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Florida International University

Student Government Council

SA Meeting

JULY 20, 1999

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Kunga Kihohia, President
Mr. Titó 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
Ms. Monica LaFrance, Student Services Chairperson
Ms. Avia Rice, Representative-at-Large
Ms. Florence Carranza, Graduate Representative
Ms. Jenee F. Jones, Chief of Staff - Volunteer
Mr. Rafael Zapata, Advisor
Mr. Alioune Pallaye Kane, Academic Affairs Chairperson
Ms. Veneisha Scott, Panther Power Coordinator
Mr. Angel Garcia, Representative-at-Large
Mr. Robert Castellanos, Finance Chairperson
Ms. Katrina Davey, Lower Division Representative
Mr. Peter Gallego, Representative-at-Large
Mr. Mitch Santilimon, Athletics Coordinator

ABSENT

Ms. Shrita Penn, Graduate Representative
Mr. David Cole, Advisor
Ms. Dannielle Boyer, Representative-at-Large
Mr. Alois Odhiambo, Director of Student Lobbying/Community Relations

GUESTS

Ms. Adina Leszczyk
Mr. Perry Kytes, SGA - UP Finance
Mr. Vaughn Martin
Mr. Webber Charles
Mr. Attila Mathe, Student Nursing Association (VP)
Ms. Carolina Cashillo, Journalism student
Mr. Yasir Billao, The Beacon
Ms. Sherri Rossell

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Kunga Kihohia, SGC President, called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. He welcomed the Council to another meeting. He asked the Council to review the minutes from the two previous meetings (June 22 and July 6). Ms. Gloria Bryan moved to approve the minutes from the June 22 and July 6 SGA meetings. Mr. Angel Garcia seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Kihohia announced that certain Council members are currently not on the Council. Mr. David Dajani had to go back to his country to take care of his visa. Mr. Alberto Kan will be taking all of classes on the South Campus, therefore, making him ineligible to remain on the Council. Mrs. Gayane Stepanian will be taking maternity leave. The Council is, indeed, currently looking for Hospitality, College of Urban and Public Affairs, Broward, and Nursing Representatives as well as University Relations/Special Events Chairperson.

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.
The FIU Law Rally was declined its mission. The Board of Regents turned down FIU’s and FAMU’s attempts to gain a law school.

Ms. Dannielle Boyer has been hospitalized due to surgery she had recently undergone. Her mother has informed Student Government that she will recuperating very well and should be on her feet very soon.

VICE-PRESIDENT’S REPORT
Mr. Onaghomi, again, is offering assistance to those members who need help on the APA Revision Code, which is due Tuesday, July 13, 1999. The feat is still unaccomplished.

The Weekly report checklist is available in his report. Members were asked to review it thoroughly to see which weekly report is delinquent.

Student Government is co-sponsoring an event with Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. a back to school party. The party is scheduled for August 5, 1999. The time is to be announced.

The Code of Ethics/ Conduct was distributed in last week’s meeting. It was to be voted on today. This gave Council members ample time to look it over. Council members pointed out that SGA was misspelled on the document and that Student Activities Office needs to change to Campus Activities Office. Ms. Gloria Bryan moved to accept the Code of Ethics/ Conduct with the amendments into Student Government. Mr. Angel Garcia seconded the motion. VOTE: 3 in favor, 3 oppositions, 2 abstentions. MOTION FAILS.

Council members were asked to submit their changes as soon as possible.

Mr. Mitch Santilimon has been removed from the Council due to 3 missed meetings. Mr. Omaghomi gave him the floor to explain his absences. Ms. Gloria Bryan moved to re-appoint Mr. Santilimon as the Athletics Coordinator. Ms. Avia Rice seconded the motion. VOTE: 7 in favor, 0 oppositions, 1 abstention.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
Mr. Kane announced that he is still working with the Small Development Business Research Center situation. The SGA scholarships have been awarded. Eight students were awarded these scholarships.

STUDENT SERVICES
Ms. Monica LaFrance asked the Council members to look over the report she submitted and to please give comments. PLEASE SEE REPORT FOR DETAILS.

PANTHER POWER
Ms. Scott announced that the letter writing activity for Panther Power is due Friday, July 30, 1999. The letter writing activity involves contacting businesses asking if they will donate certain items to the committee. She also announced her committee and it is as follows:

Ms. Nicole Perkins  Pep Rallies
Ms. Jenee Jones  Karaoke Tuesdays
Mr. Alois Odhiambo  Blue Moon Café

CHIEF OF STAFF/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - VOLUNTEER
Ms. Jenee F. Jones
Ms. Jones is still looking into mounting the Council mission statement and goals. PLEASE SEE REPORT FOR DETAILS.
UNIVERSITY RELATIONS/SPECIAL EVENTS
Position unfilled.

FINANCE
Mr. Robert Castellanos
Mr. Castellanos announced that there is a Financial Accountability meeting in Tallahassee that he will be attending.

