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Florida International University

Student Government Council

MEETING
August 31, 1999

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Kunga Kihohia, President
Ms. Ula Zucker, Journalism and Mass Communications Representative
Mr. Angel Garcia, Representative-at-Large
Ms. Gloria Bryan, Lower Division Representative
Ms. Nicole Perkins, Clerk of Council/Secretary
Ms. Dannielle Boyer, Representative-at-Large
Ms. Monica LaFrance, Student Services Chairperson
Ms. Avia Rice, Representative-at-Large
Ms. Jenee F. Jones, Chief of Staff - Volunteer
Mr. Alioune Pallaye Kane, Academic Affairs Chairperson
Ms. Veneisha Scott, Panther Power Coordinator
Mr. Robert Castellanos, Finance Chairperson
Ms. Katrina Davey, Lower Division Representative
Mr. Peter Gallego, Representative-at-Large
Mr. Alois Odhiambo, Director of Student Lobbying/Community Relations
Mr. Vaughn Martin, Chief Justice
Mr. David Cole, Advisor

ABSENT

Ms. Shrita Penn, Graduate Representative
Mr. Arthur Papillion, Special Events/ Community Relations Chairperson
Mr. Tito Omaghomi, Vice President
Ms. Florence Carranza, Graduate Representative
Mr. Rafael Zapata, Advisor

GUESTS

Ms. Adina Leszczyk
Ms. Linda Lubin, SPC Chair
Ms. Saluma Luna
Mr. Oronde Reid
Mr. Webber Charles
Ms. Chelsie Antenor
Ms. Latoya Christian
Mr. Andre Rego Monteiro

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 previous meeting. Ms. Ula Zucker made an amendment to the minutes stating that she was, indeed, present. Another amendment was made correcting the date for the general meeting held in Panther Square. The date for this meeting is September 14, 1999, not September 9, 1999. Ms. Gloria Bryan moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Ms. Dannielle Boyer seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Kihohia asked members and guests to introduce themselves. Mr. Kihohia reminded all council members of the General Council Meeting on Sept. 14, 1999, from 11pm-1pm.

He also announced that the time clock was installed on Monday August 30, 1999. He stressed that being accredited one hour for work on that day will penalize the persons who forget to clock out. The paychecks will be placed on hold for those persons who do not complete the required five hours of service.

He also announced that the SGC pictures will be taken at the end of the meeting.

He highly recommended that council members complete ten to fifteen hours of community service; it is not required to complete ten to fifteen hours, however, it is required that each member complete five hours of community service. Mr. Kihohia also stressed the importance of the office hours. He asked Ms. Jenee Fernandez-Jones to read the list of students who have not turned in their office hours.

He also repeated that the council must return their objectives for APA; otherwise their paychecks will be held. He also asked the council members to think about their upcoming forums or workshops. Ms. Danielle Boyer will give a completion date next meeting.

He announced several activities occurring this week; the SOC Club Fair will be held on Aug. 31-Sept. 1 from 11am to 2pm; Health and Wellness Center's Health expo will be held on September 1, 1999, 11am to 2 pm; Homecoming meeting will be held on September 2, 1999 in GC 305 – time is TBA.

Tri-Council internship applications are due in WUC 363 by 5 pm on September 13, 1999. Mr. Kihohia thanked those people who helped out during the BLAZE concert. It was appreciated.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Mr. Pallaye Kane, Chair

Mr. Kane is working on the Student Government computer lab on the second floor in Wolfe University Center. He met with Greg Wilkins, Associate Director of WUC about this matter. He plans to meet with the Deans to discuss many topics, one of them being the availability of classes. Those dates and times will be given at a later time. He is currently dealing with the issue of many classes moving to the South Campus.

STUDENT SERVICES

Ms. Monica LaFrance, Chair

Ms. LaFrance and her committee met with Felecia Townsend this past week. She is the process of trying to get change machines by the library and in front of the Panther Express shuttle, data ports for laptops in the Computer labs, and the SGC booth. Mr. Whitt Hollis, WUC Director stated that the WUC budget will not accommodate data ports.

PANTHER POWER

Ms. Veneisha Scott, Chair

Ms. Scott announced that Blue Moon Café will be held on Tuesday, September 7, 1999. The Karaoke event will be on the second of September. She thanked various Council members for their help in the BBQ. It was greatly appreciated.

CHIEF OF STAFF/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - VOLUNTEER

Ms. Jenee F. Jones

Ms. Jenee Jones reiterated about the time-clock process.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS/ SPECIAL EVENTS

Absent.

FINANCE

Mr. Robert Castellanos

Mr. Castellanos announced that there is a FSA meeting held in Orlando, Florida on September 17, 1999 @10 am. Those members, who are interested in attending this meeting, please see Ms. Nicole Perkins so she can make appropriate arrangements. He is looking into speeding up the process for File For Funds her a NC. It takes lentirely too long for requisitions to process.

He is also looking into installing Quicken Deluxe on the computer systems in the Student Government office.

STUDENT LOBBYING/ COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Mr. Alois Odhiambo

No report.

SENATE

The Meet and Greet Senate days are being worked on. Those times and dates will be presented at the next general Council meeting.

ATHLETICS

Position unfilled.

CHIEF JUSTICE

Mr. Vaughn Martin

Mr. Martin is in the process of implementing a judicial system. He has also met with Karen Dhlosh, the Associate Director of Judicial and Mediation Services on the South Campus. He announced that the judicial structure has been completed.

ADVISOR'S REPORT

Mr. David Cole announced that Mr. Charles Perry, founder of FIU, has passed away. He suggested that the Council do something in his memory.

