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**BI-MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES RECORDED ON**

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Respectfully submitted,

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DATE April 2, 1997

NORTH MIAMI CAMPUS
SIGN-IN SHEET

NAME AND POSITION	SIGNATURE
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MS. ZAHRA BURTON, LOWER DIVISION REP.	Zahra Burton
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MR. JEFF DISMUKES, GRADUATE REP.	Jeff Dismukes
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MS. LILIANA GOMEZ, STUDENT SERVICES CHAIR	Liliana Gomez
MR. JULIAN HUMPHREYS, VICE PRESIDENT	Julian Humphreys
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CTO - 5:30 PM

NO Quorum. Review.

Call To Order Galena, Spielberg not scheduled to be there. List as motion not friendly amendment. SS - Not confirmed if students can use classroom Discovery Cruise was December 1996.

Gallagher

PR - VP of St Affairs new housing on Bay Fall '98 325 ~~325~~ ^{"Beds"} no kitchens. JH is BV going to close? AP - Probably going to close it down; cannot demolish due to bond issue. JH - less beds, less housing space. ZB - Could discuss no kitchens? AP - Already receiving complaints. Still concerns about housing. F Wing will be closed. Prices going down. Decals will be same as employees being paid down \$21,000 (make it the lowest cost decal). More visitor parking instead of meters. Discussion of amount of meters in housing. Meeting w/ Gallagher next week.

By-laws

Spoke about last semester. Committee to review SGC Const & By-laws will be reverted to Jeff to review w/i next 2 weeks. (Next mtg). New positions - PR, Special Events, SS, AA, DSL, secretary / Adm., Elect Comm, Parliamentarian. Make a list of "wishes" on spending \$ before deadline. JD - Arminda's telling clubs that cannot have events after April 11 deadline. Vote on minutes. JD accept min JH ⁽²⁾ unanimous

VP

Tri-Council Banquet. In planning stages... asking for help 4/26 Sat 7 PM Ballroom. Will be Dr. Pankowski Annual Banquet... City of Miami declaring Dr. Pankowski Day... Theme: Queen For A Day. Meeting: 4/3 2:PM ⁽²⁻³⁾ Conference Room (363). Dance Band will be playing

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AR

Congrats to returning & new Council members. SGC Retreat... on a weekend (attendance is mandatory). ~~Next week~~ ^{Looking at} May 16 wkend. AP - looking into more leadership wksps. Get a SGC member priority registration; expected to schedule around mtg.

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AP - how \$
↓ \$1,000

SS

Last Monday held forum; SS attend. Working on a summary of event. still working on comp. issues. JH - opinion on comments about PR approach. LG - still needs to ↑; but was done more. JD - maybe a more direct approach. JH - any suggestions for rep. LG - Camille.

OB -

Secretaries Luncheon. They are using \$1500 own money; \$800 asked for food & decorations. ~~asked~~ ^{Giving} 4 seats. Last yr. gave around \$600-700. JD - Questions spending service funds for university secretaries. Would prefer spending on students. SB - how much can afford? MM - could take out of General. JD - When do they need to know. AP - Banquet in 3 wks. Needs to be done now. DG made motion based on what given yr. JH ②. (\$700) 4 in favor, 1 opposed.

over past two years

NB -

Pub. safety presentation (Officer Steven Fagan)
Campbell concerned about building ~~concern~~ partnership w/ SGC; believe
in community pricing.

Comments

- DA Might have extra seats for Dave & Buster's
- SB speak to new Council members — attend mtgs.
- JH suggest coffee house to LG
- MM Might be transferring to Boston, will know at end of mth.
- AP Will be doing a series of Marine clean-up sessions

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