Call to Order at 3:39 PM
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Absent: Amirato, Capata, Diljohn, Ellison, Gorry, Maher, Massetti, Ward
Approvals: *Motion to approve the 4th of February Minutes by Varela: seconded by Wu.
-POP: Hasan at 3:41PM
*Motion to approve the February 18th 2011 agenda by Blouin; seconded by Dumas
Special Order Speeches: None
Open Forum:
Michael Brown: Senator: I just wanted to let you know when the environmental action committee about the trees we just need to know how much trees we will buy. Also I have a scholarship flyer. It will go on the website. I would like to commend you for appointing Dumas as Budget chair. We also had a senate meeting so now Scalice is Chief Justice [applause]. I also sponsored an interface summit bill that Bastidas wrote. Also I wanted to go to a theme park with SG, but the senate did not and thought a better trip was one to DC to support the basketball team for March madness.
J Hermanowski: I would like to announce that the board of speakers meeting met, Boris was the only one that wasn’t there. I think that if we start communication we can do things to affect the student body and I think we could really push forward and do great things.
Questions: None
Juan: Multicultural Affairs: We work for the office of multicultural affairs. February 28-March 3rd is the grand opening of the LGBTQA resource center. Come on the 2nd we will have different speakers, from 12pm to 1:30pm. We will do a quick 15 minute program.
Questions: None
Beckwith: So student government has been a big supporter in making the resource center, we really look to the students’ voice to make this event heard. Also, these are events the students come up with; we want this to be a student centered week. So we are looking for any student government support to showcase what we work so hard on.
Questions: None
Sabrina Corenblume: I am from Normal: Something I really want you to be aware of; we are not trying to make marijuana laws more lenient. We would like to make it more equal. The first penalty for underage drinking is not the same as marijuana. I would also like you guys to understand the effect of students getting kicked out of campus. We were literally having kids taken out of their homes and not even giving these kids help, the way it is, is that if you get kicked out they keep your money and they keep your meal plan. Shouldn’t we put these kids in a rehab service before we kick them out of their homes?
Questions: None
SPEAKER’S APPOINTMENTS:
Boris: I had 3 applicants for Parliamentarian; it was difficult and one decided to drop and I was glad because the candidates were relatively new. I really need someone who is going to be here. This person has been very involved and shows up for meetings all the time. I would like to appoint Representative Shane Blouin as Parliamentarian. Do you accept?
Shane: Accepted
*Motion to approve Shane Blouin as parliamentarian by Varela; seconded by Montes
Boris: Shane now parliamentarian.
Boris: Last week I appointed people to the campus budget committee. I would like to say that I will serve on the budget committee on account that the campus budget chair is a member, pro-tempore, and so is the secretary. If there are no objections I will serve on the committee. We only have seven members so if you would like to be a member we can have 2 more people.
PRESIDENT’S REPORT:
Maher: Thanks Boris; I just wanted to give everyone an update on the mascot. The mascot will be unveiled at the final basketball game of the season. We will commend people that really serve. The game is Thursday at 7pm; it is the last game of the season. You will be able to vote for the name also on the ballot February 22 and 23. Also I plan on coming here until the last weekend in office. I support all the legislation in the docket today. Chief justice Scalise. The traffic and parking bus for free is taking students to the FIU game; there are 35 seats. It is a first come first serve basis. For general admission it is $5 and a real seat is $10. At 6:30 our team will have a ring presentation; our team is picked to win. There was a BOT meeting. We have hit 20,000 freshman applicants and we are only accepting 5,000. Average 1800 SAT score and a 3.5 GPA. We have spent $5.6 million compared to $3.6 million. It really goes to show all the challenges. It is a great time to be at FAU. There are 2 pieces of legislation, the LG BT resource center; it is a good thing is to help the minority plus in constitution the best interest of the majority is to represent the minority. Also if you do not want to take things affect election. Also all walks of faith agnostic and atheist. Also the IPOD just came out with a map application it will give you walking directions to anything on campus, menu to eateries, and external links. A great app, it will work for all smart phones, iPod touches, iPod with internet. With that being said I am open for questions. I hope to see you all come out to the baseball game tonight or the ADPi pageant.
Questions: None
VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:
I would like to start off with what Brown brought up. I would like to thank Dumas and Brown for the UBAC. First pitch of the baseball game tonight is 6:30. I ordered t-shirts, they are light grey. We are picked to be Sunbelt champs. We will be giving out 300 shirts today and we will continue giving out more to each game. As Ayden said I support all the legislation. I like what Pollock wrote on texting and driving. Elections are Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. All three candidates are in the back, if you don’t know who is running this is a good time to go talk to them. One of them will be your future leader. I yield my time for questions.
