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# APPROPRIATION

Florida International University – Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus

**Agenda Item:** Science Club

**Sponsors:** Thatine Camargo – Comptroller, Micah Mintz– Lower Division Rep, Admatha Israel-Rep-at-Large, Gabriela Reda-Arts and Sciences Rep

**Committee:** Finance Committee

**Date:** March 8, 2004

**In support of Funding Science Club Member's trip to ACS National Meeting**

**Whereas,** FIU's Science Club has been selected to participate in the SAACS March 28-April 1, 2004,

**Whereas,** The students will be participating in various workshops and receiving an award,

**Whereas,** The Student Government Council supports activities to enhance students educational experience,

**ENACT  
SIGNED:  
DATE:** *[Signature]*  
3/11/04

**Therefore be it**

**Resolved:** The Student Government Council will pay for 7 students to fly to the ACS Conference in the amount of \$2408 from the General account

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# APPROPRIATION

Florida International University – Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus

**Agenda Item:** Jose Marti Scholarship Program

**Sponsors:** Thatine Camargo – Comptroller, Micah Mintz– Lower Division Rep, Admatha Israel-Rep-at-Large, Gabriela Reda-Arts and Sciences Rep

**Committee:** Finance Committee

**Date:** March 8, 2004

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**Whereas,** For the past 4 years the Office of the Vice Provost on the Biscayne Bay Campus has hosted a breakfast celebrating the birthday of Jose Marti.

**Whereas,** The proceeds of this breakfast have been and will contribute to be used to fund student scholarships, ~~to sponsor an Endowed Chair~~, for the naming of a building on the Biscayne Bay Campus and to raise awareness within the University and our community about Jose Marti.

**Whereas,** The Jose Marti Scholarships are available to ALL students taking a minimum of 6 credit hours at BBC who have a 3.0 GPA or higher.

**Whereas,** The Student Government Council supports activities to enhance students educational experience,

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Therefore be it

**Resolved:** The Student Government Council will sponsor \$800 from the General account to the Jose Marti Scholarship Program to provide breakfast for the donors of the program.

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# RESOLUTION

*Florida International University – Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus*

**Agenda Item:** To support Bright Future Scholarships

**Sponsors:** Nicaise Parillon, President; Admatha Israel, Speaker of the House.

**Committee:** Executive Office

**Date:** March 1, 2004

## **In support of preserving Florida's Bright Futures**

**WHEREAS,** quality public education is vital to the future of our community, our state and nation, ~~and~~

**WHEREAS,** higher education for many is the key to career opportunity and success, and

**WHEREAS,** every child deserves the hope and promise of a college education, ~~AND~~

**WHEREAS,** the state of Florida demonstrated leadership by supporting the Florida Prepaid tuition program and offering Bright Futures Scholarships that made college affordable and possible for most Florida young people, ~~and~~

**WHEREAS,** every capable Florida student now has the opportunity to earn a Bright Futures scholarship by taking challenging courses, demonstrating high achievement and performing community service, ~~and~~

**WHEREAS,** allowing double-digit increases in Florida college and university tuition could force dramatic changes to scholarship programs and insolvency of prepaid tuition plans and negatively impact all Florida students seeking a college education, ~~and~~

**WHEREAS,** state funding issues and shifting priorities threaten the very programs that Florida students were promised to be able to attend college, ~~and~~

**WHEREAS,** waning legislative support for Bright Futures scholarships and the Florida prepaid tuition program are symptoms of a deeper threat to public education funding and support, ~~and~~

**WHEREAS,** educating and retaining Florida's best and brightest is a key economic development issue that affects our community's future growth and success, ~~and~~

**WHEREAS,** education supporters throughout Florida are rallying in Tallahassee March 17th and calling upon the governor and state Legislature to "Keep the Promise" to our young people by maintaining college opportunities and fully funding public education.

**Therefore be it**

**RESOLVED,** that the Student Government Council at Florida International University's Biscayne Bay Campus hereby express strong support for making public education a top priority - again - and respectfully requests that state legislators Keep the Promise to students and renew their commitment to overall education funding to ensure a bright future for all in the state of Florida.

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# RESOLUTION

*Florida International University – Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus*

**Agenda Item:**                    **Amendment to House Bylaws**

**Sponsors:**                    Jan Ascanio, Journalism Rep., Micah S. Mintz, Rep. at Large

**Committee:**                    House of Representatives

**Date:**                              February 25, 2004

**To Add the Pines Center Representative to the House bylaws**

**Whereas,**                    The Pines Center is an essential part of the FIU community,

**Whereas,**                    The Pines Center Representative is directed to sit on the BBC Council by the Constitution,

**Whereas,**                    The House bylaws should reflect this,

**Therefore be it** *Section ??*

**Resolved,**                    that the Pines Center Representative shall be included under “House Members” in the House bylaws

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			Nicaise Parillon, SGC President



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**Committee:** Office of the Legislature

**Date:** March 10, 2004

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- WHEREAS,** higher education for many is the key to career opportunity and success;
- WHEREAS,** every child deserves the hope and promise of a college education;
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Florida International University – Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus

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	<b>OPPOSED:</b> 1	#	Nicaise Parillon, SGC President



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	<b>OPPOSED:</b>	#	Nicaise Parillon, SGC President



# APPROPRIATION

Florida International University – Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus

**Agenda Item:** Graduate Student Association

**Sponsors:** Thatine Camargo – Comptroller, Micah Mintz– Lower Division Rep, Admatha Israel-Rep-at-Large, Gabriela Reda-Arts and Sciences Rep

**Committee:** Finance Committee

**Date:** March 8, 2004, ~~2004~~

**In support of the Funding GSA for their FSGPSO & NAGPSO Conference**

**Whereas,** The Graduate Student Association will be attending the FSGPSO & NAGPSO conference March 4-7, 2004

**Whereas,** The conference promotes interests and welfare of graduate and professional-seeking students in public and private universities and acts as a clearing house for information on graduate and professional students groups at all stages of development.

