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STUDENT GOVERNMENT COUNCIL BI-MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES RECORDED ON
FRIDAY, MAY 24, 1996
3:30 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE

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Amy Ernst, SJMC Representative
Alison Austin Greene, Graduate Student Representative
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Ryan Mathews, Senator
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Kristina Nikolic, Lower Division Representative
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GUESTS

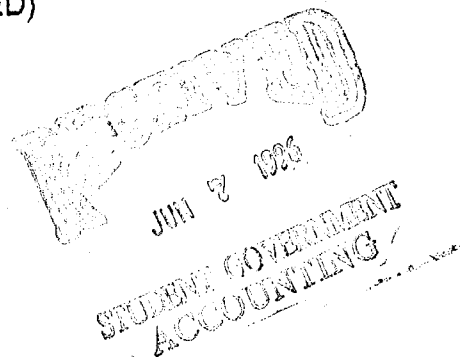
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Mr. Humphreys remarked that he would be dispensing the President's Report for Mr. Arthur Papillon, Jr., as he was in Tampa attending the Florida Student Association Conference.

RETREAT

Mr. Humphreys stated that most of the council members in attendance went to the SGC Retreat, and in his opinion he felt it went very well (council members seemed to be in agreement). He also felt that this council had great potential; as Mr. Papillon, Jr. had stressed, he expected everyone who is a part of this Student Government Council to work at making FIU the one of the best schools, not just in Florida, but in the country. Mr. Humphreys reiterated the fact that the council had discussed the various goals and projects of SGC, and if they were truly going to implement all the things that they had

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addressed at the retreat, it would take a serious commitment on the part of all council members. Mr. Humphreys also added, that he was saying these things not to frighten the council members, but rather to inspire them...

PARKING & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

The Parking and Traffic Committee Meeting took place last Friday, May 17, 1996 and the next meeting would take place on June 14, at the South Campus. For any further information, Mr. Humphreys suggested that council members contact Mr. Papillon, Jr., or his assistant, Thania Cantave.

In the last meeting, the group discussed the changes that had taken place, concerning the decrease in student parking and the increase in Teacher and Visitor parking. Mr. Papillon, Jr. opposed this, and was able to have a hand in decisions made such as:

- Creating more student parking
- Increasing the time limit on meters from 2 ½ to 3 ½ hours

It is also the concern of Mr. Papillon that the council produce a list of all standing committees. If you are interested in obtaining this information, please stop by the office next week. The only foreseen problem is that most of these committees are on the South Campus. However, as Mr. Humphreys deftly pointed out, it would be in the best interest of the students of North Campus, to have representation on all committees.

REMODELING OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES OFFICE

Mr. Humphreys pointed out that obvious changes had been made to the Student Activities office (President's office, use of yellow and blue paper on walls in office, physical set-up of SGC desk area). This was a collaborative effort...Mr. Papillon, Jr., Mr. Humphreys, Mr. Madrideojos were able to make these changes overnight. It is the belief of Mr. Papillon, Jr. that this will give the Activities office a more business atmosphere, as opposed to the previous social environment it enveloped. Mr. Humphreys asked for comments.

Ms. Austin Greene stated that she thought it was a good effort, but inquired as to whether there were any complaints lodged. Mr. Humphreys replied that one complaint had been made, which was that these changes were made without seeking the permission of the advisor first. In addition, Ms. Levy had found some minor problems with the situation, concerning the removal of the sofa. Ms. Austin Greene asked what had been done with the sofa. Mr. Humphreys informed her that the sofa, previously in the lobby area, had been put in the President's Office.

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NEW FACULTY POSITIONS

Mr. Humphreys reiterated the information Ms. Plissner had passed onto the council members concerning the Search and Screen process for the Advisor's position in the Student Activities office (position presently held by Mr. Derrick Veasey). In addition, Mr. Humphreys announced that the Public Safety Department is presently looking for a new Captain. Mr. Papillon, Jr. is also on that committee, in an effort to improve relations between SGC and Public Safety. In addition, both Mr. Papillon, Jr. and Mr. Humphreys feel it would be beneficial to the student body to have representation in this area.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Humphreys disclosed to the council that he had several pet projects in the works. For instance, he is presently attempting to establish a polling station (by way of a petition) on the FIU North Campus, preferably for the '96 Election year. He is doing so with the joint efforts of both International Black Student Union and College Democrats, two organizations on campus. This would eliminate the problem of those students living on campus, who do not have access to a vehicle, as the nearest polling station is at Arch Creek. Ms. Austin Greene inquired as to whether Mr. Humphreys had the petition in his possession at this time. Mr. Humphreys responded that he did not.

