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Student Government Council

**BI-MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES RECORDED ON**

**NORTH MIAMI CAMPUS
JANUARY 22, 1997**

IN ATTENDANCE

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Mr. Jeff Dismukes, Graduate Rep.
Ms. Liliana Gomez, Student Services Chair
Mr. Julian Humphreys, Vice President
Ms. Jeannie Lacroix, School of Nursing Rep.
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Ms. Kristina Nikolic, Lower Division Rep.
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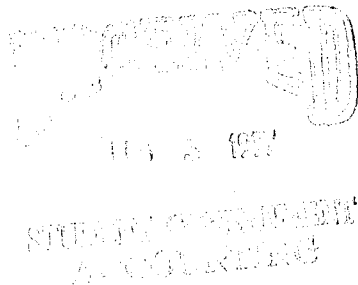
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