Florida Atlantic University  
Student Government  
Broward House of Representatives  
5th Legislative Session  
Date: 4/4/11

Minutes

Call to Order: 4:41 PM

Roll Call: Daniel Sardinas, Natalie Nowicki, Matthew Schlissel, Jared Harmanowski

Open Forum: Steve Sahrrow discusses the Macs in the computer lab in the LA building—they’re too slow.

-point of information: passing out Agendas to be approved.

Approvals: Motion to approve agenda; Schlissel. Second by Sardinas.

Governor’s Report: Rosalee: On the 5th we have a coffee house; on the 8th there’s a block party; the 11th is our next exec meeting 12-1; that Tuesday we are having an event—wicked at the Broward performing arts. Harmanowski: Thank you Chief of Staff. Any questions? Seeing None.

Associate Justice’s Report: Paul Davidson; Not Present.

Senator’s Report:  
Felipe Vargas; Not Present.  
Elizabeth Edwards; Not Present.

Program Reports (SAVI, Program Board, COSO, Graduate Council);  
Not Present.

Student Government Advisor’s Report: Defer to 2nd open forum.

Committee Chair Reports: (Budget Oversight);  
Budget Oversight Chair Alex Newton: Not present.

New Business:  
Confirmation of New Representatives;  
Harmanowski: I did get an email from Alah, she said she was sorry she couldn’t come.  
David Bynes: Have you heard back form Paula?  
Harmanowski: No.  
David: Can you send me copies of the emails you sent to them?  
Harmanowski: Yeah.
Broward House Bill 11-04 New Computers for Office of Students with Disabilities
Harmanowski: *reads bill aloud* I have the quote from Shana, I will pass that around.
Schlissel: How much was in our contingency fund?
Harmanowski: 18,000. I don’t think we’ve spent very much of it….So it will be more economical to use the funds from our contingency fund it, if we don’t use it, the money in that pot goes away. We had to deny them last year due to our budget shortfalls so they are overdue on this.
Sardinas: It says Windows Vista, shouldn’t it be windows 7?
David: that’s something we can take care of.
Harmanowski: Yeah, I’m sure the operating system can be changed. The overall idea of having us pass the bill is for us to approve the contingency fund for this purchase. We can put a limit if your uncomfortable with it. We just approving whether or not we use the contingency fund to fund this.
Motion to approve bill; Schlissel, Second; Nowicki.
Roll Call Vote: unanimous yes. 4 yes’s, 0 no’s. Harmanowski: 11-04 is now passed.

Broward House Bill 11-05 Accounting Students Association Game Night
Harmanowski: *reads bill aloud* $100 from activities and programs line item within the house of representatives account. We do have close to $1000 in that line item. Patricia is here, would you like to come up here and speak?
Patricia Trueblood: I am currently the treasurer of the ASA. ASA is asking for $100 for our game night, it’s our largest event. Last year we pulled in 60 people. We had sundae stations, and board games…we’re expecting 80 people to 100. We still need to order a few more things.
Schlissel: How much money do you usually have?
Trueblood: Our attendance has gone up dramatically, so we ad to supply more food. We weren’t well off on our budget.
Schlissel: How much did you get from COSO?
Trueblood: we got 2000 for the semester. It’s all almost gone. And we still have one more event. That’s’ why we came for help. We’re also going to have a scavenger hunt.
Harmanowski: any more questions? Seeing none.
Motion to approve this bill; Schlissel. Second; Sardinas.
Roll Call Vote: unanimous Yes. 4 yes’s 0 no’s. 11-05 passed.

Unfinished Business:

BHR 11-01 Parking Late Fee Too High.
Harmanowski: Guy who wrote this is head of MP at Boca Raton. We tabled it last time.
Schlissel: who determines the number?
Harmanowski: this is a resolution. Higher-ups will take it under consideration. We can call to a vote or leave it on the table, its up to you.
Schlissel: do the parking fines we get here or go up to boca or stay here
Harmanowski: that’s a good question, we should figure that out, we can leave it on the table, if there’s no objections.
**Legislative Report:**

Harmanowski: I wanted to order more pens, similar to the pen I have. We can put Broward SG on it. House of rep on it, it’s like 5 or 10 bucks. It’s a token of appreciation to the people who served. Our Associate justice was active in the student court. He’s been great, he does come to our meetings, we should give him a pen. I spoke to the governor today, she has signed off on all the things we have passed. We do need to draft a bill for the statues, we did pass it though.