Ms. Ernst informed the Mr. Humphreys of the fact that a great many of the students in the dorms were international students, and as such could not vote. Mr. Humphreys stated that he was aware of this fact.

ORIENTATION DATES

Mr. Papillon, Jr. said he would like the council to make a unified appearance at the upcoming orientation sessions during the summer.

- June 20, 21 BIG ATTENDANCE
- June 24, 25
- July 11, 12
- July 23
- August 8, 9
- August 16
- August 19, 20

During this time, Ms. Kristina Nikolic inquired as to whether or not council members must be present on both days. Mr. Humphreys replied that it was necessary to be present on the day of the club fairs. Ms. Austin Greene also asked if these orientation were strictly for

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incoming freshmen. Mr. Humphreys answered that no, some dates were also for transfer students-- these dates being: July 10 and August 16. He also stated that he would print up a copy of these dates, if council members were interested. He then opened the table for questions. However, none were posed. However, Mr. McLamarre Mompremier suggested that council members try and get in touch with advisors from each College or School on the campus, to see what days they would be holding orientation dates for new entrants; this would be another method by which to gain exposure.

Mr. Humphreys also informed the council that henceforth, all organizations and clubs on campus would be required to submit reports that document how they are using funds allocated to them by SGC. This would include: SPC, SOC, Bay Vista, Broward Awareness, Recreational Sports, etc. These reports would be available to everyone. Mr. Humphreys felt that this serves as a checks and balance system.

At this time, Mr. Humphreys explained that the President's plane was delayed; please excuse him if he must leave the meeting again.

Ms. Ernst asked if Mr. Humphreys could pass around the paper with the social security numbers (referring to the emoluments for council members). Mr. Humphreys apologized, assuring the representatives that they would be paid.

HIGHLIGHTS OF FSA CONFERENCE

Mr. Humphreys reported that the Governor of Florida had proposed a 7% tuition increase, which was passed. The increase, which was to range anywhere from 5 - 7%, is believed to be in effect beginning in Fall; however, no definite date was given. A local fee, in which the students would be taxed was denied. This resource fee would've been set by the President of FIU, and the figure would've have been decided at his discretion. Beginning with the entering class of Fall 1994, all students who have not earned a degree by 120 credits, will be penalized-- and will have to pay 150% of the cost of their tuition. Ms. Austin Greene questioned the year in which this was effective; repeating that Mr. Humphreys had said Fall of 1994. Mr. Humphreys responded by apologizing and restating that it was to take effect beginning 1996. Mr. Ian Richards wondered what would have to those students whose majors required over 120 credits. Mr. Humphreys said that this number was approximate, not definite. Ms. Ernst asked what would happen to those individuals who decided to change their major. Mr. Humphreys stated that the same rules applied regardless of whether the student had changed his/her major or not. Mr. Mompremier inquired if this rule would be applicable to public or private institutions. Mr. Humphreys answered that it would be implemented in both.

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FUNDING FOR UPCOMING YEAR

Mr. Humphreys asked council if they had receive a clear picture of Mr. Madrideo's finance report. Receiving no inquiries, Mr. Humphreys addressed where funds were being allocated:

- Purchase of paper from Paper Direct (towards the production of 10,000 business cards and brochures.
- \$400.00 Calf machine obtained for Recreational Sports ✓
- * \$20,000.00 towards the renovation of the UC Building for SOC office

This would allow the SPC office to expand, using the present SOC office as a headquarters for the SPC Committee Chairs.

Ms. Austin Greene asked if the figure listed (on Mr. Madrideo's finance report) included the cost of furniture; because if it does, this was not reflected in the report. Mr. Humphreys stated that the figure did include the cost of furniture.

In addition, Mr. Humphreys indicated that he did not see a reason as to why SGC should fund the Pan-Hellenic council for the next year. He explained that they had missed the deadline, and as a result would not be funded. As for student awareness, Mr. Humphreys explained that a need for greater awareness was the basis on which SGC is spending so much on brochures and giveaways. He also spoke of possibly holding a carnival, as one of SGC's campus activities.

