the students have to pay. During finals week, which is when the time the library is most populated the university finds the money to keep the library open later, I think a better bill would be to get some new chairs, carpet or fix the temperature they University and the library. They somehow find the ability to keep the library open. I think that a better bill would be to get some better chairs, or carpets or better air control. I just think that putting 42,000 into the library to keep it open for a few extra hours. I don’t want to say that it is a waste of money, but I don’t think it is worth it. We already pay to park, for books, if that is the case than we should be making the decision for the things that go into the university if we are funding everything why don’t we allocate everything else.  

Rudnick: if you look here they are only open an hour more, people go to the library as a social thing. They are not there to study. To keep it open an extra hours may be unnecessary?  

Arsolino: I am now aware. I also want to say that I don’t agree with Griders bill, I do agree. That is essentially why we are all here. But I don’t think it is right that we as students have to pay if you think of university or any higher education facility I don’t think that we should be paying or it.  

Grider: You mentioned you don’t know where the library finds money to keep it open for finals. Student government keeps it open.  

Arsolino: I was not aware thank you.  

-POP: Becker at 4:44pm  

*POI: Capata: if the library was open. Do we really needed to have half the staff?  

Varela: I am speaking about the library bill. We are not here to entertain the status quo. The fact that we are already paying for finals. If no one is going to do something. This country has the opportunity to make change. If it is not work making library hours. If we limit access to student. If we are not going to the library any longer. We will allow the student to study. It is going to be closed there are going to be chairs with nobody sitting in there. We need the library open. We are making generalizations. This library we should have it open so that the student has the opportunity to utilize it. I am just saying that we should make it available. If we are going to let it go past us. Why do we want to wait? Come on step up.  

Arsolino: are you sure that we are all in agreeance? Do you really think that it is fair to go to the library?  

Varela: I am aware of what we are arguing about. Someone took it upon themselves to.  

-POP: Ortiz at 4:49pm
Capata: I just have like two things to say. I don't really care what we do. One thing that nobody said is we think about the typical students, but think about the atypical students. I have a lot of friends who work at night and sleep during the day they need a place to study at night because they sleep during the day and that is the only chance they have to study and I think they should be considered too. You know the person who has a night job, sleeps during the day and that is the only time they have to study at 3 o'clock because their days are reverse. Maybe we could write in this bill or rewrite it, let's put it in this is the year. Let's try it. It's not losing, but we are spending. It is worth a try. You can't say something's not going to work without trying. Try a semester if the semester doesn't really work then don't do it, put in the bill we are not going to do it anymore. The library cannot come to use and ask us for more money. We should try something see if it works. If students are jumping on this we can say you should finish what Ball started this. FAU started it we were the one that came up with it and all of these students are happy. That's all I have to say.

Questions: None

VETOED BUSINESS: None

TABLED BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

BRHB-11-02 "We Need More Bicycle Parking Racks"
*Motion to send to all committees by Massetti; seconded by Tepper
BRHR-11-05 "Moral Responsibility and Accountability"
*Motion to approve by Blouin; seconded by Arsolino; objection by Blouin
Blouin: I would like to let it be heard at the focus group.

BRHB1106: EXTEND LIBRARY HOURS
*Motion to approve by Varela; seconded by Montes; Massetti objects
Boris: roll call or pro-con?

Massetti: roll call
*Motion to admit all members by Tepper; seconded by Montes at 5:00pm
Motion fails.

*Motion to table indefinitely by Massetti; seconded by Arsolino; objection by Blouin
Blouin: I would like to let it be heard at the focus group.

*Motion to approve by Varela; seconded by Montes; Massetti objects
Boris: roll call or pro-con?

Massetti: roll call
*Motion to table indefinitely by Massetti; seconded by Arsolino; objection by Blouin

Boris: Without any objections I move to admit all members. A vote of yes is approve BRHR-11-05 and a vote of no is to not approve BRHR-11-05.

Vote: 18yes and 0 No's: BRHR-11-05 passes.

BRHB1106: EXTEND LIBRARY HOURS
*Motion to approve by Varela; seconded by Montes; Massetti objects
Boris: roll call or pro-con?