The Orientation Peer Advisors has asked Student Government to assist them in planning a party for the freshmen students. This party is to be held in August. They originally asked for $2,000. The Senate thought it would be best to give them $900. Ms. Katrina Davey moved to allocate the Orientation Peer Advisors $900 for their event. Ms. Gloria Bryan seconded the motion. VOTE: 6 in favor, 1 opposition, 1 abstention.

There is a Student Government Bill (99-03SS) pay increase proposed. It would give the members of Student Government pay increases to match the increase in tuition. There has been some controversy over this matter between the two campuses. The North Campus is already being paid more than the UP campus. Ms. Katrina Davey made a motion to accept the bill (99-03SS) that gives the SGA North Campus pay increases. Mr. Angel Garcia seconded the motion. VOTE: 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions.

STUDENT LOBBYING/COMMUNITY RELATIONS
Mr. Alois Odhiambo
Absent

SENATE
Ms. Avia Rice circulated the minutes and asked the Council to provide comments.

ATHLETICS
Mr. Mitch Santilmon passed out the committee’s Constitution and asked the Council to review it.

ADVISOR’S REPORT
Mr. Rafael Zapata reminded the Council that the calendar of events deadlines. If SGA wants their meeting times listed on the poster, they need to be submitted immediately.

Mr. Zapata announced that he will not be in the office from August 30, 1999 to September 3, 1999. However, Mr. Cole will be.

He is looking into getting SGA priority registration. He will talk to registration as soon as possible.

SOC/SPC REPORT
SPC
Absent

SOC
Position unfilled.

NEW BUSINESS
Broward Representative
Ms. Sherri Rosell
Ms. Rosell is seeking appointment as the Broward Representative. Mrs. Gayane Stepanian had to step down from the position due to her upcoming birth and her class schedule. However, she is looking forward to joining the Council again in October. Mr. Peter Gallego moved to appoint Ms. Sherri Rosell as the Broward Representative. Mr. Angel Garcia seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:
Chief Justice
Mr. Vaughn Martin
Mr. Martin went before the Council to seek appointment at the last general Council meeting. The vote failed because certain members of the Council were skeptical about the position. They were asked to review the Constitution and the handout that was given to them in the meeting. 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.
COMMUNITY COMMENTS:
The Council attempted to sing FIU's Alma Mater.

ADJORNMENT:
The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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ATTACHMENTS: Report from Chief of Staff, Academic Affairs Committee
Student Services Report
July 20, 1999
Tuesday

Chairperson:
Monica LaFrance

Committee Members:
Dannielle Boyer
Avia Rice
Ula Zucker

Student Government Booth:
- In the process of retrieving the material from the different departments

Student Complaint (Vending Machines):
- Met with Felecia Townsend, Assistant Director of Auxiliary Services on Monday, 7-19-99 @ 10:00am in WUC 159

TOPICS DISCUSSED

1. Vending Machines
   a. Price quotes of the various items in vending machine will be checked periodically to assure identical value on both campuses

2. Cafeteria (Physical change of the North Campus Food Service)
   a. Future location: TBA
   b. Fast foods will be the only kinds of food items offered in the future

   Renovation of the Wolfe University Center: a concept and style similar to University Park

3. Copy Center (closed for the summer)
   a. Under new management
      1. The Copy Center will no longer be managed by personnel from FIU, but by an outside company who also manages the copy center at UP.
   b. Revamping Office Space
   c. The procedures for making or requesting copies made will similar to UP's procedures
      1. Copy Card or $.05 a copy
Sign Project Update

SIGN A RAMA PRICE QUOTES

MISSION STATEMENT AND APA
- 4ft x 5ft on Plexi glass w/ 1 color font............................$250 per mount (2)
- 2ft x 3ft on Plexi glass w/ 1 color font .........................$97.50 per mount (2)

COREX?

SEALS
- 3 ft diameter on Plexi glass 4 color processing............$290 per seal (3)

SGA SIGN
- 4ft x 7ft on plexi glass.............................................$434 per sign
- 31/2 ft x 6 ft on Plexi glass w/ 4 colors ......................$ per sign (2)

PANTHER LOGOS
- 41/2ft x 3 ft on foam 4 color processing.....................$181.44 per logos (8)

ADDITIONAL COSTS
- 50% of Total Required as Deposit
MEMORANDUM

TO: SGA Members
FROM: Nicole Perkins
SGA Clerk of Council
cc: Arminda Pravia
Barbara Levy
David Cole
Rafael Zapata
DATE: August 4, 1999
RE: Amendment to the minutes—July 20, 1999

There is an amendment to the minutes. The minutes did not have the vote for Mr. Vaughn Martin's appointment as Chief Justice. Please note that Mr. Peter Gallego moved to appoint Mr. Vaughn Martin as the Chief Justice. Mr. Angel Garcia seconded the motion. The vote was 6 in favor, 1 opposition, and 0 abstentions. Please update your records as soon as possible.