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Florida International University

Student Government Council

BI-MONTHLY MEETING

**JULY 22, 1998
5:00 PM**

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Duayne Bernal, Executive Assistant to the Vice President
Ms. Nia Johnson, Representative-At-Large
Mr. William Stafford III, School of Nursing Representative
Ms. Lakisha Holmes, Graduate Representative
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. 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 (excused)
Ms. Veronica Arcila, Student Services Chair (excused)
Ms. Mireidy Fernandez, Academic Affairs Chair (excused)
Mr. Plinio Sanchez, Director of University Relations (excused)
Ms. Christina Sorondo, School of Journalism and Mass Communications Rep. (excused)
Ms. Erin O'Brien, Broward Representative

GUESTS

Jacquelle Sconiers, President Bay Vista Hall Council
Jones Pierre

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by President Safiya Burton.

Approval of minutes

Ms. Burton requested that the Council read through the minutes from the previous meeting. Corrections to the minutes were the addition of SPC give-a-ways, and

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discussion of the Luau for Welcome Week. Ms. Lakisha Holmes made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Ian Richards seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Ms. Burton welcomed everyone to the meeting
- She stated that the Council meetings have been starting later than 5:00 p.m. Members were reminded that the meeting starts at 5:00 p.m. and that they need to be prompt.
- An update was given on the FIU Law School rally in Tallahassee. The rally went well and FIU should be looking forward to having a Law School. The idea is to implement a 5-year master plan pending a study being conducted by Chancellor Hobart. Council members need to continue to lobby by writing letters to the Regents and President Madique.
- There is now in place a tier system that was okayed by the Regents which categorizes universities and colleges. The different categories are:-

- National Research (1)
- Research (2)
- Comprehensive (3)

FIU falls in the Research category, which is the second tier. However, with further growth in our university we are well under way to being upgraded to the first tier, which is National Research

- Ms. Burton and Mr. Richards had a very successful meeting on Monday with president Madique. Issues that were discussed included having more events on North Campus sponsored by the Athletics Department. Also, students have complained that they do not know who President Madique is, he is hardly ever seen. Therefore, 10 select students will have the opportunity to meet with the President when he has executive lunch meetings here at the North Campus.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Mr. Richards thanked members who sat at the SGC table for the past elections to amend the SGC constitution
- He reminded members who have not joined a University Wide Committee to please do so soon.
- Members should keep in mind the upcoming Career fair that is being put on by Career Services and try to get Student Government involved.

ADVISOR'S REPORT

Ms. Plissner spoke about the Campus Activities calendar that is being put together for the Fall semester. All clubs need to have activities planned early and submit these to Mr. Raphael Zapata on or before July 30, 1998.

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SPC Luau. Ms. Boyer seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

STUDENT SERVICES

There was no report from student services.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Ms. Boyer read the report of the Academic Affairs committee on behalf of Ms. Mireidy Fernandez, Academic Affairs Chair. An important date to remember is October 29, which is when the Academic Affairs Workshop will be held. All persons interested please keep this date in mind and lend a hand to the Academic Affairs committee in any way that you can.

REPORTS OF APPOINTEES

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Ms. Perez gave a brief update on the United Way campaign. She also stated that she was working along with Mr. Sanchez, Director of University Relations on the Newsletter and the Pageant. Please bear these events in mind.

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT LOBBYING

- Mr. Papillon spoke about the trip to Tallahassee to lobby for the Law School at FIU. He thanked all those who helped in organizing the trip, and also those who took time out to call or fax the regents and ask for their help in getting the Law school here at FIU. Please continue to have those Law school surveys filled out. The more things we do the better.
- Please be reminded that whenever we go on trips we need to fill out those very important release forms.

Old Business

- Panther Pride committees need to hand in the hard copies to their presentations to Ms. Burton.
- Ms. Perez takes over the collection of the United Way campaign canisters. Congratulations to Ms. Mahasin Salahuddin who was the first one to turn in a filled canister, so she has won the dinner cruise.
- FSA delegation leaves tomorrow night at 11:00 p.m. for Tampa.

New Business

- The E-board will meet on Wednesday July 28, at 3:00 p.m. to tie in events that concern SGC, SOC, and SPC.
- There will be a Student Involvement Committee meeting on Monday July 26 at 10:00 a.m. at South Campus. Members should try to attend.

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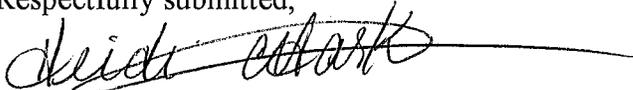
- There is a new copy machine in Mr. Richard's office available to all Council members.
- Members were reminded that if they need to schedule rooms in the University Center that it should be done at least two days in advance to ensure efficient and friendly service.
- There is to be an Athletic Council meeting at University Park on Friday morning at 10:00. All members who can make it, please attend.

Community Comments

- The Dean of the School of Hospitality Management, Dean Marshall has resigned. A national search is now being conducted for a new dean.
- Please keep in mind that the Wolfe University Center closes at 10:00 p.m. and all business needs to be conducted before this time.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Heidi Mark", written over a horizontal line.

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