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BI-MONTHLY MEETING

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. Bakunga 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
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.
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 feedback as possible.
- With regard to the document that was distributed to Council members, Ms. Burton had a meeting with Dr. Gallaghar, 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 students 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