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Florida International University

Student Government Council

SGC MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 1998

6:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. Veronica Arcila, Student Services Chair
Ms. Dannielle Boyer, Representative-At-Large
Ms. Mireidy Fernandez, Academic Affairs Chair
Mr. Delano Greene, School of Hospitality Representative
Ms. Lakisha Holmes, Vice President
Mr. Kervins Laurent, Lower Division Representative
Ms. Heidi Mark, Administrative Assistant/ Clerk of Council
Ms. Giralda Merkman, Representative-At-Large
Ms. Nicole Perkins, College of Urban And Public Affairs Representative
Ms. Liana Perez, Director of Community Relations
Ms. Avia Rice, Representative-At-Large
Mr. Mervin Robinson, Representative-At-Large
Mr. Mitchel Saintilmon, Panther Power/ Athletics Coordinator
Ms. Mahasin Salahuddin, Lower Division Representative
Mr. William Stafford III, School of Nursing Representative
Ms. Jacqueline Sconiers, Bay Vista Hall Council Representative
Mr. Rafael Zapata, Campus Activities/ Advisor
Mr. David L. Cole, Associate Director of Campus Activities/ Advisor

ABSENT

Ms. Safiya Burton, President (excused)
Mr. Gakunga Kihohia, Finance Chair
Ms. Christina Sorondo, School of Journalism and Mass Communications Representative
Mr. Fadi Hatem, Chief of Staff

GUESTS

Ms. Latoya Christian, SGC Intern
Mr. R. Joshua Smith, Finance Committee Member
Mr. Andre Rego Montiero, SGC Intern

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m. by Vice President Lakisha Holmes. Following a brief welcome, members were asked to review the minutes from the previous meeting. Ms. Nicole Perkins moved to accept the minutes as submitted. Mr. Mervin Robinson seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- The Fee Committee will be meeting with the Council on October 29. Issues to be discussed are the proposed increases in the Athletic and Health fees. Members will be able to voice their concerns on these very important topics. Right after the meeting, the Fee Committee will vote on whether or not the fees will be increased.

- The United Way Business Blitz last Friday managed to raise only \$1,000. The North Campus is still \$9,000 short of its goal.

- All committee chairs should have received a letter advising them to turn in their committee accomplishments for the year. This information will be used to create the SGC webpage. So far, Academic Affairs has turned in a report. All other committees need to hand these in as soon as possible.

- The Florida Leaders magazine has a category for the best Student Government in a state school in Florida. Last year the University Campus received honorable mention. However, this year F.I.U. Student Government is going after this most coveted title. A committee has been set up by Ms. Kisha Holmes and anyone who is interested in being on this committee, please see Ms. Holmes. A portfolio will be put together to include all the goals and activities of the Council for the year, and any help will be greatly appreciated.

- The Tier System draft is finally done. FSA sent a copy to the Council and it will be available for the members to review next week in the office.

- Mr. David Cole was introduced as the New Associate Director of Campus Activities. He starts officially on October 19. He will also fill the role of Advisor to SGC. Previously he worked in the Admissions department. Mr. Cole expressed his enthusiasm at working closely with the Council and also with SOC and SPC. Please seek him out if you have any questions or concerns and he will be more than happy to assist in any way that he can.

- Ms. Holmes brought up the issue of Housekeeping. Presently the office space where members work is a mess. It reflects very badly on the Council whenever anyone comes into the office to conduct business. Please take your belongings with you when you leave the office. Do not leave food and other belongings lying around the office. It is very unprofessional and embarrassing to the Council. Members were concerned that the office is too small, and with the interns doing office hours as well it is even more cramped. The original plan was that Mr. Rafael Zapata's office be moved to the former SPC office so that there would be more space for SGC. However, the office would have to be renovated and SGC does not have the money for renovations at the