**Whereas,** The conference will provide the 7 state universities graduate students along with others from the SE region a chance to discuss graduate and professional student issues at the state level.

**Whereas,** The March 6 conference will take place at the Biscayne Bay Campus at FIU.

**Whereas,** The Student Government Council supports student activity and involvement to enhance students educational experience,

**Therefore be it**

**Resolved:** The Student Government Council will allocate \$500 to GSA to sponsor the event on our campus from the General Account.

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# APPROPRIATION

*Florida International University – Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus*

**Agenda Item:** SJMC Communications Week –Room Rental

**Sponsors:** Thatine Camargo – Comptroller, Micah Mintz– Lower Division Rep,  
Admatha Israel-Rep-at-Large, Gabriela Reda-Arts and Sciences Rep

**Committee:** Finance Committee

**Date:** March 8, 2004, 2004

**In support of the School of Journalism & Mass Communications Room Rental for  
Communications Week**

**Whereas,** The School of Journalism & Mass Communications holds an annual Communications Week that provides a networking reception and Career Services

**Whereas,** The Student Government Council supports student activity and involvement to enhance students educational experience,

**Therefore be it**

**Resolved:** The Student Government Council will book WUC 155 for the SJMC Communications Week for \$300 allocated from the SGC General Account.

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# APPROPRIATION

Florida International University – Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus

*MSGS*

**Agenda Item:** National Criminal Justice Conference in Las Vegas

**Sponsors:** Thatine Camargo – Comptroller, Admatha Israel-Rep-at-Large, Gabriela Reda-Arts and Sciences Rep

**Committee:** Finance Committee

**Date:** February 4, 2004

**In support of the School of the National Criminal Justice Conference in Las Vegas**

**Whereas,** The International Criminal Justice Student Association will be attending their annual Conference in Las Vegas,

**Whereas,** The members will be attending workshops, lectures, roundtable and a job fair,

**Whereas,** The Student Government Council supports student activity and involvement to enhance students educational experience,

**Therefore be it**

**Resolved:** The Student Government Council will sponsor the International Criminal Justice Student Association \$836 from the general account.

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	OPPOSED: <u>2</u>	#	Nicaise Parillon, SGC President



# Appropriation

Florida International University – Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus

**Agenda Item:** Funding for guest speaker for wellness center

**Sponsors:** Admatha Israel, rep at large  
Gabriela Reda, Arts and Sciences rep

**Committee:** Finance committee

**Date:** February 2, 2004

*Parillon*

To fund speaker for the Wellness center

**Whereas,** sexual responsibility week takes place during the week of February 8<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup> and,

**Whereas,** Sex education is an essential component of the college experience and,

**Whereas,** The FIU wellness center is committed to assisting the university community in achieving its maximum potential through health promotion and disease prevention

Therefore be it

**Resolved,** that the Finance committee will fund the wellness center 500 dollars for The guest speaker of this event.

*Marilyn Boca (general)*

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# APPROPRIATION

MSGS

Florida International University – Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus

**Agenda Item:** In support of the SGA Computer Lab

**Sponsors:** Representative at Large Sheree Williams, Lower Division Rep  
Admatha Israel, Comptroller Thatine Camargo

**Committee:** Finance Committee

**Date:** February 4, 2004

**In Support of Funding the SGA Computer Lab**

**Whereas,** The Student Government Council provides students with a computer lab for FIU students on the second floor of the Wolf University Center

**Whereas,** SGA is responsible for the up keep of the computer lab,

**Therefore be it**

**Resolved,** That Student Government shall allocate the SGA computer lab \$672 to buy memory to upgrade nine computers in the lab from the general account.

<input type="checkbox"/> Enact <input type="checkbox"/> Veto	<b>IN FAVOR OF:</b> 7	DATE:	<hr/> Nicaise Parillon, SGC President
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# RESOLUTION

PASSER

*Florida International University – Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus*

**Agenda Item:** Adoption of House Bylaws  
**Sponsors:** Micah S. Mintz, Rep. at Large; Admatha Israel, Rep. at Large  
**Committee:** House of Representatives  
**Date:** February 11, 2004

## Adoption of House Bylaws

**Whereas,** Organization is essential to any successful enterprise,  
**Whereas,** The House of Representatives also needs rules and procedures clearly established so that it can conduct business efficiently,  
**Whereas,** Bylaws will provide a framework for the Representatives to work in, and be accountable to,  
**Therefore be it**  
**Resolved,** That the House of Representatives shall adopt the following bylaws:

## House of Representatives By-laws

### Purpose

The function of these bylaws is to establish structure for the House of Representatives of the Florida International University Biscayne Bay Campus Student Government Council.

### Duties of the House of Representatives

- Meet at least once each complete month of the academic year, with none of these meetings being held during legal holidays.
- Make available all records of its proceedings to the campus community
- Address resolutions, bills, and appropriations
- Discuss or modify legislation.



## **Powers of the House of Representatives**

*The House shall:*

- Approve or disapprove proposed legislation. Only legislation approved by the House of Representatives shall appear before the General Council for a vote.
- Legislation shall be written as a resolution, appropriations bill, or Council Bill.
- Proposed legislation shall only originate from Representatives, the SGC President, SGC Vice President, and the standing committee members.

## **House Members**

1. The seats of the House shall consist of all voting members, which are the following Representatives:
  - Arts & Sciences
  - Pines Center
  - 2 Graduate
  - Hospitality Management
  - Housing
  - Nursing
  - Business Administration
  - Journalism & Mass Communication
  - 3 Representative-at-Large
  - 2 Lower Division
  - College of Health and Urban Affairs

## **Officers of the House of Representatives**

1. The Officers of the House of Representatives shall be the Speaker, the Vice Chair and the secretary.
2. The officers shall be elected by the House.
3. The Vice President of SGC BBC may chair the House in the absence of, or at the request of, the Speaker and Vice Chair

## **Duties of the Officers**

*Speaker:*

- The Speaker shall preside over the House of Representatives and make all necessary arrangements for those meetings, including setting the agenda and conducting the business of the meeting. The speaker shall only vote to break a tie.
- The Speaker shall represent the House in the <sup>Senate Leadership</sup> [Legislative Affairs Committee] at FSA.

