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Florida International University

Student Government Council

BI-MONTHLY MEETING

OCTOBER 22, 1997

5:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. Camille Aub, Student Services Chair
Ms. Safiya Burton, Vice President
Ms. Tanisha Drummond, Clerk of Council
Ms. Mireidy Fernandez, Academic Affairs Chair
Ms. Lakisha Holmes, College of Urban and Public Affairs Representative
Ms. Nia Johnson, Lower Division Representative
Mr. Daniel Kerness, Representative-At-Large
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
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 Representative
Ms. Donna-Ann Russell, School of Journalism & Mass Communications Representative
Mr. Plinio Sanchez, Student Advocate
Mrs. Anette Sandoval, School of Nursing Representative

ABSENT

Ms. Melanie Bent, Director of Student Lobbying
Ms. Marvine Laurent, Chief of Staff

GUESTS

Mr. Alex Salinas, BEACON Representative
Ms. Jacqueline Sconiers, Bay Vista Hall Council Chair
Freshman Interns
"Run For The Environment" Representative

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM, by Mr. Arthur Papillon, Jr., President. Following the introduction of our guests, The President asked the Council to review the minutes from the previous meeting. Mr. Daniel Kerness stated that he name was omitted from the attendance. Mr. Gakunga Kihohia stated that at the end of page 6, there was a discrepancy: he said attendance at the last SPC Lecture was lacking, not the last SPC Comedy Show. Mr. Papillon, Jr. stated that the conference he and Ms. Burton were attending was NOT in Walt Disney World,

but rather Lake Buena Vista. Ms. Camille Aub stated that she was working with Mr. Ian Elbrand on the petition. She felt the minutes did not accurately reflect this. Ms. Lakisha Holmes made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted, with the noted corrections. Ms. Donna-Ann Russell seconded the motion. Vote: unanimous.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

FEE COMMITTEE HEARING

The President thanked those Council members who were in attendance at the Fee Committee Hearing that took place today. The next meeting concerning this issue would take place on the University Park Campus on Thursday, October 30, 1997 in GC 115. He asked for comments, questions and/or concerns from the Council.

MARINE ANIMAL RESCUE SOCIETY

Mr. Craig Pelton of the Marine Animal Rescue Society was requesting \$400.00 towards the new pools being built, behind the tennis courts. This money would help with the cost for sand. As there were no funds in the General Account, the President said he would like to see this paid for out of the Discretionary Account. Ms. N. Jasmine Michel asked if this organization had solicited funds from other groups/clubs/organizations. Mr. Papillon, Jr. read a list of the groups this organization had solicited, as well as those who were donating funds.

SGC AFFILIATED EVENTS/PROJECTS

The President encouraged the Council to read the newsletter, a project being coordinated by the Student Advocate and the Academic Affairs Chair. He also stressed the importance of sharing this document with the student body. Lastly, he emphasized the need for greater input (concerning Mardi PAW) from the Council. He stated that he did not want to see Ms. Nadia McLean or Mr. Kerness overwhelmed with work, as this was an event representing the entire Council.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Mr. Papillon, Jr. spoke briefly about one of the community service projects he was involved in. He told the Council of his recent experience when he went to speak at a local elementary school. The contact person at this school encouraged him to return, and bring other interested students, whenever possible. Thus, he extended this invitation to the Council (a sign-up sheet was distributed). As the Council would be dealing with children, he urged those who were uncertain of their ability to commit to this project to NOT sign up.

RUN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

A representative from the Ecotourism department gave a brief presentation on an upcoming race, Run For The Environment (Sunday, November 16, 1997). This event which is centered around society's general lack of awareness concerning the environment, is scheduled to take place at 8:00 AM in Tropical Park (general vicinity of Santa's Enchanted Forest). She left sign-up forms for those individuals who were interested in participating.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Safiya Burton began her report by wishing Ms. Giralda Merkman and Ms. Jacqueline Sconiers a Happy Birthday (Council sang to them). She also announced the University Park's upcoming event, SGA Day. This event, which is similar to Mardi PAW, is scheduled to take place on Monday, October 27, 1997 in GC 150 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Additionally, she and the President would be attending the follow-up planning retreat on Friday, October 24, 1997.

MASTER PLAN FOR PARKING 1997 - 2006

Ms. Burton distributed a copy of this document, while she and the President discussed its contents. It had been decided that a garage would no longer be built on the North Campus. They also discussed the different proposals offered concerning decals. There would either be a flat-fee rate or an increase in the cost of the decal. The President discussed the fact that the cost of decals were used to cover road upkeep, et cetera. A brief discussion followed.

BAY VISTA HALL LAUNDRY MACHINES

The President, Mr. Kihohia and Ms. Burton recently met with Dr. Paul Gallagher to discuss the laundry machine contract in Bay Vista Hall. Unfortunately, nothing can be done about this situation until April of 1998, however, Dr. Gallagher has promised that we can be involved in the bidding process.