David: when will we have that bill written?

Harmanowski: Today. Also, the Speaker Pro Tempore position has been approved.

David: Ayden has to sign it and Dr Brown has to approve it.


**Speaker of the House Appointments:** None.

**Reminders:** None.

**Open Forum**

Senator Vargis: I’m going to meet with the other senators, we’d like to get speakers for Owl Radio in student union in Davie. We should have a bill next week.

David: How will you get owl radio here?

Vargis: it’s streamed online.

David: where would you stream it from?

Vargis: we can set up some speakers, put them outside, I don’t have logistics.

David: that’s my point, before a bill, we need to have logistics down.

Vargis: Ok, well figure that out…How about bringing jerseys and helmets here?

Sardinas: I was talking to Jared about that.

Kyle Dawson – Associate Dir of Student Wellness.

Kyle: I wanted to promote wellness center. Here’s our brochure. We want to bring campus rec to Broward campuses.

Harmanowski: Some marketing would be good, we should get the word out there.

Schlissel: is it incorporated into the tour?

Harmanowski: yeah but how many people take the tour.

David: every transfer student takes the tour.

Newton: Is it true they’re discontinuing the online virtual orientation?

David: yes, it will be limited to students of special interests.

Newton: so more students will be taking the physical tour, they’ll be made more aware of it.

Harmanowski: people don’t know it exists, just like with Broward house. Maybe we can partner up and let people know.

Newton: Kyle mentioned an activities day…we’d love to partner in that event.

Kyle: that’s something we can talk about.

Patricia: I had an idea of doing some kind of clubs Olympics. Academics and fitness portion would get a lot of students involved.

Newton: that could promote teambuilding.
Schlissel: this event will be April 18th. How are the vendors coming?
Newton: I put in an email, I’m going to talk to him about it. Hopefully this week everything will be in order.
David: I spoke to Steve, so it’s in the works.
Schlissel: Everything’s coming together. We need to promote it, if there’s enough time. Who can work on the flyers?
Newton: after Wednesday I can.
Stephanie: I can too.
Nowicki: What about buttons?
Newton: they’re getting a button maker. Once we get that, we can do that for free. I just want to make sure we get t-shirts for this event.

Dr. Williams: I have some concerns. Meetings are supposed to be public notice. We worked hard to make those posters. Then you guys changed them, I didn’t say anything because I know it was better but then I never got the minutes. There’s no written record. I’d like to see the minutes, I don’t know this event, but, if I run into students, I tell them Fridays and no one’s here and then there’s no minutes, they’re not official minutes. This is official business. You have to give the students an opportunity to come, take a more formal approach to your meetings and documenting your decisions. Students are entitled to know how their money is being spent. I need to be informed of what the house is doing.
Schlissel: Thank you Dr. Williams. I understand the formalities more now. All the minutes will be sent to you.
Dr. Williams: I don’t know if they were properly recorded.
Schlissel: Are the Monday meetings ok now?
David: At that point yes.
Dr. Williams: You have to post meetings 48 hours in advance.
Harmanowski: Broward House should have it’s own website.
Dr. Williams: that’s fine but you have to give them an opportunity to take part in the process.
Newton: to move forward? Announce new meeting new times and make new posters?
Dr. Williams: I’ll refer to David but you guys need to follow your constitution.

Schlissel: I’m also working on the library situation at Seatech. They should be having their own meet and greet. That should be April 7th. I will try my best to go b/c I want to understand this issue and hear their thoughts on it. I’ll be in touch with everyone.

David: I wanted to reiterate what Dr. Williams said.

Schlissel: Also, I think we should enforce time limits on people who speak. So the meetings don’t drag.

**Final Roll Call:** Daniel Sardinas, Stephanie Davila, Alex Newton, Matthew Schlissel, Natalie Nowicki, Jared Harmanowski.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Davila, Second by Schlissel.
Meeting adjourned at 5:44 PM