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Florida International University

Student Government Council

SGA MEETING
March 1, 2000

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. Angie Berio, Lower-Division Representative
Ms. Dannielle Boyer, Representative-at-Large
Ms. Gloria Bryan, Internship Program Coordinator
Mr. Austin Caines, CUPA Representative
Ms. Ana-Mari Callejo, Community Relations 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
Ms. Jenee F. Jones, Chief of Staff
Mr. Alioune Pallaye Kane, Academic Affairs Chairperson
Ms. Monica LaFrance, Student Services Chairperson
Mr. Tito Omaghomi, President
Ms. Avia Rice, Representative-at-Large
Ms. Veneisha Scott, Vice-President
Mr. Rafael Zapata, Advisor
Ms. Ula Zucker, Journalism Representative

ABSENT

Ms. Adrienne Bez
Ms. Florence Carranza
Ms. Saluma Luna
Mr. Gene Rozenberg

GUESTS

Raul Moncarz
Patricia Telles-Irvin
Whit Hollis
Helen Ellison
Latoya Christian
Mike Alabre

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Tito Omaghomi, SGC President, called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. He welcomed Ms. Patricia Telles-Irvin and Mr. Raul Moncarz and continued the meeting by asking the committee members to present their reports.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Tito Omaghomi thanked Mr. Moncarz and Ms. Telles-Irvin for attending the meeting. He presented the council with a memo that explained his proposal on how the Emolument Overage should be distributed. The council unanimously approved Mr. Omaghomi's proposal, which will lead to the appointed Internship Coordinator, Gloria Bryan, receiving a

stipend for the amount of \$1, 609.16. He informed the council that the bus trip to Tallahassee will be taking place on March 6th at 10:30 p.m. and will be returning on March 7 at 12 p.m. He also announced that he is looking for students who are interested in attending the College Leadership Florida 2000.

Also see attached Presidential Report.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Veneisha Scott thanked all the council members who helped make the Voter's Drive a success. She announced that the next SGC meeting will be in the Community Room of the Residents' Hall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Mr. Pallaye Kane

No report.

PANTHER POWER

Mr. Adrian Carter

Mr. Carter informed the council about the following:

1. The next Pep Rally, which will take place on March 14, 2000.
2. The Panther Squad will not perform this semester.
3. He is still meeting with Mr. Whit Hollis concerning the display case.
4. Ms. Renee Wobley, his intern, is working on purchasing Panther Power T-shirts.
5. He and Ms. Jenee F. Jones went to Sign-O-Rama to look at different sign designs.
6. Panther Power will be in charge of hospitality for the April 6th concert.
7. He is still looking for contestants for the upcoming Dating Game.

STUDENT SERVICES

Ms. Monica LaFrance

Ms. LaFrance informed the council on the following:

1. She met with Mr. Paul Gallagher on the 21st of February and discussed the following:
 - a. The present situation of the radio station
 - i. There is a possibility that a receiver might be purchased.
2. Scheduling for the usage of the dorm vans are currently under works.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Ms. Saluma Luna

Absent.

FINANCE

Mr. Robert Castellanos

Mr. Castellanos reported the following:

1. He brought forth the proposal presented by WISA
 - a. \$1,617 was the original amount proposed, but only \$675 was approved.
2. Mr. Angel Garcia was approved for the amount of \$250 from his \$341 proposal for the leadership Conference.
3. A memo will be sent to the council concerning the March 27th and March 28th Finance Meetings.
4. He would like input from the senators concerning what should be done about the budge.
5. The next Finance meeting will be on March 14th starting at 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

CHIEF OF STAFF

Ms. Jenee F. Jones

Ms. Jones explained the following:

1. She attended a grievance hearing:
 - a. The student was accused of plagiarizing which lead to her receiving an 'F' in the course

- i. The committee decided to recommend the Provost on reinstating her original grade.
2. She wanted to also make the point that council members should check their mailbox, which is why she had to attend the hearing.

SENATE

Ms. Avia Rice

Ms. Rice announced the following:

1. She needs more students to completely fill up the bus going to Tallahassee.
 - a. It will be taking place on March 7th.
 - b. The cost for the bus ride is \$15 per person.
 - c. The bus will be departing on Monday night and will be returning on Tuesday night.
2. The Senate Retreat will be on March 4th from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

ATHLETICS

Mr. Webber Charles

Mr. Charles informed the council of the following:

6. He is placing the final touch on the Athletic Forum, which will take place at 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on March 8th in Panther Square.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS/ SPECIAL EVENTS

Ms. Ana-Mari Callejo

Ms. Callejo stated the following:

1. She has made it possible for the council to volunteer at the special Olympics:
 - a. It will be on March 19th at the Stadium.
 - b. There will be two shifts to be worked
 - i. Sign up at the next meeting.

