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Florida International University

Student Government Council

SGC Meeting
February 10, 1999

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. Aileen Abella, Director of University Relations
 Ms. Dannielle Boyer, Representative-at-Large
 Ms. Safiya Burton, President
 Mr. Ronald Charles, Lower Division Representative
 Mr. Sean Edwards, Representative-at-Large
 Mr. Delano Greene, School of Hospitality Management Representative
 Mr. Gakunga Kihohia, Finance Chair
 Ms. Monica LaFrance, Student Services Chair
 Mr. Tito Omaghoni, Vice-President
 Ms. Liana M. Perez, Director of Community Relations
 Ms. Nicole Perkins, College of Urban and Public Affairs Representative
 Ms. Avia Rice, Representative-at-Large
 Mr. Mitchel Saintilmon, Athletics Chair
 Ms. Mahasin Salahuddin, Academic Affairs Chair
 Ms. Veneisha Scott, Panther Power Chair
 Ms. Cristina Sorondo, School of Journalism and Mass Communication Representative
 Mr. William Stafford, III, School of Nursing Representative
 Mr. Rafael Zapata, Campus Activities Advisor

GUESTS

Mr. Noel Charles, Intern
 Ms. Katrina Dovey, Intern
 Ms. Ivy Muya, Intern
 Ms. Donna Yff, Student Activities Coordinator-Broward

ABSENT

Mr. Fadi Hatem, Chief of Staff

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. by President Safiya Burton. Ms. Burton introduced herself and asked members and guests introduce themselves. Ms. Burton established a quorum at seven voting members present.

Donna Yff, the prospective Broward Student Activities Coordinator, expressed her interest in working with the Student Government and to bring in Broward representation within the council.

ADVISOR'S REPORT

Mr. Zapata thanked all participants in the Homecoming activities. He reported a great turn-out for the Homecoming Dinner Dance, but the Faculty Awards will need work next year. Mr. Zapata advised of upcoming activities: Pan-African Celebration; Maya Angelou on March 18th at 8:00 p.m.; and Tri-Council Awards Ceremony in late April.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

Ms. Aileen Abella reported that the deadline for submission to the SGC Newsletter is the last Monday in February. All members are encouraged to submit to updates on committee and other SGC activities and information.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Ms. Liana Perez reminded members of the first volunteer activity: Horses & Handicap on February 27, 1999 from 9-1 p.m. Attendance is mandatory for all SGC members.

*As many tardy members appeared, Ms. Burton re-established quorum at 9 voting members present.

PANTHER POWER

Ms. Veneisia Scott reported that the Panther Power Blastoff, introducing the Panther Squad, is set for March 3, 1999. The Panther Squad has been working hard and has even raised money through a car wash. But \$2000 thousand dollars is still needed towards uniforms.

Mr. Gakunga Kihohia suggested that should the expense be approved \$1500 should come from the Elections fund and the other \$500 from the Student fund.

MOTION: Ms. Dannielle Boyer moved to allocate \$2000 for the Panther Power Squad uniforms. Ms. Cristina Sorondo seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: -Mr. Stafford asked if the Panther Squad would be used in publicity for SGC events. Ms. Scott affirmed that once unveiled, after the Blast-off, the Panther Squad would promote SGC activities.
-Ms. Geralda Merkmán asked how many members were on the squad. Ms. Scott stated that there are 16 members of the Panther Squad.
-Ms. Cristina Sorondo supported Ms. Scott and the Panther Squad for their hard work and dedicated urging all members to do the same.

VOTE: Unanimous

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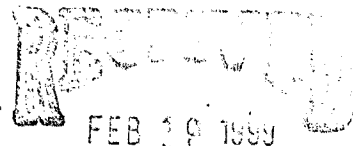
Mr. William Stafford, III, reported various complaints of rudeness about the morning cook from many students. Mr. Stafford addressed the need to investigate this further and speak to his supervisor to rectify the situation.

Mr. Stafford also expressed concern regarding the University Police at North Campus. The chief at North Campus has retired, and we are now under the South Campus Chief of Police. His tactics are very hard-core, specifically in the matter of traffic tickets. Mr. Stafford suggest a letter-writing campaign to the department of student services in the administration bring the disservice to light.

Mr. Stafford also informed council members of Professor Berry's lecture on the Disenfranchisement of the African-American in the Criminal Justice System on February 12, 1999.

FINANCE

Mr. Gakunga Kihohia advised members that today was the deadline for the budget revisions and submissions. Mr. Kihohia also informed members that he is arranging for a Budget Hearing to be held in the Wolfe Center in conjunction with the Student Government meeting so that members witness the allocation of WUC funds.



