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# Florida International University

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## STUDENT GOVERNMENT COUNCIL BI-MONTHLY MEETING

Friday, November 15, 1996  
5:30 P.M.

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Ms. Burton expressed a dissatisfaction with the present way in which the Wolfe University Center was managing their funds; she made references to the lights and air conditioning which were constantly running during the week, as well as on the weekends when the

building was not in use as frequently. Mr. Papillon discussed her concerns and added that he did not believe WUC would receive \$800,000.00 in the upcoming budget as SGC was hoping to buy new equipment for Recreational Sports. Ms. Burton continued, stating that the Wolfe University Center should be encouraged to cut back on spending. She even suggested putting proviso language in the budget that would stipulate certain funds going toward student rental fees.

Mr. Mompremier made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Burton seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Tanisha N. Drummond*

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Student Government Council, North Campus

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Ryan Mathews	Senator	
Simone Reid	Hospitality Management Rep.	Simone Reid
Jeannie Lacroix	School of Nursing Rep.	Jeannie M. Lacroix
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### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

On Wednesday, November 13, 1996, Mr. Papillon, Jr. attended a Round Table with Mr. Richard Correnti (Vice President for Student Affairs). In this forum Mr. Papillon, Jr. addressed several concerns that had been voiced by students. However, he also stated the importance of students making an effort to reach out to administration. In this meeting the President was also informed that in terms of expansion, North Campus will be constructing one new building on this site (gymnasium/indoor facility). The City of North Miami intends to give FIU, North Campus the foliage surrounding the entrance (on both sides), which is worth an estimated \$17 million. Additionally, organizations can have liquor served at their functions, provided that all necessary paperwork has been submitted. Mr. Papillon, Jr. stressed that he is not supporting the availability of alcohol at activities on the North Campus; however, he does recognize the fact that if it is available at the University Park Campus, it should be available on the North Campus as well. Lastly, the President addressed a memo he had distributed in reference to the hiring of Mr. Jesse Campbell (Public Safety Department). He expressed a desire to have a "Welcome" function for Mr. Campbell near the end of the semester (December 1, 1996), which would coincide with Panther Mardi P.A.W.

### **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Humphreys stated that he was pleased to see many assignments and tasks being completed. He mentioned that Mr. Ryan Mathews and Mr. Alberto Kan had attended University-wide meetings and would like for each of them to report on their findings, briefly. Mr. Mathews stated that he had attended the Parking Committee meeting on the University Park Campus. In this meeting, the members discussed the expansion of the University Park Campus parking lots, as they felt UP did not have enough parking space. There was also talk of building a three-floor garage that would hold 1000 vehicles; expected cost is \$300,000. As for the North Campus, there were plans in the works to create an additional 20 parking spaces for faculty in the Roz and Cal Kovens Conference Center. Mr. Kan was not present at the meeting.

### **ADVISOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Plissner reminded the Council that all individuals who had not attended a Treasury Workshop, needed to meet with Ms. Arminda Pravia as soon as possible. This is to ensure that all Council members are aware of the necessary guidelines and procedures that must be adhered to when filing funds and planning functions. She stated that there was some correlation between the lateness of requisitions and the cancellation of events. To avoid this, Ms. Plissner suggested that requisitions for Spring 1997 programming should be submitted now.