Next, Mr. Humphreys introduced this year's Peer Advisors, citing that they would be quite helpful in increasing student involvement. This included some of our guests: Esther Navas, Sherene Mirander, as well as one of our council members, Kristina Nikolic.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Humphreys announced that as of this year, the minutes of all SGC meetings would be available in the Beacon. Thus, giving all students and faculty an opportunity to see what issues were being discussed in the meetings. Also, the council's picture date will soon be set; this will include group and solo pictures. Though the attire will be casual, wearing the FIU pin will be mandatory. Mr. Steven Chung asked when the photo shoot will take place. Mr. Humphreys reiterated that the date has not been set as of now.

GUEST PRESENTATION

After the distribution of her packets, Ms. Melissa Gagnon introduced herself and her faculty advisor, Professor Meri-Jane Rochelson, to the council. She stated that the Honors organization that she belonged to had made a proposal dealing with what she and other

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students had learned in Honors. These select students had learned the process of recording oral history, such as Alex Haley had done for Malcolm X, in his autobiography. This proposal was submitted and accepted, which was a first for North campus-- the South campus has done this annually for some time. Ms. Gagnon's hope was that this would inspire others to start an Honors club on this campus. She stated that she drafted a budget concerning the price breakdown of the entire trip for all the students who would be participating.

Ms. Austin Greene questioned whether the budget drafted was per person, or if this was the total cost. Ms. Gagnon replied that it was the total cost; it was approximately \$35.00 per person. In addition, Ms. Gagnon believed it would be appropriate to have Professor Rochelson attend this competition with them. Mr. Humphreys replied that he would like Ms. Plissner to be present to hear this proposal, in order to make some possible suggestions. Once Ms. Plissner returned, Ms. Gagnon gave a brief synopsis of what they were requesting funds for. Professor Rochelson declared that the Honors College on the South campus had advised their organization to come to SGC, primarily for administrative reasons.

Ms. Austin Greene asked, "What percentage of this figure, if any, are you attempting to raise on your own?" Ms. Gagnon responded that this was the total figure; they had not attempted to raise funds on their own, because they would still be responsible for food, etc. Ms. Plissner asked, "When is the conference?" Ms. Gagnon replied that it was October 11, 1996. Ms. Plissner returned, "And they sent you to SGC, North Campus?" Professor Rochelson interjected that the Honors program, was an interdisciplinary program. At this time, they were in the process of building an Honors College, but it had not yet been completed.

Ms. Plissner addressed the council, saying, "You know this would be out of the 1996 budget?" Several council members nodded in agreement. Addressing Ms. Gagnon and Professor Rochelson, Ms. Plissner explained that the true conflict was that SGC funds had been drastically cut. As a result, SGC's discretionary funds for the year, totaled \$6,000.00. Hence, it would not be feasible to cover the total cost of the Honors trip.

Professor Rochelson asked if it was possible to get funding from both campuses. Ms. Plissner admitted that they were not prevented from such an idea; it is a possibility. She further stated that the council would be more than happy to take the proposal into consideration, however the project they (the Honors program) were trying to fund was more in terms of academics, as opposed to social support, which is the purpose of SGC. Mr. Humphreys and Ms. Plissner also assured Ms. Gagnon that they were truly interested in giving her some assistance, and added that she should not feel discouraged.

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APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Humphreys announced that after much discussion with Mr. Papillon, Jr. and Mr. Abramson, the two of them would like to appoint Mr. Madridejos to a position on the Finance committee. Ms. Austin Greene inquired as to how many members were on the Finance committee. Mr. Humphreys replied that there were five. "Are we going to be going through this process one by one?", she asked. Mr. Humphreys replied that the council would not; this situation was unique, due to the fact that both Mr. Abramson was presently out of town and would not be able to fulfill the demands this position presently requires. At this time, Mr. Humphreys asked that a motion be made. Ms. Nikolic made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Mompremier. Voting passed, with one abstention from Mr. Madridejos.

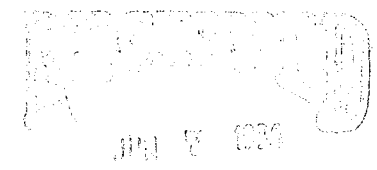
Mr. Humphreys opened the table for any questions. On behalf of Mr. Madridejos, Mr. Humphreys said a few words. He mentioned that Mr. Madridejos has done extensive work with this year and last year's council-- in addition to being a Business major. Ms. Austin Greene stated that she had no questions at this point, but the process on the whole was uncomfortable. Mr. Humphreys responded that he understood, however the primary purpose for this appointment was because of the present workload the Finance committee was experiencing. "If we have any further concerns about this process should we go to Arthur personally?" she asked. Mr. Humphreys advised that she should speak to either Mr. Papillon, Jr or Mr. Abramson, as he did not have extensive knowledge of this topic.

