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Student Government
Boca Raton House of Representatives
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"We Need Focus Groups"

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WHEREAS: As members of the Boca Raton House of Representatives, it is our explicit and primary duty to act as the voice of the entire Student Body at Florida Atlantic University, AND;

WHEREAS: This duty is bestowed upon us as we take the Oath of Office, in which we pledge to uphold the office of House Representative, and to abide by the Constitution of the Student Government of Florida Atlantic University, the Statutes incorporated thereto, and to strive for the betterment of the Student Body through which we were elected, AND;

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WHEREAS: Furthermore, Section 457.150 of the Student Government Statutes states, “Representatives must be accessible to attend public meetings and also be readily accessible to the Student Body of which they represent,” AND;

WHEREAS: Section 457.190 of the Student Government Statutes proclaims that we are expected “To maintain communication with the student body, and Campus Governor on all matters concerning students,” AND;

WHEREAS: Finally, Section 485.116 of the Student Government Statutes states that “House of Representatives office is a trust to be performed with integrity in the public interest” (emphasis added), AND;

WHEREAS: In order to live up to the high standards and expectations the position of House Representative holds, we must be able to efficiently determine the wants and needs of the Student Body so that we can provide assistance through legislation and other measures, AND;

WHEREAS: Focus groups or informal meetings are a proven method to provide an avenue for members of the Student Body to voice their concerns, comments and suggestions to members of the Boca Raton House of Representatives, AND;

WHEREAS: These aforementioned groups could also provide a necessary venue in which the past successes of Student Government could become more widely known among the Student Body, NOW;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Boca Raton House of Representatives fully supports the creation of regular formal focus groups or information sessions, to be held during routine hours in public facilities on campus, AND;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: These meetings would be promoted and advertised as an opportunity for students to meet with House Representatives, discuss and advocate for specific causes and seek information regarding the legislative process, AND;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The specific dates, times, places and organizational structure of these meetings would be determined by the Speaker of the House Campus Action Committee Chair, AND;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Speaker of the House would also have the discretion to allocate a reasonable amount of funding from the House Contingency account (S20012) for the purchase of posters, flyers, pizzas, beverages and/or other food, drink or promotional items in order to assist in the sponsorship of these events, AND;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Members of the House of Representatives would be strongly encouraged to attend as many of these events as possible, in order to carry out the duties as listed above, AND;

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THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: All of the concerns, comments and suggestions brought forth by students at these focus group events would be well-documented for follow-up by members of the House of Representatives.

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Legislation Signature Sheet

This Bill / Resolution #BEHR-10-02 PASSED / FAILED on this 5th day of November 2010 by a vote of 27 YES, 1 NO, 0 ABSTAIN
moved by David Grider and seconded by Marie Dumas.
Signature – House Speaker: [Signature]

This Bill / Resolution is hereby ENACTED / VETOED on this 8th day of November 2010. Signature – Campus Governor: [Signature] Allison Gentry

This Bill / Resolution is hereby ENACTED / VETOED on this 16th day of November 2010. Signature – Student Body President: [Signature] Ayden Maher

For All Legislation, Pursuant to University Regulation 4.006:
This Bill / Resolution IS APPROVED / SENT BACK FOR RECONSIDERATION on this 18th day of November 2010. Signature – Vice President for Student Affairs: [Signature] Dr. Charles Brown

This Bill / Resolution is Received and Recorded by the Student Government Student Court on this 18th day of November 2010.