Questions: None
GOVERNOR’S REPORT:
Gentry: With what Evan was talking about and Ayden about the question about the cannabis I think it is really important making students aware that this is on the ballot. I am pretty sure it is being advertised in Normal, but it just needs to be advertised that there are more than just candidate elections on the ballot. Also I discussed with John Waller about Night owls and the growth with the new dorms. He is looking for 3 more golf carts and instead of pulling for 3 I will pay for one from my account. Also we will be writing a bill. Also stress week I will be writing. Liaisons were established and I thought about getting people from the house to be in key spots during Stress week while the programs are in different buildings. I met with the dean from the library, one thing that came up when discussing the redesigning of the library. What is the student need for computer labs or smart study spaces? Please let me know what you think would be more useful. Also the communication collaboration things, I thought was a really good idea. Maybe the police officers could do that. Looking into that, maybe Boca could do stuff for that as well.
Questions: *Motion to recognize Broward speaker by Boris.
Broward Speaker: We will start working on that ASAP.
Boris: Are you aware?
Gentry: Yes
CHIEF JUSTICE’S REPORT:
First of all I wanted to congratulate representative Blouin, if you need any help you can ask me. It will take a lot of time to educate the house on proper procedure. Also it has been an honor serving in Boca Raton House for the last 2 years, but I will still be here. Also I know there are several bills that I worked on, the Flag resolution, focus group resolution, and the bike rack bill. Also I would like to ask others to become inspired to work on those and not let them die. The new position; I am still getting acquainted but I have been reaching out to the partner campus. There are two vacancies, so Governor and advisors of those campuses will be electing associate Justices. I would like to have Associate justices; so we are going to create more incentives and get those positions filled. Former associate justices have never really done much, but we are going to accomplish some other goals I have layed out. It is to focus on organizing other things and digitalizing it with Larry and other Student Government officers. That is senate house, we want transparency. I will help to get the minutes posted as quickly and effortlessly as possible. Also I want to make sure that the sunshine law is known by all of you; it is very important that we understand that the meetings are open, if it is just 2 people talking about a bill that could be voted on it has to be a meeting in a public place and minutes need to be taken. We are all students and we are not here to serve ourselves we are here to serve others. I want to inform sunshine. Also I will have informal meetings with associate justices. I attended the house meeting in Davie. You did a great job [to Broward Speaker].
Boris: Time expired
Scalice: It will be no more than 30 seconds.
Scalice: I met with associate dean Ellwood and we are thinking about student conduct. In addition to that if you ever have any questions about the stance the judicial board is taking please come to me.
Questions:
Grider: Are you aware that that this is the first time I have ever seen the chief justice come in here and speak?
Scalice: I am now aware
-POP: Berichi: 4:10PM
PROGRAM REPORTS:
Williams: MP: For my report I would like to introduce a person from my staff, this is Carlos, he is our new programming director for most of our programs. Can he speak?
Carlos: I just started that position in January. All of the programs are going to start on March 15th. So to April; we will be totally busy. One of the things coming up is the campaign manager for Barack and Clinton and talking about women’s’ campaigning.
Boris: I just want to say I am not a democrat or anything.
Questions: None
Huffman: COSO director: for the past two weeks we have been going through the budget hearings if you have any questions you could ask. Also on Monday we have the make-up budget hearings. Also the club allocation meeting is February 4th from 4 to 8 pm continuing on March 3rd from 9 to 5 pm. We are in the midst of moving the clubhouse around. Also we are extending the clubhouse to make a new clubhouse in royal palm; we will be meeting with Dr King. This would be a great place for clubs to work. Also we are preparing the banquet for student involvement and leadership. We are thinking about making it a Grammy style award show, allowing the clubs to program to make it more fun.
Questions: None
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ADVISOR’S REPORT: None
CHAIR REPORTS:
COC: Grider: COC met today and we went over absence appeals; this committee is a little more strict than before. So if your absence appeal wasn’t approved, don’t be upset just know that we are being a little more harsh. No quorum at the rest of the committees except Rules and Policies, but I will let them talk a little bit more about that.
Rules and Policies: Phillips: My committee discussed BRHR-11-02 we came up with...
-POP: WU at 4:15PM
Phillips: We think that the punishment for illegal alcohol use should be equal to the marijuana punishment. We want the alcohol to be more harsh similar to the marijuana punishment.
Anastasi: Sorry I missed the last meeting guys I was sick and out of town. Our next meeting for campus republicans is Monday February 21st.

