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Student Government Council

**SGC MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 1998**

6:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs. Aileen Abella, Director of University Relations
Ms. Veronica Arcila, Student Services Chair
Ms. Dannielle Boyer, Representative-At-Large
Ms. Safiya Burton, President
Mr. Delano Greene, School of Hospitality Representative
Mr. Fadi Hatem, Chief of Staff
Ms. Lakisha Holmes, Vice President
Mr. Gakunga Kihohia, Finance Chair
Mr. Kervins Laurent, Lower Division Representative
Ms. Heidi Mark, Administrative Assistant/ Clerk of Council
Ms. Giralda Merkman, Representative-At-Large
Ms. Nicole Perkins, College of Urban and Public Affairs Representative
Ms. Liana Perez, Director of Community Relations
Ms. Avia Rice, Representative-At-Large
Mr. Mervin Robinson, Representative-At-Large
Mr. Mitchel Saintilmon, Athletics Director
Ms. Mahasin Salahuddin, Lower Division Representative
Ms. Veneisha Scott, Panther Power Chair
Mr. William Stafford III, School of Nursing Representative
Ms. Christina Sorondo, School of Journalism and Mass Communications Representative
Mr. Rafael Zapata, Campus Activities/ Advisor

ABSENT

Mrs. Helen Ellison, Advisor
Mr. David L. Cole, Associate Director of Campus Activities
Ms. Mireidy Fernandez, Academic Affairs Chair
Ms. Jacqueline Sconiers, Bay Vista Hall Council Representative (excused)

GUESTS

Ms. Katrina Davey (SGC Intern)
Ms. Tada Grey, SGC Intern
Ms. Amber Rinehart, SGC Intern
Ms. Latoya Christian, SGC Intern
Ms. Somone Washington, SGC Intern
Ms. Baiyina Hamed, SGC Intern

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by President Safiya Burton. Members were asked to review the minutes from the previous meeting. There was a friendly amendment to include that the next community project will be held at Claridge House and not Clarence house as was typed in the minutes. Ms. Christina Sorondo moved to accept the minutes with the amendment. Nicole Perkins seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Burton welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked the guests present to introduce themselves. Following this, the meeting was turned over to Ms. Katrina Davey, SGC Presidential Intern, who chaired the meeting for the afternoon.

- The SGC Mini-Retreat takes place tomorrow, Friday November 13 at the Kovens Conference Center. Everyone is expected to be there promptly at 9:00 a.m.
- Ms. Burton commented on the fact that the Council received a lot of Beacon coverage over the past week. There were about 5 articles on the Council in the last issue of the Beacon.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Weekly reports need to be handed in by every council member every Friday.
- The application for Best SGC will be submitted tomorrow. Thanks to all those who helped in preparing the application.
- Please remember the FIU vs. Michigan basketball game to tomorrow. Ms. Mahasin Salahuddin was concerned about the fact that students still have to pay to ride the buses to games. She felt that since athletic fees are used to provide the buses, then students should not have to pay for the trips. Ms. Holmes informed the council that Dr. Correnti had agreed to pay for Pizza for students going to the FIU vs., Michigan game.

ADVISOR'S REPORT

- Mr. Rafael Zapata provided an update on the special elections. The deadline for turning in applications has ended today and the elections will take place next week Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Volunteers are still needed for the Burger and Bobby Socks event on November 21. Please sign up in Campus Activities.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

- The recent educational workshop was not as successful as was anticipated but the Beacon did a good job on covering the event

FINANCE

- Mr. Kihohia informed the council that there will be public budget hearings in the near future. Hearings will focus on various issues such as the Beacon, the handbooks, and both student union buildings.
- The committee is still working on producing a document that details all the SGC accounts. This document will be made available to students so that they can see where and how their money is being spent.

STUDENT SERVICES

- On Wednesday November 25, the committee is sponsoring a Night Out to grand prix Race-O-Rama. The cost is \$3 for students and included in the package are passes for all rides and \$5 worth of tokens.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

- The committee is working on Cram Jam, which will be held during week of finals.
- The next community service event will be on November 22. We will be visiting the Claridge House for the Elderly.

UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

- Mrs. Abella who has recently taken office is currently working on the newsletter and the promotional video.

