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Student Government Council

MINUTES

May 21, 1993

Meeting called to order by Rainier Gonzalez at 5:20 P.M.

I. ROLL CALL

Rainier Gonzalez	Jesline Jean-Simon
Gadville McDonald	David Perdomo
Maricarmen Torres (AB)	Michelle del Valle
Roberto Martinez	Mercy Hernandez (EX)
Oscar Gamble	Morolake Laosebikan
Bernardo del Riesgo	Koti Reddy Venna (EX)
Paul Chinnappan	Sergio Abreu

II. PLEDGE

III. GUEST SPEAKER: FRANK VIRELLA, FSA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

IV. REPORTS OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

A. Rainier Gonzalez - President

1. First thing of the agenda of my report is the FSA meeting. All the state universities were impressed by their accommodations and the way the meeting ran. With that in mind the next FSA meeting will be held in the University of South Florida on June 17, 18, and 19. The members from these board will be Peter Milan the lobbyist, Millie Arango (chief of staff), Jeff Deen who is the FIU's prospect for Florida Student Regent. We will make it a policy to FSA meeting to try and invite somebody from the board so that they can see what is going on.

2. Moving on to the next thing is agenda deadlines. This is something I want to be very specific about. Even if the agenda isn't in your mailbox the agenda deadlines are 48 hours before the meeting.

Oscar: At this time, I would like to mention that we never voted these things that we discussed during the retreat. Such as we discussed that we would have an agenda in within 48 hours that we would turn everything in and that there would be no changes to it as of 24

hours before the meeting so that we would know exactly what to do and not have any surprises at meetings.

Rainier: Moving on, we made an Executive decision that we are not allowing any funding for clubs or organizations for the next month, no new request for funding based on the fact that we are going to committee budget meetings and so forth and it would be very chaotic if Inaki had to deal with finances himself. Inaki will discuss this in greater detail with his finance report. Moving on, we now go to the Vice President's Report. (Gadville)

B. Gadville McDonald - Vice President

I would apologize on how I look, but I am sick and have the flu. I want to say that I looked into getting the SGA bulletin board for downstairs. I would need some assistance from the senators so that we could organize the bulletin board and how it would look. What we intend to do is put pictures of the senators and the members of Student Government so in that way the students could know who are their representatives. Another thing I would like to touch on is the schedule for office hours. Some of you filled out the schedule but did not put any office hours. If you don't have any time for office hours then we want you to state that. We know some of you are taking tough courses during the summer, however we would like for you to try and have some office hours because during the fall it will be the same. I do not think your courses will get any easier so that is why, I think you should get some work on some of the committees and keep them involved in SGA. Another point I would like to talk about is that Kotty and I went to the Academic Misconduct Review Board and we are going to change the way they conduct their reviews. Their formal and informal process will require a lot of research. If any of you will read the book and come-up with some ideas please do, bring them to my attention, that is the vice-presidents report.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Inaki: I will just tell you a couple of things that have been happening. No reports as per say from the finance Committee because there is no finance committee so it's basically finance chair. What I have been trying to do is catch up trying to figure out things from the previous administration and previous controller. There are a couple of things such as the Cuban arts Festival which was this weekend and the purchase of art work from a

student through the museum, all things that were approved last administration but there was no paper work on. So in a way we were committed, I am trying to take care of all the problems that were left over from the previous administration trying to make sure everything is legitimate and accountable. The other thing is I have been working with the university Wide Council such as Oscar Gamble, Ray Gonzalez, and Gadville Mc Donald researching the budget and it is a time consuming task. Another thing is that I am working with a little more effective procedure to assure there is no abuse of power. Also if there is anyone here who is going on to the FSA trip they need to pass by my office afterwards. We did have the policy not taking any more new requests either for new requests for money or use for previous year because we need to figure out how much money is there so at this time we have to say no to everybody so that we do not discriminate.

Oscar: I have discussed with Inaki the controller's position and what he is allowed to allocate as far as money. We discussed about tightening up the \$500-\$3000 limit.

Inaki: I definitely want to tighten them up further and I also would like to have weekly Finance Committee meetings, in order for there to be organization and accountability.

V. OLD BUSINESS

MOTION #1:

Oscar: Motioned to vote on the pre-existing discussing the agenda would be given to us by 48 hours and there will be no changes after 24 hours.
Motion on the floor. Seconded by David Perdomo.

