Florida Atlantic University MacArthur Campus
Student Government House of Representatives
Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2010
Burrow, MacArthur Campus
Minutes by: Amira Barghouthy

Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 2:27 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call

- Representative Galluzzo present
- Representative Gopaldas absent
- Representative Hazellief present
- Representative Ricketts present
- Representative Scerbo present
- Speaker Smith present
- Pro-Tempore Barghouthy present

Approvals

- Motion to approve agenda by Representative Galluzzo
  - 2nd by Representative Scerbo
- Motion to approve minutes from November 5, 2010 by Representative Scerbo
  - 2nd by Representative Ricketts

Open Forum

Advisor’s Report:
- Advisor Ferrando:
  Stated he would not be able to attend the Honors College Open House held on Saturday, November 20th, but encouraged representatives to let people know how to get involved.

Governor Report
- Governor Yarnell:
  Declared the fall 2010 semester had great participation from members of student government.
  Student government shirts have been ordered and should be in by the end of the semester; name tags should be in shortly after.
  Met with Dr. Brown; diversity way banners will be available soon for clubs to purchase for advertisement.
Lights on the recreation field require changing the master plan, but would increase participation in sports.
Bike-share program in the works;
Laser Tag event on Monday, November 22nd.

Speaker’s Report:
△ Speaker Smith:
Stated the members had a great year so far, and encouraged more involvement of members to promote student government.
Asked for volunteers for the Open House on Saturday, November 20th to sit at the Student Government table; interested members were told to sign up after the meeting.
Major announcement: the budget committee chair is now Representative Ricketts, and the co-chair is now Pro-Tempore Barghouthy.
The House of Representatives has a budget of approximately $1400.
  ○ Representative Scerbo asked what time Open House will be held on Saturday.
    ▪ Speaker Smith: The Open House starts at noon and club sessions are from 3-3:30 p.m.

Chair’s Report:
△ Speaker Smith:
Discussed the goals and timeline of the Ad-Hoc committee; the special committee for lockers would like to see the lockers in place by spring semester.
The last meeting was held on Monday, November 15th, and the committee decided to do an online survey before and after the program; clean out lockers; find an accessible location in the burrow; establish a rental system; and purchase locks for the lockers.
The meetings will be every Monday.
The members of this committee are: Representative Galluzzo, Representative Scerbo, Speaker Smith, Sacha Franklin-Jeune, Renata Rodrigues, and Lisa Davis.

New Business
△ None

Tabled Business
△ None

Old Business
△ None

Vetoed Business
△ None
House Discussion

- Motion to suspend Robert’s Rules of Order for house discussion made by Representative Galluzzo
  - 2nd by Representative Scerbo

Representative Club Reports:

- Representative Scerbo attended the organic farmers’ market, and said the information provided was interesting, and also important for sustainability.
- Pro-Tempore Barghouthy attended the Invisible Children meeting. She said the club is currently selling bracelets, key chains, and candy bars to raise money for the children of Uganda. She also attended the Monthly O.R. Live Surgery Webcast shown by Pre-Medical Society. She said it was a spinal procedure, and it was a great turnout.

House Projects for next year:

- Speaker Smith mentioned the successful “Coffee Break” Program from last year, and suggested repeating the program during the weeks of welcome of spring semester.
  - Representative Galluzzo asked if we could make this program a house tradition
    - Speaker Smith said it would be possible to make this program into a tradition
  - Representative Ricketts asked if we could renew to bill used for the program from last year.
    - Speaker Smith replied with the fact that the bill would have to be brand new, and a representative must volunteer to research the cost and details of the bill; mentioned that the invoice of a bill must be provided when submitting a bill to be voted on. Also mentioned that more than one representative may volunteer to help with the program, and to show their interest after the meeting is adjourned.

- Advisor Ferrando recommended the House to consider the limited time for planning this event. He suggested figuring out all the details that needed to be voted on by the House first, and then figuring out the other details via e-mail if done over winter break.

- The House decided the next meeting should be on Friday, December 3rd, at 2:15 p.m.
- Speaker Smith also mentioned the House should take a trip to Boca, and sit in on one of their House meetings; and the details would be evaluated once a date was decided on in the spring semester.
- Governor Yarnell supported this claim by emphasizing how simple and beneficial the trip would be for each member of the House.
Open Forum

Next House Meeting
- Friday, December 3rd, 2010 at 2:15 p.m. (location TBD)

Final Roll Call
- Representative Galluzzo present
- Pro-tempore Gopaldas absent
- Representative Hazellief present
- Representative Ricketts present
- Representative Scerbo present
- Speaker Smith present
- Pro-Tempore Barghouthy present

Adjournment
- Motion to adjourn by Representative Galluzzo
  - 2nd by Representative Scerbo
- Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.