BROWARD REPRESENTATIVE

Ms. Adrienne Bez

Absent

ADVISORS' REPORT

Mr. David Cole made the following announcements:

1. The Applications for the upcoming Student Elections will be due on March 2nd
 - a. All Council members are encouraged to inform students about the opportunities that SGC brings.
2. The Cambridge Debate Team will be at the UP Campus on April 4th. All council members should feel free to attend.

SOC/SPC REPORT

SPC

Mr. Zapata reported that there will be a Run DMC concert on April 6th. This will be one of the biggest projects that SPC has put together.

SOC

Absent

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Yearbook
- B. Financial Forum
- C. Young Minorities in Action
- D. Black Tie Affair

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Dr. Raul Moncarz, Vice-Provost
- B. Ms. Patricia Telles-Irvin, Vice-President of Student Affairs
- C. Census 2000
- D. Mr. Adrian Carter's Letter to the Council

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

Ms. Telles-Irvin congratulated Ms. Veneisha Scott and the council members on taking action by writing the administrative letters. She also announced the following:

- 1. Two vans have been purchased for both NC and SC Housing transportation.
 - a. They will be available for use in the coming weeks.
- 2. The Eating Facility (Cafeteria) will be going through the following changes:
 - a. It will be relocated from the 2nd floor of WUC to the First floor behind the Telecommunications Center and the Oasis.
 - b. There will be a wider variety to purchase from.
- 3. Fitness Center
 - a. There are plans being worked on the expansion of the center
 - b. It will be relocated towards the pool.
 - c. The cost is estimated to be around 1.3 to 1.5 million dollars.
- 4. The following actions are to due to occur in the Residence Halls:
 - a. The roofs are going to be fixed.
 - b. The sidewalks are to be fixed and painted.
 - c. A computer lab is to be built soon.
 - d. Looking for ideas and suggestions on how to improve housing.
- 5. The trails next to the library will be open to the students as a means of having more space available to them
 - a. They will be open twenty-four hours every Monday thru Thursday.
- 6. There will be a posting for the position of Assistant Director of the Volunteer Action Center.
- 7. There is a tentative Housing Safety Campus Walk in the evening of March 28th.
- 8. The Beacon
 - a. The Dean of Journalism was spoken to concerning the coverage of NC
 - i. There will be an increase in revenue.
 - ii. Three faculty members from the Journalism department have been consulted.
 - iii. Persons from the Herald and Sun Sentinel have been hired to work on the Beacon staff.
- 9. Medical Card
 - a. Some International are not receiving these cards on time
 - i. The problem is being worked on.
- 10. The following are being done concerning the Radio Station:
 - a. Dr. Lunsford is working on it.
 - i. They are not trying to leave out NC.

Mr. Raul Moncarz greeted the council and complimented them on their work with the letters. He continued by announcing the following:

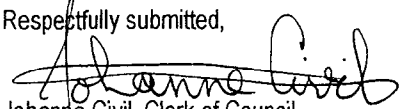
- 1. He would like to renovate NC.
- 2. The Art and Marine Biology majors will be coming to NC soon.
- 3. New lights and resurfacing for the Basketball court.

Also see attached Vice-Provost Packet.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Johanne Civil". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "C".

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

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ATTACHMENTS: Presidential Report, Presidential Memo, and Vice-Provost Report.



Florida International University

Student Government Council
Office of the President

Tito Omaghomi
President's Report
Wednesday, March 01, 2000
5:30-7:00 Meeting

OLD BUSINESS

- Pan-African Celebration
- Yearbook
- FOVC
- Census 2000
- Job Expo

NEW BUSINESS

- Meeting with Patricia Telles-Irvin
- Census (In Housing)
- Affirmative Action vs. Florida One Initiative
 - A. March 1, 2000; 6:30 - 9:00pm; Panther Square
- Bus Trip to Tallahassee
 - 1. Departure: March 6, 2000; 10:30am; North Campus
 - 2. Return: March 7, 2000; 12pm; North Campus
- D.C. Trip
- Young Minorities in Action



Florida International University

Student Government Council
Office of the President

Memo

To: Student Government Council members

From: Tito Omaghomi Student Government President

Date: February 30, 2000

Ref: Emolument Overage

Attached is a breakdown on how the overage of emoluments is calculated for July 1, 1999 - January 31, 2000. I am proposing that the total should be distributed as follows:

Stipend for Internship Coordinator	\$1,609.16
SGC General Funds	\$491.23
Presidential Discretionary	\$695
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Total	\$2,795.39

1999/2000 Biscayne Bay Campus Emoluments

Fiscal Year – July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date Expenses</u>	<u>Balance(January 31, 2000)</u>
\$106,000.00	59,037.94	\$46,962.06

Budget

\$106,000.00 / 12 month * 7 month (July 1, 1999-January 31, 2000) = \$61,833.31

Actual "Year to Date" (January 31, 2000) expenses = \$59,037.94

OVERAGE \$ 2,795.39

VISION 2000

Let me express my most sincere gratitude for inviting me to speak to you this day here at our beautiful campus.

