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# Florida International University

## Student Government Council

**BI-MONTHLY MEETING**

**JULY 8, 1998  
5:00 PM**

### IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. Mireidy Fernandez, Academic Affairs Chair  
Mr. Duayne Bernal, Executive assistant to the Vice President  
Ms. Nia Johnson, Representative-At-Large  
Mr. William Stafford III, School of Nursing Representative  
Ms. Erin O'Brien, Broward Representative  
Ms. Lakisha Holmes, Graduate Representative  
Mr. Plinio Sanchez, Director of University Relations  
Mr. Arthur Papillon Jr., Director of Student Lobbying  
Ms. Nicole Perkins, College of Urban and Public Affairs Representative  
Ms. Dannielle Boyer, Representative-At-Large  
Ms. Christina Sorondo, School of Journalism and Mass Communications Representative  
Ms. Giralda Merkman, Representative-At-Large  
Ms. Liana Perez, Director of Community Relations  
Ms. Mahasin Salahuddin, Lower Division Representative  
Mr. Kervins Laurent, Lower Division Representative  
Mr. Gakunga Kihohia, Finance Chair  
Mr. Ian Richards, Vice President  
Ms. Safiya Burton, President  
Ms. Avia Rice, Representative-At-Large  
Mr. Fadi Hatem, Chief of Staff  
Ms. Ellen Plissner, Advisor  
Ms. Heidi Mark, Administrative Assistant/ Clerk of Council  
Mrs. Jasmine Michel-Yacinthe, Graduate Representative

### ABSENT

Mr. Delano Greene, School of Hospitality Representative  
Ms. Veronica Arcila, Student Services Chair

### GUESTS

Mark Gardner – Pinnacle Promotions  
Barry L. Perle, MSM, CPA  
Edgar L. Seibert  
Rahema O. Golding  
Alessandra Soler – The Miami Herald, Beach Neighbors Office  
Aileen Abella – The Beacon

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. by President Safiya Burton.

**Approval of minutes**

Ms. Burton requested that the Council read through the minutes from the previous meeting. Ms. Lakisha Holmes made a motion to accept the minutes. Ms. Dannielle Boyer seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- Ms. Burton spoke about the United Way Campaign. Canisters were distributed to all members. The first person to fill the canister will receive 2 tickets for a dinner Cruise. Please get your canisters filled. It's for a worthy cause.
- The SGC Computer Lab is soon to be up and running. The hiring process has now begun.
- Members also need to give their office hours to Fadi so that they can be posted up.

**VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- Mr. Richards informed members of the upcoming SGC Referendum. This referendum will allow for every school to have a representative to Student Government Council. On the South Campus, it will allow for 3 more representatives on the Council. On the North Campus, there are two positions that are proposed to be added to the Council. They are the Chief of Staff and the Executive Assistant to the Vice President. This would make it more efficient because these two positions will report directly to SGC.
- Members are needed to sit on the Constitution Revision Committee. Members who have been on the Council for more than a year should definitely consider being on this committee.

**CHIEF OF STAFF**

Mr. Hatem reminded Council members that they should punch in and out on the time clock in order for their office hours to be recorded.

**ADVISOR'S REPORT**

There was no advisor's report.

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**STANDING COMMITTEES**

There were no standing committee reports.

**DIRECTOR OF STUDENT LOBBYING**

Mr. Papillon spoke about the trip to Tallahassee to lobby for the Law School at FIU. The trip is on July 15, and it will be completely free to students. Council members were urged to express interest in the FIU Law School by calling or faxing the regents and asking for their help in getting the Law school here at FIU.

**PANTHER PRIDE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Each committee presented their ideas on how school spirit can be increased among the students. The teams were Design, Incentives, Events, and Marketing. Each presentation was very well done and Ms. Burton praised the committees for all their hard work.

**New Business**

- Ms. Burton proposed an event called the Blue Moon Café. This activity is specifically aimed at targeting non-traditional students who attend classes in the evening and cannot take advantage of the activities during the day. Please give as much feed back as possible.
- With regard to the document that was distributed to Council members, Ms. Burton had a meeting with Dr. Gallagher, and she informed the Council that the matter is under investigation. Student Government Council shall not proceed with any action until a report is published on the matter.
- Members who are not attending the Law Rally are encouraged to attend the Orientation activities that will be taking place.
- A special thanks to Ms. Boyer who made flyers for the Law Rally and really encouraged student to sign up for the trip.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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