Massetti: roll call
*Motion to table indefinitely by Massetti; seconded by Arsolino; objection by Blouin

Blouin: I would like to let it be heard at the focus group.

^POI: Capata: could you just let them know what table indefinitely means?

Boris: It means to get rid of to send it away to not come back until rewritten.

^POI: Massetti: even if we kill it we could still talk about it at the focus group?

Boris: yes it is to table indefinitely and no is to not table indefinitely.

Capata: how many students are in this school?

Boris: 28,000

^POI: Dumas would probably have to kill it anyway.

11N -8 yes.

*Motion to table until next week capata; seconded by Varela

Vote of yes is to table

BRhb1106 tabled until next week

NEW BUSINESS:

BRHB1108 breezeway café still needs recycling bins
*Motion to approve by Anastasi; seconded by Blouin

Bill passes

BRhb1109

*Motion to send to all committees by massetti; seconded by Tepper

Sent to all committees

BRhb1110

^POI: massetti: the agenda has it mixed.

Boris: we just sent Promote academic achievement to all committees, now we are on the baseballs.

*Motion to approve by Anastasi; seconded by Rudnick; Massetti objects.

Pro-con it is a precedent in the house

Shane: there is a really specific line item. So if you take a second to look at it we could pass it right now.

Capata: I think we should pass it. They did the research it is pretty cheap.

^POI: Varela: He brought up precedent, we did vote on something that had money. I think it is a great idea.

Massetti: What I meant is we already did this recycling bill once. So we already did this. I think we should still look at it, it is precedent.

Anastasi: Since no one comes to committee.

Boris: Vote on whether we should approve brhb1110 "baseball cup holder’s bill.” A vote of Yes it to agree to vote today and no is not.

The motion passes so we can vote on it. (14 yes and 5 no)

BRHB1110 “CUP HOLDERS BILL”

Varela: if we don't approve it, we can table it.

Boris: No it is failed.

BRhb1110 passes.

OPEN FORUM:

Jon Waller: sorry I missed my allotted time to speak I was running around solving problems. First of all I want to thank the house for passing the bill two weeks ago for a new golf cart. It was very much needed. I was kind of surprised with the expediency of it concerned with the expediency of it it's greatly appreciated because the sooner I can start the process, not only the normal budget, but the new golf cart purchase loop as well, I'll be able to go by fall of classes. Now I'm here because next week I will have a new bill, hopefully it will be on the agenda by next Friday to purchase another golf cart. The plan was to buy this extra golf cart once the budget for the new fiscal year starts, the reason why I'm going to ask for it now is, one because I understand there is some extra money and number two the sooner I can get it, the surer I can be about being ready by the time classes start. Additionally, looking back at the budget requests for next year, I wish I would have had one more positions to do dispatch, so if I get another golf cart
through the house for this semester I can use the money originally expected for the golf cart to be used to do a new position for dispatch. We’re going to have seven carts going every night, I am going to need another dispatcher in order to keep everything organized and efficient to keep up with the demand like we have been. I am just saying this to give you a heads up. I am willing to answer any questions today. I will be here next week to answer any questions you have then and hopefully the bill will be on the agenda. I yield.

Questions:

Grider: you guys stress me out. So after this I am going to coyote jacks to grab a beer, somebody come with me. Then I am heading to the cove. I have two tests next week, I informed, so thank you.

Capata: Are you aware I think you’re doing a great, great job?

Waller: Thank you.

Owens: Hey guys. Real quick the treasurer had to run out, but he had some comments about some questions that you had before asked before. Someone asked why there was some much money in the contingency account every year? The contingency account is required for emergencies and it is required that we put at least 10% of the total campus budget into the contingency account. We had about 1 million this year, that is why is was $100,000 into that. The extra $75,000 comes from injected A&S fees which we probably won’t get again like somebody else said. Also he said that the university budget office determines the end of the fiscal year and it is not the same for the end of the fiscal year purchases, which is not the same as the end of the fiscal year June 30th. The end of the fiscal year is for payments not purchases and I will try to answer any questions you have but you should probably just talk to him about anything else about the budget.