FRESHMAN INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Ms. Burton announced that the Freshman Internship Program was progressing quite well. Information concerning the program would be distributed via our mailboxes. She urged those Council members who had not attended the internship session, and wanted an intern, to speak to Ms. Avia Rice at the close of the meeting.

ADVISOR'S REPORT

Ms. Ellen Plissner reminded that since a petition was circulated (referendum), a Special Elections will be held in November. Also, Freshman Orientation for the Spring Semester would be held November 12 - 15, 1997. Lastly, the University would be hosting SROW (workshop concerning orientation) this March. All interested Council members could attend a student meeting of Friday, October 24, 1997 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM in WUC 155. She informed the Council that Ms. Margaret Anliker (who recently passed) was quite active in this event. As the University Park Campus has promised to take an active part in this program, she commented that she would like to see the North Campus become involved as well.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Mr. Kihohia thanked the Council for continuing to submit paperwork (i.e., File For Funds) in a timely manner. Currently, the Finance Committee had received one request from Career Services in the amount of \$2,200.00 for a business etiquette/networking dinner. As there was no representative present at the Finance Committee meeting, this issue was tabled. Also, Ms. Comfort Usuru was no longer able to serve as Vice Chair for the Finance Committee. Lastly,

Mr. Kihohia asked the Council to be patient as the time card situation continued to be ironed out.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Ms. Mireidy Fernandez announced that she had been unable to meet with Ms. Helen Ellison about putting kiosk machines in additional locations (i.e., Residence Halls). Due to scheduling conflicts with Ms. Ellison, Ms. Fernandez has spoken with Dr. Paul Gallagher to see how this situation could be addressed. Ms. Fernandez also discussed the new registration procedures that would take effect for Spring 1998. Ms. Plissner interjected that students would be required to register for Spring semester by December 5, 1997. Ms. Fernandez also inquired about the status of the letter composed for the Teacher Evaluation Booklet (by both SGC Presidents). Lastly, Ms. Fernandez announced that there is a new mailbox, recently created for articles and/or announcements to be entered in the SGC Newsletter.

STUDENT SERVICES

Ms. Aub stated that she was still working on the petition. Additionally, she reported that students liked the proposed new location for the Oasis.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Ms. Nadia McLean stated that she and Mr. Kerness were working with Student Programming Council, concerning Mardi PAW. Student Programming Council has agreed to reschedule some of its events, which will be held during Mardi PAW. As for Student Organization Council, Mr. Dale Ayres (Chair) has made every effort to encourage SOC clubs and organizations to participate in the Sports Day event.

STUDENT ADVOCATE

Mr. Plinio Sanchez thanked Ms. Fernandez for her involvement in compiling the SGC Newsletter.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Ms. Russell distributed a list of the shelters the Communications Committee wanted to work with for Operation Santa Claus. Ms. Russell's personal endorsement was given for the Homeless Assistance Center and the Miami Bridge Youth Shelter. She then gave a brief description of each shelter/center on the list. Ms. Russell asked the Council to consider voting on this matter during the meeting. Ms. Holmes made a motion to vote on which shelter the Council wanted to work on. Ms. Burton seconded the motion. Following a vote, it was decided the Council would work with the Children's Home Society of Florida.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Ms. Safiya Burton encouraged Council members to participate in this year's United Way Campaign. She also reiterated the importance of reading your minutes thoroughly. The Women's Center, whom Ms. Burton worked actively with, was holding a T-Shirt decoration contest, as well as a walk-a-thon. Lastly, she urged Council members to respond to the Freshman Internship Program as soon as possible.

Mr. Sanchez spoke of the article written in the latest edition of the BEACON entitled, "Walk Swiftly, Carry A Big Stick (North Campus Makes For Good Camp Fire Fun!) by columnist Brett O'Bourke. He commented that students should not take offense to the piece, as it was written in a satirical manner.

Ms. Michel stated that she had spoken with "Bernadette", a graduate student interested in the Student Programming Council position. The Graduate Representatives (Ms. Michel and Ms. Chanelle Rose) would also be holding another social mixer/town meeting on Wednesday, November 19, 1997. Ms. Sconiers thanked Ms. Burton for her regular attendance at the Bay Vista Hall Council meetings.

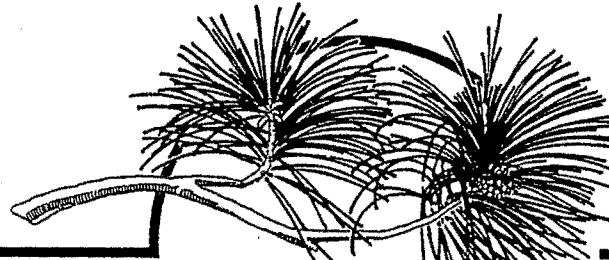
The meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanisha N. Drummond

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

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NATURAL AREAS MANAGEMENT

RUN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Sunday, November 16, 1997

THE COURSE: Beginning and ending at Tropical Park (Bird Road & the Palmetto Expressway).