Mr. Steven Chung asked what the requirements were for this position, as he too was not familiar with the process. Mr. Humphreys responded that the requirements were the same as those required for Student Government Council. Ms. Nikolic asked if these individuals on the Finance committee were members of SGC already. Mr. Humphreys replied that this was not a requirement.

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Mr. Humphreys introduced Ms. Jeannie Lacroix who had not only applied for the position of representative; but who had also shown the most interest. He gave her a few moments to say something on her behalf.

Ms. Lacroix began by saying that she has always been very involved in FIU; she has worked in the information center for several years, and if appointed to this position had four major projects: employ more faculty, increase clinical days for foundation students, create more of a friendly atmosphere and lastly, open the lab to all students. Mr. Humphreys added that Ms. Lacroix was also the recipient of the Einstein Award; an award that is given to those who work above and beyond what is required of them. Following this he opened the table to receive a motion to appoint Ms. Lacroix to the position of School of Nursing



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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Representative. The motion was made by Ms. Austin Greene and seconded by Ms. Simone Reid. The voting passed unanimously.

Next Mr. Humphreys announced that they would delay voting on the Student Services position due to some current conflicts that would have to be sorted out at a later time. Mr. Papillon, Jr. has not had the opportunity to converse with the applicants, and has delayed voting until the next meeting. However, at this time he would like to open up the floor for discussion of the re-appointment of Ms. Julianna Watson, to the position of Chair of Academic Affairs. Mr. Humphreys pointed out that it was not necessary to speak on Ms. Watson's behalf; as her record with SGC clearly spoke for itself. Ms. Watson spoke briefly on the survey she had worked on last semester and stated that she had some definite plans she intended to implement if returned to office. Mr. Humphreys entertained a motion for Ms. Watson's re-appointment. This motion was made by Ms. Austin Greene and seconded by Ms. Ernst.

At this time, Mr. Humphreys suggested we move along, as it was getting quite late in the hour. He commented that briefly that the council would like to implement the Freshman internship as soon as possible; in addition the council would also be delayed in appointing someone to the position of Director of Lobbying; as there are presently no candidates. Hence, why Mr. Papillon, Jr. is in Tampa attending the FSA Conference. At this time, Beacon Reporter, Mr. Albert Franguz entered the meeting. Ms. Austin Greene asked if the position had been posted. Mr. Humphreys replied that it had not. She then suggested that maybe the council look into doing so in order to advertise.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

Mr. Humphreys announced that at this time he would like to introduce Ms. Tanisha Drummond who was applying for the position of Clerk of Council. He informed the council that Ms. Drummond was highly qualified for the position, citing her experience with Student Programming Council and International Black Student Union. After Ms. Drummond said a few words on her behalf, Mr. Humphreys opened the floor for a motion. The motion was made by Ms. Nikolic, and Ms. Austin Greene seconded the motion. The appointment was unanimous. Mr. Humphreys added that all new appointees must speak with both Mr. Papillon, Jr. and Arminda Pravia, SGC Accountant.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Ms. Ernst of SJMC reported that although co-purchasing a camera with the School of Journalism was a wonderful idea, she regrets to inform the council that they declined the offer on the basis that it would have to be available to the SJMC students as opposed to the council, in the event that their students had assignments. She added that she would have liked to composed a video in time for the upcoming orientation. Ms. Austin Greene

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questioned if Ms. Ernst would be able to complete the project in time for the June 20th orientation. Both Mr. Humphreys and Ms. Ernst stated that this would not serve as a substitute for those who could not attend the orientation; at this point, it was merely in the planning stages.

In the future, Mr. Humphreys declared that all representatives would be required to prepare a report for each bi-monthly meeting. He also mentioned that each council member should be looking for information and hidden benefits that the student body should be aware of. This led into discussion of the flyers Ms. Drummond had made on the CLAST exemptions, recently brought into FIU.

Next, Mr. Humphreys introduced Esther Navas, as the present candidate for the position of Freshman intern. Ms. Austin Greene asked what the Freshman Internship Program was about. He gave a brief explanation stating that FIP was designed to expose new students to the methods and procedures used in Student Government. He will be contacting Billy Jones, VP of SGC at University Park for further details.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Mr. Humphreys opened the table for any other announcements to be made. Once again, Ms. Plissner stated that there would be a presentation given by the applicants interested in the Student Activities Coordinator position, 9:30 A.M. at the Conference Center.

