Florida Atlantic University
Student Government
Boca Raton House of Representatives
6th Legislative Session
May 25th, 2012
Call order 3:43 pm
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call:

APPROVALS:

• Motion to approve April 20th, 2012 minutes by Rosario, seconded by Montes
• Motion to approve May 25th, 2012 agenda by Rosario, seconded by Broudy

SPECIAL ORDER SPEECHES:

Boris: When the semester ended Mr. Eric Lupo graduated, good for him that gives us a lack of a pro-tempore we will now have a pro-tempore election. The rules on this go as follows I will open the floor for nominations this is all my nominations. In order to be pro-tempore you must have served in the house for one semester, if we nominate one or two people we will vote today, but if there are more than two people than I will have to pick the two best candidates out of those three or four.

• I nominate Broudy by Pronman, seconded by McCoy
• I nominate Rosario by Gujarro, seconded by Fleming

Boris: Any more nominations, seeing none I now close the floor for nominations

Broudy: Representative Broudy for the record I have now been in the house for a year now, since the fall of last year. I'm excited to be here for the summer. I know there's not many of us, but it's nice to see some of you here still, since it’s empty. I thought about running for pro-tempore during the spring semester over the fall I was getting my feet and I hadn't thought much about it, but then the spring semester came and I realized there were a lot of things I thought needed to change not just outside of the outside of house but internally as well. The speaker pro-tempore should be the right hand man of the speaker to help him/her deal with internal things and I feel the pro-tempore should support them. I'm willing to be at all the committee on committee meetings and I realized that people weren't showing up to meetings and I think that's a big issue so attendance is something that I'd like to enforce so the people that really want to be here are here. We need to open up in communication and I think we should all be talking especially when a bill is brought to the house. I think I'm a leader and I want to make the house better. We seat next to people that we never talk to all semester and that's something I'd really like to work on. I'd really like to be your Pro-tempore. I'm reliable and responsible and I think I can do a great job in this position.

Boris: Questions, seeing none
Rosario: Hi the twelve or thirteen of us that are here. My name is Alexandra Rosario, I've been in the house since last June or early July, in the year that I've been year I was appointed the vice-chair of the Ways and Means committee. I've worked with multiple programs I've been able to understand where the campus action chair comes from. I've worked extensively with COSO and MP and the treasurer in some occasions and all those experiences have given me the experience I need for this position and what the house needs. Within the house there are a lot of people that care, but there are also the people that may care, but they don't show it because they haven't had the opportunity to shine the way that they want to or that they'd like to. Like Broudy said we need to start working together before a house meeting about the bills and concerns, especially in committees because people don't see the benefit of attending those meetings if I'm elected as pro-tempore I'd like to encourage the function of each committee and how it benefits students, because there's a big communication issue with the house and the committees it's like there two different sectors, when in fact it should all be one.

Pronman: How would you rate yourself as Vice-chair

Rosario: I'd say an eight or a nine and not a ten because there is always room for improvement

Boris: You vote either Yes or No. You can't vote yes twice or no twice. We will now go to a roll call to either elect or not elect representative Broudy as Pro-tempore.

Roll call: Broudy as pro-tempore

Boris: We will now go to a roll call to either elect or not elect representative Rosario as Pro-tempore

Roll call: Rosario as pro-tempore

Boris: With a vote of 7 yes representative Broudy is the new Pro-tempore

Boris: CRC there is one person that wants to be on it so I'd like to appoint representative Rosario can I get a motion

- Motion to appoint representative Rosario to the CRC by Montes, seconded by Fleming

Boris: I'd like to appoint representative Cyrise to the CRC as well can I get a motion

- Motion to appoint representative Cyrise to the CRC by Montes, seconded by Wimberly

Boris: Is there anybody else that's interested in being part of the CRC, if not then I'm going to appoint by self by next week.