Questions: None

Leandro Guimaraes: I was a former representative. I just wan tot talk about he library bill. I think that it should be part of our responsibility. It is good to have more hours but I think it should be an FAU, university responsibility to carry on. If you open to the library other departments might want to stay open longer, so you got to keep that in mind that you might open the door to other departments to ask for money and also representative Rebecca Para [Capata] said that we might try to keep it open at night, but I just think that it is a lot of money to try something that you should not do. Trial and error. You should try it create a decision and go for it. That is all I had to say thank you.

Questions: None

Scalice: I just wanted to remind everyone once again about the sign in sheets. If you can please help out on Monday, March 21st we will be tabling in the breezeway and help out on Wednesday, March 23rd for the focus groups. We will be talking about the library hours since it is an important issue and also one other note on a piece of information that is pending. The bike racks; I spoke with the director of space utilization Shannon Clouts yesterday and she did say that there was a slight set back with a contract to try and get a price quote. She said she will have a quote early next week, so I’m thinking Monday or Tuesday. At that time I will schedule a meeting with Director Clouts once again to determine how much will be spent by them and be spent by SG and where it will come from. So we’ll know more by the middle of next week. So don’t forget to sign up for the focus groups. Thank you.

Questions: None

SPECIAL ORDER SPEECHES:

Boris: this is for non business related items, if I hear one person say one word about a library, I promise I will ask you to sit down.

Anastasi: We’ll all be going to the library after this. The college republicans has a meeting Thursday the 24th, so that’s this Thursday. At 6:30 in the grand palm room if you guys want to come, we will have two guest speakers. Our first guest speaker is Michelle Anchorage, she was on the Ally West campaign 2012 and she is looking for some positions, so you can come and hear her speak and then maybe if any of you guys want to work for the good Colonel. She’ll tell you about that. Then Joe Kaufman, he is chairman for Americans against hate, a pro-israel organization and he’ll speak to you about various issues, you know with American-Israel relations. Also I am going to say something. I am going to have to talk to other people about this, back to the Activity and Service fee this. Since there is surplus money, the way I look at things when there is a surplus from taxpayers too much people should lower taxes, so if there is a surplus of this maybe we should try to lower Activity and Service fees, but that’s just the way I look at it.

So I don’t know if we could refund A&S fees back to the students but or credit them. This is why I don’t know how this is going to work. I am going to try and figure out something like that because I am just a big fiscal conservative. That’s all. See you all at the library.

Tepper: I am going got make this pretty quick. If you guys were here before spring break I was appointed as the health liaison and I just wanted to give you a quick update. I met with the director of health services Cathy Wallace this week as well as the director of PET Angela Morman and so far there is nothing urgent to report on, but I will be attending weekly meetings with them so I can keep up to date with anything health related going on at FAU and I will be meeting with the speaker as well to keep you all informed, thank you.

Massetti: I just want to reiterate the importance of rally in Tally that the President was talking about. I am going, Ella Tepper is going, and I think Boris Bastidas, the speaker is going, I’m not sure, but if you guys would like to get a group together from the house to represent the house just talk to me and Ella. I urge everyone to go. Grider: you guys stress me out. So after this I am going to coyote jacks to grab a beer, somebody come with me. Then I am heading to the cove. I have two tests next week, I was going to study but the library closed at 6pm.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT:

Boris: I hate to say this but I am going to talk about the library. Here is what I think should happen there should be a resolution written and I am willing to work with Grider or anyone else who is willing to work on it. Let’s write a resolution that says students all over are upset about the hours. Let’s shoe them all the graphs the statistics he is showing us and compare. They know the facts they know that we are behind. Let’s make a big push, however in my personal opinion we should not pay one dollar to keep something that should be there for us already, which we’ve heard before, two, the library isn’t under the division of student affairs. And that sounds like nothing, but it’s a big deal. I don’t want to go through all of these efforts and Dr. Brown just approve it and furthermore again when you get into departments, then the issue is as former reps said they are going to come to us now and ask for this. I don’t think we should give a dime to them until we first look at the renovation. Are there enough computers in there? The situation with the temperature, the situation with new carpeting, are the scanners up to date? Are all the printers up to date? All of that stuff should be dealt with first before we just keep it open longer. So that is my personal opinion. So I don’t know what is going to happen to this bill because it wasn’t tabled indefinitely, but that is my thoughts looking forward and my view on the money situation. Again I don’t know if you guys have heard of the word stimulus, it is kind of a toxic word in politics, but the way it works is this: In 2008 there was a stimulus passed by the congress and everyone got a check in the mail. I remember because that was the first check I ever got in the mail for anything and it was just a higher refund than usual when you paid your taxes. So someone like me just took that check and went to burger king all the time, right?