Lastly, Mr. Franguz mentioned that the Board of Regents were presently voting on the removal of student's A & S fees. No one on the council had heard any news pertaining to this at that time.

As there was nothing left to discuss, Mr. Humphreys entertained a motion to adjourn. This motion was made by Ms. Reid and seconded by Ms. Ernst.

The meeting adjourned at 5:38 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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At this time, Mr. Humphreys interjected, stating that he would personally be reviewing said records; he discussed the fact that Student Government Council disperses a large amount of money to a variety of campus groups, and with this in mind, it only seemed logical that these organizations can account for how these monies are being spent. Moving on, Mr. Humphreys then thanked Mr. Madridejos for his report and commented that Mr. Madridejos had done an excellent job of putting together this report and others, considering the lack of time and preparation he had been given.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Humphreys remarked that he would be dispensing the President's Report for Mr. Arthur Papillon, Jr., as he was in Tampa attending the Florida Student Association Conference.

RETREAT

Mr. Humphreys stated that most of the council members in attendance went to the SGC Retreat, and in his opinion he felt it went very well (council members seemed to be in agreement). He also felt that this council had great potential; as Mr. Papillon, Jr. had stressed, he expected everyone who is a part of this Student Government Council to work at making FIU the one of the best schools, not just in Florida, but in the country. Mr. Humphreys reiterated the fact that the council had discussed the various goals and projects of SGC, and if they were truly going to implement all the things that they had

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addressed at the retreat, it would take a serious commitment on the part of all council members. Mr. Humphreys also added, that he was saying these things not to frighten the council members, but rather to inspire them...

PARKING & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

The Parking and Traffic Committee Meeting took place last Friday, May 17, 1996 and the next meeting would take place on June 14, at the South Campus. For any further information, Mr. Humphreys suggested that council members contact Mr. Papillon, Jr., or his assistant, Thania Cantave.

In the last meeting, the group discussed the changes that had taken place, concerning the decrease in student parking and the increase in Teacher and Visitor parking. Mr. Papillon, Jr. opposed this, and was able to have a hand in decisions made such as:

- Creating more student parking
- Increasing the time limit on meters from 2 ½ to 3 ½ hours

It is also the concern of Mr. Papillon that the council produce a list of all standing committees. If you are interested in obtaining this information, please stop by the office next week. The only foreseen problem is that most of these committees are on the South Campus. However, as Mr. Humphreys deftly pointed out, it would be in the best interest of the students of North Campus, to have representation on all committees.

REMODELING OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES OFFICE

Mr. Humphreys pointed out that obvious changes had been made to the Student Activities office (President's office, use of yellow and blue paper on walls in office, physical set-up of SGC desk area). This was a collaborative effort...Mr. Papillon, Jr., Mr. Humphreys, Mr. Madridejos were able to make these changes overnight. It is the belief of Mr. Papillon, Jr. that this will give the Activities office a more business atmosphere, as opposed to the previous social environment it enveloped. Mr. Humphreys asked for comments.

Ms. Austin Greene stated that she thought it was a good effort, but inquired as to whether there were any complaints lodged. Mr. Humphreys replied that one complaint had been made, which was that these changes were made without seeking the permission of the advisor first. In addition, Ms. Levy had found some minor problems with the situation, concerning the removal of the sofa. Ms. Austin Greene asked what had been done with the sofa. Mr. Humphreys informed her that the sofa, previously in the lobby area, had been put in the President's Office.

NEW FACULTY POSITIONS

Mr. Humphreys reiterated the information Ms. Plissner had passed onto the council members concerning the Search and Screen process for the Advisor's position in the Student Activities office (position presently held by Mr. Derrick Veasey). In addition, Mr. Humphreys announced that the Public Safety Department is presently looking for a new Captain. Mr. Papillon, Jr. is also on that committee, in an effort to improve relations between SGC and Public Safety. In addition, both Mr. Papillon, Jr. and Mr. Humphreys feel it would be beneficial to the student body to have representation in this area.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Humphreys disclosed to the council that he had several pet projects in the works. For instance, he is presently attempting to establish a polling station (by way of a petition) on the FIU North Campus, preferably for the '96 Election year. He is doing so with the joint efforts of both International Black Student Union and College Democrats, two organizations on campus. This would eliminate the problem of those students living on campus, who do not have access to a vehicle, as the nearest polling station is at Arch Creek. Ms. Austin Greene inquired as to whether Mr. Humphreys had the petition in his possession at this time. Mr. Humphreys responded that he did not.