START TIME: 8:00 a.m. - staggered start 5K Run, 5K Walk and 5K Wheelchair.

AGE GROUPS: 5K Run - 8 & under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, & 70+. 5K Racewalk - 29 & under, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+.

AWARDS & TROPHIES: Run - Top 3 overall male/female, top male & female master, & 1st, 2nd, 3rd in each age group. Racewalk - 1st through 5th place overall & 1st place in each age group. Wheelchair - Top 3 male/female.

ENTRY FEES: MRC members - \$12.00; students - \$10.00; non-members - \$15.00; race day - \$20.00.

PACKET PICK-UP: At the Miami Runners Club, Tropical Park, 7920 S.W. 40th Street, November 10-14 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or on race day beginning at 6:30 a.m. Please call (305) 227-1500 to ensure packet availability.

AMENITIES: Custom multi-colored T-shirt, post-race refreshments, environmental fair, fabulous prize drawings (including a **GRAND PRIZE** of **ROUND TRIP AIRFARE TO PARIS, FRANCE**), race results and more.

PROCEEDS: All proceeds benefit Natural Areas Management, a section of the Dade County Park & Recreation Department dedicated to preserving Dade County's vanishing natural areas.



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In consideration of accepting this entry, I the undersigned, intending to be legally bound hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for losses and damages I may have against MIAMI RUNNERS CLUB, INC., DADE COUNTY PARK & RECREATION DEPARTMENT, and all other parties and their representatives, successors and assigns for any and all injuries suffered by me in said event. I attest and verify that I am fit, and have sufficiently trained for competition in this event and my physical condition has been verified by a licensed medical doctor. I further state that I am aware of the possibility of high temperature and the possible danger this presents to runners and walkers. NO ONE MAY ENTER WITHOUT SIGNING THIS OFFICIAL WAIVER.

Signature of participant required _____ Date _____
If under 18, signature of legal guardian required _____ Relationship _____

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE MIAMI RUNNERS CLUB. MAIL YOUR APPLICATION TO: MIAMI RUNNERS CLUB, TROPICAL PARK, 7920 S.W. 40TH STREET, MIAMI, FL 33155. FOR INFORMATION CALL (305) 227-1500. OUR FAX NUMBER IS (305) 220-2450.

Call 755-7848 (V/TDD) for materials in accessible format, information on access for Persons with Disabilities or sign language interpreters (five days in advance).



walk swiftly, carry a big stick

North Campus makes for good camp fire fun!

BY BRETT O'BOURKE
Columnist

Warning: FIU's North Campus is packed full of deviants, sadists and nincompoops. These people are sick and should be avoided at all costs. Do not question or provoke them. It would be wise for all students to stay at South Campus and do their best to ignore, or better yet, completely deny the very existence of that other campus set deep in the heart of the north Dade swamps.

It is a scary place, cold and mysterious. The constant smell of wet concrete accompanies the eerie silence of students who wander from class to class and say little. The silent monotony is only broken by the screech of the lone printer that operates semi-annually in the computer lab.

Sober faced students refer to the campus, in quiet conversations, only as "going north." One report surfaced last year of a young journalist who had dared to question the purpose of the seemingly insignificant campus.

Sources say that late one night some administrative looking goons broke into his Panther Hall dorm room and dragged him out in his Under Roos. When the victim's roommate demanded to know where they were taking his much-raking roommate, the goons replied that he was "going north" and it was "for his

own good." When the young journalist returned a week later, he was but a shell of a man. He had lost weight, could not eat solid food and was scared to even write his own name.

Horrifying tales of boredom and inactivity too gruesome to retell are as numerous as the horde of mosquitos that await the unsuspecting student on his way out of AC1.

Some say the shuttle buses that

they actually like the budget-forsaken campus. Then on the trip back south, the brainwashing comes full circle to reprogram the students feeble minds to appreciate the amenities of University park.

But what about the people who attend north campus willingly, without the benefit of a good brainwashing? These are the people that must be truly feared. They do not seem to care that their campus is ignored. They must like being abused.

So what if the only "new" gym equipment are the faulty rejects from University Park?

Who cares if there is little to no food selection in their grossly overpriced cafeteria?

They do not need student clubs or activities, sports teams or concerts. Surely, they have no need for such trivialities as a decent library or computer lab. They enjoy being abused by the budget committee, revel in the lack of student services, and think dirty thoughts in the ever present silence that is North Campus.

Fellow students, I beg you, walk with extreme caution when strolling through North Campus. The person next to you could be any sort of miscreant. Strange things happen out there.

I can only imagine what evil force is allowing the dormitory to remain standing. Remember, the administration ignores North Campus and so should you. Anyway, I heard it's where they send dysfunctional professors to die.



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ferry students back and forth from North to South are actually mind control vehicles. The music blaring from the Bus driver's cheap plastic walkman not only serves to disrupt any students' attempt to study or get some shut-eye, but also uses a sound wave hypnosis to convince students