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Council Minutes

Florida International University • Student Government Council • University Park

January 7, 1998

President Carlos A. Becerra called the meeting to order at 5:05PM

I ROLL CALL:

Lisa Abate	Milette Escano (AB)	Max Orezza
Brian Abramson	Tony Gomez (AB)	Lety Pradere (AB)
Orlando Amorin	Billy Jones	Carlos Ramirez (AB)
Lester Ares	Cedric McMinn	Mikey Tendrich
Carlos Becerra	Vaughn Nembhard (AB)	Sergio Tigera (AB)

OTHERS:

Brian Marcus	Marisa Rodriguez
Zahra Burton	Melissa Tapanes
Louise Norris	Clayton Duhl

II APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

No changes made - Approved as is

III REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:

Carlos A. Becerra, President

Carlos Becerra welcomed all members and guests to the Council Meeting and to the new semester. If all goes as planned, it should be a busy one.

Resignations of Mohammed Al-Bedaiwi, School of Engineering, and Ayan Valle, Election Board Chairman, were recognized. An announcement will be placed in *The Beacon* this week concerning these vacancies. Applications are available in GC-311 and will be accepted until January 20.

The new SGA secretary, Louise Norris, was introduced.

Resignation of Selena Stewart, SAC Representative, was announced. Becerra encouraged all members to try to help "fill the gap" by putting in at least one hour a week at the Student Advocate Center. Becerra is strongly suggesting that we recruit new volunteers to this area.

New Chancellor, Dr. Adam Herbert, was announced. He previously worked at FIU, which, hopefully, will go a long way in paving the road for an FIU Law School, and in support of our programs.

The FSA Meeting in Ft. Myers January 15/16 was announced. If anyone is interested in attending, please advise the SGA office no later than 5:00 PM on January 8.

Becerra reported on meeting with Dr. Paul Gallagher. Rep. Abramson's memo regarding space allocated for GSA in GC-243 was given to Dr. Gallagher and will be moved along per the Vice President's conversation.

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Becerra distributed the Council Meeting Schedule; if there is anything for the agenda, it must be submitted by Friday, prior to the next Wednesday's scheduled meeting. Becerra said the Council by-laws would be enforced; three absences will constitute dismissal from the Council. He is asking Council Members to refer to the updated calendar in GC-312.

It was announced that the locks for GC-311 and GC-312 would be put in by Tuesday, January 13. New Key Forms will have to be signed out.

It was decided that the Council Meeting times have been changed from every Wednesday, at 5:00 PM, to every Wednesday at 3:30 PM, effective with next week's meeting, to accommodate representatives' school schedules.

Becerra circulated office hours to the Council to confirm any changes.

Billy Jones, Vice President

Jones welcomed every one. He announced that he is working on an SGA Delegates Program, which promotes interest in our SGA meetings. He wants to encourage FIU organizations to voice themselves at these meetings. A letter was sent to each organization asking them to send a representative to our meetings. Jones has created an organizational sign-in sheet.

Jones mentioned that this is Election Semester, and we want to stimulate voter turnout. February is "File For Candidacy" Month.

He will launch "Goals '98" soon, which will cover 7 objectives. The Outreach Program/Spirit Program will bring in higher school spirit at FIU.

Mikey Tendrich, Comptroller

No report was given

IV REPORTS OF THE COMITTEES

Melissa Tapanes, Student Lobbyist

Tapanes welcomed and extended a Happy New Year to everyone.

She sent out Legislative Agenda. There are a series of visits scheduled in GC-312, and she encourages attendance. She has sent a memo to invite everyone to attend the luncheon meeting with Kevin Mayeux, FSA, on January 12, at 12:30 PM, in GC-305.

Tapanes is attending the FSA Board of Regents Meeting January 15/16 in Ft. Myers, and she is asking for volunteers.

Tapanes reported that the response for the Legislative Breakfast, scheduled for January 23, has been very good. Everyone is invited, and the Law School issue will be greatly promoted.

V. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COUNCILS

Orlando Amorin, Student Services

Rep. Amorin said there is a conflict with meeting times. The problem will be resolved by Friday.

Zahara Burton, RHA Representative

Rep. Burton reported that North Campus is having a ball this Friday, and everyone is invited. There is a "Welcome back" party at the apartments in Building A on January 8, at 7:00 PM. Everyone is invited.

B. RES 97-18 Registration Improvement

Becerra announced that Spring Registration ran smoothly. Rep. Amarin addressed the multi-level registration system.

Motion #1: Rep. Amarin moved to approve RES 97-18.

