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Student Government Council

Special Meeting
Thursday, May 9, 1996
4:00 p.m.

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MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Brian D. Abramson Finance Chair
Safiya Burton Lower Division Rep.
Amy Ernst SJMC Rep.
Julian Humphreys Vice-President
Mike Madridejos Senator
McLamarre Mompremier CUPA Rep.
Kristina Nikolic Lower Division Rep.
Arthur Papillon, Jr. President

ABSENT: Steve Chung Broward Rep.
Ryan Mathews Senator
Alison Austin-Greene Graduate Rep.

GUESTS: Simone Reid Sharon Antoine-Quest
John Marek

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Arthur Papillon, Jr. at 4:14 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome

Arthur Papillon, Jr. thanked and welcomed the council for attending this special meeting on such short notice.

Student Government Retreat

He pointed out that one of the main reasons for this special meeting was to discuss the Student Government Council Retreat that would take place from May 10-12, 1996 in Key Largo, Florida. At that point he passed the topic over to Ellen Plissner, Associate Director.

The first point Ellen wished to make is that there will be speeches during the retreat in which members of Student Government Council from the South Campus will also attend. Next she wanted to discuss the agenda for the retreat (Copy of the agenda is attached for your information).

Sharon Antoine was concerned about whether the evening discussions were to be on a one on one basis or in a group format and/or whether the goals & expectations were already decided upon or whether they would come from the council. Ellen explained that

Arthur as the President will lead the discussions, advise and make suggestions. Arthur responded by saying that on Saturday night he would like to hold one on one discussions with each member in reference to goals and expectations. Ellen interjected by saying that she felt that each member of the council could use this time to discuss specific needs of their committee with Arthur. Sharon questioned how she would be able to get information discussed at a meeting since she will be unable to attend the retreat. Arthur informed her that major points of the retreat will be discussed at the next Student Government Council meeting.

Ellen then was concerned on transportation to the retreat for attending council members. Julian Humphreys informed that he had spoken to Alison Austin-Greene and she would be attending therefore council members could drive up with her. Arthur suggested that everyone should meet at Florida International University-North Campus at 3:00 p.m. sharp to ensure that all council members will have transportation and check-in on time.

Arthur stressed that the main focus of the retreat should be on setting goals as well as concerns and interests for the fall semester.

Remarks from the Past President

Brian D. Abramson expressed to the council his utmost confidence in the new council as well the new President Arthur Papillon, Jr. Brian then explained that all great institutions have a tradition of passing the gavel from past president to new president, today that traditional will start in Student Government Council at the North Campus.

VICE-PRESIDENTS REPORT

Julian Humphreys, Vice President, expressed that though he was unable to attend previous Student Government Council retreats he was very enthusiastic about going and felt that this retreat would have many positive affects.

ADVISOR'S REPORT

Ellen Plissner, Associate Director, welcomed old and new members to the council. She also informed the council that her door is always open to all members of the council, whether it be for personal or council related business. She is here to give advice and will give the best that she can.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointments

Representative for the School of Hospitality Management-

Applicant-Simone Reid: Junior, International Student from Jamaica. She sees a need for a link between the Student Government Council and the School of Hospitality Management.

Ideas: Hospitality Day, work with the Dean of the School of Hospitality Management

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to promote the school itself, and work with local high schools to make incoming freshman aware of the Hospitality courses offered at Florida International University .

QUESTIONS:

- John: What problems do you foresee with The School of Hospitality Management?
- Simone: None at the present time.
- Arthur: Do you know the Dean?
- Simone: Not personally, but I have attend many Hospitality function in which the Dean also attended.
- Sharon: Have you held any leadership positions on or off campus?
- Simone: Yes, I am a member of W.I.S.A, Inter-Varsity, active member in church
- _____ How do you plan to get Hospitality Management students more involved in Student Government Council?
- Simone: By conducting open forum in which their concerns will be heard.
- _____ How would you motivate the link between Hospitality Management students and Student Government Council?
- Simone: By putting together and distributing a newsletter.

Arthur stressed that if Simone is voted in she would have to run again in November during the special elections. Arthur entertained a motion to appoint. Julian Humphreys motioned that Simone Reid be appointed Representative of the School of Hospitality Management. The motioned was second by Amy Ernst.

At this point Ellen bought to the council's attention that the possible reason for the number of students applying for this position may have something to do with not enough advertisement.

Brian expressed that this position was one of the positions publicized during the elections but no one applied. Therefore he believes that the positions were adequately publicized.

Ellen proceeded by stating that out of 8,000 students at least 7,000 are unaware of the open position. Should that be one of the goals of the council this year? She then asked the council whether they wanted to wait and advertise the position further or appoint Simone Reid as the Rep. for Hospitality Management.

Brian once again put the question on the table. Simone Reid was unanimously appointed Representative for the School for Hospitality Management.

Arthur announced that there was not an applicant for the position of School of Nursing Representative.

Graduate Representative-

Applicant-Sharon Antoine-Quest: She wants to create a link between Graduate students and Student Government Council. CUPA Honor Society, very active as well as holds leadership positions at church, and member of the Elections Board

QUESTIONS:

- Amy: What are you receiving your masters in?
Sharon: Nursing Administration
Julian: How well do you think you represent the Graduate student?
Sharon: Answer unknown
Mac: Do you feel that your course work would be draining?
Sharon: Answer unknown

Arthur entertained a motion to appoint Sharon Antoine-Quest Graduate Representative. Brian made a motion to appoint Sharon Graduate Rep. The motioned was seconded by Amy Ernst. Arthur called for discussion. Brian spoke on the behalf of Sharon, he stated she had a great deal of experience and would make great Graduate Rep. Ellen then brought to the council's attention that two (2) other people ran earlier for the position of Graduate Rep. But were not qualified. Does the council know whether they were notified about the position still being open?

Arthur informed the council that all applicants were notified to attend the last Student Government Council Meeting. Safiya Burton questioned whether the two (2) other candidates' criteria had been checked. Ellen expressed that it would be done after because of time they had to rush. Julian suggested that it may be better to wait until next meeting to appoint a Graduate Rep. Because he knows an individual who is still interested. Julian made a motion to table the motion until next meeting after the retreat. Mike Madridejos second the motion. Council agreed unanimously.

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Brian informed all at the meeting that at 6:00 p.m. there would be a voter registration meeting in the residence halls sponsored by International Black Student Union and College Democrats.

Amy made a motion to adjourn, the motion was then second by Mike. The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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