*Vice Chair:*

- The Vice Chair shall fulfill all of the Speaker's duties in the absence of the Speaker and assist the Speaker with his or her responsibilities.

*Secretary:*

- The Secretary shall be the official record-keeper of the House by taking minutes and faithfully archiving all proposed legislation appropriately.
- The minutes shall be typed and archived within 48 hours of the meeting.

**Attendance**

- Representatives who miss a total of 2 unexcused or 3 excused consecutive House meetings will appear before the next general council meeting for a review of removal from office; this review shall consist of impeachment on grounds of nonfeasance.
- If a Representative arrives more than a half hour after the start of a meeting, then he or she will be considered absent for that meeting.

**Conduct of Business**

- Except where stated otherwise in these bylaws, the House of Representatives shall conduct business in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised.
- It is the duty of every Representative to know parliamentary procedure so that business may be conducted efficiently.

**Voting**

There shall be exactly five (5) distinct voting methods used by The House of Representatives. They are listed below in order of ~~greatest~~ precedence; fifth being greatest:

1. Voice vote
2. Roll call vote
3. Acclamation (unanimous consent)
4. Hand vote
5. Ballot vote

alternative  
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for that  
question

The Speaker determines the manner of voting. However, if a House member calls for a voting method of greater precedence for an individual question, then that method must be used. If multiple requests are received, the request with the greatest precedence shall be honored.

may motion

A House member shall decline to vote, in House meetings or in the general council, on any matter when he/she believes that voting on such matter would constitute a conflict of interest.

### Quorum

- A quorum of the House of Representatives shall be defined as more than half of the seated voting House members.  
*representatives, not including those on a leave of absence*
- If a House member leaves a meeting with no clear intention of returning and without the express permission of the Speaker, leading to a loss of quorum, then that House member shall be considered to be absent for the entire meeting.

### Amendments

- Proposed amendments to these Bylaws must be submitted for approval in writing to House members at a regular meeting of the House.
- If any proposals are approved by the House, then the House must announce the approved proposals at the general council meeting. To be adopted, an amendment must receive a two-thirds (2/3) vote at the general council meeting immediately following the House meeting.

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	<b>ABSTAINED:</b>	<b>R 04</b>	
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			<hr/> Nicaise Parillon, SGC President



Tabled till next mtg

# RESOLUTION

Florida International University – Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus

**Agenda Item:** Adoption of House Bylaws  
**Sponsors:** Micah S. Mintz, Rep. at Large; Admatha Israel, Rep. at Large  
**Committee:** House of Representatives  
**Date:** January 28, 2004

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 (7 WOMNS College Rep - Marine Bio)

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*motion for an alternate method for an individual question*

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# RESOLUTION

Florida International University – Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus

**Agenda Item:** Free Blue Books for Students  
**Sponsors:** Micah S. Mintz, Rep. at Large; Admatha Israel, Rep. at Large  
**Committee:** House of Representatives  
**Date:** January 28, 2004

## On Providing Free Blue Books to Students

**Whereas,** Blue Books are necessary to some courses,  
**Whereas,** Blue Books are inexpensive and thus we can provide them easily to students,  
**Whereas,** Providing Blue Books to students would be a direct tangible benefit to them and would bring students into the office and perhaps stimulate interest in SGA,

Therefore be it

**Resolved,** That the <sup>SGA</sup>House of Representatives will offer Blue Books to students at no charge

<input type="checkbox"/> Enact <input type="checkbox"/> Veto	IN FAVOR OF:	DATE:	<hr/> Nicaise Parillon, SGC President
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This purpose of this petition is to allow the Biscayne Bay Campus to have a voice in making decisions that will affect the university: that is, equal representation on the Student Government University Council (5/5)

The Student Government Council is therefore seeking student support for the benefit of the Biscayne Bay Campus. This petition will help the Student Government Council to be more effective in campaigning for the needs and concerns of the BBC students.

The following are some issues that will affect the BBC

Funding for organizations/departments such as

- Student Programming
- Clubs, Organizations and Departments
- Career Services
- International Student Services
- Wolfe University Center
- The Pool
- Bay Vista Hall Council (Housing)

Last Years Budget  
UP  
74%  
BBC  
26%

Keep doing what you're doing — it'd be a shame if we got outnumbered like that!

Yeah! Yeah!

We need new President...

Been here since Freshman he sucks.



# APPROPRIATION

Florida International University – Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus

**Agenda Item:** In support of funding International Week

**Sponsors:** Micah S. Mintz, Representative at Large  
Sheree Williams, Lower Division Representative

**Committee:** Finance Committee

**Date:** January 12, 2004

### In Support of Funding International Week

**Whereas,** The international student population at FIU continues to grow due to the University's recruitment efforts overseas,

**Whereas,** International week promotes both pride and understanding of various cultures from other parts of the world,

**Whereas,** Student Government should attempt to promote multiculturalism and understanding among the BBC student body. **Therefore be it**

**Resolved,** That Student Government shall fund International Week \$1,000.00 from the general account.

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	ABSTAINED: 9	R 02	
	OPPOSED:	#	



# APPROPRIATION

Florida International University – Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus

**Agenda Item:** In support of funding MLK Youth Forum/Peace Walk

**Sponsors:** Micah S. Mintz, Representative at Large  
Gabriela Reda, Arts & Sciences Representative

**Committee:** Finance Committee

**Date:** January 12, 2004

### In Support of Funding MLK Youth Forum/Peace Walk

**Whereas,** Dr. Martin Luther King’s contribution to our society is invaluable,

**Whereas,** Student Government should promote the ideals of courage, tolerance and respect which Dr. King exemplified,

**Whereas,** The MLK Youth Forum/Peace Walk is a demonstration respect and commemoration for Dr. King’s Legacy. **Therefore be it**

**Resolved,** That Student Government shall fund <sup>MLK Youth Forum</sup> ~~International Week~~ \$2,000.00 from the ~~lectures~~ <sup>general</sup> account.

