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Mr. Humphreys made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Goldman seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM.



Respectfully submitted,

Tanisha N. Drummond

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informed him that there were two other entities that had agreed to assist his organization with funding. Mr. Humphreys made a motion to allocate \$200.00 out of the General Account for this event; with the understanding that Student Government Council is recognized in all forms of publicity. Ms. Camille Aub seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Ms. Debra Goldman took this opportunity to inform the Beacon reporters that the Broward Centers did not receive the newspapers until at least a week after its date. Ms. Safiya Burton reminded the Council that the Freshman Internship Program would begin its first event/meeting on Thursday in WUC 155 at 4:30 PM. Ms. Gomez announced the upcoming Metro-Dade Transit Forum (held by Student Services) next week Wednesday in WUC 244. Ms. Cantave stated that there was an upcoming forum being sponsored by International Black Student Union (IBSU) and National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC); the forum was scheduled for the end of March. Mr. Papillon, Jr. announced the FSA Board Meeting being held on North Campus on this Friday in WUC 157 at 10:00 AM. Lunch will be served at 12:00 PM and the group will reconvene at 2:00 PM. Additionally, both he and Mr. Humphreys would be attending a COSGA Conference in Texas (at Texas A & M University) where they would be presenting two workshops on Florida International University.

Mr. Humphreys made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Goldman seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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