PANTHER POWER

- Ms. Scott has already started ordering paraphernalia for the program such as T-shirts, chains, pens, pencils etc.

OLD BUSINESS

- Construction of the SGC Webpage has begun. Mr. Robinson and Mr. Hatem are working on this project.

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NEW BUSINESS

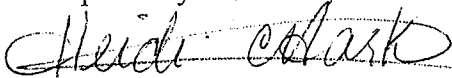
- The council needs to submit its calendar of events for the upcoming semester. All committees need to come up with dates by net meeting. The deadline for submitting these dates is November 25.
- The first meeting of the Senate takes place next Thursday November 19. Please keep this in mind.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- Mr. Robinson informed the council that the Marine Biology lab had received an enormous aquarium from a kind gentleman. As of yet, the aquarium has not been set up. He proposed that it be set up in Panther Square in the WUC, and he wanted to get some feedback from the council on whether it as a good idea or not. Many people felt that it was a good idea, so Mr. Robinson can go ahead and start working on this.
- Members need to bring their schedules for the next meeting so that a day for meetings can be set up for the Spring semester.
- Ms. Burton, on behalf of the entire council, congratulated Ms. Katrina Davey on a job well done.

With no further business or comments the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi Mark, Clerk of Council,
Student Government Council, North Campus.



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Student Government Council

**SGC MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 1998**

6:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. Aileen Abella, Director of University Relations
Ms. Veronica Arcila, Student Services Chair
Ms. Dannielle Boyer, Representative-At-Large
Ms. Safiya Burton, President
Mrs. Helen Ellison, Advisor
Mr. Delano Greene, School of Hospitality Representative
Mr. Fadi Hatem, Chief of Staff
Mr. Gakunga Kihohia, Finance Chair
Mr. Kervins Laurent, Lower Division Representative
Ms. Heidi Mark, Administrative Assistant/ Clerk of Council
Ms. Giralda Merkman, Representative-At-Large
Ms. Nicole Perkins, College of Urban and Public Affairs Representative
Ms. Liana Perez, Director of Community Relations
Ms. Avia Rice, Representative-At-Large
Mr. Mervin Robinson, Representative-At-Large
Mr. Mitchel Saintilmon, Athletics Director
Ms. Mahasin Salahuddin, Lower Division Representative
Ms. Veneisha Scott, Panther Power Chair
Mr. William Stafford III, School of Nursing Representative
Ms. Jacqueline Sconiers, Bay Vista Hall Council Representative
Ms. Christina Sorondo, School of Journalism and Mass Communications Representative
Mr. Rafael Zapata, Campus Activities/ Advisor

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ABSENT

Mr. David L. Cole, Associate Director of Campus Activities
Ms. Mireidy Fernandez, Academic Affairs Chair
Ms. Lakisha Holmes, Vice President

GUESTS

Ms. Marie Janvier
Ms. Tada Grey, SGC Intern
Ms. Ivy Muya, SGC Intern
Ms. Amber Rinehart, SGC Intern
Ms. Latoya Christian, SGC Intern
Ms. Somone Washington, SGC Intern
Ms. Baiyina Hamed, SGC Intern
Ms. Michelle Oyola, Student Regent
Dr. Susan Himburg, SACS Self Study Director; Office of Accreditation

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by President Safiya Burton. Members were asked to review the minutes from the previous meeting. There was a friendly amendment to include that Ms. Giralda Merkman was in attendance at the last meeting. Ms. Nicole Perkins moved to accept the minutes with the amendment. Mr. Kervins Laurent seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Burton welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked the guests present to introduce themselves. Following this, the meeting was turned over to Ms. Baiyina Hamed, SGC Presidential Intern, who chaired the meeting for the afternoon.

