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Florida International University

Student Government Council

SGC MEETING
OCTOBER 22, 1998

6:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. Veronica Arcila, Student Services Chair
Ms. Dannielle Boyer, Representative-At-Large
Ms. Safiya Burton, President
Ms. Helen Ellison, Advisor
Ms. Mireidy Fernandez, Academic Affairs Chair
Mr. Delano Greene, School of Hospitality Representative
Mr. Gakunga Kihohia, Finance Chair
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. Jacquelle Sconiers, Bay Vista Hall Council Representative
Ms. Christina Sorondo, School of Journalism and Mass Communications Representative
Mr. Rafael Zapata, Campus Activities/ Advisor

ABSENT

Mr. Fadi Hatem, Chief of Staff
Ms. Lakisha Holmes, Vice President (excused)
Mr. David L. Cole, Associate Director of Campus Activities/ Advisor

GUESTS

Ms. Latoya Christian, SGC Intern
Mr. R. Joshua Smith, Finance Committee Member
Ms. Veneisha Scott, SGC Intern
Ms. Ivy Muya, SGC Intern

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by President Safiya Burton. Following a brief welcome, members were asked to review the minutes from the previous meeting. There was a friendly amendment to include Ms. Christina Sorondo as excused from the last meeting. Also the special elections will take place on November 17 & 18. Mr.

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William Stafford moved to accept the minutes with the amendments. Ms. Christina Sorondo seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Ms. Burton informed the Council that the Executive Luncheon will be held on October 27 at the Kovens Conference Center. Attendance from the Council is limited to 7 people. If you are serious about attending, please see Ms. Burton.
- Thanks were extended to all those members who participated in the United Way Business Blitz. So far the Blitz raised about \$1,000. The Bookstore Coupons have not yet been received and as soon as they are here, participants will be able to receive them. They however have to turn in their envelopes with the business cards and their contributions.
- The Web site contributions from the different committees need to be turned in by tomorrow, Friday October 23.
- Anyone who is interested in being on the Best SGC committee, please see Ms. Holmes. This committee is working on putting together a packet to be submitted for the Florida Leaders Magazine for Best SGC.
- SGC Executive Board meetings meet every other Tuesday. There is a meeting scheduled for next Tuesday October 27. All E-Board members please be there, on time at 9:00 a.m.
- 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.
- Special Elections will be held on November 17 & 18. Deadline for applications is 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 all other elected positions that were appointed in the interim.

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NEW BUSINESS

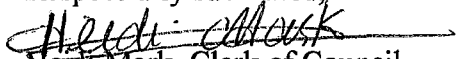
- There was an issue with a Registration flyer that was distributed by the Foot Soldiers. The information on the flyer was incorrect and the Foot Soldiers were blamed for it. In the future please have double check flyers so that any other problems can be avoided.
- On November 5, there will be an evaluation of the Council members and we will also have a writing proposal mini-workshop. There will also be food at the meeting.
- There have been rumors that the North Campus does not need new Housing. Ms. Ellison informed the Council that the Board of Regents needs to be convinced that there is a demand for housing on campus, and traditionally there has not been a waiting list for housing at the North Campus. This is where the rumor originated. University administration is dealing with the issue.

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. All proceeds go towards F.I.U. Scholarships. Volunteers are needed for this big event. Please sign up with Ms. Barbara in WUC 363.
- The SPJ Sports Lecture was a success. Thanks to all who came out.
- The closing ceremony for the United Way Campaign takes place next Thursday at 11:00 a.m. in Panther Square. Members who have not brought in your canisters please do so before next Thursday.
- Thanks to all those who attended the 12:00 Thunder event last Friday. It was great.
- The Florida Association of Residence Halls held a one-day conference here at FIU last Saturday. Bay Vista Hall Council along with the Councils at South Campus hosted the conference. There was a huge turn out and every one had a good time.

With no further business or comments the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


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