MOTION #1: PASSED

Morolake: Memorandum written to all members of the student government council. Preferably to the student representatives and members of the council only. The memo was regarding the last meeting. The meeting held on May, 12 was not conducted according to procedure. On the agenda it does not show any action that would be taking place. Elections for finance chair were held and are not listed on the agenda. They are in the minutes but not in the Agenda. Elections were improper because they directly violated the procedures. All meetings may have to be canceled until the position of parliamentarian have taken place. It is crucial that a parliamentarian would

be put in place as soon as possible.

MOTION #2

Morolake : Motioned that no further elections be held until we get a parliamentarian in place.

Rainier: There is a motion on the floor. Seconded by Paul.

MOTION #2: FAILED

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Robert: Last year had a budget but this year wants to have a budget to better serve my school (business school). He can make good and quick decisions.

Robert: New program for career planning. May call and find out job openings. They want to advertise. This will affect all students. The cost will be \$40.00.

MOTION #4:

Motion for banner to be made. Morolake seconded.

MOTION #4: MOTION PASSES

Rainier: Finance Committee rules discussion.

Inaki: Differed to Finance Committee to make rules and submit to SGC for approval.

Rainier: Moving on to North Campus discussion. North Campus through guidance of their president and council made some radical changes to their by-laws.

1. Changed name to North Campus SGA.

2. They could fire anyone in their council.

Please note, Michelle Del Valle wishes to be put on the Student Services Committee. And Paul wishes to be on the Finance Committee but there is no availability. But if someone steps down, Paul will be automatically appointed.

The Finance Committee will be temporary frozen for 4 weeks until July 2, 1993.

Michelle: When would chairs be appointed.

Rainier: all other chairs will be appointed in June 4,

1993.

Robert Martinez has been excused from the meeting.

MOTION #5:

MOTION-- We stand with the committee structure we have as of now with all the changes. Motion was properly seconded.

MOTION #5: MOTION PASSED

Paul: Spoke of GSA funding request.

Rainier: Inaki and Ray stated that the funds are on freeze.

MOTION #6:

Paul: Motion over ruled to refer to Finance Committee to consider allocating money to GSA.

MOTION #6: MOTION PASSES

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rainier: Parliamentarian on the next meeting will be discussed. One of the meetings may be changed. Meeting will change also due to Ray being in Gainseville and Gadville in the Bahamas.

Morolake: SPC is having a comedy show July 8, 1993.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Bernie: Motioned to adjourned
ALL SECONDED
Meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

SOC Report #1

As per SGC presidential request, the following is a summary of SOC activities. This is divided into Executive Board meetings and Club activities.

Executive Board

Meeting April 21, 1993

The Executive Board met to discuss an additional funding request from the Pakistani Students Organization. The funds were approved by the board after research was done as to the validity of the request and justification was shown. The board entertained a motion to establish travel guidelines in the event that travel is approved by SGC. A system was adopted for monitoring the club mailboxes for club activity. Marisa Rodriguez gave a presentation on accounting procedures. The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting April 30, 1993

The Executive Board met and approved stationary for official S.O.C. use. Also approved was computer software for the S.O.C. computer, which will be used to maximize the efficiency of S.O.C. The Executive Board will be meeting on Fridays at 10:00 a.m. all through "Summer A".

Meeting May 7, 1993

The Executive Board met to discuss travel guidelines which were finalized for attachment to the budget. The budget was also completed during this meeting. A podium banner and outdoor banner were approved. T-shirts were designed and approved.

Meeting May 14, 1993

The Executive Board officially approved the complete budget for submission to S.G.C. Office supplies were ordered. An S.G.C. meeting schedule was presented to the board and it was agreed that one S.O.C. member will attend each meeting. There is a potential problem concerning multiple campus funding and a future amendment will be proposed for approval. A glass enclosed bulletin board was approved by the board. An advisor letter was adopted and sent to each club advisor.

Meeting May 21, 1993

The Executive Board discussed recommendations to change Club/Organization Annual registration from Fall to Spring. This was deferred for study with the clubs. The Orientation speakers to represent S.O.C. were chosen. The dates for S.O.C. General Council meetings for the summer are as follows; July 14, 7:00 p.m. and August 4, 7:00 p.m. A motion was brought up for discussion on how to fund clubs during the summer. This was deferred to later date. Finally, a matter concerning past over-expenditures by the Puerto Rican Student Association was discussed for possible future ramifications.

Club Activities

The Mini-Baja Club competed in their Regional events and have a report concerning their outcome.

