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ATTENDANCE:

Hugh Moran, President  Izzy Corbo
Rob Capuano, Controller & Secretary  Brian Abramson
Jon Bergrab  Tanya McGra
Deborah Anderson  Ursula Castaneda
Glenn Figuerado  Marion Nijhuis
Rachel Whitcomb  Paul Franzese, Advisor

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Hugh Moran at 6:10 p.m.
The minutes from the meeting on 9 December were approved.

II. OFFICERS REPORTS

Hugh Moran welcomed everyone back from the holiday. We will
need to organize for the spring semester and set meeting
times. He introduced University Center Director Whit Hollis,
North Miami Cafeteria Manager Jennifer Condi, and Cafeteria
Director Assereto Grimaldo to discuss the reduction in
cafeteria hours with the council.

Mr. Grimaldo reported that the cafeteria closing time has been
set back to 7:00 p.m. This decision was made based on
cafeteria sales. They could not afford to pay the additional
electric and labor costs associated with closing at 10:00 or
11:00 p.m. because sales during those hours were too low. The
cafeterias are also opening 1 hour earlier on Saturday, at
9:00 a.m.

Whit Hollis added that student voices were represented during
the decision making process. Not necessarily North Miami
students, but students nevertheless. He wants to create a
Food Service Committee that would meet with the University
Center staff and the cafeteria staff to address concerns.
Perhaps the SGC could volunteer some representatives to sit on
the committee?

Hugh Moran asked if the hours will be cut back again.

Mr. Grimaldo answered that at this time, no. We are
comfortable with the current hours.

Paul Franzese inquired as to the status of satellite
operations.

Ms. Condi reported that the 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. service in
Academic One was discontinued because sales did not equal the
cost of labor.

Mr. Grimaldo interjected that we will try to find a new place that may be more successful for a satellite operation. If there are any suggestions later, he can be reached at 348-3453.

Paul Franzese commented that the students were concerned with the way the reduction of hours was handled. He also suggested setting up a satellite operation in the evening in Academic One, after the cafeteria has closed.

Brian Abramson asked if Professional Foodservice Management also handled the vending machines, and what the situation with those machines was.

Whit Hollis explained that Canteen operates the vending machines. He added that Canteen's staff are very good, but the machines are not in the best of shape. The dollar slots were taken out because people would stick a dollar into the machine with a piece of tape on it so that they could pull it out again as soon as in registered inside the machine. Canteen was losing $2,000 a week because of this. If there are any problems with the machines, go to UC 124 or call x5800.

III. ADVISORS REPORT

Paul Franzese revealed the calendars for spring semester. The Aquatic Center Coordinator position may be filled next week. The SGC-Student Activities Senior Secretary position is posted; it closes on 31 January. The Child Care Center is having problems with their contractor, so the building is being delayed. One consideration we have not made is where will Student Activities and SGC move to while they renovate our offices. One possibility is UC 110; another is the old Beacon office. The special elections will be held on Monday and Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. There is also a blood drive going on today.

IV. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairperson Robert Capuano reported that we have two requests; one from the Student Activities office for $5,720 to continue employing the Office Assistant, the Graphic Artist and the Projectionist for the rest of the fiscal year; and one from the Student Programming Committee for $5,000 to hold their homecoming programs. The members of the Finance Committee will need to get together after the meeting to set a meeting time. Also, everyone must see Lillian and sign their emoluments contracts.
V. STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chairperson Jon Bergrab reported that he handed out 2,000 surveys for the shuttle bus and got 1,500 of them back. However, 900 of them were incomplete, so we have to find a better way of distributing the surveys to the professors and to get them to return them completed. The shuttle has been extended until 18 August due to the generosity of FEMA. We will have a committee meeting next week.

VI. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Chairperson Hugh Moran reported that we got some positive feedback from Assistant Vice President Helen Ellison and Budget Director Chuck Tinder about the cashiers window problems. We hope to see some progress concerning this problem soon.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Hugh Moran reminded everyone to encourage the people in your classes to vote. Sometime Wednesday afternoon, we should know the results of the election. There is currently no further news on the Union fee.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

We have to decide on a new meeting time, and our choices are:
- Wednesday 6 p.m.
- Thursday 5 p.m.
- Tuesday 9 a.m.
- Thursday 9 a.m.

It was decided by consensus to leave the meeting Wednesday 6 p.m. for the time being.

Rachel Whitcomb moved that we allocate $5,720 to Student Activities for the OPS positions.
- Izzy Corbo seconded; Motion passed.

Rachel Whitcomb moved to allocate $5,000 to SPC for homecoming.
- Brian Abramson seconded; Motion passed.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.