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Florida International University

Student Government Council

BI-MONTHLY MEETING

**JANUARY 13, 1997
5:00 PM**

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. Valerie Blemur, Chief of Staff
Ms. Safiya Burton, Vice President
Mr. Delano Greene, Director of Student Lobbying
Ms. Lakisha Holmes, College of Urban and Public Affairs Representative
Ms. Nia Johnson, Lower Division Representative
Mr. Gakunga Kihohia, Finance Chair
Ms. Giralda Merkman, Representative-At-Large
Ms. N. Jasmine Michel, Graduate Representative
Mr. Arthur Papillon, Jr., President
Ms. Ellen Plissner, Advisor
Mr. Plinio Sanchez, Student Advocate

ABSENT

Ms. Tanisha Drummond, Clerk of Council
Ms. Mireidy Fernandez, Academic Affairs Chair
Ms. Nadia McLean, Special Events Chair
Mr. Craig Rapp, School of Hospitality Management Representative
Ms. Avia Rice, Lower Division Representative
Mr. Ian Richards, Representative-At-Large

GUESTS

Mr. Ian Elbrand
Mr. Kevin Mayeux, Executive Director; Florida Student Association (FSA)
Ms. Lisa Quercioii, School of Journalism and Mass Communications
Ms. Chanelle Rose, Elections Board Chair
Mr. Michael Turner

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:19 PM, by Ms. Safiya Burton, SGC Vice President.

Following the review of minutes, Mr. Arthur Papillon, Jr. acknowledged and welcomed our guests, which included Mr. Kevin Mayeux and Ms. Lisa Quercioii.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Evaluations were not received by the majority of the Council, as a reminder Mr. Papillon, Jr. reiterated that those who had not submitted these documents, would not receive a paycheck on Friday.
- The President had not received letters written by Council members, concerning the FIU Law School. He stated that he needed these letters as soon as possible, as he intended

to hand them to President Modesto Madique.

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE UNIVERSITY-WIDE COUNCIL BUDGET

- Recently, the Greeks have been eliminated from the University-Wide Council Budget.
- The 24-Hour Computer Laboratory will be open, beginning next week. Additionally, two other computer laboratories were opened over the Christmas Break, bringing the total number of computer laboratories on the North Campus to six.
- Salaries were not included the University-Wide Council Budget.
- The budget for the Graduate Student Association will be doubled.

Any further questions concerning the University-Wide Council Budget should be addressed to Mr. Gakunga Kihohia, Finance Chair.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Welcome
- "Best Student Government Council in a Public University", needs help with questions, as they are due by this Friday.
- Pool...Ms. Burton intends to speak with Vice President Mary Pankowski, concerning the possibility of lobbying with the City of North Miami.

ADVISOR'S REPORT

- Ms. Ellen Plissner reported that she intended to update the SGC members on qualifications/requirements in the coming week.
- For upcoming basketball games, three buses will be made available for those students who would like transportation.
- Positions are available in the Wolfe University Center: Student Assistants and Set-Up Crew.
- Orientation and Peer Advisor applications will be available at the end of the week. Applications must be completed and returned by February.
- SROW Conference will be held Friday, March 20, 1998 through Saturday, March 22, 1998.
- Dry Cleaning Service is scheduled to open in the Wolfe University Center.
- A new Automated Teller Machine (ATM) is available...students will no longer be charged a fee.

- Student Copy Center is scheduled to be opened in the coming weeks.
- Residence Assistant positions/applications will be available in the coming weeks.
- A pre-party meeting for Homecoming is scheduled for Friday, January 16, 1998 at 2:30 PM in the Student Programming Council E-Board Offices.

CHANGES IN STUDENT AFFAIRS

- Bob Cody, Director of Minority Student Affairs has moved back to the University Park Campus.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Mr. Kihohia extended a welcome, followed by a review of the budget.
- Issued a reminder about File for Funds procedures, and the importance of submitting paperwork early.
- Still assessing the time card situation.
- Met with auditors today, meeting went well.

OLD BUSINESS

- The President appointed Carrie (Anette Sandoval's Intern) to the Nursing Representative Position. Candidate spoke on her behalf. Ms. Burton made a motion to appoint her to the position. Ms. Nia Johnson seconded the motion. Vote: 5 in favor, 1 abstention; motion passes.
- Student Services position is available, since the departure of Ms. Camille Aub. Mr. Ian Elbrand submitted an application. Ms. Burton gave an endorsement on his behalf. Ms. Giralda Merkman made a motion to appoint Mr. Elbrand. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion. Vote: unanimous.
- ELECTIONS BOARD: Concerning the appointment of Plinio and Will to the Elections Board...Mr. Kihohia made a motion. Ms. Lakisha Holmes seconded the motion. Vote: unanimous.
- VOX received \$1000.00 and is now requesting an additional \$2000.00 for a grand total of \$5136.00 (\$3300.00 cut from the initial budget, and \$2136 for current deficit from their last issue).
- Basketball games have been averaging 30 to 38 students from the North Campus at each game. President Madique has issued a personal directive concerning this matter. Mr. Papillon, Jr. suggested that each Council member strive to bring at least 20 to 30 students

to each game.

- Homecoming needs assistance with their upcoming events (i.e., barbecue, float, fashion show).
- Ms. Nancy Bostick was injured in the Bookstore, funds are currently being raised to buy her an electric wheelchair. The President believes that those Council members who did not work, but received pay should give money towards this cause.
- Please distribute survey, concerning the FIU Law School location: North Campus.

MR. KEVIN MAYEUX, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (FSA):

- Tuition increase is included in the Governor's budget.
- Emphasis for Law School will take place on March 12, 1998.
- For the next two weeks, meetings will be held to discuss the possibility of the Law School being located on the University Park Campus.
- FSA will be increasing their efforts to start a voter registration drive.
- Board of Regents will be allocating monies to campuses for voter registration drives.

MS. LISA QUERCIOLO, SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATIONS:

- Ms. Quercioli discussed a grievance she is currently battling with the School of Journalism and Mass Communications, concerning the release of her records/degree, due to a change in policy for the Exit (Grammar) Exam.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Tanisha N. Drummond, Clerk of Council (via Ms. Lakisha Holmes, CUPA Representative)
Student Government Council, North Campus

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