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Florida International University

Student Government Council

BI-MONTHLY MEETING

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 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, Executive Assistant/Clerk of Council
Ms. Mireidy Fernandez, Academic Affairs Chair
Ms. Debra Goldman, Broward Awareness 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. Ellen Plissner, Advisor
Ms. Avia Rice, Lower Division Representative
Ms. Chanelle Rose, Graduate Student Representative
Ms. Donna-Ann Russell, School of Journalism & Mass Communication Representative
Mr. Plinio Sanchez, Student Advocate
Ms. Anette Sandoval, School of Nursing Representative

ABSENT

Ms. Lakisha Holmes, College of Urban & Public Affairs Representative
Ms. Giralda Merkman, Representative-At-Large
Mr. Arthur Papillon, Jr., President
Mr. Craig Rapp, School of Hospitality Management Representative (EXCUSED)
Mr. Ian Richards, Representative-At-Large

GUESTS

Mr. Jeremy Baker, Alternative Spring Break

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM by Ms. Safiya Burton, Student Government Council Vice President. Ms. Burton gave the Council five minutes to review the minutes from the previous meeting. Ms. Donna-Ann Russell stated that there was a discrepancy in the minutes concerning the arrangements made with the travel agency (trip to Cancun, Mexico). Ms. Russell stated that Ms. Burton was responsible for this project, and had already finalized the plans. Ms. Debra Goldman made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted, with the noted revisions. Ms. Nia Johnson seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

MASTER PLAN

Following the introduction of the guests, Ms. Burton announced the new project she and Ms. Marvine Laurent were working on. The Master Plan was a compilation of the revisions, goals and objectives of each Council member. This document would be issued to administrators (i.e., Ms. Helen Ellison, Dr. Richard Correnti, Dr. Paul Gallagher, Mr. Whit Hollis).

VICE PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEES

COMPUTER LAB

Ms. Burton spoke of her recent meeting with Mr. Hollis, Director of the Wolfe University Center. Unfortunately, the computer lab currently under development was requested by Ms. Tony Downes. Hence, the Student Government Council Computer Lab will not be available as soon as we had planned. The computers for this laboratory had already been purchased, and a staff has been obtained. Additionally, Ms. Burton asked for participation from the Council, in terms of helping to make sure the computer lab was open and available for students; this would count towards the fulfillment of mandatory office hours. Mr. Daniel Kerness said that he thought this was an excellent idea. He also asked about developing a web page. Ms. Burton stated that Mr. Ian Richards was currently taking a web-page class in order to help the Council create their own. She also commented that she would like to see courses like this offered to students once the computer lab was opened.

FRESHMAN INTERNSHIP PROGRAM (FIP)

The FIP Committee has received several applications that were being reviewed. Ms. Burton would inform the Council as developments were made.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

The purchase order for the student handbook will be generated Monday, August 11, 1997. Ms. Burton said she expected printing to begin that afternoon. A brief discussion followed, concerning the photographs of the Council members that were to be used for the student handbook.

COMMUNICATIONS

Decorating is scheduled to begin next Thursday, August 14, 1997. Those individuals interested in participating were to see Ms. Burton following today's meeting.

FALL MEETING DATES

Ms. Burton announced that the first scheduled meeting of the Fall semester coincided with the SGC Ropes Course. She asked the Council if they would like to postpone the meeting, or have it earlier the same morning (8:00 AM). This would serve as an informal meeting, and the second meeting would be held on Wednesday, August 27, 1997 at 4:00 PM.

ADVISOR'S REPORT

Ms. Ellen Plissner announced that the office changes/moves were not progressing as quickly as expected. However, the changes were expected to be completed by the first week in September.

The EF Program (a program for foreign students) will no longer be affiliated with Florida International University. An apartment building has been purchased on South Beach, which will be used to house all students.

Dr. Mary Pankowski has decided to stay on at FIU, as Vice-President of University Outreach and Athletics.

The second housing complex will be built between the Conference Center and the Bay. As for the University Park Campus, they are expected to erect a second Panther Hall, fraternity and sorority housing.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Mr. Gakunga Kihohia apologized for his absence at the last SGC meeting, however he was attending the Leadershape Conference from July 22, 1997 to July 27, 1997.