SOC/SPC REPORT

SPC

Ms. Lubin announced that SPC will branch out to include graduate and night students in their events. There is a Black Lite Party scheduled for September 2, 1999 @ 10 p.m. She urged all members to support this event. On Tuesday, September 7, 1999 @ 9 p.m., SPC will view the Comedy Improv Troop, a prospect for business at FIU. On October 6, 1999, SPC on both North and South campus will have a joint meeting. This is a big step for both campus, displaying unity.

Finally, the Council has not yet set meetings, but when they are set, please attend as often as you can.

SOC

Absent.

NEW BUSINESS

There were many appointments made to the Council. The new members are as follows:

LOWER DIVISION REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Andre Monteiro

Mr. Andre Rego Monteiro has been nominated by Mr. Kihohia to fill the position of Lower Division Representative. Mr. Monteiro took a few moments to discuss with the Council why he should be chosen. He has put forth dedication to the Campus Activities office for a brief period of time working with Ms. Barbara Levy. He states that he possesses leadership skills, knowledge of Campus Activities and experience with Student Government. Ms. Katrina Davey moved to appoint Mr. Monteiro as a Lower Division Representative. Ms. Dannielle Boyer seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRPERSON

**Ms. Saluma Luna
Ms. Heather**

There are two students competing for the position as Public Relations Representative. Ms. Saluma Luna provided a resume summing her qualification as the PR Representative of Student Government. Ms. Heather briefly stated her qualifications to the Council. Questions were asked of both candidates. The Council members were asked to provide their chosen candidate by secret ballot. VOTE: Unanimous.

ATHLETICS COORDINATOR

Mr. Webber Charles

Mr. Webber Charles will fill the position due to Mr. Santilmon's inability to stay of the Council. Ms. Dannielle Boyer moved for a vote of acclimation. Mr. Angel Garcia seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

HOSPITALITY REPRESENTATIVE

Ms. Anna Gruber

Ms. Anna Gruber has been nominated by Mr. Kihohia to fill the position of the Hospitality Representative. Gruber took a few moments to discuss with the Council why she should be chosen. She expects to work not only on the needs of the Hospitality students but on the International students as well, if chosen for the position. Mr. Angel Garcia moved to appoint Ms. Gruber to the position of Hospitality Representative. Ms. Danielle Boyer seconded that motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

CHIEF OF STAFF

Ms. Jenee Jones

Ms. Jenee Jones has been working with the Council since the beginning of the summer term but was unable to be appointed because she was not fully admitted as a FIU student. There was a vote for acclimation, a vote making it an immediate unanimous vote. Ms. Danielle Boyer moved to have a vote of acclimation. Ms. Katrina Davey seconded that motion. VOTE: Unanimous

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Ms. Gloria Bryan

Ms. Bryan is unable to continue on the Council as the Lower Division representative. She is taking more than 50% of her classes on the University Park Campus. She is seeking the position of Internship Program Coordinator. Ms. Katrina Davey made a motion to accept a vote of acclimation. Ms. Avia Rice seconded the motion. VOTE: 6 in favor, 0 oppositions, 1 abstention.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

Mr. Oronde Reid, a former resident of the Bay Vista Housing at North Campus, expressed his concerns about the problems that students have been subjected to over the past few months. He feels that the students should evaluate the Residence Life Coordinator and his supervisors should see these evaluations. Another problem the students are having in Housing is the computer lab. Mr. Reid states that all of the computers have viruses on them, making it impossible for them to be useful. He hopes that Student Government will take an initiative to make sure that these problems are addressed.

Mr. Arthur Papillion announced that Community Projects will be scheduled for Sundays and Wednesdays of the week. The first CP will be scheduled in the second week of September. It will involve rebuilding playgrounds along with the Big Brother/Big Sisters Association.

ADJORNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


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

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CHIEF JUSTICE

Mr. Vaughn Martin

Mr. Martin is the process of deciding whether he should organize the judicial committee by himself or if he should appoint other justices to work with him. He has made a timeline of events for the beginning months of the fall semester. The timeline is as follows:

August 30, 1999

Discovery of documents of selected schools' By-laws and Constitution; FAU, UF

List of acceptable documents

September 14, 1999

Basic organizational structure of State University System for Senate and Executive Board

ADVISOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rafael Zapata reminded the Council that the file for funds for September should have already been turned in. He announced that he will not be in the office from August 30, 1999 to September 3, 1999. However, Mr. Cole will be.

He also announced that the Homecoming Night has been postponed to September 2, 1999.

SOC/SPC REPORT

SPC

Ms. Lubin announced that SPC had their workshop last weekend. The workshop restructured SPC by changing the names of committees and adding a new committee.

SOC

Position unfilled.

Mr. Zapata informed the council that the interview for the president's chair is still being executed; however, there are two persons in mind for the position. He will inform the council further by the end of the week, August 18, 1999.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Perkins demonstrated the new method of clocking in and out with the new time cards and the time clock.

Ms. Bryan briefly described the process for the incoming interns, and explained the Internship Program. See attached copy of schedule.

COLLEGE OF URBAN AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

* Mr. Austin Caines 251 976929

Mr. Elvis Austin Caines has been nominated by Mr. Kihohia to fill the position of the College of Urban and Public Affairs Representative. Mr. Caines took a few moments to discuss with the Council why he should be chosen. He expects to have a sequence of speakers on suggested topics, if chosen for the position. Mr. Omaghomi moved to appoint Mr. Austin Caines as the College of Urban and Public Affairs representative. Ms. Gloria Bryan seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

SPECIAL EVENTS/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

* Mr. Arthur Papillion

The past President of Student Government Council –North Campus is seeking the position of Special Events/ Community Relations Chairperson. He has re-entered the Council to uplift the spirit of the students. Mr. Tito Omaghomi moved to appoint Mr. Arthur Papillion as the Special Events/ Community Relations Chairperson. Ms. Dannielle Boyer seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS: