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Florida International University

Student Government Council

SGC MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 1998

6:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. Veronica Arcila, Student Services Chair
Ms. Safiya Burton, President
Mr. Delano Greene, School of Hospitality Representative
Mrs. Helen Ellison, Advisor
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
Ms. Heidi Mark, Administrative Assistant/ Clerk of Council
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. Liana Perez, Director of Community Relations
Ms. Mireidy Fernandez, Academic Affairs Chair
Ms. Giralda Merkmán, 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. Jacqueline Sconiers, Bay Vista Hall Council Representative
Mr. Rafael Zapata, Campus Activities/ Advisor

ABSENT

Ms. Dannielle Boyer, Representative-At-Large (excused)

GUESTS

Mr. Christopher Gentiles, Career Services
Mr. Mervin Robinson
Mr. Tito Omaghion
Ms. Michelle Cooper
Ms. Kenika Coakley

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by President Safiya Burton. Ms. Burton extended a warm welcome to all present and asked our guests to introduce themselves. Ms. Burton then requested that members read through the minutes from the previous meeting.

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Ms Nia Johnson moved to accept the minutes as submitted. Ms. Christina Sorondo seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Ms. Burton informed Council members that the minutes from previous meetings and the agenda for upcoming meetings will be in their boxes by Tuesday morning. Anyone who would like to be placed on the agenda, please indicate this before Tuesday as items will not be accepted after this day.
- Ms. Burton then went over the report submitted by Inspector general Ted Guba. One of the issues raised by this report is that the Director of the Wolfe University Center gave the former Associate Director Campus Activities verbal permission to take time off. The Council did some investigation into whether this was a legitimate practice and the answer is yes, it is legitimate. It was agreed that the Council needs to play a more active role in the internal functioning of the accounting and Payroll departments. There were several recommendations made by Mr. Ted Guba and Ms. Burton met with Mrs. Helen Ellison, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs to make sure that these recommendations are put in place as soon as possible.
- The Executive Luncheon with President Madique was cancelled again. Ms. Burton will keep us updated on when the next luncheon will be.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Ms. Holmes thanked all those members who helped out with the Voter Registration Drive and asked those members who had not yet helped to help out with the Comedy Show. As of now, there were 250 new registered voters.
- Members received a copy of a removal procedures model in the mailboxes. This model is the amended version of the one that FSA had originally sent out to all student Government bodies sometime last month. Senator Bob Carey added his own recommendations to the FSA model and strongly advised that all student bodies accept this model. Ms. Nia Johnson moved to accept the removal procedures model as submitted. Ms. Nicole Perkins seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.
- Members have not been handing in their weekly reports. Please remember to hand these in to Ms. Holmes on a weekly basis. It is mandatory that these reports are handed in to Ms. Holmes every Friday in her mailbox.
- There will be a forum for students to voice their views on the Tier System that has been proposed to classify all the State Universities in Florida. This forum will be on

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October 1. The place is yet to be decided. The Board of Regents has not yet voted on this proposal, They will be voting on it at the next FSA meeting at the University of South Florida

- Participation in the SGC Booth is lacking. Ms. Holmes wanted to find out if members were still interested and if they felt that the booth was necessary. It was agreed that the booth was necessary and therefore members should be doing their allotted times in the booth.
- All members should have signed up for visitation of classes by now, If you have not please see Ms. Holmes or Mr. Hatem. There will be a main schedule posted in the office so that members who have the same school or college do not visit the same classes. This is going to take some time and sacrifice, but please make an effort.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Christopher Gentiles from Career Services spoke on behalf of his department. Career Services is very desirous of meeting and working with SGC and the rest of the student population. He spoke about the upcoming Business Etiquette Dinner, which has been very successful in past years. There is also a Career Fair to be held on the University Park Campus on October 21 and 22. Ms. Burton asked when a similar fair can be held here a North Campus. Mr. Gentiles suggested maybe in the spring semester. Please seek out the department of Career Services for any career training and development workshops that you may need.
- Ms Mahasin Salahuddin reminded members of the Internship Orientation will take place on Saturday September 26 at 10:30 a.m. members are required to present a two-minute speech on their position. If anyone cannot make it please give your speech to someone else so that the interns can hear about your position and decide if they would like to be an intern for that position.
- Ms. Veronica Arcila, Student Services Chair informed members that the problem of overcrowding on the Shuttle has been solved. Another smaller bus has been added to the route to alleviate the problem. Also the Hotline will be set up in another week or two. The number will be 1-877-Paw-Powr.
- Ms. Burton wants SGC to be really involved in this Campaign. Therefore, on Friday October 3, Ms. Burton has planned a fundraising activity for the Council. SGC members will be paired off with non-SGC members and these pairs will have a goal to reach by the end of the day. These couples will target businesses to solicit donations for the United Way Campaign, and the most outstanding couple will receive 2 CD boomboxes. If we do not reach our goal on October 3, then we will

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come prepared on October 9 to do the same thing. Please be there!!!

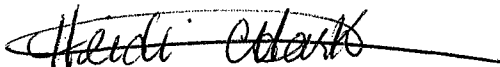
- Mr. Gakunga Kihohia, Finance Chair informed the Council that Karaoke Tuesdays will be held from 12-2 p.m. starting in a week or two. Please keep this in mind.
- Mr. Mitch Saintilmon, Panther Power Chair is still working on getting the logo for the Panther Power program. He should have this soon.
- Roundtable: Ms. Burton went around the table and asked Council members to state three things that they had accomplished since the semester started.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- There will be an Athletic Council meeting tomorrow at the Fitness Center on the University Park Campus. All member who can make it please try to do so.
- There will be a Homecoming meeting on this campus tomorrow at 12 noon in WUC 159. Members please try to attend if you can.
- United Way kickoff will be on October 6 in Panther Square. It starts at 11 a.m. The North Campus has 5 weeks to reach its target of \$10,000 for the United Way Campaign. As of now, we have just under \$20. There are several incentive for students and faculty to raise money for the campaign. The most outstanding faculty member wins a trip to Barbados. The most outstanding student wins a stay at the Holiday in on Collins avenue for 3 night and 2 days. There are also bookstore coupons that will be given to students for any kind of merchandise in the bookstore.
- Ms. Michelle Cooper, a business administration student complained about the fact that the schedule of classes is not convenient for the students especially evening students. She said the because of this students are not getting what they should out of classes. Ms Burton advised that she contact the dean of her college and arrange to have a meeting to discuss these issues.

With no further business or comments the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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