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# Florida International University

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## Student Government Council

**BI-MONTHLY MEETING**

**AUGUST 12, 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, Interim Vice President  
Ms. Mahasin Salahuddin, Lower Division Representative  
Mr. Kervins Laurent, Lower Division Representative  
Ms. Safiya Burton, President  
Ms. Avia Rice, Representative-At-Large  
Mr. Fadi Hatem, Chief of Staff  
Mr. Raphael Zapata III, Advisor  
Ms. Heidi Mark, Administrative Assistant/ Clerk of Council  
Ms. Mireidy Fernandez, Academic Affairs Chair  
Mr. Plinio Sanchez, Director of University Relations  
Ms. Christina Sorondo, School of Journalism and Mass Communications Rep.  
Ms. Erin O'Brien, Broward Representative

### ABSENT

Mrs. Jasmine Michel-Yacinthe, Graduate Representative  
Mr. Delano Greene, School of Hospitality Representative (excused)  
Ms. Veronica Arcila, Student Services Chair (excused)  
Mr. Arthur Papillon Jr., Director of Student Lobbying  
Ms. Dannielle Boyer, Representative-At-Large (excused)  
Ms. Liana Perez, Director of Community Relations  
Ms. Nicole Perkins, College of Urban and Public Affairs Representative (excused)  
Mr. Gakunga Kihohia, Finance Chair (excused)  
Mr. Mitch Saintilmon, Panther Pride / Athletics Coordinator (excused)  
Ms. Giralda Merkman, Representative-At-Large (excused)

### GUESTS

Willette Young  
Jacquelle Sconiers, President Bay Vista Hall Council  
Linda Lubin, SPC Chair  
James Lubin  
Kevin Chapman, Associate Registrar

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Safiya Burton.

**SGC BI-MONTHLY MEETING**  
**MINUTES RECORDED ON**  
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**Approval of minutes**

Ms. Burton requested that the Council read through the minutes from the previous meeting. Ms. Christina Sorondo moved that the minutes be accepted. Mr. Kervins Laurent seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Ms. Burton welcomed everyone to the meeting

- Ms Sconiers spoke about Welcome Week and the plans that University Housing has in mind. She also wants to work closely with Student Government for the upcoming school year. She wants to have a Tri-Council board set up in Housing so that residents can get to know who is on each board.
- Mireidy thanked all those members who help[ed. out in registration . The next date that members need to keep in mind is Monday August 17, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- There will be no Council meeting next Wednesday. Members please keep this in mind.

**VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- Members are to turn in their office hours by Friday August 21.
- Ms. Holmes made a suggestion that members should do at least one of their outside office helping out students who are new to the campus. Members need to wear their Student Government shirts and choose a strategic location and assist new students with whatever need that they may have. This will also help in making Student government more visible in the school community.
- FSA wants every University to have a voters registration drive to be held during a specific week, September 14-18. The more people who vote from FIU, the better FIU will look in the eyes of the Regents.
- The Council also needs to come up with procedures for the removal of any student government elected official. This needs to be done by August 31. Next meeting we will vote on these procedures.

**ADVISOR'S REPORT**

There was no advisor's report

**CHIEF OF STAFF**

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

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**New Business**

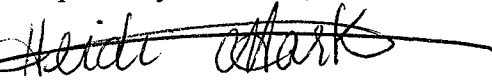
- On September 17, there will be a Welcome Back Bash, comedy show and after party sponsored by SGC. The fee for DJ Khalid is \$650. The Council needed to vote on this. Ms. Salahuddin moved to approve \$650 for this event from the Council's general account. Ms. Sorondo seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous
- Mireidy needs help editing the documentary. Please see her if you can offer any assistance.
- The Council decided on a meeting time for the Fall semester. It was decided that meetings will be held on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.
- Members need to sign up for visitation of classes. It is very important that Student Government is visible in classes and in the general FIU community
- Please come up with any suggestions and ideas for the Panther Power and United Way Campaign. North campus needs to raise \$10,000 and so far both North and South have only raised \$100. There needs to be more aggressive fundraisers. If you have any ideas, see Ms. Perez.

**Community Comments**

Kevin Chapman, Associate Registrar introduced himself to the Council. He wanted us to know that he is available to assist us in any way possible. Please utilize his services and offer the necessary support to him.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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