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Florida International University

Student Government Council

SGC MEETING

**AUGUST 25, 1998
6:00 PM**

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. Heidi Mark, Administrative Assistant/ Clerk of Council
Ms. Veronica Arcila, Student Services Chair
Mr. William Stafford, III, School of Nursing Representative
Ms. Avia Rice, Representative-At-Large
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
Mr. Gakunga Kihohia, Finance Chair
Ms. Nia Johnson, Representative-At-Large
Mr. Rafael Zapata, Advisor
Mr. Mitchel Saintelmon, Panther Power/ Athletics Coordinator
Mr. Plinio Sanchez, Director of University Relations
Mr. Arthur Papillon, Jr., Director of Student Lobbying
Ms. Mahasin Salahuddin, Lower Division Representative
Mr. Kervins Laurent, Lower Division Representative
Ms. Lakisha Holmes, Vice President
Ms. Giralda Merkman, Representative-At-Large
Mr. Delano Greene, School of Hospitality Representative
Mr. Fadi Hatem, Chief of Staff

ABSENT

Ms. Safiya Burton, President (excused)
Ms. Mireidy Fernandez, Academic Affairs Chair (excused)
Ms. Liana Perez, Director of Community Relations (excused)

GUESTS

James Lubin
Kate Kuhnie, VOX
R. Joshua Smith, Jr.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Vice President Lakisha Holmes. Ms. Holmes moved to amend the minutes of the last meeting. Ms. Boyer seconded the motion. Ms. Giralda Merkman was not excused and Mr. Zapata's name was misspelled.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- E-board meetings will be held on Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m.
- Members need to utilize their office hours to sit in the Student Services Booth and get the word out about what Student Government is doing and what it is all about.
- There will be a homecoming meeting this Friday at 10:00 a.m. at University Park in the Graham Center room 211. Members who can make it please do so. Issues to be discussed at this meeting are the budget allocation for Homecoming activities next year including the mega Concert, Comedy Show, the Homecoming Dance and the Basketball game. A huge issue is whether the Dance should be held on campus or off. Members please try to attend this very important meeting.
- There will be a Communications Skill seminar for Women on October 5th, at Joe Robbie stadium. Anyone interested please see Ms. Holmes.
- Ms. Holmes informed the Council that she was nominated by the President for the office of Vice President for the academic year. Members were also given a memo in their boxes. Ms. Avia Rice moved to vote Ms. Holmes into office officially. Ms. Christina Sorondo seconded the motion. **VOTE:** 8 in favor, 1 against. Motion passed.
- Ms. Holmes informed members of the council that their office hours cannot be done after 5 p.m. on Friday. All members please take note of this and make the necessary adjustments if any.
- September 14-18 is an important week for us to keep in mind. During this week, FSA has proclaimed that every state university conduct a Voter Registration Drive. More information will be made available in the near future.
- Fall meeting times have been set on Thursday afternoons at 6:00 p.m. This decision was made based on the schedules that members turned in to Ms. Holmes.
- Members were informed of certain changes to the council. Ms. Jasmine Michel-Yacinthe, Graduate Representative has resigned; Mr. Duayne Bernal, Executive Assistant to the Vice President has resigned and that position has been terminated for the remainder of the year; Ms. Erin O' Brien has also resigned from the Council. Members were asked to provide nominations for a Broward Representative and two graduate representatives.
- Ms. Giralda Merkman missed three consecutive meetings, and therefore she was automatically off the Council. The issue was whether members would vote to put her back on the Council. Ms. Avia Rice moved to vote on Ms. Merkman being put back on the Council. Ms. Mahasin Salahuddin seconded the motion. **VOTE:** 6 in favor, 2 abstentions. Motion passed.
- Ms. Holmes brought up the FSA removal procedures that was handed out at the beginning of the meeting. This model gives the Board of Regents the authority to remove any member of any Student Government who has had charges laid against him/her in the past. The Council needed to vote on the model since the deadline for submission was August 30. Ms. Dannielle Boyer moved to accept the model. Ms. Nia

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Johnson seconded the motion. **VOTE:** 5 in favor, 4 abstentions. Ms. Avia Rice moved for a revote. Ms. Christina Sorondo seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Unanimous. Ms. Johnson moved that the model be accepted and amendments made by Friday August 28. Ms. Merkman seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Unanimous.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- Ms. Holmes welcomed Mr. Delano Greene, School of Hospitality Representative and Ms. Veronica Arcila, Student Services Chair back to the Council.
- Members need to keep in mind the Luau, which will be held next Thursday as part of Welcome Week activities. Please offer any assistance that you can to make this event successful. Ms. Mahasin Salahuddin informed members that the Internship Orientation will be held on Saturday September 26. If members do not turn up they will not be assigned an intern for the year.

With no further business or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Heidi Mark

Clerk of Council, North Campus