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Florida International University

Student Government Council

BI-MONTHLY MEETING

**FRIDAY, JULY 25, 1997
MINUTES**

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. Camille Aub, Student Services Chair
Ms. Melanie Bent, Director of Student Lobbying
Ms. Safiya Burton, Vice President
Ms. Tanisha Drummond, Clerk of Council/Executive Assistant
Ms. Mireidy Fernandez, Academic Affairs Chair
Ms. Lakisha Holmes, CUPA Representative
Ms. Nia Johnson, Lower Division Representative
Mr. Daniel Kerness, Representative-At-Large
Ms. Marvine Laurent, Chief of Staff
Ms. Nadia McLean, Special Events Chair
Ms. Ellen Plissner, Advisor
Ms. Avia Rice, Lower Division Representative
Mr. Ian Richards, Representative-At-Large
Ms. Donna Ann Russell, SJMC Representative
Mr. Plinio Sanchez, Student Advocate
Ms. Anette Sandoval, SON Representative

ABSENT

Ms. Debra Goldman, Broward Awareness Representative
Mr. Gakunga Kihohia, Finance Chair
Ms. Giralda Merkman, Representative-At-Large
Mr. Arthur Papillon, Jr., President
Mr. Craig Rapp, HM Representative

GUESTS

Mr. Albert Franquiz, BEACON Representative
Mr. Julian Humphreys, SPC President
Ms. Chanelle Rose

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Safiya Burton, SGC Vice President, at 5:21PM.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

LIBRARY CAFE PROPOSAL

Ms. Burton informed the Council that she had spoken with Ms. Tony Downes, Ms. Helen Ellison and Dr. Richard Correnti, about implementing a "Library Cafe"; who were in support of this idea. They felt the library would be an appropriate place to have a cafe, due to its hours of operation. The venture would be modeled after the Barnes & Nobles Bookstore concept. The Council discussed whether the retailers would be responsible for the building/construction. Ms. Burton stated that these kind of decisions were still be worked out. Mr. Julian Humphreys commented that this would be a nice idea if the cafe would be similar to the structure in the Loehmann's Plaza.

VICE PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMPUTER LAB

Ms. Burton said that she had met with Mr. Art Glosser, concerning the progress of the new computer

in the future, she suggested condensing reports to one paper, as there was an enormous amount of paper being used.

STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE

No report...Mr. Gakunga Kihohia is attending a conference (July 22 - July 27).

STUDENT SERVICES

Ms. Camille Aub thanked Ms. Burton for the goals/objectives meeting held the day before. She felt that the meeting helped her to prioritize and look at some of the things she had planned for the coming year. She stated that there was an upcoming Cafeteria meeting; she would give the Council further details at a later date. Lastly, Mr. Carlos Abrio (Miami Expresso), still expressed an interest in establishing a vendor space, similar to the one at the University Park Campus.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Ms. Fernandez took this opportunity to thank Mr. Plinio Sanchez for his participation in the Grievance Committee meeting they attended together. She also informed the Council that the proposals she had been working on, were sent out. Further information would be provided at a later date.

STUDENT LOBBYING

Ms. Melanie Bent spoke of the recent FSA Conference she attended with Mr. Papillon, Jr. and Mr. Kihohia. She stated that it was primarily a "get acquainted/reacquainted" forum for the participating universities and colleges. The participants would be keeping in close contact through e-mail over the next few months. Lastly, she spoke to the Council about the series of workshops she would be hosting throughout the Fall semester.

STUDENT ADVOCATE

Mr. Sanchez thanked Ms. Fernandez for the opportunity to attend the Grievance Committee meeting on Tuesday of this week. Next, he discussed the proposal he had been working on for the pass few weeks. The purpose was to obtain a sign that would inform students that they could receive visitor's passes when visiting the Bay Vista Residence Hall. There was an enormous problem with students being ticketed when they parked in Bay Vista. Ms. Burton interjected that she and Mr. Papillon, Jr. had spoken with Mr. Jim Wassenaar (Housing, University Park Campus) concerning the same issue. Mr. Sanchez felt positive about having such a sign put up, fairly soon.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Ms. Nadia McLean stated that she was currently working on two projects: Field Day and Mardi PAW. She and Mr. Daniel Kemess were coordinating a Field Day which would take place during the Silver Anniversary Celebration. This event would be a cooperative venture between the Tri-Council, and would include sports competitions, a barbecue and a clothes/food drive for the less fortunate. Ms. McLean was also working with Panther Rage to see how it could be utilized in the coordination of these events – and in general.

OLD BUSINESS

PRIORITY REGISTRATION

Ms. Burton stated that Priority Registration was held for Council members this morning (8:00 AM -

9:30 AM); she hoped everyone was able to coordinate their schedules.

FALL MEETING TIMES

She also informed the Council that the tentative meeting date for Fall, would be Wednesdays at 4:00 PM. This time was selected based on those Council members who submitted schedule forms.

GOAL SETTING MEETINGS

Ms. Burton announced that the goals/objectives meetings held this week were quite successful. Those who did not attend were advised to speak with those individuals who were present during these sessions, as a report was due (concerning individual goals and objectives) on July 30, 1997. Lastly, Ms. Burton reminded the Council that she needed dates for all SGC events/programs in order to have them placed on the Tri-Council Calendar being developed by Mr. Rafael Zapata.

NEW BUSINESS

TRI-COUNCIL UNITY

MR. JULIAN HUMPHREYS, SPC PRESIDENT

Mr. Humphreys discussed the possibility of the Tri-Council coordinating more events together. Once such event, being handled by Mr. Humphreys, was a Welcome Back Luau. This was scheduled to take place on August 26, 1997 at the Aquatic Center from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. He was asking the Council to contribute \$150.00 towards this event. Ms. Russell made a motion to take \$150.00 from the General Account for the Welcome Back Luau. Ms. Nia Johnson seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Mr. Humphreys mentioned that he was also thinking of planning a Tri-Council Social some time in the Fall semester. Ms. Burton thought that this too was an excellent idea. She suggested he could meet with Ms. Aub and Ms. McLean in the coordination of event.

DISCOUNT CARDS

Ms. Burton informed the Council of her discussion with "Sonny" concerning the purchase of discount cards. The cards would cost \$3.00 and would give students discounts on purchases from local restaurants and businesses. For each card purchased, Student Government Council would receive \$1.00.

BUSINESS CARDS

Ms. Burton discussed the possibility of the Council purchasing business cards for the Fall semester. A discussion followed concerning the format and design of the cards. Ms. Burton urged the Council to make a decision quickly, if they were to be purchased in time for the Fall semester.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Ms. Sue Costa (Cafeteria) has invited the Council to a luncheon on August 29, 1997 at 11:00 AM. This luncheon would provide a forum in which perhaps a friendship or at least an amicable relationship could be formed.

Ms. Plissner announced that any pending documents be brought to her attention before next week Tuesday, as she would be leaving for vacation on that day. Additionally, Mr. Zapata would be out on vacation July 30 through August 11. She told the Council this was also the time in which Ms. Barbara Levy and Ms. Arminda Pravia made arrangements for vacation time; plan accordingly.

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Mr. Kemess announced that Mr. Elias Bardawil (Recreational Sports) had found three relatively new stair steppers that could be purchased from a gym that was going out of business. Mr. Bardawil was willing to put up \$500.00 and Dr. Correnti would be supplying an additional \$2400.00 towards the purchase of this equipment.

Ms. Burton announced the next University-Wide Council meeting: Friday, August 8, 1997 at 1:00 PM in LIB 150.

The Ropes Course (SGC) was scheduled for August 22, 1997; plan to attend all day.

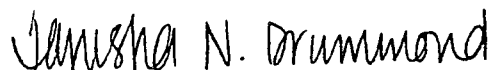
International Black Student Union and Just Me and T Clothesline have scheduled a two-day event (concerning unity and the fashion and music industry). This event would be held at the University on August 22 and 23.

Ms. Holmes informed the Council that she had moved; she distributed her new residential information.

Ms. Holmes made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Russell seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM

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Respectfully Submitted,



Tanisha N. Drummond
Clerk of Council