<input type="checkbox"/> Enact <input type="checkbox"/> Veto	IN FAVOR OF: 9	DATE: 11/14/04	_____ Nicaise Parillon, SGC President
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Florida International University – Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus

# APPROPRIATION

**Agenda Item:** Memory For SGA Computer lab  
**Sponsors:** Micah S. Mintz, Lower Division Rep.; Admatha Israel, Representative at Large  
**Committee:** Finance Committee  
**Date:** October 29, 2003

**To upgrade the memory of the computers in the SGA computer lab**

Whereas, The SGA computer lab is Student Government's gift to the student body

Whereas, We are therefore responsible for its efficient operation.

Whereas, Its efficiency, or lack thereof, reflects on SGA

**Therefore be it**

Resolved, That SGA will fund the SGA computer lab \$224.00 from the general account for computer memory.

<input type="checkbox"/> PASS <input type="checkbox"/> FAIL	<b>IN FAVOR OF:</b>	DATE: 10/29/03	<hr/> Nicaise Parillon, SGC President
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# COUNCIL MINUTES

May 7, 2003

Clayton called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM.

## Roll Call

### Governing Council

Arvi Arunchalam (LT)  
Salman Azhar  
Santiago Bermudez  
Nancy Cadavid  
Leo DaSilva  
Marianne Espinoza

Jennifer Fransen (AB)  
Roxy Fuentes  
Max E. Gauthier (AB)  
Jackie Ginarte (AB)  
Collette D. Papa  
Malik Wilkes

### Standing Council Chairpersons

Panther Rage- Shaun Alcindor  
Honors Council- Wendy Fernandez  
GSA- Peter Horst  
RHA- Chris Sclafani  
SOC- Samir Qureshi  
SPC- Ed Ramcharran

### Advisor

Vicky Owles

Minutes were passed with no corrections.

### Reports of Executive Board

President Clayton Solomon

President Clayton began by welcoming and congratulating all of the representatives and wished them the best of luck during their term. He mentioned that all the representatives are here today because of their peers that believe in them and trust that they will represent their needs to the best of their ability. Clayton said that he truly believes that this council will do great things, and that it starts today as they will elect many more to this great organization. Clayton mentioned that he will be out of the office from May 8 through May 25 for Gear Up Florida, therefore Ron will be chairing the next meeting. Clayton said that if there are any questions or concerns that either Ron, or the Chief of Cabinet cannot answer to please call his cell phone and that he would return all calls in the evening. Clayton has been trying to do as much as possible before he leaves to make sure that the transition is smooth. He then reported that he has so far attended multiple meetings including two committee meetings of the Board of Trustees. In both, much attention has been paid to the Florida Budget. To give an update, the budget situation is so difficult that the legislature ended session without both houses coming to an agreement. The governor has just announced the opening of a special session, specifically for budget, to begin on May 12 and will run for two weeks. Clayton then briefly explained that this means that the budget situation will result in a great loss for Colleges and Universities. As a result, tuition will most likely rise, and we will not see a growth in services. We will be paying more to sustain what we currently have. Clayton mentioned that while the situation cannot be fixed, it can be minimized. As we are the

voice of the student body, we need to be calling our congressmen and women. He mentioned that Justin Fahringer has the contact information for all of our legislators, and said that while everyone is settling into the office to please try to generate some phone calls. Clayton then encouraged representatives to please draft a resolution on behalf of the council on the issue, to fax to both the Florida House and Senate. He then mentioned that Ron will update everyone at the next council meeting on further university issues. Clayton reminded everyone that on Friday, May 16, there will be a meeting of the FSA, which is an organization, composed of all state university student governments. Together they tackle broad student issues that affect all students in Florida. He then said that the meeting is in Tampa, and that if any one is interested in attending, to please speak to him after the meeting. Clayton announced that because of circumstances, two representative seats are now open. Applications for Housing Representative and one Lower Division Representative Seats will be available Friday. Clayton concluded his report by asking everyone to please assess his or her platforms and physically write down any goals. He said that he and Ron would like to meet with each representative individually in the next month to assist in accomplishing all goals. Clayton told everyone to please feel free to talk to him about any concerns, and that as promised, he will maintain an open door policy throughout the year.

Vice President

Ron Hollis

Vice President Hollis welcomed the new council and the representatives. He reported that he will be heading the Board of Council Presidents as prescribed in the Clayton and Ron platform. The board will consist of the following: SPC, Panther Rage, SOC, GSA, RHA, as well as other standing council and student organizations. Ron mentioned that the first meeting is to be announced and a format for Standing Council reports will be given to all Presidents, so everyone may look forward to a more concise, uniform, yet informative reports. He then asked the Standing Council Presidents or Representatives in their stead, to please stop by his office in the near future for further details. Ron reported that he and Omar visited the different colleges whereby the new SGA Bulletin Boards are soon to be installed. These colleges and buildings include the following: the Ryder Business building, Engineering building, Chemistry and Physics building, and the ZEB Education building (the boards should be up within the next two (2) weeks.) Ron mentioned that it will be the responsibility of the respective Representatives to maintain the board within their college. The Chemistry and Physics building and soon the Library will need to be maintained by the Representatives At-Large. Ron then said that he would inform everyone when the boards are actually installed so that the Representatives may pick up the keys to the boards, and that he would be there to offer any suggestions regarding the contents. Ron reminded everyone that the International Students, Judicial, and Student Union Committee Chair positions are currently vacant. He announced that all applications will be available Friday, and asked that everyone inform students interested in getting involved in any of these vacancies. He asked everyone to take note that there are additional requirements for the Judicial Chair (154 days as an elected official or have previously served on the committee. Ron concluded by announcing that it will be his responsibility to meet with the committee chairs, therefore all those elected this afternoon are to meet with him after the meeting. He then wished all those running the best of luck.