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- present time. Members were also told that they should not allow anyone who is not an SGC member to use the work area and the phones. Please begin to regulate the flow of traffic whenever you are present in the office.
- Tardiness at meetings has been a serious problem. Effective next week, anyone who comes in 30 minutes after the meeting has started will not be allowed to sign the attendance sheet. This will count as an absence. Members need to show up early to meetings so that any business that needs to be discussed can be taken care of expeditiously.
- Any member who has not shot a segment for the Promotional Video needs to do so next Monday October 19. Please see Ms. Sorondo to schedule an appointment, and if you make an appointment, please try to keep it.
- Special Elections will be held on November 3. Ms. Nia Johnson is the head of the elections Board and she is the person to see if you are running for elections. Advertisements will be put up around campus in order for people to know what positions are open. The positions that will be running in these elections are 2 Graduate Representatives, Broward Representative, Representative-At-Large, Lower Division Representatives, Vice President and the appointed positions.
- The SGC Constitution needs to be revised and next week after the meeting members will be presented with a draft which will be presented to both Councils. Amendments will then be made and after this is done, they will be voted upon. Please keep this in mind.
- Please remember to turn in your weekly reports to Ms. Holmes. The new forms are now available. Make use of them. The time clock is also up and running again. Do remember to clock in and out. Starting next week, members will not be paid if they have not completed their 10 hours of office work.
- The Graduate Student Association Town Meeting has been rescheduled to October 29 from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. this will be immediately after the SGC meeting.
- Tomorrow, Friday October 16 starts Midnight Madness. Mr. Saintilmon plans to have buses taking North Campus students down to South Campus for this event. There will be a tailgate party and lots of fun. Please be there to represent the North Campus.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

- Ms. Fernandez informed the Council that the Sports lecture will be held on Wednesday 21 @ 12:30 p.m. in WUC 155. Free food will be provided by Shells Seafood.
- The Academic Affairs Workshop is coming up soon.

STUDENT SERVICES

- The SGC booth in Academic 1 is not working as we had planned. The idea now is to have the booth open during peak hours. The problem with having to move material back and forth from the office to the booth is being looked into. Ms. Arcila is also looking into having the Council use the Kaplan booth located downstairs the WUC. She will have to negotiate some settlement with the owner of the booth.
- There was a survey done in the Bookstore about things that students want to have there. Mr. Greene is now working on getting the bookstore to have these items brought in.
- Many students have complained that the price of books is too expensive in the bookstore. Therefore, the committee is looking into having a book index where students can buy and sell their books at a much cheaper price than the bookstore. The committee is also looking into having a link from the SGC website to another website www.fiubook.edu on the Internet. This site serves the same purpose that the book index would serve.
- The 1-800-complaint line was set up but it had to be disconnected since the line was not a stand-alone line. Therefore, it has to be set up to another line. It should be in place by next week. The number is 1-877-PAW-POWR.

UNIVERSITY/ COMMUNITY RELATIONS

- Ms. Perez thanked all those members who came up to the Business Blitz last Friday. Please continue to seek donations from family and friends, and also remember United Way Weeks.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

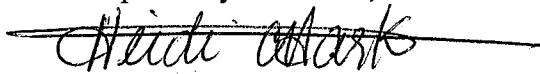
- The Habitat for Humanity community volunteer program has been rescheduled for October 31. Please keep this in mind.
- To celebrate Aventura's 10 Anniversary, there will an event called Bobby Socks on the Bay on November 21. This is a 50's revival and the Drifters will be performing.

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- All proceeds go towards F.I.U. Scholarships. Volunteers are needed for this big event. Please sign up with Ms. Barbara in WUC 363.
- There will be a United Way fundraiser in Housing on Tuesday October 20, 1998. This will be put on by Bay Vista Hall Council. It will be a Smoothie and Games night where the smoothies will be on sale.
- If there are any events coming up, please leave flyers in Mr. Robinson's mailbox and Ms. Boyer's mailbox so that they can be distributed around campus.
- There will be a Florida Speakers Network workshop tomorrow Friday at 6:30 p.m. in WUC 363. The purpose of the workshop is to develop and refine speaking skills and it's free. All members are invited to attend.
- The Florida Association of Residence Halls Mini-Leadership summit will be held here at North Campus on Saturday October 17. Bay Vista Hall Council will host the one-day conference.
- There will be a program entitled Poet's Café in housing tomorrow night at 7 p.m. All are invited.
- The Health and Wellness Center is hosting Cookies and Condom night at Housing tonight. Come out and learn about safe sex and other ways to protect yourself from sexually transmitted diseases.

With no further business or comments the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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