Ms. Ernst informed the Mr. Humphreys of the fact that a great many of the students in the dorms were international students, and as such could not vote. Mr. Humphreys stated that he was aware of this fact.

ORIENTATION DATES

Mr. Papillon, Jr. said he would like the council to make a unified appearance at the upcoming orientation sessions during the summer.

- June 20, 21 BIG ATTENDANCE
- June 24, 25
- July 11, 12
- July 23
- August 8, 9
- August 16
- August 19, 20

During this time, Ms. Kristina Nikolic inquired as to whether or not council members must be present on both days. Mr. Humphreys replied that it was necessary to be present on the day of the club fairs. Ms. Austin Greene also asked if these orientation were strictly for

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incoming freshmen. Mr. Humphreys answered that no, some dates were also for transfer students-- these dates being: July 10 and August 16. He also stated that he would print up a copy of these dates, if council members were interested. He then opened the table for questions. However, none were posed. However, Mr. McLamarre Mompremier suggested that council members try and get in touch with advisors from each College or School on the campus, to see what days they would be holding orientation dates for new entrants; this would be another method by which to gain exposure.

Mr. Humphreys also informed the council that henceforth, all organizations and clubs on campus would be required to submit reports that document how they are using funds allocated to them by SGC. This would include: SPC, SOC, Bay Vista, Broward Awareness, Recreational Sports, etc. These reports would be available to everyone. Mr. Humphreys felt that this serves as a checks and balance system.

At this time, Mr. Humphreys explained that the President's plane was delayed; please excuse him if he must leave the meeting again.

Ms. Ernst asked if Mr. Humphreys could pass around the paper with the social security numbers (referring to the emoluments for council members). Mr. Humphreys apologized, assuring the representatives that they would be paid.

HIGHLIGHTS OF FSA CONFERENCE

Mr. Humphreys reported that the Governor of Florida had proposed a 7% tuition increase, which was passed. The increase, which was to range anywhere from 5 - 7%, is believed to be in effect beginning in Fall; however, no definite date was given. A local fee, in which the students would be taxed was denied. This resource fee would've been set by the President of FIU, and the figure would've have been decided at his discretion. Beginning with the entering class of Fall 1994, all students who have not earned a degree by 120 credits, will be penalized-- and will have to pay 150% of the cost of their tuition. Ms. Austin Greene questioned the year in which this was effective; repeating that Mr. Humphreys had said Fall of 1994. Mr. Humphreys responded by apologizing and restating that it was to take effect beginning 1996. Mr. Ian Richards wondered what would have to those students whose majors required over 120 credits. Mr. Humphreys said that this number was approximate, not definite. Ms. Ernst asked what would happen to those individuals who decided to change their major. Mr. Humphreys stated that the same rules applied regardless of whether the student had changed his/her major or not. Mr. Mompremier inquired if this rule would be applicable to public or private institutions. Mr. Humphreys answered that it would be implemented in both.

FUNDING FOR UPCOMING YEAR

Mr. Humphreys asked council if they had receive a clear picture of Mr. Madrideo's finance report. Receiving no inquiries, Mr. Humphreys addressed where funds were being allocated:

- Purchase of paper from Paper Direct (towards the production of 10,000 business cards and brochures.
- \$400.00 Calf machine obtained for Recreational Sports
- \$20,000.00 towards the renovation of the UC Building for SOC office

This would allow the SPC office to expand, using the present SOC office as a headquarters for the SPC Committee Chairs.

Ms. Austin Greene asked if the figure listed (on Mr. Madrideo's finance report) included the cost of furniture; because if it does, this was not reflected in the report. Mr. Humphreys stated that the figure did include the cost of furniture.

In addition, Mr. Humphreys indicated that he did not see a reason as to why SGC should fund the Pan-Hellenic council for the next year. He explained that they had missed the deadline, and as a result would not be funded. As for student awareness, Mr. Humphreys explained that a need for greater awareness was the basis on which SGC is spending so much on brochures and giveaways. He also spoke of possibly holding a carnival, as one of SGC's campus activities.

Next, Mr. Humphreys introduced this year's Peer Advisors, citing that they would be quite helpful in increasing student involvement. This included some of our guests: Esther Navas, Sherene Mirander; as well as one of our council members, Kristina Nikolic.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Humphreys announced that as of this year, the minutes of all SGC meetings would be available in the Beacon. Thus, giving all students and faculty an opportunity to see what issues were being discussed in the meetings. Also, the council's picture date will soon be set; this will include group and solo pictures. Though the attire will be casual, wearing the FIU pin will be mandatory. Mr. Steven Chung asked when the photo shoot will take place. Mr. Humphreys reiterated that the date has not been set as of now.

