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# Florida International University

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## Student Government Council

CGA MEETING  
JULY 6, 1999

### IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Kunga Kihohia, President  
Mr. Tito Omaghomi, Vice President (LT)  
Ms. Gloria Bryan, Lower Division Representative  
Ms. Nicole Perkins, Clerk of Council/Secretary  
Ms. Ula Zucker, Journalism and Mass Communications Representative (LT)  
Ms. Monica LaFrance, Student Services Chairperson  
Ms. Avia Rice, Representative-at-Large (LT)  
Ms. Dannielle Boyer, Representative-at-Large  
Ms. Jenee F. Jones, Chief of Staff – Volunteer  
Mr. Rafael Zapata, Advisor  
Mr. Alois Odhiambo, Director of Student Lobbying/Community Relations (LT)  
Mr. Alioune Pallaye Kane, Academic Affairs Chairperson  
Ms. Veneisha Scott, Panther Power Coordinator  
Mr. Angel Garcia, Representative-at-Large  
Mr. Robert Castellanos, Finance Chairperson (LT)

### ABSENT

Mr. David Dajani, School of Hospitality Representative  
Mr. Peter Gallego, Representative-at-Large  
Ms. Shrita Penn, Graduate Representative  
Ms. Katrina Davey, Lower Division Representative  
Mr. Mitch Santilmon, Athletics Coordinator  
Mr. Alberto Kan, Director of University Relations/ Special Events  
Mrs. Gayane Stepanian, Broward Representative  
Mr. David Cole, Advisor  
Ms. Florence Carranza, Graduate Representative

### GUESTS

Ms. Linda Lubin, SPC Chairperson  
Ms. Adina Leszczyk  
Mr. Arthur Papillion, Jr.  
Vaughn Martin

### CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Kunga Kihohia, SGC President, called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m. He welcomed the Council to another meeting. The minutes were not yet prepared for today's meeting; therefore, the approval of the minutes will be postponed to the next general Council meeting.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Kihohia announced that certain Council members will not be able to attend today's meeting. One of those members is Mrs. Gayane Stepanian. She is unable to maintain her position as Broward Representative due to her classes and expected birth of her child.

In addition, Mr. Peter Gallego, Ms. Shrita Penn, and Mr. David Dajani are off the Council indefinitely. Ms. Katrina Davey will be returning from Jamaica on July 8, 1999.

Ms. Monica LaFrance, Ms. Gloria Bryan, and Ms. Dannielle Boyer are all celebrating birthdays in July. There will be a special celebration for them at the end of the month.

The annual FSA retreat is July 23 –26, 1999. Those interested members please sign up as soon as possible. It will be held in Tampa, Florida.

Also, sign up for the Association of College Unions International as soon as possible. This conference will be held on October 21 –23, 1999 in Atlanta, Georgia.

There is a party scheduled for July 22, 1999 at 10pm in the Wolfe University Center. It will be sponsored by SGA – North Campus and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

At the next SGA meeting, members will need to know the alma mater of the school.

#### VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Omaghomí offered assistance to those members who need help on the APA Revision Code, which is due Tuesday, July 13, 1999.

The Code of Ethics was formed by Mr. Omaghomí with the assistance of Mr. Castellanos. The Council was asked to review the Code of Ethics.

Ms. Dannielle Boyer moved to table voting on the implementation of the Ethics Code into our Constitution until the next general Council meeting. Ms. Gloria Bryan seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### *ACADEMIC AFFAIRS*

*Mr. Pallaye Kane, Chair*

Mr. Kane announced that the Small Development Business Research Center has been closed. He is working on the SGA Scholarships and is still in the process of forming a committee.

##### *STUDENT SERVICES*

*Ms. Monica LaFrance, Chair*

Ms. Monica LaFrance asked the Council members to look over the report she submitted and to please give comments. She is in the process of working on three main things.

##### *PANTHER POWER*

*Ms. Veneisha Scott, Chair*

Ms. Scott announced that the University Wide Panther Power Committee has been allocated \$23,000. She has sent out fifteen letters to prospective companies requesting donations and giveaways. Blue Moon Café and Karaoke Tuesdays have set dates. They will be provided at a later date.

Ms. Scott wants to implement Student Appreciation Week in the month of October.

She wants to paint panther paws throughout the school to promote school spirit, visibility of school colors, especially in the Wolfe University Center.

##### *CHIEF OF STAFF/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - VOLUNTEER*

*Ms. Jenee F. Jones*

Ms. Jones is seeking for parchment paper to mount the SGA – North Campus mission statement and goals. She announced that the various committees need to submit minutes and reports as soon as possible.