### **Reports of Standing Council**

Panther Rage

Shaun Alcindor

Shaun reported that Panther Rage is in the process of ratifying an updated constitution. He announced that Monday 12, 2003, would be the first meeting of the summer and it will be held in GC 140. Shaun announced that the FIU softball team is currently ranked #2 in the Sun Belt Conference. The softball conference championship incidentally begins tomorrow up until Saturday. He then said that Panther Rage wishes the softball team the best of luck in the competition. Shaun then mentioned how the baseball team has been performing dismally. Numerous pitchers have become injured and as a result, pitching has been their sore point. Hopefully everything will be settled in time for their tournament on May 20<sup>th</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup>. Shaun expressed Panther Rages' hope that the baseball team will perform well and that hopefully they will make regional championships. Shaun then mentioned that the track and field team goes

to their conference tournament next weekend. They have been performing extremely well. He wished them the best and hopes that they keep up their good standards. Shaun announced that the football schedule is already out, and he asked that everyone start telling others about the games as well as to make plans to attend. Shaun concluded by reminding everyone that the next game of the week is May 18<sup>th</sup> and that this is the last home game against Arkansas State.

Honors council Wendy Fernandez

Wendy reported that Honors Council had its Leadership Transition Workshop for all the honor societies last Thursday, May 1, 2003 from 12pm-2pm in GC 243W. Wendy mentioned that they had a great turnout with 51 people in attendance. Wendy said that she received a lot of positive feedback about the retreat and that she hopes to improve on it next time. She announced that there is a new debate honor society, which is PI Kappa Delta. Finally, Wendy mentioned that the Honors Council Executive Board Transition Workshop is scheduled for this Friday, May 9, 2003.

GSA Peter Horst

Peter began by mentioning that he has been very busy with research in the past few weeks. He said that this year was a great year for him being Vice President of GSA. Next years planning has already begun and he has already had a small meeting with e-board. Peter mentioned that he will be gone in June, but that he will be working hard next week before orientations.

RHA

No report

SOC

No report

SPC Ed Ramcharran

Ed reported that the SPC Banquet was held on May 2, 2003. He announced that the new Executive board has taken office. SPC programs will begin again in summer B. Ed said that there had been changes made to the constitution and that it will be ratified soon. He announced that SPC's next E-board meeting will be held this week to decide on meeting times and discuss orientation. Finally, Ed congratulated all the newly elected members of the student government and said that he looks forward to working with them in the future.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

A) Cabinet Approval

Roxy Fuentes brought it to a vote, seconded by Malik Wilkes.

In favor: 9 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

The cabinet was approved by unanimous vote.

B) College of Business/Education Representative Election

-College of Business: Julius Nunez  
William Wilson\*

-College of Education: David Capote\*

C) Committee Chairperson Elections

-Academic Affairs: Alejandra Cordovez\*  
Heather Kitchen  
Lynda Labranche

- Campus Life: Sylvia Collier  
Maria D. Garcia\*  
David Quinones
- Elections Board: Jacqueline Nusz\*
- Student Services: Cynthia Fraga\*  
Christie Jorge  
Julius Nunez
- Finance Chair: Arturo Arca\*

\* Indicates the person won.

### Announcements

- A) Positions available (All Applications due by May 16)
 

Housing Representative	Lower Division Representative
Student Union Board Chairperson	Judicial Chairperson
International Student Chairperson	

**Please encourage people to apply for these positions!**
- B) Please don't forget about the **mandatory** SGA retreat on Friday May 30 – Sunday, June 1. Departure is at 8:30 am on Friday and we will return at approximately 2:00pm on Sunday. Please inform Ron if you will not be attending this retreat. P.S. If you sign up to go and cancel you will owe SGA \$100 (to cover costs of the retreat).
- C) To all returning council members, please remove all of your belongings from the cave by **TODAY**.
- D) To all council members elected **TODAY**: Please meet with Christine / Phillip to fill out your personal information for Zory for pay roll purposes.
- E) Next meeting will be May 21.
- F) Please submit/ email summer office hours to Christine by Wednesday, May 14.
- G) All emails sent from Student Government will be sent directly to your FIU Email account, so it is very important that if you have not already accessed this account to do so. Give your FIU email address to Christine and remember to check this account daily.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 PM.