SPECIAL ORDER SPEECHES: None

OPEN FORUM: None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Huffman: Hello Good afternoon Robert Huffman for the record. I'd like to thank you all for your dedication for showing up in the summer. Our sg retreat we spent the weekend at Jupiter we talked about our summer goals and the first one is to raise awareness of sg and the function of sg. I think it's important to let students realize what we do and what they can actually do. By June the 1st CRC meeting will be held. We also want to extreme communication and have executive give a report on what they're planning every other week. We also want to plan our budget in time order to know where our money we be going. We also want to initiate our lobbying committee such issues involve tuition and different things that you feel are important to students. We hired our staff and I'm very confident in our staff. Something's I'd want to do is renew our website because it looks outdated and old maybe we can make it more flashy and that way more students would look at it. I'd want to get a red box in the union for all the people that live in the dorms. One thing that I want is a safe bus because I want to make sure students are safe I'd like a bus that takes students from campus to Downtown Mizner during the weekend other universities have this service and it would really benefit students a lot. This really shouldn't be that expensive. We had a CITF fund meeting last Friday in which we met and talked about where those funds would be going and so we decided three projects. The meeting consisted of each governor, president, and vice-president of each campus. We discussed three projects the student union renovation and expansion as well as the breezeway
renovation and the Jupiter rec field lights. We elected an FSA chair we really want it to have a purpose and make it more productive.

- Motion to extend speaker’s time by two minutes by Rosario, seconded by Mahoney

Huffman: I had BOT orientation last week Monday, since I’m am trustee now. We had our first meeting yesterday in the Jupiter campus. The meeting was two hours long we talked three fee increases the three were A and S fee increases, Athletic fee increases, and housing fee increases, which were all approved by student committees and were sent to the board and were all approved.

Boris: Questions, seeing none

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

April Turner: Happy Friday everyone April Turner for the record I’ve been in your seat so I know what it’s like and we appreciate all your hard work and your all welcome to my office. I’d like to get to know you all and we have cool things in the office like tank tops and bracelets. Today you’ll be asked to vote on a senator so I hope that’s done today so we can be productive. We want to go back to campus rotation and I look forward to working with you all.

Boris: Questions , none

GOVERNOR’S REPORT:

Ella Tepper: Welcome back everyone it’s interview time because there are 11 positions I am required to hire and appoint and so you’ll see the GAC build up as the weeks go by and I ‘m really excited to work with all the governors. I’m happy to see you guys have quorum that’s awesome I’m really looking forward to getting to know you all and I’m really looking forward to this year.

Boris: Questions, seeing none

GOVERNOR’S APPOINTMENTS:

Tepper: First off is my chief of staff I’ve selected Vanessa Torrez when she interviewed with me she was radiant with excitement. She has worked with Palm Beach state’s student government. She has been so enthusiastic and I’m looking to a great year with her, so Vanessa if you can please come down.

Vanessa Torrez: This is my first sg meeting and it’s pretty intimidating so take it easy on me I’m really glad. I was on Palm Beach state student government I was on the e-board and served as secretary and if you need anything you can contact me.

Boris: We will now go to a roll call to approve Vanessa Torrez as chief of staff

Roll call: Passes

Tepper: The next position is the campus treasurer I selected Kyle Kenney. He has worked with aluminum department and when he interviewed he really showed me that he interested in this position and advocating for the students as well as following proper procedures, which is so important for this position.

Kyle Kenney: My name is Kyle Kenney and I’m really excited to have this position and work.

Boris: We will now go to a roll call to approve Kyle Kenney as campus treasurer

Roll call: Passes

Ella Tepper: I have chosen Josh as the new COSO director.

Josh: I came here for the Tortuga trail and I have been more involved and I hope to work more directly with students.
Boris: Questions for Josh

Montes: What new ideas do you have to improve student government and COSO?

Josh: Promotion is my big goal and get them to attend student events and I’d like to get a student government flag to make students aware of student government.

Boris: We will now go to a roll call to approve Josh as COSO Director

Roll call: Passes

Boris: Congratulations you are now COSO director

Tepper: The next position does not fall in the GAC, but I am required to appoint someone for this position, so I’d like to introduce Isadore Sadore as Boca senator and I know she will be a great advocate for students and she will do a phenomenal in this job.