- Ms. Burton is in the process of writing a letter to the Beacon newspaper that presents the North Campus perspective on the increase in the Health and Athletic Fees.
- The SGC Mini-Retreat takes place next Friday November 13 at the Kovens Conference Center. Everyone is expected to be there promptly at 9:00 a.m.
- The Panther Power program needs some more attention since Mr. Saintilmon has a lot to do with Athletics. Therefore, instead of him carrying out two functions, the role of Panther Power Chair will rest on someone else. Ms. Burton nominated Ms. Veneisha Scott to fill this position. Ms. Scott originally applied for the position and was assisting Mr. Saintilmon as his intern. Ms. Giralda Merkman moved to vote Ms. Scott as the Panther Power Chair. Ms. Dannielle Boyer seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous. Mr. Saintilmon had to be re-appointed as Athletics Director. Ms. Boyer moved to vote Mr. Saintilmon as Athletics Director. Ms. seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.
- The position of Director of University Relations had been left vacant after the resignation of Mr. Plinio Sanchez. Upon his recommendation and the recommendation of Ms. Christina Sorondo a member of the Council, Ms. Burton nominated Ms. Aileen Abella to fill the vacated role. Duties of the position are to produce a Student Government Newsletter and to promote a positive image of SGC to the University community. Ms. Nicole Perkins moved to vote Ms. Abella as the Director of University Relations. Ms. Dannielle Boyer seconded the motion. VOTE: 7 in favor, 1 opposed (Ms. Merkman), 1 abstention (Mr. Robinson). The motion carried.

STUDENT REGENT

Ms. Michelle Oyola, student representative on the Board of Regents, attended the meeting after a daylong visit to the North campus. Ms. Oyola is a student at Florida

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Atlantic University where she is studying Elementary Education. She is visiting all schools in the state to see first hand what issues are affecting them so that she can bring them to the Board of regents. Having visited our campus she concluded that we have a very unique school. Ms Oyola stated that she wants to work very closely with SGC at FIU. She advised council members to get really involved in the affairs of the state. One way of doing this is to attend FSA meetings whenever possible and also to visit other schools in the state to see how their student government are run. She reported on Mission Differentiation, which is a project aimed at differentiating among and improving the universities in Florida. FIU, FAU and UCF have a mission to expand on undergraduate and graduate enrollment, and also to expand on research. She touched briefly on the issue of their being a statewide increase in tuition. With regard to FIU getting a Law School, Ms. Oyola informed the council that the Board of Regents had set up a feasibility committee to investigate the need for a Law School in this area.

OLD BUSINESS

- Construction of the SGC Webpage has begun. Mr. Robinson and Mr. Hatem are working on this project.
- Special Elections will be held on November 17 & 18. The deadline for applications has been extended to November 6. Ms. Nia Johnson is the head of the elections Board and she is the person to see if you are running for elections. Advertisements will be put up around campus in order for people to know what positions are open. The positions that will be running in these elections are 2 Graduate Representatives, Broward Representative, Representative-At-Large, Lower Division Representatives, Vice President and all other elected positions that were appointed in the interim.

NEW BUSINESS

- Dr. Susan Himburg, a professor in the Dietetics and Nutrition department attended the meeting to speak about accreditation. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), every 10 years must reaffirm all universities for accreditation. FIU was last accredited in 1990. Therefore, the university is up for accreditation in the year 2000. 12 different committees have been set up to investigate all schools and colleges of the university in order to prepare for this event. With regard to the School of Business, Dr. Himburg assured the council that the School did not lose its accreditation. The school does not have special accreditation because its mission statement did not align with that of the university. They now have 3 years to get their act together in order to be considered for special accreditation the next time around.
- The softball game between SGC-University Park and SGC-North Campus has been postponed to a date to be announced.

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- On November 13 the Men's Basketball team takes on Michigan at home. Two buses will leave the North Campus to take students down to University Park. One bus will return to North Campus after the game, and the other bus will remain to bring back students who want to stay for the Greek after party.
- Ms. Burton received a visit from Mr. Skapinskas Yonas, who was the assistant to the former crew club director. Mr. Yonas would really like to revive the crew club here at the North Campus. If there is any one who is interested in being a part, please see Ms. Burton.
- The first meeting of the Senate takes place on November 19. Please keep this in mind.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

