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# Florida International University

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## Student Government Council

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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

<b><u>STANDING COMMITTEE</u></b>	<b>NOMINATION</b>	<b>VOTE</b>
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**

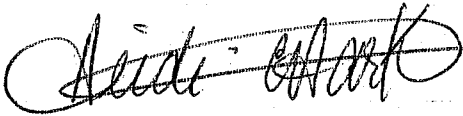
Executive Assistant to the Vice President	Duane Bernal	Unanimous
This position was not voted upon, but there was a show of hands to reflect the general consensus of having this position on staff.		

## **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,



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