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SGA MEETING
February 16, 2000

IN ATTENDANCE
Ms. Angie Berio, Lower-Division Representative
Ms. Adriannne Bez, Broward Representative
Ms. Danninelle Boyer, Representative-at-Large
Ms. Gloria Bryan, Internship Program Coordinator
Mr. Austin Caines, CUPA Representative
Ms. Ana-Mari Calleja, Community Relations Representative
Ms. Florence Carranza, Graduate Representative
Mr. Adrian Carter, Panther Power Coordinator
Mr. Robert Castellanos, Finance Chairperson
Mr. Webber Charles, Athletics Coordinator
Ms. Johanne Civil, Clerk of Council/Secretary
Mr. David Cole, Advisor
Ms. Katrina Davey, Lower Division Representative
Mr. Angel Garcia, Representative-at-Large
Ms. Anna Gruber, Hospitality Management Representative
Mr. Maxwell Hernandez, Nursing Representative
Mr. Mohammed Imana, Graduate Representative
Mr. Alioune Pallaye Kane, Academic Affairs Chairperson
Ms. Saluma Luna, Public Relations Chairperson
Mr. Tito Omaghomi, President
Ms. Avia Rice, Representative-at-Large
Ms. Veneisha Scott, Vice-President

ABSENT
Ms. Jenee F. Jones
Ms. Monica LaFrance
Mr. Rafael Zapata
Ms. Ula Zucker

GUESTS
Helen Ellison
Ireka Hamilton
Adina Leszczzyk
Magdala Cherenfant

CALL TO ORDER
Mr. Tito Omaghomi, SGC President, called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. He greeted the council and asked the Committee members to present their reports.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Mr. Tito Omaghomi announced that INROADS has been rescheduled. He also informed the council that a memo has been placed in their boxes concerning yearbook.

Also see attached Presidential Report.
VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Ms. Veneisha Scott informed the council members that their weekly reports should be placed in the box of the Chief of Staff every single week. She announced that the next SGC meeting will be in the Community Room of the Residents’ Hall. Everyone should be dressed in their blazers and shirts. Ms. Scott also announced that the Voters drive will be on the 28th of March.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
Mr. Pallaye Kane
Mr. Kane announced that the student scholarship forms have been completed. They will be sent to the proper administrators for approval. He is currently working on getting some form of budget for supplies for the SGC Computer Lab. Mr. Kane continued by informing the council about the Writing workshop presented by Robert Egner of the English Department. The workshop will take place in GC on February 18 at 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mr. Kane also informed the council that he has produced a folder for the person who will be taking his position next semester.

PANTHER POWER
Mr. Adrian Carter
Mr. Carter informed the council about the next Pep Rally, which will take place on March 14, 2000. He stated that he is currently working on organizing the Panther Squad. He is still meeting with Mr. Whit Hollis concerning the display case. Mr. Carter is currently working on purchasing more accessories for future Pep Rallies and other Panther Power events.

STUDENT SERVICES
Ms. Monica LaFrance
Absent.

PUBLIC RELATIONS
Ms. Saluma Luna
Absent.

FINANCE
Mr. Robert Castellanos
Mr. Castellanos reported that he is currently waiting on Ms. Pravia’s finally report on the balance of each account. He announced that he would like suggestions from the council concerning what should be done with the funds that are used. Mr. Castellanos informed the council that there will be a University Wide Committee meeting on March 10, 11, 17, and 28th at 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. speaking to Dr. Bonano about the budget. It does not appear that there will be any cuts. The Finance Committee meeting will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Mr. Castellanos stated that hearings could be as soon as the end of February or the beginning of March. He explained that panther power was not included on his handout due to the fact that it is a university wide committee.