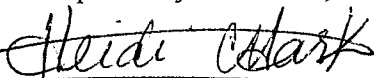
- The Habitat for Humanity community volunteer program had a good turnout of students but SGC members were absent. In the future, members will be required to participate in events. The next activity is November 20, and it takes place at Clarence House for the elderly. More information will be made available in the near future.
- To celebrate Aventura's 10 Anniversary, there will an event called Bobby Socks on the Bay on November 21. This is a 50's revival and the Drifters will be performing. All proceeds go towards F.I.U. Scholarships. Volunteers are needed for this big event. Please sign up with Ms. Barbara in WUC 363.
- The Division of Student Affairs will be hosting a reception tomorrow November 6 at 2 p.m. in GC 150. The reception will highlight careers in the Student Affairs department and also how to prepare for these careers. An event similar to this one may be put on at the North Campus.
- The Volunteer Action Center is collecting relief supplies for the Central America Relief Effort. Please contribute to this worthy venture.
- The Division of Student Affairs will hold its annual Holiday Gathering on December 16 @ 1p.m. in the GC Ballroom. All members are cordially invited to attend.
- The Victim Advocacy Center is collecting items for destitute families. They would like to make up gift baskets for these families for the holiday. Please contribute something useful that has not been used to this venture.
- There will be a Homecoming meeting tomorrow at the University Park Campus. It starts at 11:00 a.m. Please attend if you can.

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- Ms. Burton, on behalf of the entire council, congratulated Ms. Baiyina Hamed on a job well done.
- There will be an Executive board meeting next Tuesday morning at 9:00 p.m. Members please be there on time.

With no further business or comments the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi Mark, Clerk of Council,
Student Government Council, North Campus.

SGC Meeting
March 10, 1999

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. Dannielle Boyer, Representative-at-Large
Ms. Safiya Burton, President
Ms. Mahasin Salahuddin, Academic Affairs Chair
Mr. Tito Omaghom
Mr. Angel Garcia, Representative-at-Large
Mr. Gakunga Kihohia, Finance Chair
Ms. Violeine St. Hilaire, Executive Assistant/Clerk of Counsel
Ms. Nicole Perkins, College of Urban and Public Affairs Representative
Ms. Avia Rice, Representative-at-Large
Ms. Veneisha Scott, Panther Power Coordinator
Ms. Katrina Davey, Lower Division Representative
Ms. Cristina Sorondo, Journalism and Mass Communication Representative
Mr. Rafael Zapata, Campus Activities/Advisor

GUEST

Dr. Correnti
Ms. Donna Yff, Student Activities Coordinator-Broward
Mr. David Cole
Mr. Brain Abrasmson
Ms. Ivy Muya
Ms. Latoya Christain
Ms. Kandy Baker

ABSENT

Ms. Monica LaFrance, Student Services Chair (excused)
Mr. Delano Greene, School of Hospitality Representative
Mr. Fadi Hatem, Chief of Staff (excused)
Mr. Ronald Charles, Lower Division Representative
Mr. Sean Edwards, Representative-at-Large
Ms. Liana Perez, Director of Community Relation
Mr. Mitchel Saintelmon, Athletic Coordinator
Mr. Aileen Abella, Director of University Relations
Mr. William Stafford III, School of Nursing Representative

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Safiya Burton at 4:13 p.m. Immediately following, a motion was made by Ms. Sorondo to accept the minutes that motion was second by Ms. Boyer. The motion was accepted unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

After minutes of discussion the committee of the University Council Meeting settled with having three Scholarships awarded by SGC. There will be an Academic Merit Scholarship, a Minority Student Leader Scholarship, and an n International Student Academic Scholarship.

There will be a University Council Meeting taking place in the University Park Campus in GC 350, on Saturday March 13, 1999 from 11:30 to 6:30.

The council members were advised that every member must attend a meeting on the Tri-Council Awards Banquet that will be taking place on April 15, 1999.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Omaghoni advised the committee that each person needs to fill out a weekly report every week. Ms. Rice informs the Mr. Omaghoni the more reports was needed. Furthermore, the committee was also advised that the bus trip is in planning, it is set for April 9th through 11th.

ADVISOR'S REPORT

Mr. Zapata informs the council of the election committee meetings that has been taking place, apparently, meetings has been taking place for the last couple of weeks.

The applications of applicants running for office are due on March 19, 1999. Also, Ms. Perkins was elected to sit on the Election Chair Committee.

The Student Life Award Banquet is schedule for April 22, 1999.

Moreover, Ms. Burton added that the Maya Angelou lecture has been pushed back to March 15, 1999.