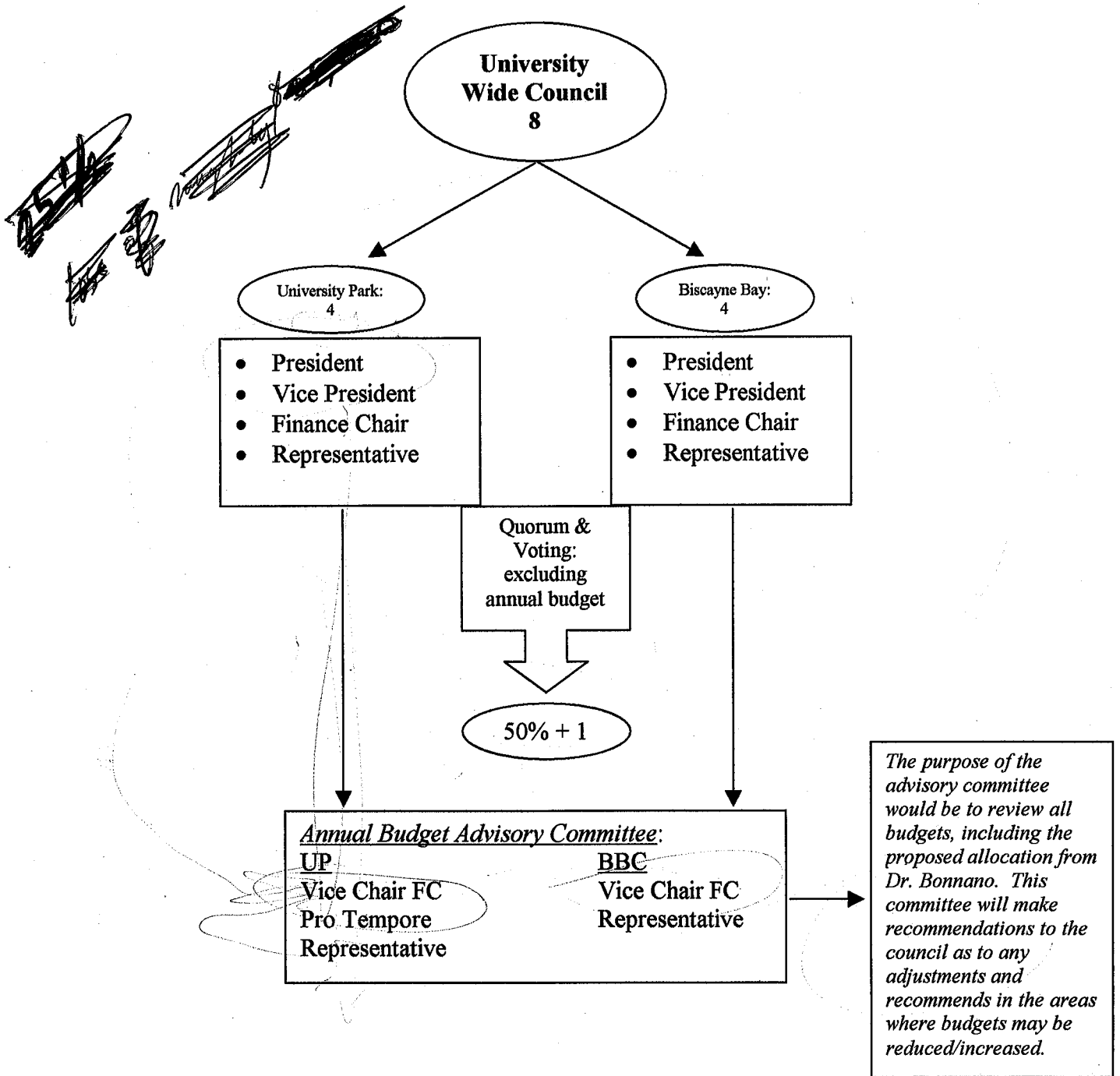
# AGENDA

## UNIVERSITY WIDE COUNCIL AGENDA

June 1, 2003

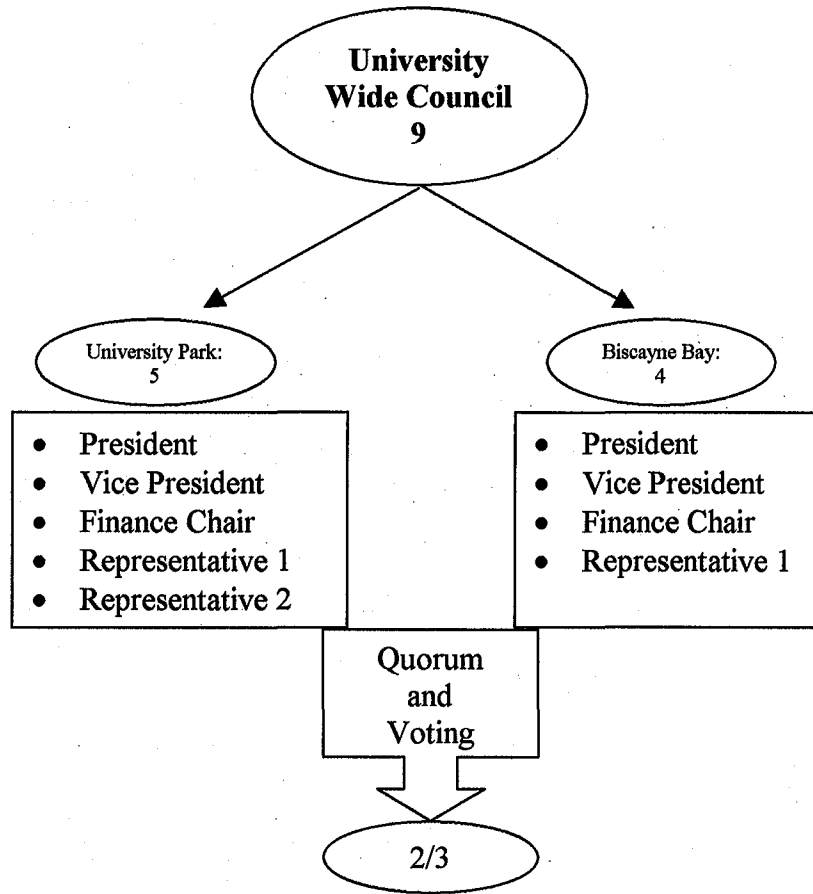
- I. WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER Clayton Solomon  
Chair
- II. UP PRESIDENT REPORT Clayton Solomon  
Chair
- III. BBC PRESIDENT REPORT Nacaise Parillon  
Vice Chair
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
- V. NEW BUSINESS *Wiale*
  - A) RES 03-01 In support of SGC University ~~Park~~ Goals for 2003-2004 (~~Representatives Nancy Cadavid, Leo DaSilva, Malik Wilkes~~) *Clayton Solomon*
  - B) RES 03-02 Amendment to the SGA Constitution.
- VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - A) Congratulations everyone on a Great Retreat! Lets keep up the good work!
  - B) HAPPY BIRTHDAY CLAYTON!!!!
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

Option 1:



*The purpose of the advisory committee would be to review all budgets, including the proposed allocation from Dr. Bonnano. This committee will make recommendations to the council as to any adjustments and recommends in the areas where budgets may be reduced/increased.*

Option 2



**Compromise:**

**BBC:**

- University Park Campus will have the additional representative
- Will need at least (2) two representatives from the University Park Campus
- Will be at a disadvantage in the event that a member is not present

