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# Florida International University

## Student Government Council

**SGC MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 3, 1998**

**6:00 PM**

### IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. Heidi Mark, Administrative Assistant/ Clerk of Council  
Ms. Veronica Arcila, Student Services Chair  
Mr. Delano Greene, School of Hospitality Representative  
Mr. Fadi Hatem, Chief of Staff  
Mr. Gakunga Kihohia, Finance Chair  
Mr. Kervins Laurent, Lower Division Representative  
Mr. Mitchel Saintilmon, Panther Power/ Athletics Coordinator  
Mr. Plinio Sanchez, Director of University Relations  
Mr. Rafael Zapata, Campus Activities/ Advisor  
Mr. William Stafford III, School of Nursing Representative  
Ms. Avia Rice, Representative-At-Large  
Ms. Christina Sorondo, School of Journalism and Mass Communications Representative  
Ms. Dannielle Boyer, Representative-At-Large  
Ms. Giralda Merkman, Representative-At-Large  
Ms. Lakisha Holmes, Vice President  
Ms. Mahasin Salahuddin, Lower Division Representative  
Ms. Nia Johnson, Representative-At-Large  
Ms. Nicole Perkins, College of Urban And Public Affairs Representative  
Ms. Safiya Burton, President  
Ms. Jacqueline Sconiers, Bay Vista Hall Council Representative  
Dr. Hellen Ellison, Advisor

### ABSENT

Mr. Arthur Papillon Jr., Director of Student Lobbying  
Ms. Liana Perez, Director of Community Relations (excused)  
Ms. Mireidy Fernandez, Academic Affairs Chair (excused)

### GUESTS

Ms. Aramis Trouche, Vox Magazine  
Ms. Kate Kuhnie, Vox Magazine  
Mr. Steve Coate, Beacon Newspaper  
Ms. Rigin Benoit, Haitian Student Organization (HSO)  
Ms. Paola Juspa, Beacon Newspaper  
Ms. Rachel Sklarew, Panther Power Committee member  
Mrs. Jasmine Michel-Yacinthe, Former SGC Graduate Representative  
Mr. Shaun Emerson, SGC Intern  
Mr. Kristofer Anderson, Broadcast Newscast  
Mr. Johnathan Waltan, Broadcast Newscast

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Dr. R. Correnti, Vice President of Student Affairs

Mrs. Ruth Pacheco, Administrative Assistant to Vice President of Student Affairs

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by President Safiya Burton. Ms. Burton requested that members read through the minutes from the previous meeting. Ms. Nia Johnson moved to accept the minutes with the amendment that Ms. Erin O' Brien, Broward Representative did not resign. Ms. Dannielle Boyer seconded the motion.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- Ms. Burton extended a warm welcome to all council members and guests present at the meeting. The Council members then introduced themselves to the guests so that everyone could become better acquainted.
- First on the agenda was Homecoming. There are several activities that have been planned for Homecoming week. They include a Jazz Concert, Comedy Show, Lecture, Alumni Breakfast, Homecoming Basketball Game, Cruise in Broward, mega Concert, Step Show, and the traditional Homecoming Dance.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- Ms. Holmes passed out a schedule of the designated times for members to perform their outside office hours in the SGC Booth. Members please take note of these times. It is also important that members clock in and out during these times.
- The Voters' Registration Drive will take place September 14-18. Activities for this week include a Barbecue on Monday, Pep Rally and soccer game on Tuesday, Debate on Wednesday, Comedy Show and after party on Thursday, and the tally of registered voters will take place on Friday. Anyone who is interested in helping, please see Ms. Holmes to sign up.
- Members have not been handing in their weekly reports. Please remember to hand these in to Ms. Holmes on a weekly basis.
- Visitation of classes begins on Tuesday September 8. Members who have not signed up to visit at least two classes need to do so as soon as possible. This is a very important venture for Student Government in promoting the Council within the FIU community, and we all need to do our part to make it an overwhelming success.

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- Mrs. Jasmine Michel-Yacinthe, former Graduate representative has been accepted into a doctoral program at Florida Atlantic University. Hence the reason that she has had to resign. However, she is still taking a course at FIU, and assured the Council that she is willing to assist in any that she can whenever we have any activities. We wish her the best in her endeavors.
- Vice President Correnti welcomed everyone back to school and to a new academic year. He commented that the attendance was the biggest that he had ever seen at a Student Government meeting. He assured SGC that he will be available to work with the Council, on any activities that we have planned, and also that he is looking forward to a great year. Mrs. Pacheco also said a few words of welcome.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Mascot: Ms. Burton met with Butch Henry, head of the Athletics Department about getting a mascot for the North Campus. Mr. Henry has pledged to contribute up to \$600 toward the purchase of the mascot. The Wolfe University Center has also pledged up to \$2,000. Ms. Christina Sorondo did some research into purchasing one and prices went as far as \$4,000. She is still doing some investigation into getting one at the most feasible price.
- Ms. Briceida Bulgin, Assistant to the SGC accountant is will be leaving on September 17. There will be a reception held in her honor on Wednesday September 16 in the Campus Activities office. The time is yet to be announced.

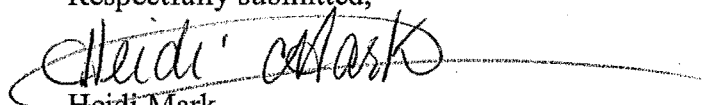
**COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

- There will be a Homecoming meeting on the South Campus tomorrow, Friday at 10:00 a.m. Anyone who can make it please try to attend.
- There will be a Division of Student Affairs reception on Wednesday September 9 at 9:00 a.m. in the GC Ballroom. Members are invited to attend.
- Ms. Kate Kuhnle from the VOX magazine passed out some interesting information to the Council members and encouraged members to get involved with the magazine. VOX is currently trying to improve its magazine and with FIU's creative writing p[rogram being among the top 4 in the nation, they have a very exciting challenge.
- Dr. Correnti took the opportunity to brief us on the new enrollment activities going on at FIU and he was invited to come back to the next meeting to speak in more detail on this.

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With no further business or comments the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.  
Immediately following this, the different SGC committees met for their BI-monthly meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heidi Mark". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Heidi Mark

Clerk of Council, Student Government Council, North Campus.