Sador: My name is Isadore Sadore I had the opportunity to work as chair of election commissioner at the Broward campus. It was a very exciting time and I’d like to inform students more about student government. I’ve been at FAU, since 2004 and I’m currently working on a Masters in public administration and I look forward to serving the student body.

Broudy: How will you try to improve communication between the senate and the house?

Isadore: I will use my personal skills to get rid of that gap between the house and the senate.

Boris: We will now go to a roll call to approve Isadore as Boca Senator

Roll call: passes

Boris: Congratulations you are now the Senator of the FAU Boca campus.

CHIEF JUSTICE’S REPORT:

Scalice: I don’t have news about the court, since we haven’t had any new court cases and our purpose is to pursue equality and justice among the student body. I’d like to congratulate all the new appointed individuals and welcome you all. I just to remind you that the document archive is running pretty, basically any legislation that was ever approved is on the website for anyone to see.

Pronman; Didn’t we have a court case this year

Scalice: The last case was in March of last year, but we are here if you need us any student can bring a case to the court.

PROGRAM REPORTS: none

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ADVISOR’S REPORT: none

STUDENT GOVERNMENT COORDINATOR’S REPORT:

Burdman: Hi everybody I’m the coordinator for student government call me, send me an e-mail the bon fire is August 23rd we’re planning it. If you ever have done volunteer work come to my office. I know Ella has a lot of plans for welcome week as well.

IN HOUSE ELECTIONS:

Boris: Last time we tabled some people that we not here so if we vote for someone and they’re not here they won’t affect quorum because they weren’t sworn in. First off is Michael Cepeda
Hi everyone my name is Michael Cepeda and I’m currently a sophomore here and it all goes back to high school. In high school all my friends were involved in student government and so I don’t want to regret not joining sg like I did in high school. Thank you for your time.

Boris: Questions, seeing none. Is there a Ciara Clarke... nope. Is there a Noor Fawzy

Noor: My name is Noor Fawzy, I’m a fourth year polic- sci major during my time here I have excelled in my academic studies. I’ve served as an SI leader for several math courses and I’m currently the president of Students for Justice in Palestine and this fall I will be serving as secretary for college democrats. I look forward to working with you all and I hope to make this campus more comfortable and better for the students.

Questions, seeing none. Is there a Steven Foot... nope. Is there an Elana Kashti?

Elana Kashti: My name is Elana Kashti and I’m pretty involved here at FAU. This is my second time at FAU I’m involved with Hallel and a fraternity and I look forward to working with student government.

Adriel Loschak: I’m a grad student for the accounting department and I talked to April last week on how I could get involved and she said the house would be great way to get involved. I work during the weekends so I have all week for student government and help in whatever I can. Thank you.

Boris: Questions, seeing none. Is Mr. Nicotra here... no. Is there a Richard Schwartz in the house?

Richard Schwartz: Hello everyone my name is Richard Schwartz. I was previously in honors program and it’s fascinating for me to see a more powerful and well budgeted student government, since the last school I was at had a small student government. I’m a computer science major and I fix people’s computers and create websites. Go owls!

Boris: Questions

Dunne: What are you looking to do while in student government campus?

Richard Schwartz: I don’t see self-serving for my benefit, but for the benefit of others. I think it’s very important for FAU to have a student government because everyone has a big say and that all definitely makes a significant change and I’m here to contribute to that change and I can recognize it and appreciate.

Boris: Questions, seeing none. Mr. Toledo please come up.

Edwin Toledo: Hi my name is Edwin Toledo I’m a junior studying Business Management and I would like an opportunity to be involved in the university and this looks like a great opportunity. I am dedicated and committed. I am currently working and I want to have a say in my university keep it short and sweet.

POP: Cyrise

Boris: We will now go to a roll call to approve Michael Cepeda as a house representative. A vote of yes is to approve Mr. Cepeda as a house rep. and a vote of no is not to approve Mr. Cepeda as a house rep.

