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Florida International University

Student Government Council

BI-MONTHLY MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1997
MINUTES**

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. Camille Aub, Student Services Chair
Ms. Safiya Burton, Vice President
Ms. Tanisha Drummond, Executive Assistant/Clerk of Council
Ms. Mireidy Fernandez, Academic Affairs Chair
Ms. Lakisha Holmes, College of Urban & Public Affairs Representative
Ms. Nia Johnson, Lower Division Representative
Mr. Daniel Kerness, Representative-At-Large
Mr. Gakunga Kihohia, Finance Chair
Ms. Marvine Laurent, Chief of Staff
Ms. Nadia McLean, Special Events Chair
Ms. Giralda Merkman, Representative-At-Large
Mr. Arthur Papillon, Jr., President
Ms. Ellen Plissner, Advisor
Mr. Craig Rapp, School of Hospitality Management Representative
Ms. Avia Rice, Lower Division Representative
Mr. Ian Richards, Representative-At-Large
Ms. Chanelle Rose, Graduate Student Representative
Mr. Plinio Sanchez, Student Advocate
Ms. Anette Sandoval, School of Nursing Representative

ABSENT

Ms. Melanie Bent, Director of Student Lobbying
Ms. Donna-Ann Russell, School of Journalism & Mass Communication Representative

GUESTS

Mr. James Alabre, SGC Finance Committee
Mr. Jeremy Baker, Alternative Spring Break
Ms. Jacqueline Sconiers, Bay Vista Hall Council

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM by Mr. Arthur Papillon, Jr., Student Government Council President. Mr. Papillon, Jr. gave the Council a few minutes to review the minutes from the previous meeting. Ms. Ellen Plissner stated that there was a discrepancy in the Advisor's Report concerning the events occurring on the day of the Torch Run (Tuesday, September 16, 1997). She stated that Administration was not going to suggest that professors release students during the time of the race. Ms. Camille Aub stated that there was no Food Services meeting on the date noted in the previous minutes. Ms. Avia Rice stated that she and Ms. Nia Johnson would be attending conference on October 27 and 28 (Time Management). The President reiterated the importance of NOT distributing/sending out any documents without having them reviewed first. Mr. Gakunga Kihohia made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted (with the noted corrections). Ms. Chanelle Rose seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

COMPUTER LAB

Ms. Safiya Burton reported that the computer lab was ready to open, as we do have computers, however, Mr. Whit Hollis was expecting \$40,000.00 to pay for staff. This would alleviate the need for SGC members to staff the facility.

BAY VISTA HALL COUNCIL

Bay Vista Hall Council held a meeting on Monday, September 8, 1997. At this meeting, participants had the opportunity to converse with Dr. Paul Gallagher and Mr. Jim Wassenaar (University Park Campus Housing) concerning the cancellation of the current contract with the laundry company. This Council (BVHC) was hoping to end this contract by the close of the year.

Ms. Burton announced that there would be a Freshmen Picnic on the University Park Campus on Friday, September 12, 1997; she encouraged the Council members to make an appearance at this event. Additionally, the scheduled meetings for grouped representatives would begin on Monday, September 15, 1997. Lastly, Ms. Burton informed the Council that both she and the President would be out of the office at the end of the week.

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 9798.1

The President reiterated the purpose of this resolution, which was to require all paid officers of the Tri-Council to post their office hours in the Student Activities Office. Ms. Plissner suggested extending this requirement to anyone who receives emoluments from A & S Fees. Mr. Ian Richards made a friendly amendment, stating that this resolution should be extended to anyone who receives emoluments from A & S Fees. Mr. Kihohia accepted the friendly amendment. Ms. Nia Johnson made a motion to accept Resolution 9798.1 with the friendly amendment (made by Mr. Richards). Ms. Rose seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

25TH SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Mr. Papillon, Jr. requested that all Council members familiarize themselves with the dates of the events for the 25th Silver Anniversary. He also requested that SGC members attend these events whenever possible to show their support of the University; particularly at the Torch Run as he was giving a speech at 11:00 AM that morning. Ms. Plissner distributed a handout with a itinerary for the September 16th Torch Run. She mentioned that the University was looking for volunteers (students) who would be able to serve as ushers/greeters from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM --Council members were encouraged to participate. Ms. Burton interjected that those who would be participating in the Torch Run with the President, needed to submit short biographies as soon as possible.