COMMUNITY REPORTS

FINANCE

Mr. Kihohia advised the council that another \$1800 is needed for the Award Ceremony taking place on April 15, 1999.

Ms. Perkins made a motion that the funds are taken out from the furniture upgrading account, Ms. Boyer second the motion. The motion was accepted unanimously by the council.

The Council was further advised of the \$15,000 budget cut, the \$15,000 is coming out of the operating account.

Mr. Kihohia advised the Council of the University Wide meeting-taking place in the University Park Campus, on March 13, 1999 in GC 350.

Lastly, Mr. Kihohia mentioned the complaints made about the office hours. A complaint was made in reference to the amount of people in the office. Mr. Kihohia advised the committee the Mr. Omaghoni and himself would be observing closely, to make sure that everyone is doing what they are supposed to be doing.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Ms. Salahuddin advised the committee of a forum that will be taking place on March 11, 1999 entitled Buying Your First Home. There will be another forum schedule for March 18, 1999 at 8:00 a.m., entitled How to Quit Smoking in AC215.

STUDENT SERVICES

Ms. LaFrance was not in attendance; Ms. Veneisha Scott was kind enough to go over the outline provided by Ms. LaFrance with the members of the Council.

UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

Ms. Sorondo informed the Council that the newsletters were out, furthermore, assistant was needed in folding them.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Ms. Sorondo advised the committee of the event taking place in March, efforts are being made to get together a community service project, however, it is still not clear if the event will take place. Ms. Sorondo further advised the committee of the up and coming event taking place in April, members of the council will get together to take two hundred minority students to Metro Zoo.

PANTHER POWER

Ms. Scott briefly reminded the committee of the Blast Off occurring on Tuesday, March 16, 1999. She enlightened the council that they will need to wear the T-shirts given to them on Tuesday. There will be free food, free paraphernalia, dance competitions, and singing competition.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Burton spoke abbreviated on the new amendments that are being proposed. Ms. Burton than spoke on the pros and cons of having restrictions on the President as well as the Vice President's positions.

Ms. Sorondo made a motion to remove the stipulation of President in SGC, that motion was second by the Vice President, Mr. Omaghoni. The motion failed.

A discussion about the matter was than opened where Ms. Sorondo, Ms. Boyer, and Mr. Kihohia expressed their strong opinions on the matter. Ms. Sorondo suggests training from the president for applicants running for president.

Ms. Boyer feels that a person at such a position should indeed have experience.

Mr. Kihohia states that he can understand where both Ms. Sorondo and Ms. Boyer are coming from, however, he agrees with Ms. Boyer a person in that high of a position should have prior experience.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Ms. Perkins needs people to sign up for the SGC booth (only those that is not running). There will be a Bar B.Q in the Panther Square on April 1, 1999, starting at 12:00p.m to 3:00p.m.

Ms. Perkins informs the council that applications were now being accepted for College Leadership Florida.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Burton abruptly closed all discussions, and introduces Mr. Brain Abramson the former SGC President. Mr. Abramson is a representative of Americorp Florida State Park. Americorp is a volunteer organization that cleans up the Florida State Parks. They try to restore to the parks to their original forms. After a transient demonstration of what he does At work he ask that the Council move a motion for F.I.U. to adopt Oletta States Park?

Ms. Burton than introduced Dr. Correnti, who expressed his thanks to Mr. Abramson for the good work that he is doing initiating care for our parks, as well as our campus. He then expressed how please he was with the way in which the Council conducted the meeting.

Mr. Correnti educated the committee as to what was taking place in F.I.U.: there are changes taking place in F.I.U. enrollment system, to accommodate the increase in students enrolling at F.I.U. Freshman applications have gone up thirty-eight percent. Correspondingly, Scholarships are going out earlier. Dr. Correnti then passed out some publications on the material that he was going over. Dr. Correnti feels that the North Campus lacks in Campus Life activities. Dr. Correnti thinks that the North Campus needs more full time students as well as more Faculties. Lastly, the North Campus needs more and better recreation space. Ultimately, Dr. Correnti then closed his presentation.

ADJOURMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50p.m.

