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# Florida International University

## Student Government Council

SGA MEETING  
JUNE 8, 1999

### IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Kunga Kihohia, President  
Mr. Tito Omaghomu, Vice President  
Ms. Katrina Davey, Lower Division Representative  
Ms. Gloria Bryan, Lower Division Representative  
Ms. Florence Carranza, Graduate Representative  
Ms. Nicole Perkins, Clerk of Council/Secretary  
Ms. Ula Zucker, Journalism and Mass Communications Representative  
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  
Mr. David Dajani, School of Hospitality Representative  
Mr. Alberto Kan, Director of University Relations/ Special Events  
Mr. Alois Odhiambo, Director of Student Lobbying/Community Relations (LT)  
Mr. Alioune Pallaye Kane, Academic Affairs Chairperson  
Mrs. Gayane Stepanian, Broward Representative

### ABSENT

Ms. Veneisha Scott, Panther Power Coordinator  
Mr. Angel Garcia, Representative-at-Large

### GUESTS

Mr. Perry Kyles, Comptroller – SGA/UP  
Mr. Greg Trujillo,  
Kirk Weiss,  
Orlando Amorin, President – SGA/UP  
Robert Castellanos  
Linda Lubin, SPC Chairperson  
Mitch Santilmon

### CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Kunga Kihohia, SGC President, called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. He asked the Council to review the minutes. Ms. Katrina Davey made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Ms. Gloria Bryan seconded the move. The vote passed unanimously.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In the first order of business, Mr. Kihohia thanked the University Park SGA members for making an appearance. Shortly after, he asked the Council members what would be a convenient time to meet for the summer. Since there was no drastic change of the majority of Council members, the meeting times will remain on Tuesday s at 6 p.m.

Mr. Kihohia announced that beginning next week, Senate and E-board meetings will take place. They will alternate each week with regular Student Government meetings.

Office hours need to be submitted by the end of this week so that Ms. Levy can post them in the office. In addition, council members need to sign in with Ms. Levy when they perform their office hours. If the office hours are performed after 5 p.m., you must speak with Mr. Tito Omaghomu or Ms. Jenee Jones.

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STUDENT GOVT. ACCOUNTING

Mr. Kihohia asked Ms. Nicole Perkins to distribute the mission statement of the SGA – North Campus. He asked the Council to eternalize them. Just then, there was an INTERRUPTION. The new panther mascot is finally available. He will be making appearances at most events on the North Campus. This was a yearlong effort and its effects are paying off.

Dr. Mary Pankowski is resigning from her position as Vice President of . There is a passing of the torch ceremony on June 24, 1999 at 5:30 p.m. on the University Park campus in PC 521. She will pass the torch to Dr. Patricia Telles-Irvin.

The Association of College International will be held on October 21 – 23, 1999 in Atlanta, Georgia. Those interested in attending please signup with Ms. Perkins.

The Marquis sign is scheduled to be up and running by the fall semester. The sign is bigger than expected. Ms. Ula Zucker proposed to the Council that instead of having forums, which has a lack of participation, we should have lectures and workshops. She asked the Council to ponder the idea and get back to her.

#### VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Those members who have not submitted their weekly reports need to do so immediately. There are a number of members who are near probation.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

*Mr. Pallaye Kane, Chair*

Mr. Kane spent the week introducing himself to different offices on the North Campus including Admissions and Registration. Mr. Kane reported that University is in the process of implementing One Stop. It is a procedure where a student goes to one place to take care of issues with various departments.

##### STUDENT SERVICES

*Ms. Monica LaFrance, Chair*

Ms. LaFrance is focusing most of her attention on the petition for the C.A.T.S. shuttle. She is in the process of getting the SGA booth running again before the fall semester. She is also investigating the usage of the Digital Board in Academic One, near the Registration office.

##### PANTHER POWER

*Ms. Veneisha Scott, Chair*

Ms. Scott was absent; therefore, Mr. Omaghomi presented. July 30 and August 12, 1999 are the dates that the Panther Power committee will host tryouts for the Panther Squad. They new squad should be fitted for uniforms on the first week of school. An upcoming event will involve the FIU Dazzlers, Miami Heat cheerleaders, and other famous dancers.

##### 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.

##### UNIVERSITY RELATIONS/ SPECIAL EVENTS

*Mr. Alberto Kan*

Mr. Kan is working on the promotion for the Law School Rally. He is focusing on SOC and SPC involvement as well as the student body. He is also looking into updating the SGA web page and the Panther Power line.

#### ADVISOR'S REPORT

Mr. David Cole and Mr. Rafael Zapata announced that there is another City Council meeting. It is scheduled for June 22, 1999. The time is to be announced.

#### 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.

## APPOINTMENTS

### *Finance Chairperson:*

Mr. Robert Castellanos was nominated for this position. Mr. Castellanos was the Comptroller for the University Park Student Government. He was given 5 minutes to present himself to the Council. He noted his successfulness by funding everyone fairly and appropriately. Mr. Peter Gallego moved to appoint Mr. Castellanos as Finance Chairperson. Mr. Tito Omaghomi seconded the move. VOTE: 10 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions.

### *Athletics Chairperson:*

Mr. Mitch Santilmon was nominated for this position. He was formerly the Athletics Coordinator last term. He was seeking re-appointment. However, this position was terminated. The position needs be reinstated.

Mr. Tito Omaghomi moved to reinstate the position of Athletics Coordinator. Ms. Gloria Bryan seconded the move. VOTE: unanimous.

Mr. Omaghomi moved to appoint Mr. Santilmon as the Athletics Coordinator. Ms. Gloria Bryan seconded the motion. DISCUSSION: Mr. Santilmon stated that his strengths were a positive attitude and his ability to work with people. His weakness was delegation. VOTE: 9 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention.

### COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

SPC is the mist of planning the events for the upcoming year. Calendars are posted in the office. If you see things that need to be listed or visible conflicts with other events on campus, please notify Ms. Linda Lubin, SPC President.

Mr. Gallego announced that he will resign as co-editor of the yearbook due to conflicts.

Ms. Avia Rice informed the Council that there are Senate and E-board meetings scheduled for next week.

### ADJORNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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