GSA/SGC PETITION

Mr. Papillon, Jr. discussed a projected Mr. Brian Abramson (former SGC President) was currently working on. Mr. Abramson was in the process of obtaining signatures from students, contesting the restrictions on voting capabilities (i.e., voting according to the campus you are based on). The petition, which required a minimum of 1,500 signatures would allow students to vote regardless of classification, school, et cetera. If 1,500 signatures were obtained, this petition would be put on the Special Elections in November of this year.

NEW BUSINESS

MINORITY STUDENT SERVICES

Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast

There was a brief discussion on the upcoming annual MLK Breakfast held by the Office of Minority Student Services. The President mentioned that the Council purchased a number of tickets each year, which are given to students, or Council members.

Computer Laboratory

He also mentioned that the Office of Minority Student Services was also requesting additional funds in order to stay open (supplies such as memory and cartridges/toners). Ms. Aub stated that there were some additional funds in her budget (Student Services) that could go towards these purchases. Mr. Papillon, Jr. told her to speak with the Finance Committee as soon as possible.

Special Events

Dr. Hunt was asking students to participate in an upcoming forum that FIU was involved in. Mr. Papillon, Jr. encouraged the Council to publicize this event (he distributed a brochure listing all pertinent information).

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

The President discussed the approximate costs for sending a member/several members to this year's ACUI Conference which would be held in Orlando, FL. He also circulated a NSCAHH brochure on a "Feed the Homeless" event taking place in Washington, DC in October.

COLLEGE TOUR

Mr. Papillon, Jr. inquired as to whether or not the Council would be interested in participating in the College Tour Concert (previously showcasing Wu-Tang and Rage Against the Machine). If so, he was looking into obtaining 500 tickets for FIU students. This venture would also possibly involve Miami Dade Community College and University of Miami. While College Tour was attempting to incorporate education into the concert format, Mr. Papillon, Jr. reiterated that this was purely a concert...not an "educational event".

INTERMISSION TO TAKE SGC GROUP PICTURES

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Mr. Kihohia mentioned that there were several Council members inquiring about supplies. If you needed office supplies, please speak with Ms. Barbara Levy, as office supplies had been purchased and placed in the cabinets near the copy room. He added that there was a discrepancy in the cost of the Leadershape Conference he attended this summer. He was asking the Council to allocate an additional \$59.00 to cover the cost of this trip. Ms. Anette Sandoval made a motion to allocate the additional funds to cover the cost of Mr. Kihohia's Leadershape Conference. Ms. Rose seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously. As for the Society of Professional Journalists Conference (Mireidy Fernandez and Donna-Ann Russell), Mr. Kihohia reported that the cost for the trip was approximately \$1,600.00. After a brief discussion on this matter, Mr. Richards made a motion to allocate \$1,600.0 from the Travel Account towards the SPJ Conference (which will be attended by Fernandez and Russell). Ms. Rice seconded the motion. The vote: 6 in favor; 2 opposed and 2 abstentions (CR, NJ).

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Mr. Kihohia reiterated the importance of filling out Weekly Reports (make two copies) and reminded the Council members to make sure that they punched in and punched out when completing their office hours. He also mentioned that "budget time" would begin on September 22, 1997. Lastly, Mr. Kihohia announced that Finance Committee meetings would be held on alternate Wednesdays at 5:00 PM.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Ms. Fernandez reported that her committee had recently held its first meeting, which was a success. She would keep the Council updated on the progress of her projects.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Ms. Nadia McLean spoke of the Torch Run, stating that 2 alternatives were needed to replace Council members who may not be able to participate in this event. If any member was interested, he/she must complete a medical form and a short biography, which needed to be faxed to the University Park Campus as soon as possible. A Mardi PAW meeting would be held on Thursday, September 11, 1997 in the Conference Room (WUC) at 3:45 PM. Lastly, Ms. McLean announced that there would be a soccer game held this Sunday.

BAY VISTA HALL COUNCIL

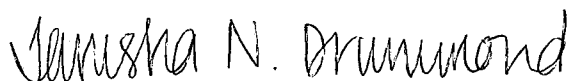
Ms. Jacqueline Sconiers, Chair of Bay Vista Hall Council was present to report on the success of the last BVHC Meeting. She thanked the Council, primarily Ms. Burton for their active participation in Housing matters, and promised to keep the Council updated on any developments.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Ms. Rose told the Council to disregard the memorandum she had placed in their mailboxes. Mr. Jeremy Baker announced the upcoming Dance-A-Thon that would be held to raise money for children (for further details, please contact the Volunteer Action Center).

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Tanisha N. Drummond, Clerk of Council
Student Government Council, North Campus

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