**UP:**

- A change in quorum and voting to allow the Biscayne Bay Campus to maintain a purpose on the Council



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**Committee:** Campus Life  
**Date:** October 3, 2003

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**Agenda Item:** In support of the housing shuttle bus service

**Sponsors:** Nicaise Parillon SGC President

**Committee:** Executive Office

**Date:** October 22, 2003

**In support of housing shuttle bus service for two days a week**

Whereas, The Student Government Council is committed to providing and ensuring that the necessary services available to all students;

Whereas, The residents of Bay Vista Housing are faced with a dilemma of not having access to basic necessities such and convenience stores and food stores. The campus cafeteria recently changed the operating hours to now reflect less hours per day, operating on Monday to Thursday from 9:30 am to 6:00 pm, and Friday, only operating until 2:30 pm. The cafeteria is also closed on both Saturday and Sunday.

Whereas, The students who reside on campus need access to these necessities past the hours of operation on campus.

Whereas, There is a need for a shuttle bus service to be available to the students of Bay Vista Housing at least two (2) times a week for approximately 5-6 hours during the times that the services are not provided on campus.

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Resolved, That the Student Government Council of the Biscayne Bay Campus supports and will work to ensure the return of a shuttle bus service to Bay Vista Housing Students for two (2) days a week which will run approximately 5 – 6 hours per day.

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This purpose of this petition is to allow the Biscayne Bay Campus to have a voice in making decisions that will affect the university: that is, equal representation on the Student Government University Council (5/5)

The Student Government Council is therefore seeking student support for the benefit of the Biscayne Bay Campus. This petition will help the Student Government Council to be more effective in campaigning for the needs and concerns of the BBC students.

The following are some issues that will affect the BBC  
Funding for organizations/departments such as

- Student Programming
- Clubs, Organizations and Departments
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Last Years Budget  
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- Agenda Item:** Addition to the SGA Constitution on Veto Power
- Sponsors:** Nicaise Parillon, SGC-BBC President, Ruth-Allyson Webster, SGC-BBC Vice President, Micah Mintz, Vice Chair of the House
- Committee:** University Council
- Date:** September 22, 2003

## Composition of University Wide Council

An act relating to the establishment for making provisions to, and or, amending the SGA Constitution.

Be it enacted by the Student Government Association of Florida International University – University Wide.

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- Section 2:** The University Wide Council is designed to represent the needs of the total student body. Any uneven change in its composition, which threatens the representation of the entire student body, defeats the purpose for the committee. This is not only counterproductive, and possibly harmful to students, but also could be a dangerous concentration of power in too few hands. An uneven representation in favor of any particular campus, which would allow quorum and standing decisions without the consultation and compromise of both campuses, is unfair and unjust to the underrepresented. Any threat to the committee's ability to represent the total student population could result in disenfranchisement in the University Wide Council.
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1. To avoid any concentration of power and possible misrepresentation to any particular campus;
  2. To allow the 7,879 and possibly even more, BBC students to have a determining voice in issues that affect the University.
- The UW committee should therefore not resort to any dictatorial motives and work together in compromising to the benefit of the entire university.

**This purpose of this petition is to allow the Biscayne Bay Campus to have a voice in making decisions that will affect the university: that is, equal representation on the Student Government University Council (5/5)**

**The Student Government Council is therefore seeking student support for the benefit of the Biscayne Bay Campus. This petition will help the Student Government Council to be more effective in campaigning for the needs and concerns of the BBC students.**

**The following are some issues that will affect the BBC**

**Funding for organizations/departments such as**

- **Student Programming**
- **Clubs, Organizations and Departments**
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Section 4: The following section will be added to the SGA Constitution under Article II Section E:

The University Wide Council will be comprised of:

1. Each SGC President.
2. Each SGC Vice President
3. Each SGC Finance Committee Chairperson
4. *Two (2) representatives of the SGC-UP: (the Speaker of the House and the Speaker Pro-Tempore)*
5. *Two (2) representatives of the SGC-BBC: (including but not limited to the Broward Campus representative).*

Section 5: The SGA Constitution will be properly enumerated to accommodate for these amendments. The changes are effective immediately pending the approval through a majority vote in the next Election of the Student Government Association.

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Student Government Council  
Office of the Vice President

Amendments to the Student Government Association's Constitution

Drafted by SGC-UP Speaker of the House, Collette Papa

September 19, 2003

## Composition of University Wide Council

An act relating to the establishment for making provisions to, and or, amending the SGA Constitution.

Be it enacted by the university wide council of the student government association of Florida International University.

**Section 1:** The Student Government Association of Florida International University, comprised of the SGC-UP and the SGC-BBC, gives representation to the university at large. The Student Government Association of Florida International University strives toward making decisions that not only benefit every student, but also allows for every student, irrespective of campus, to be afforded an equal vote. The university wide council is designed to represent the needs of the total student population. The SGC-UP recognizes the needs of the BBC campus and further recognizes the fact that to operate effectively and grow as a part of this university BBC needs to be funded more than they collect as a campus. The SGC-BBC recognizes the fact that there are more students at the UP campus, and that more Activity and Services fees are collected from the UP campus. Both campuses find it of utmost importance that all decisions be made with the advice and consent of both campuses, with neither campus holding an indomitable command of any decision. As a precautionary measure, and in order to preserve the notions of equity and justice the Student Government Association of Florida International University have agreed on minimum voting standards and maximum allocation amounts as fully described below. No campus shall abridge or deny the rights of any campus in the collection or distribution of funds in accordance with the constitutional revisions contained herein.



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Section 2: The following section will be added to the SGA Constitution under Article II, Section D:

The SGA also will be comprised of a *University Wide Council* and a *University Wide Budget Committee* as more fully described below.

