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# Florida International University

## Student Government Council

SGC MEETING  
JULY 6, 1999

### IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Kunga Kihohia, President  
Mr. Tito Omaghomi, Vice President (LT)  
Ms. Gloria Bryan, Lower Division 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  
Ms. Jenee F. Jones, Chief of Staff - Volunteer  
Mr. Rafael Zapata, Advisor  
Mr. Alois Odhiambo, Director of Student Lobbying/Community Relations (LT)  
Mr. Alioune Pallaye Kane, Academic Affairs Chairperson  
Ms. Veneisha Scott, Panther Power Coordinator  
Mr. Angel Garcia, Representative-at-Large  
Mr. Robert Castellanos, Finance Chairperson (LT)

### ABSENT

Mr. David Dajani, School of Hospitality Representative  
Mr. Peter Gallego, Representative-at-Large  
Ms. Shrita Penn, Graduate Representative  
Ms. Katrina Davey, Lower Division Representative  
Mr. Mitch Santilmon, Athletics Coordinator  
Mr. Alberto Kan, Director of University Relations/ Special Events  
Mrs. Gayane Stepanian, Broward Representative  
Mr. David Cole, Advisor  
Ms. Florence Carranza, Graduate Representative

### GUESTS

Ms. Linda Lubin, SPC Chairperson  
Ms. Adina Leszczyk  
Mr. Arthur Papillion, Jr.  
Vaughn Martin

### CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Kunga Kihohia, SGC President, called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m. He welcomed the Council to another meeting. The minutes were not yet prepared for today's meeting; therefore, the approval of the minutes will be postponed to the next general Council meeting.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Kihohia announced that certain Council members will not be able to attend today's meeting. One of those members is Mrs. Gayane Stepanian. She is unable to maintain her position as Broward Representative due to her classes and expected birth of her child.

In addition, Mr. Peter Gallego, Ms. Shrita Penn, and Mr. David Dajani are off the Council indefinitely. Ms. Katrina Davey will be returning from Jamaica on July 8, 1999.

Ms. Monica LaFrance, Ms. Gloria Bryan, and Ms. Dannielle Boyer are all celebrating birthdays in July. There will be a special celebration for them at the end of the month.

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STUDENT GOVT. ACCOUNTING

Michelle

The annual FSA retreat is July 23 –26, 1999. Those interested members please sign up as soon as possible. It will be held in Tampa, Florida.

Also, sign up for the Association of College Unions International as soon as possible. This conference will be held on October 21 –23, 1999 in Atlanta, Georgia.

There is a party scheduled for July 22, 1999 at 10pm in the Wolfe University Center. It will be sponsored by SGA – North Campus and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

At the next SGA meeting, members will need to know the alma mater of the school.

#### VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Omaghomi offered assistance to those members who need help on the APA Revision Code, which is due Tuesday, July 13, 1999.

The Code of Ethics was formed by Mr. Omaghomi with the assistance of Mr. Castellanos. The Council was asked to review the Code of Ethics.

Ms. Dannielle Boyer moved to table voting on the implementation of the Ethics Code into our Constitution until the next general Council meeting. Ms. Gloria Bryan seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

*Mr. Pallaye Kane, Chair*

Mr. Kane announced that the Small Development Business Research Center has been closed. He is working on the SGA Scholarships and is still in the process of forming a committee.

##### STUDENT SERVICES

*Ms. Monica LaFrance, Chair*

Ms. Monica LaFrance asked the Council members to look over the report she submitted and to please give comments. She is in the process of working on three main things.

##### PANTHER POWER

*Ms. Veneisha Scott, Chair*

Ms. Scott announced that the University Wide Panther Power Committee has been allocated \$23,000. She has sent out fifteen letters to prospective companies requesting donations and giveaways. Blue Moon Café and Karaoke Tuesdays have set dates. They will be provided at a later date.

Ms. Scott wants to implement Student Appreciation Week in the month of October.

She wants to paint panther paws throughout the school to promote school spirit, visibility of school colors, especially in the Wolfe University Center.

##### CHIEF OF STAFF/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - VOLUNTEER

*Ms. Jenee F. Jones*

Ms. Jones is seeking for parchment paper to mount the SGA – North Campus mission statement and goals. She announced that the various committees need to submit minutes and reports as soon as possible.

Everyone who uses the SGA vice-presidential office needs to keep it clean. She also announced that due to three absences at meetings, Mr. Mitch Santilmon and Mr. Alberto Kan are removed from the Council.

##### UNIVERSITY RELATIONS/ SPECIAL EVENTS

*Mr. Alberto Kan*

Not present.

##### FINANCE

*Mr. Robert Castellanos*

Mr. Castellanos announced that the FIU – North Miami Finance Code is almost finalized. This will be looked at by the Senate and then taken University Wide. He is attempting to locate the Treasurer's manual. He is also working on the auditing for the SGA - North Campus that looks fine as of today. There will be a budget report at every meeting.

Mr. Castellanos is trying to purchase six new computer with a one-year warranty for the office.

STUDENT LOBBYING/ COMMUNITY RELATIONS

*Mr. Alois Odhiambo*

Mr. Odhiambo requests that members put letters stating their desire for a Law school in his mailbox. He also requests that everyone write a letter to Governor Jeb Bush to thank him for vetoing the recent 5% tuition increase. Mr. Odhiambo informed the Council that Lieutenant Governor Brogan has recently lost his wife to cancer. Our thoughts are with him. The SGA booth will be operating from 12 noon to 2p.m. to promote the rally. Special thanks to Ms. Ula Zucker and Ms. Veneisha Scott for this accomplishment.

ADVISOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rafael Zapata reminded the Council that the mandatory meeting for all those individuals attending the Law School Rally is tomorrow. It is imperative that the University Relations/ Special Events Chair attends.

SOC/SPC REPORT

**SPC**

Ms. Lubin, SPC President, announced that they are actively working on the calendar and would like as much feedback as possible. She also announced that SPC has a new Vice-Chair and she will be contacting all interested persons.

There is a new name for Welcome Back week; it will be called "Fall Festival". Ms. Lubin is working on office beautification. She is trying to order and gather giveaways to pass out to a target group to get them involved in Campus Activities. The first concert for the fall semester will be in September. They have considered Run DMC, Rayhel from The Roots, and/or Slick Rick.

SPC is in the process of planning Homecoming. They are collaborating with the South Campus for the calendar.

**SOC**

May need a new SOC chair. Ms. Nia Johnson will not be working for the summer.

NEW BUSINESS

*Parliamentarian*

*Mr. Vaughn Martin*

Mr. Martin is seeking appointment as the Parliamentarian of the Council. The position will bring order to the Council in a roundabout way, especially during meetings. This position has already been established in SGA; it just has remained unfilled. DISCUSSION: Mr. Castellanos felt that this was an opportunity to strengthen our Constitution, a way for FIU to advance. Ms. Rice pointed out that the duties listed for this position are covered by other position on the Council.

Mr. Tito Omaghomi moved to appoint Mr. Vaughn Martin as the Parliamentarian. No one seconds this motion. Motion dies.

Ms. Avia Rice motioned to table the voting for this position. Mr. Angel Garcia seconded this motion. VOTE: Unanimous. Mr. Martin offered his telephone numbers for any questions: (305) 242.2843, home (305) 350-7179, work.

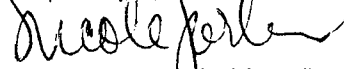
COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

Ms. Avia Rice informed that the NAACP is petitioning on vouchers. There are questions about the Affirmative Action Committee at FIU.

ADJORNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,



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

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