Roll call: passes

Boris: Ciara Clark is not here

• Motion to move Ciara Clark to the next meeting by Rosario, seconded by Dunne

POP: Pronman

• Motion to amend all members by Montes, seconded by Kruempel

Boris: We will now go to a roll call to either approve or not approve Ms. Fawzy as a house rep.
Roll call: passes

Boris: Steven foot was not here

- Motion to table Mr. Foot to the next meeting by Rosario, seconded by Mahoney

Boris: We will now go to a roll call to either approve or not approve Elana Kashti as a house rep.

Roll call: Passes

- Motion to amend all members by Montes, seconded by Mahoney

Boris: We will now go to a roll call to either approve or not approve Adreil Loschak as a house rep.

Roll call: Passes

Boris: Mr. Nicotra was not here.

- Motion to table Mr. Nicotra to the next meeting by Rosario, seconded by Wimberly.

Boris: We will now be voting on Mr. Shawartz as a representative

Roll call: Passes

Boris: We will now be voting on Mr. Toledo. A vote of yes is to approve Mr. Toledo as a representative and a vote of no is not to approve Mr. Toledo as a house rep.

Boris: If you were just voted on please come to the front to do the oath of office

Oath of office: Huffman

Boris: you can now sit in the first four rows

CHAIR REPORTS:

Committee on Committee: No report

Ways and Means: No report

HOUSE FORUM:

Boris: BRHB12-12 “Musical production of Sweeney Todd” was vetoed by the previous governor. Because there were a lot of issue with the quotes. Our account closes June 30th and opens up again in July. And the governor vetoed this to give you the option of either giving them the money in parts because it’s complicated.

Broudy: Questions

Pronaman: will the $6,000 come from our account or next year’s account?

Boris: the remaining $6,000 will stay in our reserve account

POP: Kruemple

Broudy: Isn’t our budget for next year going to be less?

Boris: our budget was approximately around $100,000 , but next year we will only receive approximately $64,000

Pronman: I think this bill regarding the reform on the constitution should be killed
Mustang: Why do you think that?

Pronman: Because not a lot of students know what they will be voting on

VETOED BUSINESS: BRHB-12-12 "Musical Production of Sweeney Todd"

• Motion to approve BRHB-12-12 by Pronman, seconded by Mahoney

TABLED BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: BRHB-12-13 "Duties and Powers of the Student Body President"

• Motion to approve BRHB-12-13 by Montes, seconded by Guijarro

Boris: We will now go to a roll call to vote on BRHB-12-13. A vote yes is to approve BRHB-12-13 and a vote of no is to not approve BRHB-12-13.

Roll call: fails

• Move to amend all members by Dunne, seconded by Wimberly

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

OPEN FORUM: None

SPECIAL ORDER SPEECHES: None

LEGISLATIVE REPORT:

Boris: I want to welcome the new members, passing does not mean that you don’t have to vote. You will be voting yes or no on everything, but you can abstain. But it's ok because it’s your first day but this summer before I leave we are going to get really nasty with attendance and statues. The parliamentarian and committees are vacant as of now if you’re interested you have to email me before next Wednesday. The parliamentarian makes sure Robert rules are being followed. I’m going to be extremely strict in these interviews because a lot of my buddies and friends use to be here. I have high expectations, yes these positions are paid if you’re not going to give me 100% I’m going to call you out not in e-mail, but in the house. I want to retain the interest of the new members and change the tone. Representative Broudy and myself have been think of making the attendance policies more stricter. The good news is that we have new polos we are going to decorate this chamber we’re going to put plaques and the gavel will be put in display because we just purchased a new one. We’re going to make it look like it’s really ours. I thought about having pizza in these meetings but I'm still thinking about that.

Dunne: Can we run for more than two positions

Boris: Yes

Loschalk: Is there any way we can look at the agenda before the meeting?

Boris: Yes

REMINDEERS: Boris: Next house meeting will be 1ST June 2012 at 3:30pm – House chambers

FINAL ROLL CALL:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by Kruempel, seconded by Mahoney Meeting over at 5:19pm