FREEZING OF SPECIAL EVENTS ACCOUNT

Mr. Kihohia stated that SGC has an Special Events Account of \$25,000 which is to be utilized for Homecoming. Mr. Kihohia informed Mr. Julian Humphreys, SPC President that the account has been temporarily frozen, as SPC has dipped into the funds in this account. This was done to ensure that funds will be available the week of Homecoming. As he and Mr. Humphreys have a difference of opinion concerning the interpretation of the proviso, Mr. Kihohia wants a commitment from Mr. Humphreys and the Student Programming Council in writing. A brief discussion followed.

TIME CARDS

As there has been some difficulties in establishing a definite schedule for picking up/replacing time cards, Mr. Kihohia told the Council it was acceptable to use the same time cards two weeks in a row, if they had not been replaced when you were serving your office hours.

REQUEST FOR FUNDS

Mr. Kihohia reminded the Council to be careful when it comes to spending. Please keep in mind that we are in the beginning of the school year. When planning events/programs, please look for outside funding.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

TEACHER EVALUATION BOOKLETS

Ms. Mireidy Fernandez announced that she had a meeting with administrators (Hall and Jones), concerning the Teacher Evaluation Booklets, and possible improvements that could be used to make them more accessible to students (i.e., available at kiosks and on the Internet).

WORKSHOPS

She also intended to set up tables with Mr. Plinio Sanchez to obtain suggestions/comments from the students. This information would be utilized in the development of workshops with radio personality, "Footy" of Y-100, FIU Alumnus. Mr. Kihohia interjected that all public relations matters should be done through Ms. Fernandez.

STUDENT SERVICES

Ms. Camille Aub reported that she was currently working with Mr. Kerness and Ms. Nadia McLean on the upcoming Field Day. Lastly, a Food Services meeting was scheduled to take place on Tuesday, August 19, 1997.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Ms. McLean announced that the Torch Run would begin at 12:00 PM on September 6, 1997. There will be media coverage of this event. Additionally, she and Ms. Fernandez attended a Panther Rage meeting. She encouraged all Council members to become active in this organization; we need to support all FIU athletes. Mr. Kihohia interjected that he hoped everyone on the Council would join Panther Rage.

STUDENT ADVOCATE

Mr. Plinio reiterated the project he had been working on concerning the sign that would be placed in the Residence Halls. The sign was expected to be ready by Tuesday, August 19, 1997 or Wednesday, August 20, 1997.

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT LOBBYING

Ms. Melanie Bent announced that she had spoken with Mr. Carlos Becerra (SGC President, University Park) and Mr. Billy Jones (SGC, Vice President, University Park) concerning the possibility of making the DSL position a university-wide position. She was also working with National Issues Forum, a non-profit organization, in planning for her workshops for the Fall semester.

PRESENTATION:

ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK

Mr. Jeremy Baker discussed the new changes that were taking place in Alternative Spring Break. This year, the coordination of this event would be handled by the students. He distributed packets outlining the purpose of ASB and the funding needed to make this a successful event. Mr. Kerness suggested tabling this issue until a later date, when the Council would have an opportunity to review the materials. Ms. Goldman seconded the motion.

OLD BUSINESS

RECEPTION WITH ARAMARK

The SGC/Aramark Luncheon is scheduled to take place on September 29, 1997 at 11:00 AM.

FLORIDA STUDENT ASSOCIATION RETREAT

The FSA Retreat is being held September 11 - 14, 1997.

LIBRARY CAFE PROPOSAL

Ms. Burton announced that she met with Ms. Ellison and Ms. Downes, and the possibility of the Library Cafe was not looking as positive as it once was. However, she is still not giving up on the prospect!! Additionally, Ms. Susan Costa of Aramark was looking into the possibility of setting up a food stand (tiki hut) in the corridor between AC I and II. This stand, "Oasis" would serve healthy food items, such as smoothies. Ms. Burton stated that she thought a better location would have been in front of the library. A brief discussion followed concerning the location.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMENCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Ms. Burton informed the Council that Fall semester's graduation was going to be spectacular.

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There would be fireworks, and this year's committee was trying to get Ms. Gloria Estefan to sing at the Fall Commencement. It was also scheduled for 4:00 PM, as opposed to the past commencements which have been scheduled for early in the morning.