*GUEST SPEAKER: Annette Gathright (Broward Awareness Representative)*

Ms. Annette Gathright stated that at this time, there is still no Broward Awareness Representative. Although there were two interested candidates, both had declined the position. Ms. Gathright expressed that she is seeking alternatives for filling the position, however, part of the problem is that most of the students attending the Broward Campus are not active, as most have a family and full-time jobs. Ms. Plissner stated that she thought part of the problem was that North Campus needed to make more of an effort to include Broward in their events and functions (i.e., announcing Broward Campus activities in the North Campus Tri-Council Calendars). She also mentioned that Broward had not even received t-shirts with the new FIU logo. Mr. Papillon, Jr. asked Ms. Gathright what she thought the Council could do to remedy this situation. Ms. Gathright stated that she was uncertain; part of the problem was low interest due to the feeling that the issues discussed in SGC did not affect Broward. The President informed her that the Council was planning a meeting to be held on the Broward campus; did she feel this would help? Ms. Gathright responded that she did not know what would be a feasible time to suggest, as the schedules of Broward Campus students were so varied. Mr. Humphreys asked if she thought coverage from the Beacon might be of some assistance. Ms. Gathright stated that the Beacon did not have a particularly strong presence on the Broward Campus. Ms. Plissner suggested adjusting the requirements of the Broward Awareness Representative, so that they would only be required to attend SGC meetings once a month; perhaps the Council could incorporate Graduate Student Association in their endeavor. Ms. Simone Reid suggested holding a forum to address the concerns and needs of the Broward students.

*FINANCE*

Mr. Madridejos and Mr. Humphreys spoke with Mr. Whit Hollis in reference to the \$20,000 that was for the renovation of the storage area. As these funds have not been used, they requested that a portion of the money (\$1,500.00) be used for Panther Mardi PAW. In addition, they also spoke with Mr. Hollis in reference to using another portion of the money to cover costs (\$3,000.00 at maximum) for the four students who attended the Association of College Unions International (ACUI) Conference. Mr. Papillon, Jr. asked that Mr. Madridejos obtain greater clarification for the total cost by Monday, November 17, 1996.

*ACADEMIC AFFAIRS*

Ms. Julianna Watson apologized for her absence at the last SGC meeting (November 1, 1996); as she was attending the Honors Seminar in San Francisco. Due to a lack of manpower, Ms. Watson stated that the Book Market would be postponed until Spring 1997. She also reiterated that the success of this event depended on the cooperation of all Council members. The duties for the Council were divided into four categories: publicity, logging of textbooks, decorating and finance. Ms. Plissner inquired as to how

many members Ms. Watson had on her committee. Ms. Watson replied that there were four members, besides herself. Mr. Papillon, Jr. reiterated that Ms. Watson, as well as other Council members should see Mr. Humphreys to obtain a listing of students interested in joining Student Government Council. Ms. Plissner recommended asking Mr. Hollis to do a second leadership forum on recruitment of outside students as all of the Council members were quite involved with a multitude of activities. Ms. Liliana Gomez suggested that Ms. Watson make a list of objectives that need to be completed, and distribute this list to the Council members.

### *STUDENT SERVICES*

Ms. Gomez discussed the petition forms that had been distributed at the last SGC meeting. She announced that the Council had collected 206 names, to date. She added that SGC had received good feedback on the petition forms as well as an expressed interest from students. Student Services would also be holding their next forum on Tuesday, November 26, 1996. Ms. Gomez stated that she left invitations for all Council members and a guest in the SGC mailboxes. Mr. Papillon, Jr. announced that the schedules of all Council members would be posted for those who were planning events. He also asked that Ms. Gomez investigate the decrease in the amount of classes available on North Campus (for the Spring 1997 semester), as well as the new cost for LUIS; two concerns that had been voiced by students. In closing, the President gave Ms. Gomez and Ms. Watson recommendations and assignments for the Spring Registration period. Ms. Kristina Nikolic added that some students had expressed a problem with vending machines. Mr. Papillon, Jr. informed her that there were labels on the vending machines stating where students could go to get a refund.