Also see attached Finance Report

CHIEF OF STAFF
Ms. Jenee F. Jones
Absent.
SENATE
Ms. Avia Rice
Ms. Rice announced that there will be a Senate meeting on March 4th in the Conference Room. She requested the senators to work at least one shift at the Voter's Drive. She passed out a sample letter to the council as an example of what the letters to the Board of Regents should look like. Ms. Rice informed the council that $800 has been allocated towards the Student Diversity Awareness Event on March 1st. She will be placing a tentative agenda in the senator's boxes concerning their retreat. Ms. Rice also informed the council about the March 7th rally concerning Florida Initiative. It will be $15 per student. They will depart on Monday and return on Tuesday.

ATHLETICS
Mr. Webber Charles
Mr. Charles informed the council that he is currently working on an Athletics Forum. He plans on having the Athletics Administrators present at the forum.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS/ SPECIAL EVENTS
Ms. Ana-Mari Callejo
Ms. Callejo stated that she is working on finding more information on "Hands on Miami" and "Food for Life", which are both activities the council can participate in together.

BROWARD REPRESENTATIVE
Ms. Adrianne Bez
Ms. Bez reported that she is currently working on getting Picture Ids produced on the Broward campus in order to save the students the travel to North Campus.

ADVISORS' REPORT
Mr. David Cole made the following announcements:
1. He has been meeting with the Tri-Council in order to find solutions for current issues.
2. The Applications for the upcoming Student Elections will be due on March 2nd. There will be a mandatory meeting for those intending on running on the 9th of March.
3. The Cambridge Debate Team will be at the UP Campus on April 4th. All council members should feel free to attend.
4. He is currently working with Mr. Zapata and Mr. Hollis on hiring an Advisors' Assistant.

SOC/SPC REPORT
SPC
Ms. Veneisha Scott stated that there will be a POANCE performance occurring on the evening of February 16th. POANCE is a poetry and dance event.

SOC
Absent

OLD BUSINESS
A. Yearbook Announcement
B. Job Expo (Career Fair)
   1. April 3rd; 4 pm–7pm
C. Committee Liaisons
   2. See Handouts
D. Candidate Petition
   1. Jesus Camps

NEW BUSINESS
A. Student Fees and Parking and Traffic Fees
B. Financial Forum
   1. Guest Speaker: Robert Henderson; WUC 155; 11am-1pm
C. Space Committee Meeting
D. Young Minorities in Action
E. Representative Forum
   1. February 22, 2000; 12pm-2pm; WUC 100
F. Payment of Internship Coordinator and Chief of Staff

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:
Ms. Helen Ellison congratulated the council members on taking action by writing the administrative letters. She also announced the following:
1. The trails next to the library will be open to the students as a means of having more space available to them.
2. The computer lab for Housing will be open on March 1st.
3. There was a meeting with the Beacon, which will yield to an improvement on NC coverage.
4. The van for Housing will be coming soon. They are currently looking for drivers.
5. They are working diligently on finding a booster for the Radio Station.
6. Buses will be available for the rest of the Basketball Season.
7. She is currently helping in finding her replacement.

ADJOURNMENT:
The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Johnee Civil, Clerk of Council
Student Government Council, North Campus

ATTACHMENTS: Presidential Report.
Tito Omaghomi
President’s Report
Wednesday, February 16, 2000
5:30-6:30 Meeting

OLD BUSINESS
- INROADS
  A. Dates February 15, 2000 @ 10 AM

- Yearbook
  A. www.ouryear.com (school number is 330) February 22-25
  B. February 23 @ 6 PM yearbook will be here

- FOVC

- University Wide Committees
  A. Board of trustees 200 meeting Schedule
  B. Faculty Senate Meetings
  C. Alumni Associate Board of Directors Schedule meetings
  D. Advisory Committee meeting Schedule
    1. February 3, 2000; Education Building (UP); Room 320; 9:30 AM
  E. Space Committee Meeting
  F. Parking and Traffic Advisory
  G. Athletics Committee

- Florida One Initiative meeting with Jeb Bush 2:30-6:30 PM @ the Miami Arena

- FSA @ UCF in Orlando February 18-20, 2000 @ 1 PM
  A. Senate meeting

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