Thank you,

Violeine St. Hilaire, Executive Assistant/Clerk of Counsel



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SGC MEETING MARCH 17, 1999

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. Aileen Abella, Director of University Relations
Ms. Danielle Boyer, Representative-at-Large
Ms. Safiya Burton, President
Ms. Katrina Davey, Lower Division Representative
Mr. Angel Garcia, Representative-at-Large
Mr. Delano Green, School of Hospitality Representative
Mr. Tito Omaghomi, Vice President
Ms. Liana Perez, Director of Community Relations
Ms. Nicole Perkins, College of Urban and Public Affairs
Ms. Avia Rice, Representative-at-Large
Ms. Mahasin Salahuddin, Academic Affairs Chair
Ms. Veneisha Scott, Panther Power Coordinator
Ms. Cristina Sorondo, Journalism and Mass Communication Representative
Mr. William Stafford III, School of Nursing Representative
Ms. Violeine St. Hilaire, Executive Assistant/Clerk of Counsel
Mr. Rafael Zapata, Campus Activities/Advisor

GUESTS

Ms. Donna Yff, Broward Activities Coordinator
Ms. Ivy Muya
Ms. Irene Jaurez, Broward Representative

ABSENT

Mr. Ronald Charles, Lower Division Representative
Mr. Sean Edwards, Representative-at-Large
Mr. Fadi Hatem, Chief of Staff (Excused)
Mr. Kunga Kihohia, Finance Chair
Ms. Monica LaFrance, Student Services Chair
Mr. Mitchel Saintelmon, Athletics Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

President Safiya Burton called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. Instantaneously following, Ms. Burton explained to the Council that the meeting was not going to be a formal meeting. She further announced that there will be three more SGC meetings before the terms are over.

ADVISOR'S REPORT

Mr. Zapata informed the Council of the deadline for the application for applicants running in the elections; the deadline is set for March 19, 1999. There will be a mandatory meeting in regards to the elections on March 22, 1999 at 5:30 p.m. in W.U.C 159.

Ms. Perkins then added that help is need with running the elections booth. She also reminds the Council of the Bar B-Q Debate taking place on April 1, 1999 in Panther Square from 12:00 p.m. through 2:00 p.m. Ms. Perkins also advised the Council that campaigning for the elections will start on March 23, 1999, furthermore, the campaigning will end on April 5, 1999.

COMMUNITY REPORT

Ms. Katrina Davey passed out a questionnaire containing five questions in regards to the Councils' attitude on the Internship program. Ms. Davey further urged that the Council take a moment to look over and answer the questions.

Ms. Burton reported that on March 31, 1999, there will be a major event pertaining to the Blue Moon Café, and everyone is expected to attend. Ms. Burton then spoke briefly on the awards banquet. Ms. Burton then did a quick poll to find out who will be attending the event, furthermore, if they will bring guest with them. Ms. Burton then took a moment to express how pride she was of the Panther Power Blast Off, she thanked Ms. Scott for doing such a wonderful job.

Ms. Salahuddin reminded the Council of the forum taking place on April 18, 1999 at 8:00 a.m. in AC 214, it is entitled "How to Finally Quit Smoking". Moreover she briefly spoke on the forum entitled " Buying Your First Home" that took place last week, she ensured everyone that things went very well.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Omaghomi expressed his opinion on the weekly reports; he then passed the out to the members of the Councils. Mr. Omaghomi also expressed how provide he too was of the great turn out on Tuesday at the Panther Power Blast Off. Mr. Omaghomi spoke momentarily on the University Council Meeting that took place on March 13, 1999, he explained that he would like to see more representation from the North Campus Student Government Council members.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Ms. Sorondo informed the Council that she would like for the Council to vote on a new amendment being proposed by her. She then passed out a copy of the amendment to each Council members.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Burton informed the Council of the University Council Meeting-taking place at the North Campus on April 3, 1999, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. She advised the interns that they are allowed to apply for the SGC Scholarships that they are eligible for.

Ms. Burton announced that Mr. Edwards and Mr. Charles were automatically taken off the Council, for missing too many meetings.

Ms. Burton then announced that Ms. Salahuddin was SGC member of the month. Following the announcement Ms. Burton introduced Ms. Irene Juarez. Ms. Irene is the Broward Representative. Ms. Burton then asked that the Council voted Ms. Jaurez into her position.