GUEST PRESENTATION

After the distribution of her packets, Ms. Melissa Gagnon introduced herself and her faculty advisor, Professor Meri-Jane Rochelson, to the council. She stated that the Honors organization that she belonged to had made a proposal dealing with what she and other

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students had learned in Honors. These select students had learned the process of recording oral history, such as Alex Haley had done for Malcolm X, in his autobiography. This proposal was submitted and accepted, which was a first for North campus-- the South campus has done this annually for some time. Ms. Gagnon's hope was that this would inspire others to start an Honors club on this campus. She stated that she drafted a budget concerning the price breakdown of the entire trip for all the students who would be participating.

Ms. Austin Greene questioned whether the budget drafted was per person, or if this was the total cost. Ms. Gagnon replied that it was the total cost; it was approximately \$35.00 per person. In addition, Ms. Gagnon believed it would be appropriate to have Professor Rochelson attend this competition with them. Mr. Humphreys replied that he would like Ms. Plissner to be present to hear this proposal, in order to make some possible suggestions. Once Ms. Plissner returned, Ms. Gagnon gave a brief synopsis of what they were requesting funds for. Professor Rochelson declared that the Honors College on the South campus had advised their organization to come to SGC, primarily for administrative reasons.

Ms. Austin Greene asked, "What percentage of this figure, if any, are you attempting to raise on your own?" Ms. Gagnon responded that this was the total figure; they had not attempted to raise funds on their own, because they would still be responsible for food, etc. Ms. Plissner asked, "When is the conference?" Ms. Gagnon replied that it was October 11, 1996. Ms. Plissner returned, "And they sent you to SGC, North Campus?" Professor Rochelson interjected that the Honors program, was an interdisciplinary program. At this time, they were in the process of building an Honors College, but it had not yet been completed.

Ms. Plissner addressed the council, saying, "You know this would be out of the 1996 budget?" Several council members nodded in agreement. Addressing Ms. Gagnon and Professor Rochelson, Ms. Plissner explained that the true conflict was that SGC funds had been drastically cut. As a result, SGC's discretionary funds for the year, totaled \$6,000.00. Hence, it would not be feasible to cover the total cost of the Honors trip.

Professor Rochelson asked if it was possible to get funding from both campuses. Ms. Plissner admitted that they were not prevented from such an idea; it is a possibility. She further stated that the council would be more than happy to take the proposal into consideration, however the project they (the Honors program) were trying to fund was more in terms of academics, as opposed to social support, which is the purpose of SGC. Mr. Humphreys and Ms. Plissner also assured Ms. Gagnon that they were truly interested in giving her some assistance, and added that she should not feel discouraged.

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Humphreys announced that after much discussion with Mr. Papillon, Jr. and Mr. Abramson, the two of them would like to appoint Mr. Madrideo to a position on the Finance committee. Ms. Austin Greene inquired as to how many members were on the Finance committee. Mr. Humphreys replied that there were five. "Are we going to be going through this process one by one?", she asked. Mr. Humphreys replied that the council would not; this situation was unique, due to the fact that both Mr. Abramson was presently out of town and would not be able to fulfill the demands this position presently requires. At this time, Mr. Humphreys asked that a motion be made. Ms. Nikolic made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Mompremier. Voting passed, with one abstention from Mr. Madrideo.

Mr. Humphreys opened the table for any questions. On behalf of Mr. Madrideo, Mr. Humphreys said a few words. He mentioned that Mr. Madrideo has done extensive work with this year and last year's council-- in addition to being a Business major. Ms. Austin Greene stated that she had no questions at this point, but the process on the whole was uncomfortable. Mr. Humphreys responded that he understood, however the primary purpose for this appointment was because of the present workload the Finance committee was experiencing. "If we have any further concerns about this process should we go to Arthur personally?" she asked. Mr. Humphreys advised that she should speak to either Mr. Papillon, Jr or Mr. Abramson, as he did not have extensive knowledge of this topic.

Mr. Steven Chung asked what the requirements were for this position, as he too was not familiar with the process. Mr. Humphreys responded that the requirements were the same as those required for Student Government Council. Ms. Nikolic asked if these individuals on the Finance committee were members of SGC already. Mr. Humphreys replied that this was not a requirement.

