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STUDENT GOVERNMENT COUNCIL
MINUTES - March 4, 1996

1. Meeting called to order by Brian Abramson.

11. ROLL CALL

Council members in attendance:

Alison Austin-Greene       Maximo Orezzoli
Paul S. Jacobs             Vicki Fryburger
Steven Chung               John Marek
Ian Richards               Sagi Shaked
Julian Humphreys           Michael Madridejos
Sandra Forges              Cedric Pas
Nicolle Rolle              Julianna Watson
Arthur Papillon

Others in attendance:

R. Brouard                 Claudine Gayle
Dionne Hopkins             Luis Alarcon
Ana E. Valdez              Jerry Lizama
Annette Gathright          Albert Franquiz
Guerda Jean Baptiste

111. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Brian Abramson

A. There were no Certificates of Appreciation.

B. Commencement is at 8 a.m. at University Park Campus. There may be a petition due to the early hour because it's an outside ceremony.

V. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Paul S. Jacobs

He reported that he had written and sent out a letter re election to the Faculty at the North Campus. He received one response from a professor. He proposed to send out one more letter to the faculty so students can be aware of the elections.

He also proposed visits to the classes so needs everyones office hours.
V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Finance Committee - Nicole Rolle

She reported she had not received a response re the budget. She was making sure that all funding and purchasing are in by the deadline April 12, 1996.

B. Student Services - Ian Richards

He apologized for not following up on a student's complaint re termination of a professor.

Her advised that we will be getting a fax for student population.

Honors Colleges at FIU, international and out of state will pay residential fees.

C. Academic Affairs Committee - Juliana Watson

She reported that the Teacher Evaluation booklet was still in progress.

D. Director of Student Lobbying - Liz Jacobi

VI. ADVISOR’S REPORT - Ellen Plissner

She reported that no applications for Nursing and Hospitality had been received for the elections. The Election Board would be meeting on Thursday at 5 p.m.

Dr. Correnti’s meeting would be held at 12:00 noon. If you need more information speak with Barbara.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Re-imbursement to John Marek for loss

Brian stated that since John Marek was attending a Student Government Committee meeting when his bicycle was stolen, we should purchase a bicycle for him. John stated that Brian’s points were valid, but he would not purchase a new bicycle, replacement cost would be $700.

B. Appointments:

Graduate Representative seat - Max Orezzolie recommended Jeff Dismukes
Student Court, Seat #3
Student Court, Seat #2
The students that Brian wanted to appoint for these positions were not present at the meeting, therefore the appointments would have to be held off.

C. Proposed Amendments to the Constitution

Brian entertained a motion to hold a referendum to amend the constitution. Motion passed by Max, seconded by Arthur Papillon, for Student Court to be written in the Constitution. Motion was also made and passed for a referendum on ballot whether or not student lobbying will become a standing committee. There were two abstentions.

X1 NEW BUSINESS

A. Funding Requests

1. Approval was given for The Graduate Students to bring Mr. Ray Ashton on April 11, 1996, to FIU for a conference on Sustainable Tourism Development at a cost of $1500.

2. Phi Beta Lambda requested $3600 to go to Orlando on March 14-17 to compete against FSU, UF, etc. to compete for State (Finance, economics, etc.)? Motion by Julian Humphreys and seconded by Mike Madridejos to give $800. Motion voted on and passed.

3. Travel Funds for S.R.O.W. Conference. Motion passed for $700 to be taken out of the travel fund by Paul Jacobs, seconded by Sandra Forges. Julian Humphreys and Mike Madridejos abstained.

4. Distance Learning Conference 3/7/97

Motion by Julian that $500 be taken from reserve to cover registration and meals, seconded by Max.

B. Proposed Amendments to the By-Laws

Amendment will not be voted on until the next meeting.

#1 - receive one salary for two or more positions on council
#2 - President, Vice President, and Finance Chair cannot serve on other councils.
#3 - chair of SPC & SOC should not hold SGC positions
X. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Brian Abramson has been inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa.

Nicolle Rolle to attend leadership conference March 29-31 in Tallahassee. Need some of our leaders, if interested see Nicolle.

XI. Meeting adjourned.