Thinking I got extra money this year, so yippee, but before you knew it, it was gone. Then in 2009 congress passed another stimulus, in which state budgets were given a set amount of money so they could deal with the budget shortfalls they had, but when the stimulus dried up they went back to the federal government saying well now we can’t pay for our teachers anymore. Well those states were kind of irresponsible they saw an extra amount of money and they said to themselves now we’re covered now for a year. The only reason we have this money is because of the increase. Next year our budget will be a $100,000 flat. So this is just an issue since the fee went up, we can’t give it back, and we don’t decide where A&S fees go. If you want to talk to someone about A&S fees going up then you might want to talk to the Student Body President, he was on the board of trustees, the BOT voted on whether they should raise A&S fees and as I recall it was an unanimous decision by the entire BOT. So if you want to talk to someone about A&S fees talk to him. So that’s just somethin’ to through out there. How much time do I have left?

Grider: Your done you’re expired. The speaker’s time has expired I need a motion.

*Motion to extend the speakers time by 3 minutes by Tepper; seconded by Massetti; no objections

Boris: but you know again I don’t like just shotting down anyone’s idea without first proposing their own. As Ayden mention I have been meeting with him and other departments on a variety of ideas. First of all stress week I have let the GAC know that whatever they are purchasing for stress week, the giveaways that we will double up on them, so if they’re getting 1000 shirts and 500 plush toys, we’ll get the same amount so that way there will be double giveaways given out at stress week this year. We want to have a big event, representative Capata I got that idea from her, to do an event similar to those get rec’d events at the pool that will be for stress week. We are looking at making it its own event or maybe a joint event with program board that would just be moved over to the pool. So it would be a program board event along with stress week and I would love to get towels to give to students at the stress week. Also we could do anything for giveaways. Also I want to get new computers for the legislative workroom, the computers in there are old they are not dependable most of the time, as well as other offices in SG as well as the programs, night owls might need new computers. Let’s give it to them now because in a few years we are going to need new computers, so let’s do it when we have the extra money, whereas in the future we
would have to cut from something. Also I would like to do some commemoration stuff to honor some of our programs and thank you’s and that type of stuff. I am going to get involved with a couple programs involved with the stadium. Students can buy bricks from the stadium. So I want to get something cool that says SG on it and stuff like that so if any of you are interested I would strongly recommend getting a brick with your name on it, it’s really cool, I know I will. So that is something to look at, also there is a big statue being built, we could put money at the statue, stuff like that, not a lot of money we are looking at about $5,000 from the projects here. Then the union renovations I’ve agreed with Ayden that I am willing to fund the pool the table pool table is really old so I want a new pool table and instead of being green or red it will be red and blue and will say funded by the house. Also I want a new directory. I want to get a new directory for the union, some people still get confused sometimes on where the senate chambers are and where live oak is that is something that we could fund. Also in the baby blue hall, it’s so weird I hate that hallway now, but sorry for the people who did it, but um there are huge lettering that says university presidents. I want to put that lettering above all the other offices. I want it to say in big letter Greek life in big letters SIL, in huge letters Student Government. I want them to be all over the top floor. Right now when you walk in you see on the glass a little tiny thing that says student media. That is something to look at, so those are the renovations I am looking at. Also I want to do a huge project with housing. Since housing is expanding...

Grider: Time has expired. I will need a motion to extend the speakers time.