STANDING COMMITTEES

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Sergio Abreu
Maria Carmen Lorenzo
Roberto Martinez
Paul Chinnappan

FINANCE COMMITTEE (4 WEEKS ONLY)

Rainier Gonzalez
Jesline Jean-Simon
Sergio Abreu
Oscar Gamble

STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Michelle del Valle
Mercy Hernandez
Morolake Laosebikan
Bernardo del Riesgo
Kotti Reddy Venna
David Perdomo



University Council

MINUTES

September 2, 1993

Meeting called to order by Rainier Gonzalez at 5:10 P.M.

I. Roll Call

Rainier Gonzalez
Gadville McDonald
Sergio Abreu
Maricarmen Torres (Ab)
Oscar Gamble
Morolake Laobiskan
Bernardo Del Riesgo (Ab)

Kotti Reddi Venna
Paul Chinnapman (Ab)
Jesline Jean-Simon
David Perdomo
Michelle Del Valle
Mercy Hernandez

II. Pledge

III. Reading And Corrections Of The Previous Minutes

Previous minutes are held as such.

IV. Reports Of The Executive Board

1. Rainier Gonzalez - President

A. There is an F.S.A. meeting at Gainesville on September 12, 1993, if there are any senators interested please see me.

B. The bookstore contract is up for bidding, I am on this committee and I will be looking at the proposals to let you know which is the best one. This is very important due to the fact that we may soon have an even bigger bookstore.

C. Professional Food Management went \$650,000 in the red. They have asked the university to help them. This is their proposal and in their contract it specifies they would not ask us for any form of relief. This is a legal contract and if we were to offer them any relief it would probably have legal ratifications. P.F.M. said that if food sales did not improve they would have to end their services at the university. Although, it seems highly unlikely because they just moved their operations to Orlando.

D. We gave \$5,000 to the library for the purchase of computers. Somewhere on these computers it will be noted that S.G.A. funded them.

E. Meeting times have been scheduled for the rest of the year, Thursday's at 5:00 P.M.

2. Gadville McDonald - Vice-President

A. The Intern-Program is coming along very good, there are already 250 freshmen enrolled. The Intern Steering Committee will have it's first meeting next Wednesday at 4:30 in GC 150.

B. The Bullentin Board has already been ordered and we are going to order another one because we got an additional space. I would like for the bulletin board committee to begin working on the arrangement and appearance of the bullentin board.

C. The memo I had done was lost due to that my diskette was damaged. I will have another copy for you in the next couple of days.

D. I would like to commend Sergio Abreu for the excellent job he is doing with the School of Engineering.

E. Each Senator was supposed to have turned in their three selections for the F.I.U. tag contest. I would like to commend Oscar Gamble for having have turned his in before the deadline, although the rest of the senators have yet to turn them in.

3. Inaki Rezzola - Finance Chair

A. We are short of funds, the exact amount is \$24,624. To eliminate this we are going to have to call a University Council meeting. There is additional money coming in from the cancellation of the yearbook. Leaving us with approximately \$29,000 after we divide it with N.M.C.. For more Detailed information please see me.

B. Another issue is the need for accountability, the way to achieve this is to bring an auditor into the Accounting Department. I'll have something for the Council to look at next week.

V. Old Business

A.Motion #1: Sergio: Motions to postpone all funds until October 15,1993.

Motion seconded

7 in favor
1 opposed
1 abstained

B. F.I.U. Tags

Rainier: I will set the deadline to turn in your three choices for the F.I.U. tags for 2 1/2 weeks from today.

C. Enviromental Studies

Rainier: Gadville and I will review the committee and get back to them.

D. Cabinet

Rainier: Millie Arango resigned as Chief-of-Staff yesterday and I would like to introduce you to my candidate for this position, Alex Martinez. Alex is an excellent choice and I will work with him for about a week to see how he works out.

E. Admissions Video

Motion #2

Lake: Motions to fund admissions video in the amount of \$6,000 pending script approval.

Motion seconded

6 in favor
3 opposed

Motion passes

VI. New Business

A. Financial Aid

Jeff: (from S.O.C.) Wants to implement a program in the bookstore, in which students that receive financial aid can purchase their books ahead of time. Once the award letter comes through the amount of the purchase can be deducted from the award.

VII. Announcements:

S.P.C. welcomes you back.
Richard Naranjo is doing better after the accident.

David: Motions to adjourn meeting

All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 6:15