In my short time as Vice Provost, I have come to realize several key assets we possess here at the Biscayne Bay Campus. I would like to express these strengths in the form of what I will call a Vision 2000.

First, our campus and its surrounding environment are in a unique and special setting – Biscayne Bay-- that is unlike any other location in the world. We are blessed to have this location, and we must treat it with respect and make sincere use of it, so that we may reap the greatest benefit possible for our entire College community.

Secondly, we have a truly outstanding and dedicated faculty that is concerned with the optimization of student learning.

Third, the campus has a hungry and eager student body, one that demands quality in programs, teaching, and services for their tuition and time spent on campus.

Finally, we have a unique opportunity to serve our College community in a dynamic environment and in an era unlike any previous time period known to education.

Because of these current conditions, we must forge new methods of reaching our common goals.

I THINK WE CAN ALL AGREE ON THAT.

We must capitalize on these four resources now and move swiftly to continue constructing a Biscayne Bay Campus Community that will be comprised of faculty, students, staff and citizens in our neighboring region. Capturing our unique assets at this critical time, at the start of a new millenium, will result in a formidable position over competing institutions. A platform upon which we can build already exists. The foundation for our

success has been solidly established through the efforts of previous builders, such as Adam Herbert, Paul Gallagher, Mary Pankowsky and Richard Correnti.

Now, today, in order to secure and maintain a lead in the delivery of the highest quality of University endeavors, we must begin to do the following:

- ❖ Develop plans to find effective ways to capitalize on our unique setting and location here on Biscayne Bay.
- ❖ Institute new programs that are cutting edge and coordinate across multiple disciplines. In performing this one single task, we will secure our position for the next ten years. We need new programs --as well as current ones -- that embrace a start-to-finish structure and that utilize new delivery methods based upon emerging technologies and other innovations. Programs that make better and fuller use of current campus community resources are also essential to our success.
- ❖ We must increase student access to the latest forms of delivery systems across all subjects, support services and campus life, while keeping in mind the specialized characteristics of both our commuter and resident student family.
- ❖ We need to extend our hand in an effort to secure a liaison and partnership with the neighboring community, business enterprises, governments and service organizations, with the sole purpose of campus recognition and student placement.

In the course of meetings with students, faculty, staff and community leaders, I have learned that we are, in truth, a community. And as such, it can be seen that there are innumerable opportunities available to us here, and now. Today, I would like to address three specific opportunities for our very special campus community. They are as follows:

OUR FIRST OPPORTUNITY IS TO BEGIN developing new, cutting edge programs to meet the growth in our region of South Florida. These are primarily in the areas of Marine Biology, General Business and Technology, E-Commerce, Information Technology, and the Liberal Arts.

Expansion is also critically needed in other areas as well; most notably, in Arts and Sciences, Education, Nursing, Health and the environment. Here, we can build specific niches for ourselves that demonstrate our unique approach to education.

Our anchor schools, those of Journalism and Hospitality Management are already well-recognized at the national and international levels, and they will, of course, continue striving for excellence as we ask them to forge new directions in their areas of excellence.

OUR SECOND OPPORTUNITY RELATES DIRECTLY TO OUR STUDENTS. We have an obligation and responsibility to our student community at the Biscayne Bay Campus to meet their unique needs as commuters and resident students. More services, and better access to existing services, is a must. At this time, we are actively addressing specific student needs, and we are working toward satisfying these needs quickly and efficiently. In addition to this initiative, we have begun working concurrently with Student Affairs and Business and Finance to assure our students the highest level of satisfaction.

Finally, work has begun on a new soccer field and on illumination of the basketball court, as well as on the initiating of new state-of-the-art computer labs and information technology and telecommunication links between campuses.

OUR THIRD AND FINAL OPPORTUNITY FOCUSES ON OUR COMMUNITY. It is time to continue and to expand a working partnership with our community, and a sharing of resources with it. Embracing our community and environment as our partner will only help to increase the level of credibility and exposure provided by the Biscayne Bay Campus of Florida International University.

Now how are we going to accomplish this vision? By a committed development and enactment of Campus Design Teams to build our community. These Campus Design Teams will represent the various units within our campus community and will have the mission of developing objectives towards reaching the above goals. The BBC has already established a momentum toward this vision. We ask for your support in the continuance of this process toward the union and the goals of this campus community.

Thus, let me extend a direct invitation to the leadership and to the individual members of the Faculty Senate to visit, contribute to and help strengthen our determination to effect the continuous growth and development of the BBC community.

Raul Moncarz
Vice Provost, Biscayne Bay Campus