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Florida International University

Student Government Council

**BI-MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES RECORDED ON**

**NORTH MIAMI CAMPUS
FEBRUARY 5, 1997**

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. Camille Aub, SJMC Representative
Ms. Safiya Burton, Lower Division Representative
Ms. Zahra Burton, Lower Division Representative
Ms. Tanisha Drummond, Clerk of Council
Ms. Debra Goldman, Broward Awareness Representative
Ms. Liliana Gomez, Student Services Chair
Mr. Julian Humphreys, Vice President
Ms. Sandra Jean, Representative-At-Large
Mr. Alberto Kan, Representative-At-Large
Ms. Jeannie Lacroix, School of Nursing Representative
Mr. Michael Madridejos, Finance Chair
Mr. Arthur Papillon, Jr., President
Ms. Ellen Plissner, Advisor
Ms. Simone Reid, Hospitality Management Representative

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ABSENT

Ms. Thania Cantave, Administrative Assistant
Ms. Esther Navas, Representative-At-Large
Ms. Stacia Pinnock, CUPA Representative
Ms. Joanna Wedderburn, Director of Student Lobbying

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