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Florida International University

Student Government Council

SGC MEETING
OCTOBER 29, 1998

6:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. Veronica Arcila, Student Services Chair
Ms. Dannielle Boyer, Representative-At-Large
Ms. Safiya Burton, President
Mr. David L. Cole, Associate Director of Campus Activities
Ms. Helen Ellison, Advisor
Ms. Mireidy Fernandez, Academic Affairs Chair
Mr. Delano Greene, School of Hospitality Representative
Mr. Fadi Hatem, Chief of Staff
Ms. Lakisha Holmes, Vice President
Mr. Gakunga Kihohia, Finance Chair
Mr. Kervins Laurent, Lower Division Representative
Ms. Heidi Mark, Administrative Assistant/ Clerk of Council
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

Ms. Giralda Merkman, Representative-At-Large

GUESTS

Ms. Rahema O Golding, SGC Intern
Mr. R. Joshua Smith, Finance Committee Member
Ms. Nadege Cherenfant, SGC Intern
Ms. Ivy Muya, SGC Intern
Mr. Orlando Amorin, SGC President- UP
Mr. Ian Grocher, SGC Vice President- UP
Mr. James Lubin
Mr. Shaun Emerson, SGC Intern
Ms. Katrina Davey, SGC Intern
Ms. Baiyina Hamed, SGC Intern
Ms. Christina Fisher, HOSA

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Ms. Monica La France, SGC Intern
Mr. Dave Gilbert, SGC Intern
Mr. Noel Charles, 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. Ms. Nicole Perkins moved to accept the minutes as submitted. Mr. Kervins Laurent seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Ms. Burton proposed that the elected members of the Council should form a Senate and the names changed to senators. The responsibilities of the senators would include among other things planning forums, doing booth hours and visiting classes on a weekly basis. The details of this system will be discussed at length at the retreat.
- At FSA last weekend, the Association took the stance to oppose the Tier System proposed by Chancellor Herbert.
- The Panther Power program needs some more attention since Mr. Saintilmon has a lot to do with Athletics. Therefore, instead of him carrying out two functions, the role of Panther Power Chair will rest on someone else. Ms. Veneisha Scott is the person being sought to fill this position.
- Ms. Burton briefed the Council on the proposed increase in Health and Athletic Fees. Over the years the North Campus has generated lots of dollars and we have not seen a cent of this money. These monies have been used elsewhere and the North Campus and Broward campus remains forgotten. Therefore, if these fees are increased Ms. Burton proposed that the North Campus receive a mere 25 cents from every dollar raised from the Athletic fee. If this is done the North Campus will receive \$170,000. Of this, we want \$120,000 to go towards a digital sign that will be placed at the entrance to the campus. The rest should go toward aggressive marketing of events, especially athletic events and transportation to these events. The Fee Committee will meet after the SGC meeting to hear the concerns of the members and then the committee will vote.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- 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.

- Please turn in your weekly reports in order for correct records to be maintained.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

- The committee will be holding an Educational Workshop next Thursday November 5 from 12-3 p.m. The workshop will be held in WUC 157. There will be a motivational speaker and free food will be provided courtesy Fridays Restaurant.
- The committee will also be working in conjunction with the Mortar Board Honor Society on a Toy Drive for the Christmas Holidays.

FINANCE

- Mr. Kihohia advised all members to adhere to the policies and regulations of file for funds requests whenever any events are being planned.
- The committee has enlisted the help of a professional to produce a document that will detail all the SGC accounts. This document will be made available to students.

STUDENT SERVICES

- The committee has been working on a plan for on campus transportation and this proposal will be submitted tomorrow.
- The Evening Out event will be held at Grand Prix Race O' Rama. The cost to students will be \$3, and the committee will absorb the rest of the cost so that each student can receive \$5 worth of tokens.
- Two digital signs have been donated and the sites to set up the boards are yet to decided.
- Mr. Stafford and Mr. Greene have applied to be on the food service committee. The Student Services committee wants to propose having shorter contracts for vendors in the cafeteria along with longer hours and a wider variety of food.

PANTHER POWER/ ATHLETICS

- On November 9 there is the SGC University Park vs. SGC North Campus Softball game. Much help is needed in preparing for this event. Please see any member of the committee to volunteer help.
- On November 13 the Men's Basketball team takes on Michigan at home. Two buses will leave the North Campus to take students down to University Park. Students may

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even be allowed the opportunity to stay for an after party and be transported back to the North Campus.

- The basketball tournament, which was scheduled for December 6, has been rescheduled for November 22. Please keep this in mind.
- The Panther Power Logo will be presented at the next meeting. There will be paraphernalia bearing the logo for members to see.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Web site contributions from the different committees need to be turned in by tomorrow, Friday October 23.
- 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.
- Today is the last day for filming of the SGC documentary. Please see Ms. Sorondo immediately after the meeting if you would like to be included in the shoot.
- The cost for acquiring a Panther Mascot is still quite high. The last quote was \$5,000. The Athletics Department has promised \$600, WUC has pledged \$2,000 and Joe Cardenas said that the rest could be put in by him.

NEW BUSINESS

- On November 13, there will be a mini-retreat to be held at the Kovens Conference Center. At this retreat there will be an evaluation of the Council members and a guest speaker.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

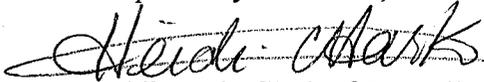
- The Habitat for Humanity community volunteer program has been rescheduled for October 31. Please keep this in mind.
- To celebrate Aventura's 10 Anniversary, there will an event called Bobby Socks on the Bay on November 21. This is a 50's revival and the Drifters will be performing. All proceeds go towards F.I.U. Scholarships. Volunteers are needed for this big event. Please sign up with Ms. Barbara in WUC 363.

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- Professor Joe Kaplan, a professor in the College of Education died earlier today. A memorial service is being planned in his memory. More details will be made available as the time draws nearer.
- The Graduate Student Association is holding a Town Hall meeting after the meeting in WUC 155.
- The Division of Student Affairs will be hosting a reception on November 6 at 3 p.m. in GC 120. The reception will highlight careers in the Student Affairs department and also how to prepare for these careers.
- Elections are coming up and members were encouraged to vote if eligible and also encourage their constituents to go out and vote. It is your civic responsibility.
- There will be an Honors Council Society Fair on November 6th, 7th and 8th.
- Last weekend the interns participated in the Ropes Course and it was a success.
- HOSA and SGC will host a Pool Party and Barbecue tomorrow at the pool facility. Please come and have a good time.
- International Students Club, Bay Vista Hall Council and SPC Popular Entertainment will be hosting a Halloween Party tomorrow in the WUC Ballroom from 10 p.m.

With no further business or comments the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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