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Student Government Council (UP)

MINUTES

May 29, 1997

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting was brought to order by Billy Jones at 4:03 pm.

Mohammad Al-Bedaiwi	Billy Jones	Leticia Pradere
Orlando Amorin	Vaughn Nembhard	Carlos Ramirez
Lester Ares	Cedric McMin	Menia Rodriguez
Carlos Becerra (AB)	Max Orezzaoli (AB)	Sergio Tigera
Millette Escano	Arthur Oyola-Yemaiel	

II. READINGS AND CORRECTIONS OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

III. REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Carlos Becerra-President

-Billy Jones presented The President's Report due to his absence.

1. Four Representatives have been appointed to a Bylaws Revisions Committee. This group will join Carlos Becerra and Billy Jones on the committee. A timetable of two weeks was also set on the recommendations of the committee.
2. Carlos wished to introduce the newly appointed Student Advocate, Selena Stewart, as well as Panther Rage Coordinators Sergio Tigera, Leticia Padere, and Jeanette Maseda, the Athletic Coordinator.
3. Next year will be FIU's 25th Anniversary and there are a great number of special events planned to celebrate and commemorate the occasion. SGA is fully committed in coordinating, as well as funding, a large number of these events.
4. We are currently attempting to schedule President Madique's presence in one of our weekly Council Meetings where we would voice some of our concerns on each of our respective departments.

Billy Jones-Vice President

1. I am currently working on researching a problem concerning our GPA here at FIU. The problem is that FIU's GPA is unlike any other in the state (An A- only counts as a 3.67 rather than a 3.75 etc.). It seems that the Faculty Senate defends the GPA policy with the fact that we are the only school in the state of Florida with a Forgiveness Policy. Our position on the subject is that we don't believe we should have to lose the Forgiveness Policy in exchange for reconfiguring our GPA scale.
2. I want to stress the importance of our campus SGC's interaction, communication, and involvement with North Campus' SGC. I am heading off an attempt to increase communication between us and to get involved with issues that affect us both.

IV. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Luis Menendez- Acting Student Union Board Chair

1. Yesterday there was a pre-bid meeting in which perspective vendors bidding on the two open areas in the Food Court were invited to meet and ask any questions of a group of administrators, most of whom are coordinating the proposals. It went very well. There were at least ten different vendors assuring us a spectrum of different proposals.
2. There is a company called NET who is proposing to, at no cost to us, install modern and

high tech equipment enabling us to watch new movies and special events via satellite. The proposal is to install the theater type equipment in room GC 140.

V. **REPORTS OF THE STANDING COUNCIL**

Bea Fernandez-Student Programming Council Chair

1. We are working on bringing events to the school next year, including an American Heritage Celebration where we've already been assured the presence of some Mickosukee Indians. Also, the Freshman Cookout has been moved to the GC Ballroom.

Jeremy Baker-Student Organizations Council Chair

1. It's imperative that the Council representatives understand the need to get the SOC Travel and Special Project Guidelines voted on and approved as soon as possible.
2. We are working on our annual registration packets so the clubs can get access to their funds as soon as possible.
3. We are almost finished with the Points schedule for the Fall of 97'.

Justin Pert-Graduate Student Association Chair

1. I would just like to introduce myself and welcome everyone here today. We at GSA haven't concluded any of our plans for this upcoming year but as soon as I have something to report I will let you all know.

Robert Castellanos-Honors Council Chair

1. I want everyone to take a look at our new brochure. A great deal of time and effort went into it's publishing. I would like to welcome all of the new representatives and let you know a little about the Honor's council. We represent 37 different Honors Societies on campus and there are still more in the process of joining. We are also currently working on a web page and a resource directory.
2. We are also working on approving a set of travel guidelines to bring before the Council. Another project that we are putting our time into is the Honor's Wall in the Graham Center.

VI. **OLD BUSINESS**

VII. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Appointment of a Constitution and Bylaws Committee**

Billy Jones announced the Appointments of Mohammad Al-Bedaiwi, Orlando Amarin, Milette Escano, and Vaughn Nembhard along with himself and Carlos Becerra to review the current Bylaws and prepare a proposal within two weeks for approval.

B. **APP-97-1, SOC DISBURSEMENT GUIDELINES**

Approval of SOC Travel and Special Project Guidelines.

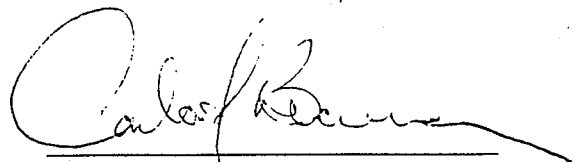
Referred to Finance Committee by Billy Jones.

VIII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Our first University wide Meeting will be on June 13th at 12 o'clock noon at North Campus. Representatives should already have received memos concerning these meetings which will be held the second Friday of every month and will switch between Campuses each month.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 4:39 pm by Billy Jones.


Carlos A. Becerra, President