Ms. Boyer made a motion to elect Irene to the position of Broward Representative, Mr. Omaghomi second the motion; the motion was accepted unanimously.

Ms. Burton then closed all discussions so that the Council could participated in an activity that she had prepared for them.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Thank you,


Violeine St. Hilaire, Executive Assistant/Clerk of Counsel



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BI-MONTHLY MEETING

MAY 1, 1998

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. Safiya Burton, President
Mr. Ian Richards, Vice President
Ms. Dannielle Boyer, Representative-At-Large
Mr. William Stafford III, School of Nursing Representative
Ms. Nicole Perkins, College of Urban and Public Affairs Representative
Ms. Christina Sorondo, School of Journalism and Mass Communications Representative
Ms. Giralda Merkman, Representative-At-Large
Mr. Gakunga Kihohia, Finance Chair
Mr. Jomo Duncanson, Panther Pride/ Athletics Coordinator
Mr. Mark Hatem, Chief of Staff
Ms. Heidi Mark, Administrative Assistant/ Clerk of Council
Mr. Arthur Papillon, Jr., Director of Student Lobbying
Ms. Nichelle DeBenedetto, on behalf of Ellen Plissner, Advisor
Mr. Veronica Arcila, Student Services Chair
Mr. Plinio Sanchez, Director of University Relations
Ms. Mahasin Salahuddin, Lower Division Representative
Mr. Duayne Bernal, Executive Assistant to the Vice-President
Ms. Erin O'Brien, Broward Representative
Ms. Avia Rice, Representative-At-Large
Mr. Kervins Laurent, Lower Division Representative

ABSENT

Ms. Nia Johnson, Representative-At-Large
Ms. Lakisha Holmes, Graduate Student Representative
Mr. Delano Greene, School of Hospitality Representative

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 PM by Ms. Safiya Burton, SGC President.

- Mr. Ian Richards, Vice President, came in late and apologized profusely for his tardiness stating that it will never happen again.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Ms. Burton extended a welcome to all council members.



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- An update was given about the weekend Officers retreat to be held on May 22 to 24. The problem seems to be getting a hotel for the weekend since all the hotels that have been checked are already booked. More information will be made available as the time approaches.
- Since this was the first meeting of the council after the recent elections, many positions were still vacant. The nominations and appointments for these positions followed

<u>STANDING COMMITTEE</u>	NOMINATION	VOTE
Finance Chair	Gakunga Kihohia	Unanimous
Student Services	Veronica Arcila	Unanimous
Academic Affairs	Mireidy Fernandez	4 in favor, 2 abstentions

APPOINTED POSITIONS

Administrative Assistant	Heidi Mark	Unanimous
Panther Pride/ Athletics Coordinator	Jomo Duncanson	Unanimous
Director of Student Lobbying	Arthur Papillon, Jr.	"
Director of University Relations	Plinio Sanchez	"
Chief of Staff	Mark Hatem	"
Director of Community Relations: The person nominated for this position could not fulfill the duties of the position, therefore nominations were invited.		

ELECTED POSITIONS

School of Journalism and Mass Comm.	Christina Sorondo	6 in favor, 1 abstention
Lower Division Reps.(2)	Mahasin Salahuddin	Unanimous
	Kervins Laurent	Unanimous
Broward Representative	Erin O'Brien	Unanimous

OPS POSITION

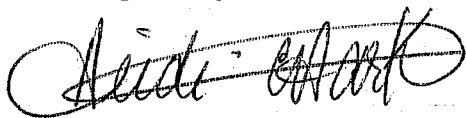
Executive Assistant to the Vice President	Duane Bernal	Unanimous
This position was not voted upon, but there was a show of hands to reflect the general consensus of having this position on staff.		

UNIVERSITY WIDE COUNCIL

There was a brief discussion about the University Wide council meetings, and it was agreed that all councils should make an effort to attend these meetings on a regular basis.

- Ms. Burton extended congratulations to all new members and informed everyone that office hours duty will begin next week. keys will be made available to all council members.
- Ms. Burton explained the reason for the presidential nomination system. It is basically more effective and efficient.
- The council members introduced themselves and stated their positions for the upcoming year.
- The meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heidi Mark", written over a horizontal line.

Heidi Mark, Clerk of Council
Student Government Council, North Campus