Everyone who uses the SGA vice-presidential office needs to keep it clean. She also announced that due to three absences at meetings, Mr. Mitch Santilmon and Mr. Alberto Kan are removed from the Council.

##### *UNIVERSITY RELATIONS/ SPECIAL EVENTS*

*Mr. Alberto Kan*

Not present.

##### *FINANCE*

*Mr. Robert Castellanos*

Mr. Castellanos announced that the FIU – North Miami Finance Code is almost finalized. This will be looked at by the Senate and then taken University Wide. He is attempting to locate the Treasurer's manual. He is also working on the auditing for the SGA - North Campus that looks fine as of today. There will be a budget report at every meeting.

Mr. Castellanos is trying to purchase six new computer with a one-year warranty for the office.

STUDENT LOBBYING/ COMMUNITY RELATIONS

*Mr. Alois Odhiambo*

Mr. Odhiambo requests that members put letters stating their desire for a Law school in his mailbox. He also requests that everyone write a letter to Governor Jeb Bush to thank him for vetoing the recent 5% tuition increase. Mr. Odhiambo informed the Council that Lieutenant Governor Brogan has recently lost his wife to cancer. Our thoughts are with him. The SGA booth will be operating from 12 noon to 2p.m. to promote the rally. Special thanks to Ms. Ula Zucker and Ms. Veneisha Scott for this accomplishment.

ADVISOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rafael Zapata reminded the Council that the mandatory meeting for all those individuals attending the Law School Rally is tomorrow. It is imperative that the University Relations/ Special Events Chair attends.

SOC/SPC REPORT

**SPC**

Ms. Lubin, SPC President, announced that they are actively working on the calendar and would like as much feedback as possible. She also announced that SPC has a new Vice-Chair and she will be contacting all interested persons.

There is a new name for Welcome Back week; it will be called "Fall Festival". Ms. Lubin is working on office beautification. She is trying to order and gather giveaways to pass out to a target group to get them involved in Campus Activities. The first concert for the fall semester will be in September. They have considered Run DMC, Rayhel from The Roots, and/or Slick Rick.

SPC is in the process of planning Homecoming. They are collaborating with the South Campus for the calendar.

**SOC**

May need a new SOC chair. Ms. Nia Johnson will not be working for the summer.

NEW BUSINESS

*Parliamentarian*

*Mr. Vaughn Martin*

Mr. Martin is seeking appointment as the Parliamentarian of the Council. The position will bring order to the Council in a roundabout way, especially during meetings. This position has already been established in SGA; it just has remained unfilled. DISCUSSION: Mr. Castellanos felt that this was an opportunity to strengthen our Constitution, a way for FIU to advance. Ms. Rice pointed out that the duties listed for this position are covered by other position on the Council.

Mr. Tito Omaghomi moved to appoint Mr. Vaughn Martin as the Parliamentarian. No one seconds this motion. Motion dies.

Ms. Avia Rice motioned to table the voting for this position. Mr. Angel Garcia seconded this motion. VOTE: Unanimous. Mr. Martin offered his telephone numbers for any questions: (305) 242.2843, home (305) 350-7179, work.

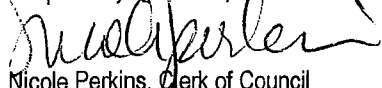
COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

Ms. Avia Rice informed that the NAACP is petitioning on vouchers. There are questions about the Affirmative Action Committee at FIU.

ADJORNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole Perkins, Clerk of Council  
Student Government Council, North Campus

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## Student Government Council

SGA MEETING

JUNE 22, 1999

### IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Kunga Kihohia, President  
Mr. Tito Omaghomi, Vice President  
Ms. Katrina Davey, Lower Division Representative  
Ms. Gloria Bryan, Lower Division Representative  
Ms. Florence Carranza, Graduate Representative  
Ms. Nicole Perkins, Clerk of Council/Secretary  
Ms. Ula Zucker, Journalism and Mass Communications Representative  
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Mr. Angel Garcia, Representative-at-Large  
Mr. Mitch Santilmon, Athletics Coordinator  
Mr. Robert Castellanos, Finance Chairperson

### ABSENT

Mr. David Dajani, School of Hospitality Representative  
Mr. Peter Gallego, Representative-at-Large  
Ms. Shrita Penn, Graduate Representative

### GUESTS

Mr. Orlando Amorin, President – SGA/UP  
Ms. Linda Lubin, SPC Chairperson

### CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Kunga Kihohia, SGC President, called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. He asked the Council to review the minutes. Ms. Gloria Bryan made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Ms. Dannielle Boyer seconded the move. 5 in favor, 2 opposed 0 abstentions.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Kihohia expressed his concern with the Senate. There has been confusion in the role that the Senate plays. He saved this discussion for the end of the meeting. Every was given an opportunity to express their questions and concerns about this matter. In addition, Mr. Kihohia explains the process of voting in Senate meetings. The voting must be left at general SGA meeting because the whole Council needs to be informed on what's being voted upon.

### VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Omaghomi compiled a list of those members who are behind on their weekly reports. He also announced that from today, those weekly reports that are late will be considered as absent. This will result in the holding of paychecks. He thanked those members who provided input on the APA. The members, who submitted input and did not put your name on it, please identify your work.

Mr. Omaghomi took this time for the Council to reinstate two of its former members. Ms. Veneisha Scott was removed from the Council due to being absent for three meetings. Mr. Angel Garcia was removed for the same reason. Both were given opportunities to explain their absence and why they should be reinstated.

Ms. Gloria Bryan made a motion to appoint Mr. Angel Garcia as a Representative-at-Large. Ms. Katrina Davey seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Ms. Gloria Bryan, also made a motion to re-appoint Ms. Veneisha Scott as the Panther Power Coordinator. Ms. Dannielle Boyer seconded it. VOTE: Unanimous.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### *ACADEMIC AFFAIRS*

*Mr. Pallaye Kane, Chair*

Mr. Kane spoke briefly about the SGC scholarship distribution. Six scholarships will be awarded. They are each for \$500 per year. There are 11 applicants. A committee of seven people, including staff and students, will determine the winners.

##### *STUDENT SERVICES*

*Ms. Monica LaFrance, Chair*

No report.

##### *PANTHER POWER*

*Ms. Veneisha Scott, Chair*

No report.

##### *CHIEF OF STAFF/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - VOLUNTEER*

*Ms. Jenee F. Jones*

Ms. Jones informed the Council that letters of absenteeism will be distributed from here on out. Once any Council member has missed at least two meetings, they will be notified with one of the absenteeism letters.

##### *UNIVERSITY RELATIONS/ SPECIAL EVENTS*

*Mr. Alberto Kan*

Mr. Alberto Kan proposed a pep rally supporting the Law School adventure. There was a proposal for a party also. Mr. Kan also announced that there are approximately 57 students signed up to go to the Law School Rally in Tallahassee.

##### *FINANCE*

*Mr. Robert Castellanos*

Mr. Castellanos announced that the budget has been approved. Every Council member should have received a copy of the budget in his or her box. The Finance committee meeting are scheduled for Thursdays.

##### *STUDENT LOBBYING/ COMMUNITY RELATIONS*

*Mr. Alois Odhiambo*

Mr. Odhiambo announced that there will be a FSA meeting held in the Roz and Cal Kovens Conference Center this Friday, June 25, 1999 at 10:30 a.m.

#### ADVISOR'S REPORT

Mr. David Cole and Mr. Rafael Zapata announced that there is another City Council meeting. It is scheduled for June 22, 1999. The time is to be announced.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The Senate needs to appoint a Chair, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary. Ms. Avia Rice and Ms. Florence Carranza were both nominated for the position of Senate Chairperson. Regrettably, Ms. Carranza declined the nomination. Ms. Dannielle Boyer made a motion to appoint Ms. Rice as Senate Chairperson. Ms. Katrina Davey seconded the motion. VOTE: 8 in favor, 1 opposition, 0 abstentions.

Ms. Dannielle Boyer was nominated for Senate Vice-Chairperson. Ms. Rice made a motion to appoint Ms. Boyer as Senate Vice-Chairperson. Ms. Ula Zucker seconded that motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Ms. Katrina Davey was nominated for Senate Secretary. Ms. Dannielle Boyer moved to appoint Ms. Davey to this position. Ms. Gloria Bryan seconded it. VOTE: 7 in favor, 1 opposition, 0 abstentions.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

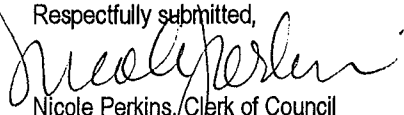
SPC is excited about the new academic year. They recently filled the deadline for the Campus Activities calendar. Ms. Linda Lubin, SPC President, will be attending Orientation sessions to inform new students about the Tri-Council.

Ms. Ula Zucker is working on office remodeling. She found that the office needs a more professional appearance. She will research different furniture stores for the best prices.

ADJORNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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