The following section will be added to the SGA Constitution under Article II, Section E:

1. *The function of the University Wide Council shall be to coordinate the activities of the SGC's and to represent the interests of all FIU students on matters of University-wide, county, or state concern.*
2. The University Council will be comprised of:
  1. Each SGC President.
  2. Each SGC Vice President.
  3. Each SGC Finance Committee Chairperson.
  4. *One (1) representative of the SGC-UP: the Speaker of the House who is elected by the SGC-UP council.*
  5. *One (1) representative of the SGC-BBC: including but not limited to the Pines Center representative elected to the SGC-BBC council.*

The following section will be added to the SGA Constitution under Article II, Section F:

1. *The function of the University Wide Budget Committee shall be:*
  - A. *To draft the annual budget of the Student Government Association.*
  - B. *All votes of the University Wide Budget Council will take place by a 2/3 vote of the council.*
  - C. *The Biscayne Bay Campus shall be allocated annually an amount equal to a multiple of 2.25% of the revenues collected by the Biscayne Bay Campus remaining after the allocation of (1) fixed expenses and (2) the SGA university wide accounts.*
2. *The University Wide Budget Committee will be comprised of:*
  1. *Each SGC President.*
  2. *Each SGC Vice President.*





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3. *Each SGC Finance Committee Chairperson.*
4. *Two (2) representatives of the SGC-UP: the Speaker of the House and the Speaker Pro-Tempore, who are elected by the SGC-UP council.*
5. *One (1) representative of the SGC-BBC: including but not limited to the Pines Center representative elected to the SGC-BBC council.*

**Section 3:** The SGA Constitution will be properly enumerated to accommodate for these amendments. The changes are effective immediately pending approval through a majority vote in the 2003 Fall Special Elections of the Student Government Association. Upon approval each council's by-laws must be properly enumerated to accommodate for these amendments. Accordingly, each council will amend their by-laws to accommodate these changes.



# RESOLUTION-

*Florida International University – Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus*

**Agenda Item :** In support of instating the one ticket system for the Florida International University Biscayne Bay Campus Student Government Council.

**Sponsors:** Admatha Israel, Representative at Large  
Sheaon Reid, Housing Representative

**Committee:** House of Representatives

**Date:** January 15th, 2003

## In Support of Instating the One Ticket System.

**Whereas,** The SGC is dedicated to being a part of the statewide initiative to fundamentally align constitutions and by-laws throughout the membership of the Florida Student Association,

**Whereas,** Candidates with similar issues and goals should come together in order to provide a more synergistic leadership within student government,

**Whereas,** A one-ticket system would serve to provide a sensible alternative for the SGC general elections. **Therefore be it**

**Resolved,** As of January 22nd 2003, section one of the elections code is amended to reflect the following changes and additions to allow presidential and vice presidential candidates to run on a one-ticket system:

- A. Strike subsections I. and J. from section I of the Elections Code, and replace the text of subsection I. with section J. of University Park's Elections Code which states: "Individuals running for President and Vice President will pair up and be on one ballot. A presidential candidate can only have one Vice President on his/her ballot. In the same respect, a candidate for Vice President can only be on one presidential ticket. Both candidates must meet all qualifications and register together in order for the ticket to retain eligibility."

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B. Add the following as section J of the Elections Code: "In the event of extenuating circumstances, as defined by the Student Government Council's Judicial Board, that prevent an individual on a ticket from participating in the elections as a candidate, the other individual on the ticket will have the option of selecting a new running mate within 5 business days of their former running mate's disqualification provided that the replacement candidate meets all qualifications of the position."



# COUNCIL BILL

Florida International University • Student Government Council • University Park

**On Agenda:** Amendments to the Student Government Association's Constitution

**Sponsors:** Collette Papa, College of Law Representative and Jorge Rosario, Representative At-Large

**Committee:**

**Date:** February 12, 2003

## Qualifications of Representatives

An act relating to the establishment of qualifications for the College of Law Representative.

Be it enacted by the Student Government Association of Florida International University at the ~~University Park Campus~~.

### Section 1:

The Student Government Association does not currently specify the standard to which the College of Law Representative is held in terms of grade point average and credit hours. The purpose of this bill is to specify the minimum requirements necessary for a College of Law student to hold the position of College of Law Representative. Furthermore, this Council Bill is intended to make clear the differences in qualifications between Law students and Graduate students.

### Section 2:

The following section will be added to the SGA Constitution under Article 6, Section A:

- Representatives of specific schools, colleges, or class levels must be accepted students of that school, college, or class level as defined in the Bylaws. Graduate students shall be eligible to run only for

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President, Vice President, Finance Chair, Broward Representative, graduate representative seats, or any chair position appointed by an SGC. Law students shall be eligible to run only for President, Vice President, ~~Finance Chair~~, College of Law representative seats, or any chair position appointed by an SGC. College of Law students are ineligible to run for the graduate representative seat.

3. May not be under any academic or disciplinary sanctions as detailed in the Student Rights and Responsibilities document to run for or hold office. Law students may not be under any academic or disciplinary sanctions as detailed in the College of Law Student Handbook.
4. Must maintain no less than a 2.5 cumulative undergraduate grade point average and a 2.0 term grade point average, a 2.5 cumulative law school grade point average and a 2.0 term grade point average and a 3.0 cumulative graduate grade point average and a 2.5 term grade point average to run for and hold their position on SGC. *Garland*
5. Must maintain a minimum of nine (9) undergraduate credit hours, three (3) graduate credit hours, or seven (7) law school credit hours.
6. Representatives in their semester of graduation are exempt from the nine (9) undergraduate credit hour requirement and the seven (7) law school credit hour requirement, but must maintain at least three (3) credit hours.

The following section will be added to the SGA Constitution under Article VII, Section C:

... Positions for specific schools, colleges, lower division and graduate seats, and the Broward campus will be elected by the student membership of that school, college, division or campus. College of Law students are ineligible to vote for the graduate seats...

Section 3:

The SGA Constitution will be properly enumerated to accommodate for these amendments. The changes are pending approval through a majority vote in the next General Election of the Student Government Association.