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MINUTES RECORDED ON

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FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION SHEET

TO: Arthur Papillion Jr.
SGC President

FROM: Safiya Burton
SGC Carnival Committee Chair

FAX NO. (305)919-5771

TRANSMISSION DATE: September 06, 1996

NUMBER OF PAGES (Including lead sheet): 2

SUBJECT: SGC Carnival

The following is a report on the progress the Carnival Committee has made thus far. At a meeting held on August 24, 1996 with Ms. Clivia Robley, the Assistant committee chair, it was decided that we would break down the planning of the carnival into separate components, and assign each committee member accordingly.

The components are as follows:

1. Set up
 - The carnival march: Clivia Robley
 - The food Festival: Linda Rubin
 - Games: Zahra Burton
 - The Presentations: Sheree
2. Sponsorship: Zahra Burton
3. Awards: Thania Cantave
4. Publicity: Thania Cantave & Safiya Burton
5. Letters to faculty, club Presidents & club Members: Safiya Burton

The carnival march will inherently demand greater planning as it is the first time anything like this has ever happened on this campus. To date, we have contacted the cultural clubs here on the North campus, and they are very interested. We have received commitments from the Hispanic students Association, the International Student Club, International Black Students Union, Chinese Students Association and West Indian Students Association. Ms. Clivia Robley and myself are now working with the organizer of the Miami Carnival to get an idea of what exactly is involved in the planning of such an event. The food festival, games and presentation, are all in the process of being planned all of which is expected to be completed by the next meeting on September 21.

Due to the magnitude of this event and the current situation of our limited budget, the committee members and myself have decided to seek sponsorship from both clubs within the university, as well as outside vendors Ms. Zahra Burton and Safiya Burton, is responsible for this critical part of the program, as it is here we expect to raise a large majority of the funds.

In order to achieve maximum participation and school spirit at this carnival, we are planning to have different competitions between the different clubs and these are as follows:

1. Most member participation
2. Best club presentation
3. Best faculty member participation

I have already contacted Mr. Trophy to deal with this component.

Publicity is going to be my major emphasis with this Carnival, so that the entire student body will not only be aware of it, but will also be eager to participate. I have contacted the new radio station (6.1 FM, and they are willing to do live coverage of this event. Also Ms. Thania Cantave has made contact with these different television stations, who are willing to help, provided we meet their October 9th dead line. Publicity of this carnival will involve more than fliers and posters. We are planning to have decorations all long the Bay Vista Building, as well as around the campus itself. Ms. Clivia Robley is in the process of getting Mumbo-Jumbie's for the entire week. Mumbo-Jumbies are characters dressed in folly decorated costumes , but they are approximately eight feet tall, and it is hoped that this will be a spectacle itself.

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In conclusion, I would like to propose that we change the scheduled date from November 7th to November 2nd, reason being that this new date is the Saturday after Halloween, so the spirit should still be there. Also, this date is shortly after mid-terms have ended.

This carnival promises to be a success, but we are still in need of additional help. Please contact myself or anyone of the other committee members if you are interested in assisting us.

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