SPECIAL ORDER SPEECHES:

Vote: 15 yes to 4 no. Resolution passes

OPEN FORUM: None

BRHR-11-04:

*Motion to approve by Pollock; seconded by Montes; no objections

Boris: Roll Call vote: a vote of yes means to approve BRHR-11-04 and a vote of no is to not approve.

Anastasi: I don't know if you guys actually read SB 1070 and you decided to vote on a bill that you didn't read. I don't think you read it I reread the FAU constitution and statutes. Resolutions can be used to report on bills. No where does it say political opinions. Not such issues as illegal immigration. I better go find 500 people that support my idea. I am going to vote on their opinion. So if anyone has...

Shane: I believe that would be okay; yes.

Lupo: Would you be willing to make this event a little cheaper? Would you be okay with doing pizza instead of Hummus?

Shane: I think this is corrupt. I don't think that we were elected to take political opinions.

Boris: Be my guest.

Boris: I support making the alcohol equal I don't care if it is stricter or what but just equal that is what I support. I just wanted to point out that this is a resolution just our opinion. I know that there has been some concerns because some resolutions seem pointless. I guess we need to still table the bicycle racks bill. Unless someone knows the amounts; otherwise table that. Resource center senate passed we have a GA in there. I agree that pizza would be cheaper. I hate to say this but we have a lot of money and we have a bunch of extra money at the end of the year. But I would like to see us spend more money on events like this. If you look at it is the quotes from chartwells. The quotes are there. I don't even think we need to go into a quasi committee. I don't want us to put them in that position. I think that this is a good investment for student who are typically non athletic. Also last I support the texting and driving thing. I am very guilty of it. The problem is what happens is your problem, but you could hurt someone else. With that I am open for questions.

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VETOED BUSINESS: None

TABLED BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

*Motion to table the bicycle bill; BRHR-11-02 by Grider; seconded by Blouin.

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NEW BUSINESS:

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Boris: Roll call vote: a vote of yes means to approve this bill and a vote of no means to not approve.

Vote: 19yes to 0 No

BRHR-11-04:

Pollock: Amendment to add an "and" after the semicolon. And the final whereas clause to change 7 to 5 to match the number.

*Motion to approve by Pollock; seconded by Montes; no objections

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Vote: 15 yes to 4 no. Resolution passes

OPEN FORUM: None

SPECIAL ORDER SPEECHES:

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2011 we are bringing in Kernel West on Wednesday. Also Jon the chair and we are having a member of the BOT and most of them are pretty conservative. I got a call yesterday about the Sun Sentinel; also about the 2207 min. can I say something about it?

Boris: Be my guest.

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Boris: Time has expired

*Motion to extend the speakers time by 3 minutes by Lupo; seconded by Berichi

Boris: Any objections, I would assume that many students would agree. But I would not assume with or against the SB-1070 and I since we started talking about the hot topics. If any of you have any idea what I think about I will write a resolution. The only way to do that would be to write a bill. Also I have read Florida Sunshine state laws. I asked my dad for advice on something as controversial as that. I didn't see the agenda. I think this is corrupt. I don't think that we were elected to take political opinions.

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me engaging in secrecy. Bastidas””; it is not that I am having a hard time because of the GA’s I knowingly I am trying to keep people out the process. “We should not have to babysit the speaker he is elected to do the job and make sure the job get done.” I have one time over winter break where someone texted me about the minutes.

Grider: Time has expired.

*Motion to extend the speakers time by 5 minutes by Arsolino; seconded by Wu

Boris: Let me say right now my problem with this argument is as follows. There are a few people who are very upset. They say that the minutes up until now have not been put out on the website enough. Only now are we concerned about transparency and secrecy. I agree we have had a problem with secrecy. From October to January, but to say I am knowingly trying to keep people out of the process. I thank Lupo for bringing people here and people can talk to the people, but again I am “knowingly keeping people out of the houses’ process” Shackelford told me to keep politics out of house. What about the gun bill. How did we know that that wasn’t going to go anywhere? At that time there was no problem engaging in politics. It is not about secrecy politics. If anyone has a personal problem with anyone in this room, this institution. But it is unfortunate that I think people are engaging in a personal attack. And I really feel that if we did things in secrecy and if we were not to go down the road of politics. With the guns I put away my political roles and supported the guns. I put down my political boas and I hope other people can to. Because I hope people can leave emotions at the door.

Questions:

Anastasi: Are you aware that I did ask you about the minutes?

Boris: There is one text message over winter break about the minutes.

Anastasi: Follow up: Are you aware that this is the first thing; I don’t like texting and driving but it will better FAU, not the nation as a whole.

^POI: Wu: The follow-ups have to be similar.

*Motion to close the floor for questioning by Pollock; seconded by Arsolino; no objections.

Reminders:

Boris: The next House of Representatives meeting will be February 25, 2011 here in the Senate Chambers at 3:30PM.

Roll Call

Absent: Amirato, Capata, Diljohn, Ellison, Gorry, Hasan, Maher, Massetti, Ward

*Motion to adjourn by Varela; seconded by Dumas

4:48PM