Florida Atlantic University  
Student Government  
Broward House of Representatives  
5th Legislative Session  
Date: March 28, 2011  

Minutes

Call to Order: 4:41 PM

Roll Call
Stephanie Davila - present  
Alex Newton - present  
Natalie Nowicki - present  
Matthew Schlissel – not present  
Jared Hermanowski - present

Approvals:
March 28, 2011 agenda approval – motioned by A. Newton, seconded by S. Davila.

Open Forum:
A. Newton – discusses Relaxation Event possibilities presented/funded by House of Representatives this semester. Helen Pferdehirt explains that Newton may want to contact Kyle with regards to be involved with the Relaxation Event due to conflict of interest; it may be a Wellness event. House of Representative sponsoring possibility is an option.

Governor’s Report: Daniela Russo;  
N/A

Associate Justice’s Report: Paul Davidson;  
P. Davidson – Judicial branch has heard three cases within the past month. Recently, the case regarding contestations for the student body president elections was heard. Another court hearing will be heard Wednesday, March 30, 2011 at 2:30 in the Legislative Workroom. Christopher Puchferran is petitioning the court, stating that the elections board was in the wrong. Boca Raton House of Representative passed a resolution regarding the Arizona Immigration Law stating that the House is opposed to the bill. A petition was received regarding this issue and the court ruled not to hearing the case; there is no reason to go further with that bill. This case is going to be review again on Wednesday, March 30, 2011 before the previously noted case. D. Sardinas asks Davidson if there will be a second round of election. Davidson explains that there will not be a second round. P. Davidson further explains to Sardinas that the Student Body President is to give an elected official the oath to office. Being an elected official differs from recruitment.

Recognition of all members – motioned by J. Hermanowski, seconded by S. Davila

Senator’s Report: Felipe Vargas; Elizabeth Edwards;
F. Vargas – In February, Committee decided how fees were going to be distributed. Extra funding for the campus was allocated and there was an increase in funds that rolled over. Vargas is working with other Senators to establish scholarships through Chartwells for involved students.

Program Reports: SAVI, Program Board, COSO, Graduate Council
Helen Pferdehirt thanks those for attending the Go-Karting event
Next upcoming event is bowling at Davie Lanes on Thursday, March 31, 2011
Tuesday, April 8, 2011 Diversity Block Party will be held; showcase of different ethnicities around the world

Student Government Advisor’s Report: David Bynes (or appointed delegate);
N/A

Committee Chair Reports:
N/A

New Business:
BHB 11-02 – Speaker of Pro Tempore – Author: J Hermanowski, Sponsor: F. Vargas
J. Hermanowski explains that the elected position of Speaker Pro Tempore combines duties of the Secretary and Speaker Pro Tempore; takes House-meeting minutes and is able to call House meetings to order.
M. Schlissel questions if using the contingency fund for this position needs to be approved. D. Bynes explains that the money just has to be in the fund, which it is, so there should be no problem or approval needed
S. Davila asks when the change for the position will occur since the 5th Legislative session is ending shortly. Hermanowski explains that the Pro Tempore position will run all the way through the end of the summer. Fall elections will allow a new person to be selected for Pro Tempore. Bynes advises that the projected pay per hour should be added to the bill.

No objections
BHB 11-02 approval – motioned by A. Newton, seconded by M. Schlissel

Roll Call Vote
Stephanie Davila - yea
Alex Newton - yea
Natalie Nowicki - yea
Matthew Schlissel – yea
Jared Hermanowski – yea

BHB 11-03 – Spring Semester Meet & Greet - Authors: A. Newton and M. Schlissel, Sponsor: J. Hermanowski
M. Schlissel – Monday, April 18, 2011, 12:00-2:00PM for first Meet & Greet. Promotional items will be given out to students. J. Hermanowski explains that the objective of the Meet and Greet is to get students to attend House meetings and voice their opinion.
Approval of BHB 11-03 – motioned by A. Newton, seconded by S. Davila
Roll Call Vote
Stephanie Davila - yea
Alex Newton - yea
Natalie Nowicki - yea
Matthew Schlissel – yea
Jared Hermanowski – yea

BHB 11-01 - *Reduce the Late Parking Citation Fees*  - Author: Shamal Williams, Sponsor: Kristina Fritz
Bynes suggests that information provided in the resolution should be researched because Broward is putting its name on the approval of the resolution. Also it is important to know if the late fees charged on Broward campuses goes to Broward funding.
Schlissel agrees with Newton that the House needs to find out where the late fee money is going before decisions are made on this

Motion to table by M. Schlissel, seconded by S. Davila

BHB 11-02 – *More Sensible Cannabis Policies* - Authors: Elizabeth Hodapp and Sabrina Koramblyum, Sponsors: Boris Bastidas and Elizabeth Hodapp
M. Schlissel mentions that the author is the President of NORML
J. Hermanowski was notified by the Student Body President at 5:31PM that he has the authority to swear in new members.

Motion to vote to not support by S. Davila, seconded by M. Schlissel

Roll Call Vote
Stephanie Davila - yea
Alex Newton - yea
Natalie Nowicki - yea
Matthew Schlissel – yea
Jared Hermanowski – abstain

Broward House rejects BHB 11-02

Confirmation of New Members: Matthew Schlissel and Dan Sardinas

**Unfinished Business:**
*Election of Speaker Pro Tempore* – D. Bynes suggests that the election be held off to wait for the Governor to approve the bill

M. Schlissel mentions that he would like to enhance the SeaTech library. The main problem is getting a librarian as well as getting the funding for the position. F. Vargas addresses the fact that the Internet is a powerful resource and that a librarian might not be needed. However, Schlissel explains that the problem is cataloging the books, thus the need for the librarian.

**Legislative Report:** Speaker of the House Jared Hermanowski;
J. Hermanowski – traveled to Tallahassee last Tuesday and met with the State Representatives and Senators. Addressed the problem of the crosswalk on College Ave between Broward Campus and Davie West.

Written confirmation of Hermanowski’s discontinuation of the House Speaker position was passed around to all House Representatives. Explains that he would like to be House Committee Chair over the summer.

N. Nowicki asks Hermanowski to repeat the duties of the Speaker of Pro Tempore

**Speaker of the House Appointments:**
Budget Oversight Chair – Alex Newton
No objections

**Open Forum**
P. Davidson – suggests that the Meet and Greet could be put into statutes and encourages House Representatives to stay involved

**Reminders:**
University Block Party on Friday, April 8, 2011, 5:00-7:00PM

**Final Roll Call**

**Adjournment:**