Seconded by VP Jones

10 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions - Motion Passed

C. SGA Diversity Initiative/Becerra

Becerra mentioned the Diversity Initiative at the University, and asked the Council if there are other issues for which the Council should be addressing? Rep. Amarin felt we need to focus on students and less on programs. Rep. Orezza suggested that first we define "diversity". Rep. Abramson suggested that his planned Peace Conference would accomplish this goal.

VIII ANNOUNCEMENTS

The University-Wide Meeting will be scheduled by the end of the week. Rep. Amarin said we need to "encourage new faces" to attend these meetings.

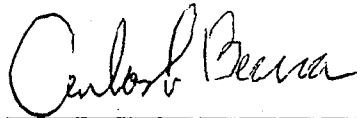
FSA Meeting is scheduled for January 15-16 in Ft. Myers.

March, 1998, BOR Meeting is scheduled for FIU, campus is undecided as of yet.

A meeting will be scheduled with Chancellor Herbert ASAP.

Rep. Orezza asked about the FIU Web Page; Becerra said it needs to be updated.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.



CARLOS A. BECERRA



Florida International University

Student Government Association

July 14, 1997

Student Government Association
North Campus

Dear SGA Member:

As the most fascinating year in FIU history quickly approaches, it is with great pleasure and anticipation that we write to inform and invite you to be a part of history in the making.

This Silver Anniversary will be the Inaugural year for ***Panther Rage***, the first ever student booster club at FIU. Its mission will be to support and encourage participation in intercollegiate Athletics through its various efforts such as pep rallies, tailgate parties, halftime contests, and various year-round promotions. It will be open to everyone and applications are already being accepted through New Student Orientations. Attached you will find an Executive Summary for more information.

In the hopes of bringing together as many ideas and concepts for this year's schedule of promotions and events, we would like to invite you to attend a "brainstorming" session which will be held on August 1, 1997 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 in the Presidential Suite. The purpose of this session will be for those invited to familiarize themselves with ***Panther Rage*** as well as its student coordinators and its mission. In addition, we will begin brainstorming for our events for the year, including strategies for targeting crowds, hosting successful events, and acquiring sponsorships.

We look forward to working with you this next year, and hope you can make it to this important session. Please contact Maria at 348-2121 to RSVP. In addition, you should be hearing from one of our RAGE Coordinators within the next week or so. If there is anything else we may be able to help you with, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

Sergio Tigera
Panther Rage Coordinator

Carlos A. Becerra, President
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Executive Summary

Student Spirit and support for the athletic programs here at FIU needs a jump start! Decent attendance and awareness of our teams' achievements are both hard to come by yet need to be a goal within the next three years as our University reaches for bigger and better things. The Student Government Association presents Panther Rage, a student booster club.

MISSION:

The mission of the booster club will be to find innovative ways to increase fan attendance and student support throughout the year for all athletic teams and in the same stroke enhancing student life at both campuses.

MEMBERSHIP:

Open to all students at FIU at no cost. An application will gather contact information to be used throughout the year. Regular meetings will be held to work on ongoing programs, announce upcoming events and recruit assistance for work being done.

LEADERSHIP:

A planning Board of 8-10 students selected by Student Governments on both campuses will work a semester ahead of the sports schedule to program events and promotions for all teams, in conjunction with the Marketing & Promotions team of the Athletics department.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES:

Pep Rallies: Held for every sport in regular season and prior to big matches
Promotions: Marketing gimmicks and programs to lure fans to games regularly.
Athlete Recognition: Ongoing activities/gestures for all teams and their athletes
Road Trips: Attendance at Major away games and/or TAAC, NCAA Tournaments.
Group Bookings: Arranging for individual student groups to attend regular games.
Apparel & Collaterals: Production and sale of various Items for major sports.
Annual Events: Midnight Madness, Athlete Bonfire, Homecoming Activities.
Panther Pride Program: Comprehensive program rewarding regular attendance and school spirit.

RECRUITMENT:

To begin with Freshman Orientations on both campuses, continuing throughout the year at various offices and University events. Occasional advertisements in the Beacon as well as class visits will also be used.

SPONSORSHIP:

In order to reduce direct costs to the students and members as much as possible, the Planning Board will work with local and University vendors to seek sponsors and in kind donations, in a coordinated effort with the Department Of Athletics.

PARTNERSHIP:

Although the main focus of the organization will be students, the Planning Board will work closely and regularly with other entities such as but not limited to: Department Of Intercollegiate Athletics, the University Athletic Council, FIU Alumni Association and the Office Of Alumni Affairs, Division of Advancement and Student Affairs and the Golden Panther Club.

LAUNCH DATE: August 1997