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IN ATTENDANCE
Mr. Kunga Kihohia, President
Mr. Tito Omaghomi, 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
Ms. Jenee F. Jones, Chief of Staff – Volunteer
Mr. David Cole, Advisor
Mr. Rafael Zapata, Advisor
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
Ms. Veneisha Scott, Panther Power Coordinator
Mr. Angel Garcia, Representative-at-Large
Mr. Mitch Santilimon, Athletics Coordinator
Mr. Robert Castellanos, Finance Chairperson

ABSENT
Mr. David Dajani, School of Hospitality Representative
Mr. Peter Gallego, Representative-at-Large
Ms. Shrita Penn, Graduate Representative

GUESTS
Mr. Orlando Amorin, President – SGA/UP
Ms. Linda Lubin, SPC Chairperson

CALL TO ORDER
Mr. Kunga Kihohia, SGC President, called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. He asked the Council to review the minutes. Ms. Gloria Bryan made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Ms. Dannielle Boyer seconded the move. 5 in favor, 2 opposed 0 abstentions.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Mr. Kihohia expressed his concern with the Senate. There has been confusion in the role that the Senate plays. He saved this discussion for the end of the meeting. Every was given an opportunity to express their questions and concerns about this matter. In addition, Mr. Kihohia explains the process of voting in Senate meetings. The voting must be left at general SGA meeting because the whole Council needs to be informed on what's being voted upon.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Mr. Omaghomi compiled a list of those members who are behind on their weekly reports. He also announced that from today, those weekly reports that are late will be considered as absent. This will result in the holding of paychecks. He thanked those members who provided input on the APA. The members, who submitted input and did not put your name on it, please identify your work.
Mr. Omaghomi took this time for the Council to reinstate two of its former members. Ms. Veneisha Scott was removed from the Council due to being absent for three meetings. Mr. Angel Garcia was removed for the same reason. Both were given opportunities to explain their absence and why they should be reinstated.

Ms. Gloria Bryan made a motion to appoint Mr. Angel Garcia as a Representative-at-Large. Ms. Katrina Davey seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Ms. Gloria Bryan, also made a motion to re-appoint Ms. Veneisha Scott as the Panther Power Coordinator. Ms. Dannielle Boyer seconded it. VOTE: Unanimous.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS  
Mr. Pallaye Kane, Chair
Mr. Kane spoke briefly about the SGC scholarship distribution. Six scholarships will be awarded. They are each for $500 per year. There are 11 applicants. A committee of seven people, including staff and students, will determine the winners.

STUDENT SERVICES  
Ms. Monica LaFrance, Chair
No report.

PANTHER POWER  
Ms. Veneisha Scott, Chair
No report.

CHIEF OF STAFF/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - VOLUNTEER  
Ms. Jenee F. Jones
Ms. Jones informed the Council that letters of absenteeism will be distributed from here on out. Once any Council member has missed at least two meetings, they will be notified with one of the absenteeism letters.

UNIVERSITY RELATIONS/ SPECIAL EVENTS  
Mr. Alberto Kan
Mr. Kan proposed a pep rally supporting the Law School adventure. There was a proposal for a party also. Mr. Kan also announced that there are approximately 57 students signed up to go to the Law School Rally in Tallahassee.

FINANCE  
Mr. Robert Castellanos
Mr. Castellanos announced that the budget has been approved. Every Council member should have received a copy of the budget in his or her box. The Finance committee meeting are scheduled for Thursdays.

STUDENT LOBBYING/ COMMUNITY RELATIONS  
Mr. Alois Odhiambo
Mr. Odhiambo announced that there will be a FSA meeting held in the Roz and Cal Kovens Conference Center this Friday, June 25, 1999 at 10:30 a.m.

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 needs to appoint a Chair, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary. Ms. Avia Rice and Ms. Florence Carranza were both nominated for the position of Senate Chairperson. Regrettfully, Ms. Carranza declined the nomination. Ms. Dannielle Boyer made a motion to appoint Ms. Rice as Senate Chairperson. Ms. Katrina Davey seconded the motion. VOTE: 8 in favor, 1 opposition, 0 abstentions.

Ms. Dannielle Boyer was nominated for Senate Vice-Chairperson. Ms. Rice made a motion to appoint Ms. Boyer as Senate Vice-Chairperson. Ms. Ula Zucker seconded that motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Ms. Katrina Davey was nominated for Senate Secretary. Ms. Dannielle Boyer moved to appoint Ms. Davey to this position. Ms. Gloria Bryan seconded it. VOTE: 7 in favor, 1 opposition, 0 abstentions.
COMMUNITY COMMENTS:
SPC is excited about the new academic year. They recently filled the deadline for the Campus Activities calendar. Ms. Linda Lubin, SPC President, will be attending Orientation sessions to inform new students about the Tri-Council.

Ms. Ula Zucker is working on office remodeling. She found that the office needs a more professional appearance. She will research different furniture stores for the best prices.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

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