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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Ms. Mahasin Salahuddin reported that the committee is currently trying to raise scholarship offerings to \$1,000 from \$250.

Ms. Salahuddin informed members of the upcoming forum on February 25, 1999 at 6:00 p.m. on Personal Management (Speaker: TBA).

APPOINTMENTS**LOWER DIVISION REPRESENTATIVE by Silent Vote**

intern; Katrina Dovey, a second semester Freshmen, who previously involved in SGC as Ms. Burton's Angel also applied for the position, but was unable to attend due to a work, but will arrange to available if appointed.

Gloria, who served as Mitch's intern, also applied for the position.

VOTE: Katrina was appointed as Lower-Division Representative

REPRESENTATIVE -AT-LARGE by silent vote

Candidates: Geralda Merkman, a previous Rep-at-Large, is seeking re-appointment;
Malachi Smith, who won the student elections in November, seeks re-appointment.
Angel, an SGC intern, described as very enthusiastic.

VOTE: Angel Garcia was appointed as the Representative-at-Large.

ELECTIONS BOARD NOMINATIONS

The representative from each school submitted nominations for the Election Board

School of Nursing: Mr. Stafford nominated Tayta Grey. Ms. Sorondo moved to accept the nomination. Ms. Boyer seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passes- 6 yea, 2 abstentions

School of Journalism & Mass Communication: Ms. Sorondo nominated Michelle Gazinski, who would like the opportunity to work with SGC. Mr. Stafford moved to accept the nomination. Ms. Boyer seconded the motion to accept nomination.

VOTE: Motion passes- 7 yea, 1 abstention

School of Hospitality: Mr. Greene nominated Carolina Dukerstoff to be considered for the Election Board. Ms. Perkins moved to accept the nomination. Ms. Boyer seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passes- 6 yea, 2 abstentions

College of Urban & Public Affairs: Ms. Perkins nominated herself for the Elections Board. Ms. Sorondo moves to accept the nomination. Ms. Rice seconded the motion to accept nomination.

VOTE: Motion passes- 7 yea, 1 abstention

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Burton informed members of a vote on Friday morning at University Park, Health & Wellness Center (Room 230), at 10:00 a.m. regarding the shuttle system. Specifically, to extend the shuttle service to transport students to mall, shopping, worship for free available 8 hours a day, 7 days per week. Also setting up a call box on the Biscayne entrance for students- available 24 hours a day to call upon necessity. The cost will be \$70,000. The proposal is upstairs in the SGC office for those interested in obtaining for information on this matter. Ms. Burton had Monica send letters to all Housing representatives in this regard. Student Government will also be able to use the buses too. Mr. Stafford suggested charging \$1 for each student.

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Ms. Burton extend congratulations to SGC members, Cristina Sorondo and Veneisha Scott, in their royal victory at Homecoming.

Ms. Burton urged council members to come out for the Blue Moon Cafe to be held next Wednesday night after the SGC meeting.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Mr. Stafford brought up the issue of Best Council Member for the month of February. Eight nominations were submitted: Ms. Boyer nominated Ms. Sorondo and Ms. Scott; Mr. Stafford nominated Mr. Omaghoni; Ms. LaFrance nominated Mahasin; Mr. Saintilmon nominated Mahasir; Mr. Edwards nominated Mr. Stafford; and Mr. Kihohia nominated Ms. Scott. The vote will be held at the next general SGC meeting.

Mr. Stafford also reminded senators that there will be a Senate meeting on February 17, 1999. Ms. Sorondo asked Ms. LaFrance about the NightsOut for this semester. Mr. Stafford will provide more information after the meeting.

Ms. Sorondo also informed members of a forum for the School of Journalism and Mass Communication on February 15, 1999 at 11:30 a.m. at WUC 155. The speaker will be from the American Way.

Mr. Edwards advised that the Finance committee meeting will be held next Wednesday after the Senate meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Vice-President's Report

Mr. Omaghoni reminded members of the necessity of completing weekly report. He also pointed out the council that the goal is not meet the hours, but to serve the goals. The weekly report monitor the where objectives are met. The new weekly report forms cite these duties and objections.

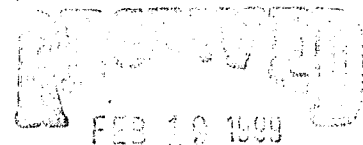
Mr. Omaghoni as stressed the importance of clocking-in and clocking-out. It is mandatory in order to receive compensation.

Adjournment

With no further business or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Liana M. Perez, Director of Community Relations
Student Government Council, North Campus



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