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Mr. Humphreys introduced Ms. Jeannie Lacroix, who had not only applied for the position of representative; but who had also shown the most interest. He gave her a few moments to say something on her behalf.

Ms. Lacroix began by saying that she has always been very involved in FIU; she has worked in the information center for several years, and if appointed to this position had four major projects: employ more faculty, increase clinical days for foundation students, create more of a friendly atmosphere and lastly, open the lab to all students. Mr. Humphreys added that Ms. Lacroix was also the recipient of the Einstein Award; an award that is given to those who work above and beyond what is required of them. Following this he opened the table to receive a motion to appoint Ms. Lacroix to the position of School of Nursing

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Representative. The motion was made by Ms. Austin Greene and seconded by Ms. Simone Reid. The voting passed unanimously.

Next Mr. Humphreys announced that they would delay voting on the Student Services position due to some current conflicts that would have to be sorted out at a later time. Mr. Papillon, Jr. has not had the opportunity to converse with the applicants, and has delayed voting until the next meeting. However, at this time he would like to open up the floor for discussion of the re-appointment of Ms. Julianna Watson, to the position of Chair of Academic Affairs. Mr. Humphreys pointed out that it was not necessary to speak on Ms. Watson's behalf; as her record with SGC clearly spoke for itself. Ms. Watson spoke briefly on the survey she had worked on last semester and stated that she had some definite plans she intended to implement if returned to office. Mr. Humphreys entertained a motion for Ms. Watson's re-appointment. This motion was made by Ms. Austin Greene and seconded by Ms. Ernst.

At this time, Mr. Humphreys suggested we move along, as it was getting quite late in the hour. He commented that briefly that the council would like to implement the Freshman internship as soon as possible; in addition the council would also be delayed in appointing someone to the position of Director of Lobbying; as there are presently no candidates. Hence, why Mr. Papillon, Jr. is in Tampa attending the FSA Conference. At this time, Beacon Reporter, Mr. Albert Franguz entered the meeting. Ms. Austin Greene asked if the position had been posted. Mr. Humphreys replied that it had not. She then suggested that maybe the council look into doing so in order to advertise.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

Mr. Humphreys announced that at this time he would like to introduce Ms. Tanisha Drummond, who was applying for the position of Clerk of Council. He informed the council that Ms. Drummond was highly qualified for the position, citing her experience with Student Programming Council and International Black Student Union. After Ms. Drummond said a few words on her behalf, Mr. Humphreys opened the floor for a motion. The motion was made by Ms. Nikolic, and Ms. Austin Greene seconded the motion. The appointment was unanimous. Mr. Humphreys added that all new appointees must speak with both Mr. Papillon, Jr. and Arminda Pravia, SGC Accountant.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Ms. Ernst of SJMC reported that although co-purchasing a camera with the School of Journalism was a wonderful idea, she regrets to inform the council that they declined the offer on the basis that it would have to be available to the SJMC students as opposed to the council, in the event that their students had assignments. She added that she would have liked to composed a video in time for the upcoming orientation. Ms. Austin Greene

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questioned if Ms. Ernst would be able to complete the project in time for the June 20th orientation. Both Mr. Humphreys and Ms. Ernst stated that this would not serve as a substitute for those who could not attend the orientation; at this point, it was merely in the planning stages.

In the future, Mr. Humphreys declared that all representatives would be required to prepare a report for each bi-monthly meeting. He also mentioned that each council member should be looking for information and hidden benefits that the student body should be aware of. This led into discussion of the flyers Ms. Drummond had made on the CLAST exemptions, recently brought into FIU.

Next, Mr. Humphreys introduced Esther Navas, as the present candidate for the position of Freshman intern. Ms. Austin Greene asked what the Freshman Internship Program was about. He gave a brief explanation stating that FIP was designed to expose new students to the methods and procedures used in Student Government. He will be contacting Billy Jones, VP of SGC at University Park for further details.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Mr. Humphreys opened the table for any other announcements to be made. Once again, Ms. Plissner stated that there would be a presentation given by the applicants interested in the Student Activities Coordinator position, 9:30 A.M. at the Conference Center.

Lastly, Mr. Franguz mentioned that the Board of Regents were presently voting on the removal of student's A & S fees. No one on the council had heard any news pertaining to this at that time.

As there was nothing left to discuss, Mr. Humphreys entertained a motion to adjourn. This motion was made by Ms. Reid and seconded by Ms. Ernst.

The meeting adjourned at 5:38 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tanisha N. Drummond