Florida Atlantic University  
Student Government  
Broward House of Representatives  
5th Legislative Session  
Date: March 18, 2011 

Minutes

Call to Order: 10:12 AM

Roll Call
Terry Agoris - present
Stephanie Davila - present
Alex Newton - present
Natalie Nowicki - present
Matthew Schlissel - present
Jared Hermanowski present

Open Forum:
S. Davila recognizes the previously mentioned change in House meeting date and time. Members discuss class schedules to come up with a new, more convenient date and time to hold House meetings. T. Agoris suggests also speaking to members that have not yet been approved and ask for their opinion on the new date. It was noted by T. Agoris that meetings have to be held and end before 7:00pm

Members of the House agree to move House meetings to Monday at 4:30pm
Roll call vote
T. Agoris - yea
S. Davila - yea
A. Newton - yea
N. Nowicki - yea
M. Schlissel - yea
J. Hermanowski – yea

Unanimous approval

Noted by Jared: cell phones do work with the CD recording and conference is being installed soon

Approvals
Motion to approve agenda by A. Newton
Seconded by S. Davila

**Governor’s Report:** Daniela Russo; N/A

**Associate Justice’s Report:** Paul Davidson; N/A

**Senator’s Report:**
Felipe Vargas;
Elizabeth Edwards;
N/A

**Student Government Advisor’s Report:** David Bynes (or appointed delegate); Nancy Brady filling in for David Bynes - acknowledges member’s attendance to Broward Achievement Awards

**Committee Chair Reports:**

*Budget Oversight T. Agoris*

T. Agoris informs House members that the budget has been approved

**New Business:**

*Broward Budget* – motioned by N. Nowicki to move Broward Budget from New Business to Unfinished business; seconded by T. Agoris. No objectives

**Unfinished Business:**

*Broward Budget for Fiscal Year of 2011/2012* –

T. Agoris explains 18 programs were distributed funds within budget. Chart/outline describing all funds was passed to House members during the meeting.
Program listed
Counseling Center
Government Contingency
Government/Student Involvement and Leadership
Student Affairs
COSO Administration
COSO
Governor’s Administration
Stipends
Computers for Students with Disabilities
J. Hermanowski acknowledges student of disabilities’ need for new computers. T. Agoris explains agreement made that House or Executive branch pays for needed computers through contingency fund because it is a one-time purchase; instead of Students with Disabilities program allocating money that could be used for better causes. Bill will be written to take money out of contingency fund to pay for computers needed.

A. Newton motions to approve budget; seconded by S. Davila

Broward Budget approved by the House of Representatives

Broward Statutes
J. Hermanowski mentions that the Legislative section of the statutes was revised; an Executive committee reviewed the rest.
House Representatives are to look over Statutes
M. Schlissel motions to approve Broward Statutes; seconded by A. Newton
No objections to Broward Statutes

Legislative Report: Speaker of the House Jared Hermanowski;
J. Hermanowski informs members that this semester will be his last semester as Speaker of the House.

Hermanowski would like to plan a bill in the future to fund the Speaker Pro Tempore position. Also, he would like to introduce a bill for Broward House to sponsor the Strong-Owl event through the contingency fund
M. Schlissel questions elections for House Speaker, when elections will take place. J. Hermanowski will notify members of his resignation, and thus elections will be held after the resignation.

J. Hermanowski mentions the trip to Tallahassee to lobby; meet for transportation to Tallahassee on Monday at 10pm

Open Forum
M. Schlissel – questions appointment of Chair of Budget Oversight, due to T. Agoris’ absence.

Schlissel further explains meeting with Hermanowski and Commander of Broward Police: Schlissel emphasizes the need for security in the event of a shooting or other extreme event. Hermanowski explains that the need for such an alarm (as in Boca) is not great due to the presence of the police academy and Broward College police. The Ft. Lauderdale campus is of greater concern with regard to security; elevated terrorist threat is present due to the location of the campus, high value targets are in the area.

Hermanowski brings up the crosswalk situation to Davie West. N. Nowicki suggests that House Representatives bring situation to Town of Davie at Open Public Speak. Hermanowski explains that Town of Davie has approved crosswalk, however Broward County has to assess the crosswalk. Hermanowski suggests going to Broward County Commission and voicing concern for the development of the crosswalk

A. Newton – addresses Meet and Greet for House of Representatives to bring attention to the presence of House Representatives, allowing students to voice suggestions and concerns around campus. Expresses ideas for promotional items at upcoming events, mentions that he has looked into pricing. M. Schlissel suggests end of the year event. T. Agoris suggest representatives to be most active during Orientation and Weeks of Welcome, however A. Newton believes that House presence at Weeks of Welcome could be overload for the students. Agoris suggests a follow up a week later with the students at Weeks of Welcome. It is also mentioned by Agoris that some type of marketing should be involved at these events

J. Hermanowski explains that House Representatives now have issues to present to students to capture their attention and future input
T. Agoris believes “Whip” is necessary next term; someone should be assigned next term. Newton suggests Whip be incorporated with Pro-Tempore position.

N. Brady shares with the Representatives that she is impressed with members’ lively discussion. Brady questions when new representatives are going to be admitted to the House. Hermanowski responds that members will be sworn in at a later date when all new members are present. Hermanowski states that an emergency meeting can be held to have these members sworn in.

Hermanowski mentions that Absence Appeals are vested in the Committee Chairs and Speaker Pro Tempore, Committee on Committee.

A. Newton recognized Pierre’s absence and asks whether or not someone should be appointed to chair event. Both Newton and Hermanowski suggests that Dan should be appointed when he is sworn in.

Hermanowski reiterates that an emergency meeting can be held next Monday (March 21, 2011) to have Matthew, Paula, and Allah sworn in.

T. Agoris expresses that House Representatives need to take advantage of the opportunities they have; also emphasizes that Representatives have the power to do what needs to be done and what is good for Broward Campuses.

Speaker Pro Tempore, as Hermanowski explains, starts on July 1, however it can start as soon as possible. A bill can be drafted to pay the person in the position before July 1 from the contingency fund. Election to the position must occur and the position is a student position, thus the position is paid through A&S fees.

Reminders:
Broward Achievement Awards – March 18, 2011 at 12:00pm

M. Schlissel asks if House Representatives receive a sash at graduation, recognizing involvement. N. Brady explains that these sashes need to be purchased as a group.
J. Hermanowski mentions that anything involving funding needs a quote, which will allow the House to move forward with writing the bill.

Final Roll Call
Terry Agoris - present
Stephanie Davila - present
Alex Newton - present
Natalie Nowicki - present
Matthew Schlissel - present
Jared Hermanowski present

Motion to adjourn by A. Newton; seconded by M. Schlissel
Adjournment: 11:16 AM