*Motion to extend the speakers time by 2 minutes by Tepper; seconded by Rudnick; no objections*

Boris: sorry, but I just wanted to tell you about the projects we’ve been talking about. I was thinking of doing a huge project with housing. The housing marketing project or whatever. I was thinking of doing something where, since housing is expanding so much with innovation village and so on and this is 2011 the 50th anniversary of FAU as well and that is all going in conjunction with the building of the stadium. I would love to fund for the residents in the fall that every resident in their mailbox will get a flyer about student government, just as a way of reaching out to them. Reminding them about the things we can do and maybe talk about the fall elections and maybe get more people to run for the house and also I want every resident when they arrive to get a t-shirt and I want it to say FAU, students on campus or something that housing can give just to resident students and it would say funded by the Boca house then I think that we have all of these extra funds and instead of have students that live in the towers have to walk all the way over here to get scantrons let’s give them a years worth of scantrons and put it in all of the dorm buildings. If I live on the 6th floor of GPT, I can walk down to the lobby and get the same type of scantrons that I can get in the SG office right there and those scantrons will also be paid by student government. That is something to look at, also housing needs new computers as well, all the community councils and RA’s, all of the people in housing. They are all using really old equipment and they are putting together programs and what not. Let’s get them a new printer if they need it, computers, what not, it’s not a lot of stuff, but it will help with the students living in housing. That would be a big project obviously. I also want to get for orientation, their orientation orientation, I want to get them some t-shirts too. They have 7 orientations with 250 students each, so that is some more giveaways. We do giveaways all the time so there is nothing wrong with doing more giveaways, rather than us giving our stuff out, they will give it out to students that are involved in those specific programs, so these are all the ideas that I am looking at, another idea is to take some pressure off of Owl Radio. Owl Radio is a radio station, yet they seem like an equipment store because clubs and programs are always going to owl radio for sound equipment for events. I want to give some sound equipment to housing, orientation, maybe to Greek life, each department now can have their own sound equipment, so that way they don’t need to be going to owl radio all the time for sound equipment and owl radio can be a radio station and not just an equipment supplier office. So that is something to look at. I am looking at all of those ideas, there are many more to come. One more thing considering the cuts...

Grider: Time has expired. We will need a motion to extend the speakers time.

*Motion to extend the speakers time by 1 minute by Massetti; seconded by Lupo*

Boris: One service that students take for granted. I hope you guys can be mature when I’m talking about this. As you know there are certain conveniences that you can find on the second floor of the breezeway. There is a problem with some of those, with that budget. It might be cut. There is an effort to cut a lot of the today and beyond wellness so that some of the things they provide, some of the giveaways they provide for free will no longer be there. So I think that is something to look at as well. Again with each of these programs I am going to make it very clear if that program wants money in the future they have to come to campus budget. This is a one shot thing because of the extra money we had. Also for new members I will be contacting you all about committees, I will be updating the committee list and next week is going to be very long, be ready we are going to in house 13 people.

Questions:

Grider: I would like to recognize former representative ciocuo in the back.

Ciocuo: So will we be in housing the way we did last semester.

Boris: Yes, that means if I have 25 representatives and there are 13 seats, we are going to have to vote 25 times. You can vote yes a minimum of 13 times because there is only 13 seats. So that is the way I am doing it because it was completely illegal the way it was done before. I want to try to follow the statutes to the best of my ability before anyone files another petition

Capata: you mean a maximum of 13 votes?

Boris: You can vote 13 times, I’m saying 13 right now, but it could be 12. I have to look at the most recent number of representatives.

Grider: you said that you want to fund housing for about 3 different times; are they an entity under student government?

Boris: No, but they are under student affairs. Jill Eckhardt answers to Dr. Brown. No offense but the guy you are talking about does not answer to Dr. Brown and that kind of bothers me because when we are throwing money at something in housing orientation or something it is easy for us to go to the student affairs people and say can you make sure that they are spending that money the way they are supposed to. He has no say, Terry Mena has no say at making sure anything in the library is being spent correctly. Once they’ve got that money. I want to say I trust them, but we have no way of holding them accountable once it’s in their pocket

Grider: Boris are you really suggesting that they wouldn’t send it appropriately when they have given us written, signed documentation?

Boris: Yes, I said it in the minutes

Grider: Questioning time has expired are there any motions

REMINDEERS:

Boris: the next house meeting is on the 25th of March, 2011, next week at 330pm here again, we will be in-housing it is going to be a long process.

FINAL ROLL CALL:

*Absent: Alincy, Berichi, Hasan, Phillips, Pollock, Wu, McCoy and Ortiz.*

ADJOURNMENT:

*Motion to adjourn by Montes; seconded Anastasi

Adjourned at 5:45pm