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Student Government Council (UP)  
Minutes  
Thursday, November 7, 1996  

Meeting called to order by President Carlos Becerra at 5:05 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Carlos Becerra       Billy Jones
Genevieve Maignan    Altaf Ali
Danny Diaz           Dayana Bennett
Yvette Perdomo       Frank Pena
Jeanette Maseda      Carlos Blanco
Maria Perez          Danielle Brandt
Lonnie Dorsey (AB)   Phillip Aleman

II. READINGS AND CORRECTIONS OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes were approved.

III. REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Carlos Becerra - President

1. I met with Vice President Cynthia Curry's today. Rep. Pena and Luis Menendez joined me to discuss various issues. She has no problem with the mini mall proposal. It would just have to go through the RFP process.

2. She did announce that negotiations for parking with Dade County are underway to pave the current mud lot.

3. Vice President Curry also informed us that the intercampus bus contract will be terminated the end of the year, and the University will begin to negotiate with a contract with the County.

4. Ms. Curry would like to look into our thought on the decal system. Suggestions were taken to change to a mail type system. Additionally, they will be extending the time that students have to purchase decals to one month.

5. The Academic Affairs Chairperson position is open. Applications are available in our office. Deadline is November 15. Elections will be held on November 21.

6. In the future, I would like each individual school/college to present a report to the Senate on the issues and ongoing efforts of their
schools. We will begin these reports at our next meeting.

7. Last weekend, I took a trip with Vice President Corenti, to look at other University Recreational Centers. This is a long, long term plan for the University, which we hope to begin looking into by January.

8. The spaces and speed bumps in the parking lots will be painted over.

Billy Jones - Vice President

1. I finally was able to speak with the student who fainted in the Biology lab. We are meeting and working together to get something done about the poor ventilation.

2. I met with the Graduate Student Association Treasurer to find out the needs and issues of the Graduate Students. Basically, there are 17 different issues that they would like to work on with SGA's help.

3. There was a Student Media meeting on November 1st where both the *Beacon* and WUFI gave reports on what is going on in their sectors. The meeting turned out very well, but more student input, especially from SGA is encouraged.

4. The Town Hall Meeting scheduled for this past Tuesday had a poor turn-out. I encourage all of the Council to publicize these meetings. The next is scheduled for November 12.

Alex Martinez - Comptroller

1. The Auditor is here, and he is asking plenty of questions. If you do not know the answers to them, just answer as best you can.

IV. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Student Union Board - Luis Menendez

1. There was a lot of success with the lighting of the Greek Signs in Gracie’s Grill.

2. The Student Union Board is still in the process of getting direct franchise from Taco Bell, Carvel, and a Health Food Store in the Food Court.

3. We had a successful meeting for the Arcade. The Student Union Board went along with the Amy Joy Company, which had the best games.

V. OLD BUSINESS - None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. RES 96-5 INTER CAMPUS SHUTTLE

A resolution in opposition of the current Inter Campus Bus Shuttle Service,
and to show that SGA supports the cancellation of the Inter Campus Bus Contract. The resolution also calls for the cost of the fare to remain at $2.00 round trip.

Rep. Bennett amended the resolution to include a clause in support of the contract being terminated as well as limiting the ridership fare.

**MOTION #1.** Rep. Pena moved the approval of RES 96-5.

Seconded
Motion carried unanimously.
11 for, 0 opposed. RESOLUTION PASSES.

**B. Code of Student Conduct**
President Becerra introduced discussion on a concept that will give students another opportunity to have their judicial hearings/reviews. The concept is much similar to that of the University of Florida and Florida State University. Both schools currently have a Student Defender and Student Court. UF currently has a Student Defender and Student Court. These will be reviewed more in depth as the year continues.

**VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. There will be a Town Hall Forum on November 12 at 3 p.m. All SGC Officials and Personnel are expected to attend.

B. President Becerra stated that there will be a Student Art Gallery Opening on November 12 at 7 p.m.

C. President Becerra said there will be SGA Nite at the Performing Arts Building on November 14 starting at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served. This will also be the night for the *Fiddler on the Roof* performance of the Theater Department. Representatives are expected to see Sergio Tigera, the Events Coordinator, for advanced free tickets.

D. President Becerra announced that the Academic Affairs Chairperson position application is due by November 15. Applications are available upstairs in the SGC Office.

E. Vice President Jones announced that positions are open on the 1997 Elections Board. Applications are also available in the SGC Office.

F. Rep. Ali announced that the Student Social Work Association is hosting its Christmas Party, and asked that each Representative contribute a toy for a child. Memorandums will be left in mailboxes as a reminder.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT** - 6:10 p.m.