### *DIRECTOR OF STUDENT LOBBYING*

Ms. Joanna Wedderburn announced that she was in the process of wrapping up Vision '96 in terms of sponsorship. She also stated that she was working on Florida Student Association's (FSA) "Days at the Capital". Ms. Wedderburn mentioned she was using the Panther Student Lobbyists (PSL) to help her address student grievances; the Beacon might be another forum in which she could address these issues.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### *ELECTIONS BOARD*

Mr. Papillon, Jr. stated that at this time, there was no Elections Board in place; however, at this time the Council was collecting names: Ms. Janice Jones (School of Journalism), Mr. John Preval (Arthur Papillon, Jr.), Ms. Chanelle Rose (Julian Humphreys), Ms. Claude Hyacinth (McLamarre Mompremier), Ms. Maureen Sullivan (Broward position), Ms. Nadege Laura (Jeannie Lacroix) and Dave (Simone Reid). Nominators gave a brief account of the candidates selected for the Elections Board.

- MS. JANICE JONES: Motion made by Ms. Safiya Burton; seconded by Ms. Nikolic. The vote passed unanimously.
- MR. JOHN PREVAL: Motion made by Mr. Mompremier ; seconded by Mr. Mathews. The vote passed unanimously.
- MS. CHANELLE ROSE: Motion made by Mr. Humphreys; seconded by Ms. Lacroix. The vote passed unanimously.
- MS. CLAUDE HYACINTH: Motion made by Mr. Humphreys; seconded by Mr. Mompremier. Vote - seven in favor; one abstention (Madrideojos).
- MS. MAUREEN SULLIVAN: Ms. Plissner suggested using Ms. Sullivan to fill the Broward Awareness Representative. Motion made by Mr. Humphreys; seconded by Ms. Nikolic. Vote: 1 opposed (Mompremier), 7 abstentions (Humphreys, Madrideojos, Burton, Reid, Mathews, Lacroix, Nikolic).
- MS. NADEGE LAURA: Motion made by Mr. Humphreys; seconded by Ms. Lacroix. Vote: 6 in favor, 2 abstentions (Madrideojos, Burton).
- "DAVE": Ms. Plissner suggested holding off on voting until further information could be obtained concerning this individual.

### *SHUTTLE SYSTEM*

Mr. Papillon, Jr. expressed some disappointment at the fact that the Beacon had not reported the North Campus discusses this particular issue in their meetings. However, he went on to say that the Shuttle system problem would be resolved shortly. He also mentioned that he would be writing a letter to Mr. Matt Altier suggesting that the shuttle service is free for the first few months, as a way of building back student confidence. He further discussed how the shuttle service affected registration; as many students would not be able to take classes in the Spring (most classes are being offered at the University Park campus).

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Mr. Papillon, Jr. asked for open comments concerning the establishment of the FIU Football Team. Several Council members voiced their support of a football team; while some did not think the implementation of a football team would affect the university either way. "It would take several years to establish a winning team that would receive support of the students and the community." (Mompremier). Ms. Plissner commented that the Council is overlooking the fact that most of the support garnered by other state schools was from regular football fans and alumni as well. The President stated that he would give

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#### *KRS-ONE LECTURE*

Mr. Papillon, Jr. stated that due to a cancellation on the part of National Pan-Hellenic Council, there was a lack of funds (totaling \$3,200.00) for the KRS-One Lecture. If these funds could not be secured through other organizations/clubs; the event would be canceled altogether. In addition to disappointing the high school students who would be attending this function; publicity for this event had already gone out and could cause FIU to acquire negative consequences, as a contract had already been signed. Ms. Safiya Burton made a motion to transfer funds, in the amount of \$3,200.00, from the \$20,000.00 that had been transferred to Wolfe University Center. Ms. Nikolic seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Ms. Burton expressed a dissatisfaction with the present way in which the Wolfe University Center was managing their funds; she made references to the lights and air conditioning which were constantly running during the week, as well as on the weekends when the

building was not in use as frequently. Mr. Papillon discussed her concerns and added that he did not believe WUC would receive \$800,000.00 in the upcoming budget as SGC was hoping to buy new equipment for Recreational Sports. Ms. Burton continued, stating that the Wolfe University Center should be encouraged to cut back on spending. She even suggested putting proviso language in the budget that would stipulate certain funds going toward student rental fees.

Mr. Mompremier made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Burton seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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