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Florida International University

Student Government Council

SGC MEETING
MAY 25, 1999

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Kunga Kihohia, President
Mr. Tito Omaghomi, Vice President
Ms. Katrina Davey, Lower Division Representative
Ms. Gloria Bryan, Lower Division Representative (LT)
Ms. Florence Carranza, Graduate Representative
Ms. Nicole Perkins, Clerk of Council/Secretary
Ms. Ula Zucker, Journalism and Mass Communications Representative (LT)
Ms. Monica LaFrance, Student Services Chairperson
Ms. Avia Rice, Representative-at-Large (LT)
Ms. Dannielle Boyer, Representative-at-Large
Mr. Peter Gallego, Representative-at-Large
Ms. Jenee F. Jones, Chief of Staff – Volunteer
Ms. Shrita Penn, Graduate Representative
Mr. David Cole, Advisor
Mr. Rafael Zapata, Advisor

ABSENT

Mr. David Dajani, School of Hospitality Representative
Mr. Alberto Kan, Director of University Relations/ Special Events
Ms. Veneisha Scott, Panther Power Coordinator
Mr. Angel Garcia, Representative-at-Large

GUESTS

Mr. Alois Odhiambo
Mr. Alioune Pallaya Kane
Mrs. Gayane Stepanian

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Kunga Kihohia, SGC President, called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. He welcomed the Council to another meeting. Ms. Katrina made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Mr. Peter Gallego seconded the move. The vote passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Kihohia expressed his discontent with the participation of the Council in the Rally for Life event. Rally for Life was an event that raised awareness about cancer. Mr. Kihohia stressed the importance of attending these types of events as they connect Student Government with the community.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The "Roles and Responsibilities" contract needs to be signed, dated, and submitted as soon as possible. Also, each member needs to read and understand the rules, regulations, and procedures of the office. Members can pick up a copy of these regulations from Ms. Barbara Levy, Office of Campus Activities Senior Secretary.

Student Government is in the process of receiving a new time clock. Until it arrives, the Council needs to sign in and out with Ms. Levy. Those members who perform their hours after 5 p.m. need to speak with Mr. Omaghomi or Ms. Jones to make arrangements.

The Student Government Annual Retreat will take place June 4 – 6, 1999 in Key Largo. The vans will depart the North Campus at 10 a.m. Members need to arrive at 9 a.m. to take care of any last minute adjustments. A small quiz on the Constitution and By-Laws will be given at the end of the retreat.

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VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Omaghomi asked those Council members who have not submitted their office hours needs to do so as soon as possible. Those members who need to change their office hours needs to contact Mr. Omaghomi immediately.

Weekly reports are due every Friday at 6 p.m. There is a box provided with weekly reports located near the SGC mailboxes. Please take it upon yourself to make copies when there is a shortage.

Mr. Omaghomi announced that if any Council member misses 3 meetings, they are automatically dismissed from the Council. They will have to appear before that Council to become appointed. Since it was not mandatory, the budget meeting will not apply towards this count.

Also, each council member will be responsible for attending 2 classes per week and make a presentation, informing students about Student Government. Further instructions will be provided later.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STUDENT SERVICES

Ms. Monica LaFrance, Chair

The University has decided that C.A.T.S. shuttle because of the lack of its use. The Housing shuttle has been approved. However, it needs to be funded and that what is preventing it from being implemented.

PANTHER POWER

Ms. Veneisha Scott, Chair

Ms. Scott was absent, therefore, another council member presented for her. The first pep rally is scheduled for both campuses. The committee is in the process of buying uniforms. The actual date will be announced later.

CHIEF OF STAFF/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - VOLUNTEER

Ms. Jenee F. Jones

Ms. Jones informed the Council that she expected to meet with each Council member personally. She will be working very closely with each committee chairperson.

NEW BUSINESS

The Senate was a concept that was developed during the last term. Mr. Kihohia will like this to carry over to this term. The Senate will comprise all of the voting representatives. Whereas, the appointed members will comprise the Executive Board. The Senate will be redeveloped and reshaped in depth by Ms. Avia Rice and Ms. Dannielle Boyer. They will make a presentation at the SGC Retreat.

OLD BUSINESS

The adoption of the Oleta River State Park was a success. Mr. Kihohia thanked all of those people who were able to attend.

The Summer Theater Program was allocated \$2,000.00 for the summer. It will bring new life to the auditorium this term. We hope that it will take off and provide good entertainment that the students can enjoy.

APPOINTMENTS

Broward Representative:

Ms. Gayane Stepanian was nominated for this position. She was the only candidate for the seat as the Broward Representative. She was given 5 minutes to present her platform. Ms. Avia Rice made a motion to appoint Mrs. Stepanian to this position. Ms. Katrina Davey seconded the motion. DISCUSSION: There was discussion on Ms. Stepanian's plans towards the issues of the Broward campus and concerns. She responded that the first and major problem with these campuses is its parking. She hopes to make these types of changes if appointed. VOTE: Unanimous.

Academic Affairs Chairperson:

Mr. Alioune Pallaye Kane was nominated for the position as Academic Affairs Chairperson. In addition, he was given 5 minutes to present himself to the Council. Mr. Tito Omaghomi made a motion to appoint Mr. Kane as the Academic Affairs Chairperson. Ms. Gloria Bryan seconded the motion. DISCUSSION: Mr. Kane was asked, "How do you plan on

letting students know about the services offered in your committee?" Mr. Kane responded, "...through surveys, and just letting people know." In addition, Mr. Kane plans to reinstate the Teacher Evaluation Booklets. He feels as though this is a good way to provide students with good knowledge that will help them make excellent choices in what classes to take. VOTE: 8 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Director of Student Lobbying/ Community Relations:

Since Ms. Melissa Tapanes has resigned from this position, Mr. Alois Odhiambo was nominated for it. Mr. Odhiambo is a transfer student from Barry University. He feels that there is a lack of communication between SGC and the students. Mr. Odhiambo's goal is to get the students involved. Mr. Tito Omaghomi moved to appoint Mr. Odhiambo as the Director of Student Lobbying/Community Relations. Ms. Dannielle Boyer seconded the move. DISCUSSION: He was asked about his knowledge of FIU's goal in gaining a law school. He responded that he has some knowledge from his research in the past 2 days, has spoken to Ms. Tapanes and has plans on becoming heavily involved in this effort. VOTE: Unanimous.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

Mr. Zapata announced that all potential activities are due by Tuesday, June 15, 1999. Also, for those Council members who can make it, FIU vs. FAU has a College Bowl Baseball series at 3:30 p.m. at the University of Miami this Friday.

Mr. Zapata announced that there is an intern working with Campus Activities but mostly with Ms. Veneisha Scott. Ms. Davey and Ms. Bryan will be speaking to Orientation students about Student Government but the Council will have many other opportunities to speak. The next Orientation dates are June 16 - 17, 21 - 22, and the 24 - 25.

Renovations on the 3rd floor of the Wolfe University Center will take place this summer.

Dr. Patricia Telles-Irvin has asked for a "How to Make Goals" session to be added to the SGC Retreat

Mr. Cole added that the Miami Commissioner's meeting was held last week about the penny tax for FIU. Mr. Cole thanked Mr. Kihohia for gathering people for this effort, despite the participation of each campus (UP had a week's notice and NC had a 12 hour notice). In return, Mr. Kihohia thanked the Council for their support. Good news, it was passed.

ADJORNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Perkins, Clerk of Council
Student Government Council, North Campus

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