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# Florida International University

## Student Government Council

### BI-MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES RECORDED ON

NORTH MIAMI CAMPUS  
MARCH 5, 1997

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. Camille Aub, SJMC Representative  
Ms. Safiya Burton, Lower Division Representative  
Ms. Thania Cantave, Administrative Assistant  
Mr. Jeff Dismukes, Graduate Representative  
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 Madrideo, Finance Chair  
Ms. Esther Navas, Representative-At-Large  
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Ms. Joanna Wedderburn, Director of Student Lobbying

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#### ABSENT

Ms. Zahra Burton, Lower Division Representative  
Ms. Tanisha Drummond, Clerk of Council

#### GUESTS

Ms. Susan Bigam  
Ms. Helen Ellison  
Mr. Daniel J. Kerness  
Ms. Vanessa McBee

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- Northwest Christian (March 11, 1997 at 9:00 AM)
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#### **COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY**

Those Council members who are interested in volunteering for the April 30th Commencement still have an opportunity to participate. The volunteers would be required to usher. Any student who volunteers will receive priority on registration for the upcoming semester. Ms. Gomez volunteered her services.

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**PARKING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING**

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**TUITION INCREASE**

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**MINUTES**

Mr. Dismukes requested that the Council review the minutes as there were several discrepancies. Ms. Goldman stated that she was not requesting a breakdown of funding for students per campus. Mr. Dismukes stated that \$27,000 was never discussed pertaining to our budget; this was a sidebar...in the second paragraph, 2% of \$75,000 (in the University-Wide Council budget) was never earmarked; nothing was ever mentioned of Graduate Student Association. The Graduate Student Programming Committee was completely separate. He asked that this portion be stricken from the minutes. Mr. Humphreys said that the figure stated in Old Business (concerning the Graduate Student Programming Committee) is more than we can afford at this time.

The President asked if there were any additional changes from the Council at this time. Mr. Humphreys made a motion to accept the minutes with the expressed revisions. Ms. Goldman seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**FRESHMEN INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

Mr. Humphreys congratulated Ms. Safiya Burton and Ms. Zahra Burton on the success of the Freshmen Internship Program. At Texas A & M University (Houston), there is a separate orientation (for freshmen) on new college life. This year TAMU had 4,000 new students. They established "Fish Camp" for their freshmen internship program. Mr. Humphreys commented that perhaps we could establish a similar orientation program, "Panther Camp". This could involve a retreat (possibly at the Everglades).

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**ELECTIONS**

Lastly, the Vice President encourage the Council members to urge students to vote. He also

commented on the amount of students who ran for the Representative-At-Large positions.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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- \$1,000.00 (Travel)
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Ms. Goldman accepted this second amendment. The President called for a vote. In favor: 10 in favor; 2 opposed (Aub, S. Burton). Vote passes.

**STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

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Mr. Alberto Kan made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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