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Council Minutes

Florida International University • Student Government Council • University Park

June 12, 1997

Meeting called to order by Carlos Becerra at 4:06 pm.

I. **ROLL CALL**

Mohammad Al-Bedaiwi	Billy Jones	Leticia Pradere
Orlando Amorin	Vaughn Nembhard	Carlos Ramirez (AB)
Lester Ares	Cedric McMinn	Menia Rodriguez (AB)
Carlos Becerra	Max Orezza (AB)	Sergio Tigera
Milette Escano	Arthur Oyola-Yemaiei	

II. **READINGS AND CORRECTIONS OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Minutes accepted without corrections.

III. **REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Carlos Becerra-President

I would like to recognize and thank all of the Representatives for regularly keeping to their Summer hours. I'd also like to take this opportunity to remind the Representatives that they should already have focused in on and have begun addressing the issues which they will be working on for this year.

We are presently working on this upcoming year's Homecoming Schedule and the events which will be surrounding Homecoming week. In order to assure the best Homecoming yet, we have held a number brainstorming sessions where we have discussed, in detail, possibilities for this year's festivities.

Since the last Council Meeting, the Bylaws Review Committee has been hard at work to amend the existing document. One definite change that we've agreed to is to take the elections code and turn it into it's own document, in essence, cutting 2/3 of the content out of the Bylaws.

There were six bids submitted for the proposed three open areas in the food court. They will all now go into committee, of which Luis Menendez, Jose Roquett, and myself are voting members of, where the successful applicants will be chosen.

We are currently finishing up a formal presentation on the new Student Advocate position which is part of the Executive Cabinet. If all goes well, it will be presented before this Council within the next two to three weeks. We hope to have the Student Advocate Program up and running by the second week of Summer B.

There will be a Parking and Traffic meeting held on Friday, June 13th at 10 am. where I will be addressing a few of the issues currently affecting the student body. Namely the upcoming plans on how to fund the maintenance of the new parking garage and faculty spots which, during the Summer semester, are consistently being left unused.

The first of six finalists for the Athletic Director's position, Dr. M. Dianne Murphy, will be on campus all this week. I met with her this morning and she seems like a very student friendly, experienced, and capable person for the job. For the remaining five finalists student forums will be held. The dates and times of these forums will be distributed as soon as we get a hold of them.

There will be a meeting held with the new Registrar on Monday, June 16th concerning the new "reorganization" plan she has proposed. I would like to mention that Student Government, the body which will likely be the most affected, really hasn't been consulted on this new plan at all. The Academic Affairs and Student Services Chairs, who will be elected later on in today's Council meeting, will also be taking part in Monday's meeting.

Orientations begin on Thursday, June 19th and in past years the Student Government presence hasn't been what it could be. The entire Executive Cabinet will be extremely involved and I would recommend that the Rep's plan for the same.

Billy Jones-Vice President

Earlier this week I met with the Academic Affairs Chair at North Campus. We agreed that both North Campus and South Campus SGC's should be working together on common issues this year. One of those issues being the Teacher Evaluations, speaking of which, I've scheduled an appointment with David Hall who is responsible for the printing of the evaluations.

I also met with Yago Cura, Editor-in-Chief of VOX magazine here on campus. He voiced his interest to become part of the Media Board which now only consists of the Beacon's Editor-in-Chief and the Radio Station's General Manager.

We have scheduled weekly meetings with all Standing Council Chairs. I would like to thank all those who attended the last meeting and to announce that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 19th at 4 pm.

I'd like to thank all of the people who have taken part in the Homecoming Brainstorming Sessions. The meetings have been a tremendous success.

Last Friday, Carlos, Jose, and myself searched through all of the old SGA files to see what we could find to be useful for this upcoming year. We found a lot of great info and old files on the Radio Station and the Academic Affairs Committee.

I have distributed a list of University Wide Committees. These committees are extremely important so I would like all of you to give it a good amount of consideration.

Just to reiterate, Orientation begins on June 19th. I would appreciate any Representative that will put the time in and take part in Orientation. SGA presence needs to be very strong.

IV. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

None

V. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COUNCILS

Justin Peart-Graduate Students Association Chair

I would just like to mention that we at GSA are currently working on amending our Constitution in order to incorporate more of the Graduate Programs here at FIU.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A) APP 97-1 SOC Travel Guidelines

The Finance Committee made a few small changes to the guidelines, most importantly regarding the number of trips taken by any single student, the amount of time SOC takes to review requests, and legitimacy of travel.

Discussion closed
Unanimous approval of Amended Guidelines

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A) Election of the Student Services Chair

The Council heard from candidates for the vacant Chair. Each candidate had three minutes to speak followed by a two minute question and answer session. The candidates were as follows:

Orlando Amorin	Finance/Marketing, Junior
Zahra Burton	Business

Discussion closed
Election by Secret Ballot
Student Services Chair for 97-98 Academic Year: Orlando Amorin

B) Election of the Academic Affairs Chair

The Council heard from candidates for the vacant Chair. Each candidate had three minutes to speak followed by a two minute question and answer session. The candidates were as follows:

Elio Alfonso	Electrical/Computer Engineering
La-Shanda West-Stewart	Political science/Public Relations

Discussion closed
Election by Secret Ballot
Academic Affairs Chair for 97-98 Academic Year: La-Shanda West-Stewart

C) Election of Student Union Board Chair

The Council heard from candidates for the vacant Chair. Each candidate had three minutes to speak followed by a two minute question and answer session. The candidates were as follows:

Francine McGaw	Marketing/Advertising
Luis Menendez	Finance
Lorena C. Sacasa	Criminal Justice/Math

Discussion closed
Election by Secret Ballot
Student Union Board chair for 97-98 Academic Year: Luis Menendez

D) Approval of Committee Appointments

The Standing Committee Appointments were submitted as follows:

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Carlos Ramirez Orlando Amorin
Mohammad Al-Bedaiwi Milette Escano

Sergio Tigera Arthur Oyola-Yemaiei

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Lester Ares Orlando Amorin
Mohammad Al Bedaiwi Arthur Oyola-Yemaiei

STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Menia Rodriguez Orlando Amorin
Milette Escano Sergio Tigera
Cdric McMinn Vaughn Nembhard

STUDENT UNION BOARD

Cedric McMinn Lester Ares
Leticia Pradere Carlos Ramirez
Menia Rodriguez

UNIVERSITY WIDE COMMITTEE

Orlando Amorin

ALTERNATES

Leticia Pradere
Cedric McMinn
Sergio Tigera

Discussion closed

E) Committee Meeting Times

The Council decided it would be best to put this issue on hold to be worked on throughout the week by the individual Standing Committee Chairs.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

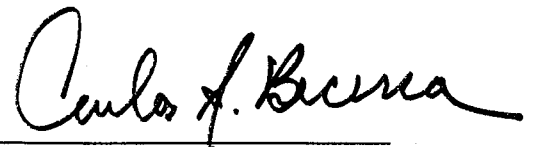
University Wide Meeting time has been changed from 12 pm to 1 pm Friday, June 13th.

Representatives should expect copies of the Agenda and any other info they will need for Council Meetings by the Tuesday before the meeting. It is then your responsibility to bring this information to the Council Meeting seeing as to how printing each packet twice isn't feasible.

We would like to commend Pi Kappa Alpha for sending a delegate, Mr. Mike Pujal.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:38 pm.



Carlos Becerra, President