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Florida International University

Student Government Council

BI-MONTHLY MEETING

JANUARY 27 & FEBRUARY 10, 1998
2:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. Valerie Blemur, Chief of Staff

Mr. Ian Elbrand, Student Services Chair *absent*

Mr. Delano Greene, Director of Student Lobbying

Ms. Lakisha Holmes, College of Urban and Public Affairs Representative

Mr. Alfred Inde, Broward Awareness Representative

Ms. Elisabeth Jacobi, Public Relations Chair

Ms. Nia Johnson, Lower Division Representative

Mr. Gakunga Kihohia, Finance Chair

Ms. Nadia McLean, Special Events Chair

Ms. Giralda Merkman, Representative-At-Large

Ms. N. Jasmine Michel, Graduate Representative

Mr. Arthur Papillon, Jr., President *not present*

Ms. Ellen Plissner, Advisor

Mr. Craig Rapp, School of Hospitality Management Representative

Ms. Avia Rice, Lower Division Representative

Mr. Plinio Sanchez, Student Advocate

Ms. Carrie Silverman, School of Nursing Representative

Feb. 10

Mark H. Hatem

ABSENT

Ms. Safiya Burton, Vice President

Ms. Tanisha Drummond, Clerk of Council

Ms. Mireidy Fernandez, Academic Affairs Chair

Mr. Ian Richards, Representative-At-Large *present*

GUESTS

Mr. Adolfo Barandiaran, VOX

Kate, Vox

Ms. Dannielle Boyer, SPC Vice President

Mr. Rohut Castellanos, Honors Council President

Ms. Maura Dominguez

Mr. Julian Humphreys, SPC President

Ms. Judith Morales, Honors Council Vice President

Ms. Chanelle Rose, Elections Board Chair

Ms. Jacqueline Sconiers, Bay Vista Hall Council President

Mr. Michael Turner

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM, by Mr. Arthur Papillon, Jr., SGCPresident. Following the Call To Order, Mr. Papillon, Jr. introduced the guests.

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- Mr. Kihohia issued a reminder that bi-weekly and individual meetings (i.e., school representatives, representatives-at-large, standing committee chairs) are mandatory.

- There were over 250 North Campus students in attendance at the Homecoming Basketball Game and Barbecue (which took place immediately following the game). A similar turnout is needed for upcoming games taking place on this Thursday, Saturday and Monday.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Parking and Traffic Committee Advisory Meeting: Friday, February 20, 1998 at 10:00 AM. Ms. Burton will be presenting a proposal for a shuttle for the Residence Hall.

ADVISOR'S REPORT

- Basketball game turnout was a wonderful example of the North Campus' school support and spirit.
- Travel Authorization Requests (TAR) are still being submitted late. If you are travelling, you must complete individual TAR's a minimum of 4 weeks in advance (preferably 6 weeks in advance).
- SROW Orientation Workshop will be held March 20-22, 1998 (approximately 900 people in the Southeastern Region). An interest meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 20, 1998 in GC 305 at 10:00 AM.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE - Nadia McLean

(Ms. Avia Rice presenting for Ms. Nadia McLean)

- Yolanda King (Daughter of Martin Luther King, Jr.) scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, 1998 at 7:00 PM.
- Proposal for three events: AIDS WALK (SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1998)
SPECIAL OLYMPICS (SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 1998)
BARBECUE FOR DAY & EVENING STUDENTS

STUDENT LOBBYING COMMITTEE - Delano Greene

- Has obtained 200 signatures for FIU Law School Petition
- Voter Registration/Barbecue scheduled for Thursday, February 19, 1998
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM and 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM
- Board of Regents (at FIU) scheduled for March 12-13, 1998

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Gakunga Kihohia

Budget Update: \$90,000 allocated for Student Programming Council. Currently, the accounting assistant, graphic artist and student assistant are not included in the budget.

Disregard the budget proposal: certain items have been excluded. There will be a verbal approval made through phone calls.

PRESENTATIONS

ELECTIONS BOARD: Chair stated that elections would be held from March 31-April 1, 1998. All school representatives must have a platform which will be placed on placards/election boards. Ms. Burton made a motion to appoint Ms. Melanie Bent to the Elections Board. Mr. Rapp seconded the motion. Vote: unanimous.

HONORS COUNCIL: President briefly discussed that the Honors Council was part of the University-Wide Council. Currently there were 37 Honors Councils on the University Park Campus and 4 on the North Campus. Three of the Honors Societies were not active.

- Honors Council Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, 1998
- The Honors Council was allocated \$55,000.00; was decreased to \$45,000.00 due to a lack of commitment from the University Park Campus.
- Proposed a division of funds, in order to have an Honors Council Executive Board functioning on the North Campus. President would be required to have office hours on both campuses (UP and NC).
- Request would be for an additional \$10,000.00 for programming on the North Campus.

Ms. Lakisha Holmes moved to end the discussion. Mr. Craig Rapp made a motion to NOT allocate additional \$10,000.00. Mr. Alfred seconded the motion. Vote: 5 in favor, 4 opposed, no abstentions. Motion carries.

VOX: The VOX was allocated \$10,000.00, however, there is a funding shortage of \$2,000.00. As this is the only venue for the creative writing and expression of undergraduate students, the VOX is asking the Council to reconsider their funding.

- Mr. Ian Richards moved to table this discussion until the next meeting. Mr. Kihohia seconded the motion. Vote: 9 in favor, 1 opposed, no abstentions. Motion carries.

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Ms. Carrie Silverman, School of Nursing Representative

ABSENT

Ms. Tanisha Drummond, Clerk of Council

GUESTS

Ms. Ruby Dalmacio
Mr. Alfred Inde
Ms. Elisabeth Jacobi
Mr. Manny Joseph
Ms. Chanelle Rose, Elections Board Chair

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS FROM MEETING TAKING PLACE ON JANUARY 27, 1998

APPOINTMENTS TO THE COUNCIL:

MR. CRAIG RAPP, HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVE

Ms. Burton made a motion to reinstate Mr. Craig Rapp to the position of Hospitality Management Representative. Mr. Ian Richards seconded the motion. Vote: unanimous.

MS. MIREIDY FERNANDEZ, SJMC (JOURNALISM) REPRESENTATIVE

Ms. Burton made a motion to appoint Ms. Mireidy Fernandez to the position of School of Journalism and Mass Communications Representative. Mr. Richards seconded the motion. Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstentions. Motion carries.

MS. ELISABETH JACOBI, PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR

Mr. Richards made a motion to appoint Ms. Elisabeth Jacobi to the position of Public Relations

Chair. Ms. Carrie Silverman seconded the motion. Vote: unanimous.

MR. ALFRED INDE, BROWARD AWARENESS REPRESENTATIVE

Following his introduction, Ms. Giralda Merkman made a motion to appoint Mr. Alfred Inde to the position of Broward Awareness Representative. Mr. Richards seconded the motion. Vote: unanimous.