FLORIDA LEADER MAGAZINE COMPETITION

Ms. Burton informed the Council that she had written for an application from this magazine. For those Council members who were unfamiliar with Florida Leader, she explained that they have an annual competition in which the universities and colleges throughout the state were recognized for various accomplishments. Her goal was for FIU, North Campus to win recognition for all categories!!!

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Ms. Burton stated that she, Mr. Kihohia, Ms. Goldman and Ms. Plissner had attended the University-Wide Council meeting earlier today. The meeting was conducted via Telecast in LIB 150 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. She was pleased to announce that the meeting went well.

Lastly, Ms. Avia Rice announced that the Freshman Internship Program portfolio was missing. If anyone had picked up the folder by accident, please return it to the office as soon as possible.

Ms. Russell made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Burton seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanisha N. Drummond

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

Attachments (2)
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SGC ACTION PLAN (SAMPLE)

ACTION, NOT COMPLACENCY

Let the words of my mouth, - what I say - and the meditation of my heart - what I think- be the kinds of words and thoughts that have sat under the judgment of your work, Father, reflecting the instruction, the light and love of your heart, so that what I am, both inside and outside, will be acceptable before you. - Ray Stedman

Student Government Master Plan 1997-1998

- I. Purpose of Student Government**
- II. Organizational Structure of SGC - N.Campus**
- III. Goals and Objectives of SGC**
 - a. President**
 - b. Vice President**
 - c. Student Services Committee**
 - d. Academic Affairs Committee**
 - e. Finance Committee**
 - f. Student Advocate**
 - g. Special Events**
 - h. Public Relations**
 - i. Representatives at Large**
 - j. Lower Division Representatives**
 - k. Graduate Representatives**
 - l. School Representatives**
 - m. Broward Representatives**

Each of the above category will contain a general biography of the person (Name, position, classification, major, picture and purpose/vision of position). In addition each category will also include:

- 1) Stretch Goals for 97-98**
- 2) Implementation Strategy (Incremental steps and Quick Successes)**
- 3) Teams (Relationship Maps)**
- 4) Performance evaluation**

IV. This action plan will make sure that the best of SGC is represented:

- Florida Leader Magazine submission
- Student Leader Magazine submission
- i.e. Best Web Page – to enter contest etc.

V. Action plan also includes closer relationship with Beacon

- Vice-President will submit at least 4 articles
- Each representative will submit at least one article

VI. Action plan will make the entire FIU community aware of several student awards and the respective requirements.

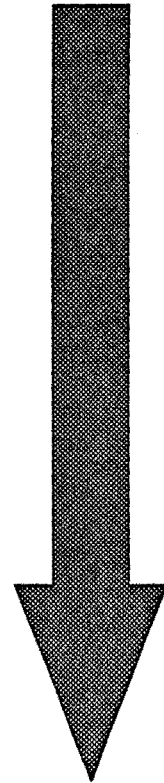
- Mary Pankowski Award
- Student Life Awards
- President's Award
- Vice-Presidents Award

Alternative

[Spring]



Break



**Proposal
SGA North
August 8, 1997**

ASB BUDGET 1997

\$ 3,000.00 (Total budget)

Breakdown:

Van Rentals (15 passenger and 7 passenger vans) •

285.00 x 2 = 570.00 (Rental 7-8 passenger van; Enterprise; unlimited mileage)

750.00 (15-passenger van; Dadeland Rent-A-Car)

Participant Registration Fees •

1,000.00 (Registration fee; Virginia Water Project)

500.00 (North Carolina fee; Franklinton Center Inc.)

Gas and Contingency •

180.00

Total Cost for three ASB Sites for 30 students = 3,000.00

Additional expenses are made up from Student Participant Fees of \$85.00

Each student is required to fundraise no less than \$50.00 per person.

The Volunteer Action Center worked to raise over \$3,000.00 in donations and in-kind support for the 1996 ASB program.

These monies go towards providing such things as

Hotel Costs

Food

Amusement Park Entrance

Additional Gas expenses

T-Shirts

**We look forward to working with you again on
this incredibly worthwhile experience!**