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Florida International University

Student Government Council

STUDENT GOVERNMENT COUNCIL BI-MONTHLY MEETING

MINUTES RECORDED ON
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1996
3:30 P.M.

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Proposal to Amend the SGC Bylaws
Submitted August 2, 1996

It is hereby proposed that the Bylaws of the Student Government Council of FIU North Campus be amended as follows:

Section I.

I. *President/Vice President Tickets*

1. *Candidates for the offices of President and Vice President may choose to associate their campaigns with one another, although the elections for these offices shall remain separate. Any Presidential candidate and any Vice Presidential candidate intending to campaign as a ticket must indicate their intention to do so when they register to run for office.*
2. *Each Presidential candidate may only associate his/her campaign with one Vice Presidential candidate, and each Vice Presidential candidate may only associate his/her campaign with one Presidential candidate. If either candidate on such a ticket withdraws, is disqualified, or becomes unable to run after the deadline to file a petition for candidacy, the other candidate on that ticket may not associate his/her campaign with any other candidate for the complementary office.*
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The Council then reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting, which was followed by the distribution of the new SGC Telephone Roster. At this time, President Papillon, Jr. requested that Council members indicate any necessary corrections. The following errors were found:

Kristina Nikolic, Pager: (305) 315-3218
Liliana Gomez, Pager: (305) 708-7781
Amy Ernst, Pager: (305) 736-1893
Simone Reid, Home: (305) 919-6652/Work: (305) 919-5664
Julianna Watson, Home: (305) 919-6652/Work: (305) 919-5550
Brian Abramson, Home: (305) 891-7855

Ms. Amy Ernst made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted, Ms. Kristina Nikolic seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous. Next, the President welcomed all guests and stated that everyone would have a chance to speak when they were addressed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Arthur Papillon, Jr.)

The President spoke of the recent Welcome Back Extravaganza, held by Minority Student Services in the GC Ballroom. In addition to social amenities, the 400 students who attended the function were able to network and learn about the available resources. He was also glad to report that North Campus maintained representation at the event.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Julian Humphreys)

Mr. Julian Humphreys spoke of the recent problems FIU was experiencing, in terms of the Panther Shuttle. On Thursday of this week, two shuttle buses had broken down. Which interfered with the scheduling for almost the entire day. The President commented that last year he had arranged car pools to the University Park Campus as a resolution to the inconsistent shuttle system. Mr. Humphreys added that he was able to obtain a list of names and submit a formal complaint to the bus company. The President urged Council members to call Physical Plant to echo these concerns.

ADVISOR'S REPORT (Ellen Plissner)

Ms. Ellen Plissner thanked the Council for attending the Grand Opening of the WUC Ballroom, as it was a success.

On Friday, September 27, 1996 there will be a Leadership Workshop held from 12 - 5 P.M. in the GC Ballroom. If you are interested, please RSVP as soon as possible. Following this workshop, the Leadership Series will be held once every two weeks. The first workshop being held on the North Campus on Friday, October 11, 1996 from 2 - 3:30 P.M. (the room will be announced at a later date).

She also reminded the Council of the upcoming Scheduling Workshop, held by Ms. Jennifer Hernandez. Ms. Plissner encouraged members to attend, as there was pertinent information (scheduling/booking rooms) being dispersed. The workshop is being held in WUC 155 from 2 - 3:30 P.M.. Upcoming Public Safety Interviews are scheduled for:

SEPTEMBER 9: Frank Tees (LIB 319, 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM)
Robert Roberson (LIB 319, 2:45 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.)

Lastly, she reminded the Council that she would be checking for eligibility on Monday, September 9, 1996.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE (Brian D. Abramson)

Mr. Abramson announced that he had received monthly reports from all organizations/clubs, except Bay Vista Hall Council. He would be checking with this group to ensure that they had received the memorandum concerning this matter. As for the Intercampus Shuttle, they were presently investigating whether or not funding from Student Government Council was necessary due to ridership and FIU Administration.

Mr. Abramson also mentioned that he had reviewed attendance of SGC members and if necessary, action would be taken against those who were not meeting the requirements. The President reiterated that this was a job and as a job, it is important to adhere to your responsibilities; one of which is attendance at the Bi-Monthly meetings.

Lastly, Mr. Abramson stated that the next Finance Committee meeting was postponed, until after the University-wide Council meeting. This would allow the committee to determine available funding after the fixed agenda.

Again, Mr. Papillon, Jr. stressed that all Council members should make sure that their records are in order prior to September 9, 1996 when Ms. Plissner would be checking for eligibility of SGC members.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS (Julianna Watson)

Ms. Julianna Watson asked which Council members would be interested in joining this committee. If so, please see her.

She also announced an upcoming forum, which is taking place on Wednesday, September 25, 1996 (WUC 157, 5 - 7 P.M.). Though the Council had completed its window for the Window Painting Contest, Ms. Watson stated that she would still like to complete a separate window for Academic Affairs, as a way of gaining visibility and for fun. She

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