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BI-MONTHLY MEETING

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 Haton, 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.
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:

**STANDING COMMITTEE**

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**APPOINTED POSITIONS**

Administrative Assistant: Heidi Mark (Unanimous)
Panther Pride/ Athletics Coordinator: Jomo Duncanson (Unanimous)
Director of Student Lobbying: Arthur Papillon, Jr. (Unanimous)
Director of University Relations: Plinio Sanchez (Unanimous)
Chief of Staff: Mark Haten (Unanimous)
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)
- Mahasin Salahuddin (Unanimous)
- Kervins Laurent (Unanimous)
- 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