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# Florida International University

## Student Government Council

**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

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### 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 Juárez. 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,

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