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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

NORTH MIAMI COUNCIL

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 1994

MEETING TIME: 5:53 - 7:55

ATTENDANCE:

Claudine Gayle Nakisha Armbrister

Petrouchka Moise Rachel Duverglas Arthur Papillon Brian Abramson Kirill Reznik Melanie Bent Lamar Conness

Marie Reveil

Vice President Rep. at Large, Public Relations Academic Affairs Chair Finance Chair Rep. at Large Rep. at Large Lower Division Lower Division Broward Awareness Advisor Chief of Staff

----after QUORUM - Malcolm Nathan (DSL), Guerda Jean-Baptiste, Michelle Jones

ROLL CALL

PAST MINUTES - There are no minutes to be approved. Due to a complication, the minutes of the last meet ing will be approved at the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE REPORT

Claudine Gayle, Vice President, informs the council that Sean Davis, President has taken a leave of absence due to business that must be taken cared of. He will be returning at the end of January. Claudine as Vice president has temporary signing privileges.

A retreat for SGA members is tentatively being planned for the 28th or 31st of January. A requisition is needed for the stay. Arthur Papillon, Rep. at Large, is in charge of finding the information. He is looking into The Holiday Inn at Newport Pier for accommodation.

A luncheon is being scheduled for Feb. 11 for SPC, SOC, SGC to bridge the animosity between organizations.

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SGA has not been well received in the past, therefore, a forum is being planned for mid-February. It is to be an open forum with panelists. Claudine and Sean are in charge of this project.

MIAMI DADE HEARING - Tax Prop. Hearing VIA Administration Miami Dade is misusing Dade County funds, FIU wants to ensure that they get the money next time. Tuesday there will be a vote on a referendum to extend taxes for school funding.

Claudine speaks, How is this affecting North Miami?

COMMITTEE REPORTS - COMMITTEE REPORT

Finance is reconciling standing budget. Rachel Duverglas, Finance Chair, needs the committees and reps' budget breakdown before meeting on January31.

SPC is requesting more money for the homecoming court: approximately \$250. There is extra money left from unused emoluments.

P.R.-----

Nakisha Armbrister motions to allow SPC Homecoming Committee \$250 for expansion of the court. Melanie Bent, Lower Division seconds, it is unanimous.

Academic Affairs

The last meeting was on October 22, 1993. Anyone who wants any information on the last meeting should see the minutes submitted into our records.

Petrouchka Moise discusses the fact that the University Handbook is not clear; so Student Gov't. representatives will act as reps. for students during informal hearings for academic misconduct.

Kirill Reznik questions whether the professors know that they're supposed to refer students to SGC. Petrouchka says administration is supposed to inform the professors of this. Kirill suggests that Petrouchka submit a memo to the professors.

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Student Services

PFM (Professional Food-Management) will have to renegotiate for the contract for next term. PFM is complaining about the loss of catering jobs from student organizations. The School of Hospitality Management will not run the cafeteria here at F.I.U.. Melanie Bent, Nakisha Armbrister, and Brian Abramson volunteer to sit on PFM committee that will discuss the problems.

PARKING -----

Construction of new parking spaces will commence February; It will take six weeks to complete this expansion.

DECAL-----

The parking decals will go up by \$20.00 next year. This is a lump sum of \$40.00 increase; after this, parking decals' prices are not supposed to go up until after 10 years. Three hundred parking spaces are expected.

EF----

E.F. Department has requested the creation of a shuttle. This will enable the students to go to various malls and other places of interest from campus on the weekends. Dorm residents would have to pay a fee to use the shuttle should it be provided.

COVERED WALKWAYS

Covered walkways from dorms to Library are a necessity. This will cost approximatly \$60,000 to \$70,000. Further investigation is needed on this matter.

POST OFFICE---

Why is it that checks cannot be cashed or money orders can be provided to students? Whit Hollis, Director of University Center will investigate this further.

TRAFFIC-----

There is a gravel road that leads to F.I.U.; it can be a possible alternate route to lessen traffic due to construction. NOTE----BUDGET: \$1,400; \$600.00 WAS SPENT ON KWANZAA

Public Relations Representatives

The general feeling of students towards SGC is not what it could be, better records of activities is needed to inform the student body that SGC is working hard for them. The deans of some of the schools feel that they do not know their representatives.

NACA Better attendance of council members is needed; also a schedule of office hours.

Nakisha Armbrister met with Whit Hollis, Dir. of UC, and James younger. Younger states that it will take six to eight weeks for modular furniture. Whit Hollis plans to order from other company. Guerda Jean-Baptiste requests funding for SOC furniture. Kirill Reznik motions for Nakisha Armbrister to represent SGC to receive furniture funding. Melanie Bent, Lower Division, seconds it; it's unanimous.

STUDENT GOV"T COUNCIL

Luncheon for student leaders and administratos: Bridging the gap Part 1) LUNCH

2) GRIPE SESSION

Will be catered; business attire is required. Also photographer is expected. Nakisha Armbrister motions \$1,000 for expenditure for the luncheon. Michelle Jones seconds; it's unanimous.

Homecoming Gadgets--T-shirts for student gov't. Nakisha Armbrister motions \$500.00 for giveaways. Brian seconds motion. It's unanimous.

Michelle Jones requests from Debra miller, Ass. Dean of Journalism, a conference for P.R. Advertising competition at approximately \$600.00. Michelle requests itenarary, schedule, and name of student. She is till waiting for this information.

LOWER DIVISION

Kirill Reznik contacts Ron Silver about the BUS. No resolution can pass without support of president of school, Mitch Madaique.

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Kirill has all information in his report. kirill says sponsors are needed from corporations. he requests the P.R. put ad for sign-up committee. He also suggests that the Orientation program needs to be reconstructed.

NEW BUSINESS

Safe storage area for SOC is needed. Student Lounge storage is suggested. Richard Taylor should be asked.

Broward, Public Affairs, and nursing have no representatives; a recommendation from perspective group is needed. there will be a major P.R. push to raise image of SGC.

Marie Reveil is recommended for the position of Assistant to Vice-President/Chief of Staff. Nakisha Armbrister motions this and Brian Abramson seconds this motion. the motion is then unanimous.

Claudine Gayle recommends that Sgc members attend NACA. The reasons are: bridging the gap between organizations, Whit will be scouting for Director of Student Activities, and this is a great opportunity.

Nakisha Armbrister motions that P.R., and both Lower Division Reps, and the SOC chair attend NACA. Kirill Reznik seconds it; the motion is unanimous.

Lead or Leave--

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Organizations through student government need a basic adjustment. The mission is to reduce federal budget.

Petrouchka Moise informs Council that The Elders Institute will be using the conference room during the day, SGC will be receiving half of the rental fees for the use of the room.

Nakisha Armbrister, Rep. at Large, Public Relations makes motion to adjourn meeting at 7:55 on Friday, January 14, 1994.

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