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Florida International University

Student Government Council

MEETING
October 12, 1999

IN ATTENDANCE
Mr. Tito Omaghomi President
Ms. Gloria Bryan, Internship Program Coordinator
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. Florence Carranza, Graduate Representative
Mr. Rafael Zapata, Advisor
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. Vaughn Martin, Chief Justice
Mr. Webber Charles, Athletics Coordinator
Ms. Ula Zucker, Journalism and Mass Communications Representative
Mr. Angel Garcia, Representative-at-Large
Mr. David Cole, Advisor

ABSENT
Ms. Jenee F. Jones, Chief of Staff

QUESTS
Ms. Adina Leszczyk
Mr. Kunga Kihohia
Mr. Angie Berio
Mr. Peter Gallego
Ms. Larissa Grill
Ms. Joanette Brooks
Mr. Mike Alabre
Ms. Andrea Eicrie

CALL TO ORDER
Mr. Tito Omaghomi, SGC President, called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. He welcomed the Council to another meeting. He asked the council to continue on to the next item on the agenda. He informed the Council that the vote on the approval of the minutes at the end of the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Mr. Tito Omaghomi announced the Florida Students Association Marketplace online. The address is www.FSA1.org. This will boost revenue for FSA.

The United Way reception will be held on Thursday, October 21, 1999 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The FOCV will be held at Florida Memorial College. If interested in this venture needs to see Mr. Omaghomi for details.

An activity called Safe Zone will be held on October 13, 1999 from 2-4 pm. Safe Zone is an organization that builds awareness about the diversity within different settings of sexual orientation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
Mr. Pallaye Kane, Chair
Mr. Kane is working on the Student Government Computer lab on the second floor in the Wolfe University Center. He is in the process of meeting with the Deans of the Colleges on the North Campus. There is a new Associate Vice President for Research and Graduate/New Vice President Student Affairs.

STUDENT SERVICES
Ms. Monica LaFrance, Chair
Ms. LaFrance has received many complaints concerning many aspects of Student Affairs. She welcomed Mr. Angel Garcia to her committee. Ms. LaFrance is currently working with the Credit Union and its office on the North Campus.

PANTHER POWER
Ms. Veneisha Scott, Chair
Ms. Scott thanked those Council members who assisted her on the Pep Rally held a couple of weeks, prior in Panther Square. She also wanted to express her appreciation for the help she received on the Blue Moon Café adventure on Wednesdays. Mr. Angel Garcia and Monica LaFrance will continue their support of the program by extensively coordinating it. Ms. Scott met with Mr. Sergio Tigera, a member of Panther Rage of the University Park Campus, previously this week. They discussed the progress of Panther Rage and Panther Power.

She announced the Moonlight Madness will be in the Golden Panther Arena on Friday, October 16, 1999 at 10 p.m. Ms. Scott later discussed the position of Panther Power Coordinator, the student positions on SGA and promoting SGA and FIU along with activities that are held. Ms. Scott spoke briefly about the voter’s drive and its progression.

CHIEF OF STAFF/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - VOLUNTEER
Ms. Jenee F. Jones
Absent.

UNIVERSITY RELATIONS/ SPECIAL EVENTS
Position unfilled.

FINANCE
Mr. Robert Castellanos
See attached report.

STUDENT LOBBYING/ COMMUNITY RELATIONS
Position Unfilled.

SENATE
The Code and Constitution of the Senate will be ready next week. Every member of the Senate has a date ready for his or her forums. Everyone who is scheduled to do a forum needs to prepare a File for Funds request within four weeks within the forum.

ATHLETICS
Mr. Webber Charles
Mr. Webber Charles in the process of getting a bus for the Moonlight Madness event that will be held on Friday, October 15, 1999 @ 10 p.m. in the Golden Panther Arena. A DJ will be there playing music and getting people involved from 8 – 10 p.m. He is on the process of working to get a yellow school bus for transportation to the athletic events held on the University Park campus.

Mr. Charles spoke briefly on the Bay Vista Housing issues, one of them being problems with the telephones.

CHIEF JUSTICE
Mr. Vaughn Martin
Mr. Vaughn Martin announced that the President Town Meeting of North Campus is a part of a plan but certain programs are being called to Student Government Council. Some programs will remain on North Campus and to anyone who wants to participate.

He briefly spoke about the Florida Students Association and its meeting in Pensacola. Mr. Vaughn Martin made comments about the Beacon and the radio. He was concerned about the funding that is given to them by Student Government. The radio station is out of service because of the lack of an antenna.
PUBLIC RELATIONS

Ms. Saluma Luna met with the Beacon's advisor to introduce her to him. She will work closely with the Beacon to advertise Student Government Council's activities. Currently, the SGC positions that are posted in the Beacon.

Pictures of the Council are ready and will be posted as soon as possible. Each council member's picture and responsibility will be mounted in the office.

Bookmarks are being made about Student Government Council. They are intended to be handed out in the University bookstores and at different events.

ADVISOR'S REPORT

The advisors spoke briefly about the Judicial Affairs committee. They are excited about the new committee. They also spoke the Calendar, the importance of getting the activities done on time. The advisors also discussed Panther Rage and Panther Power. Panther Rage is funded by Campus Life, a division of University Park, and Panther Power is funded University Wide.

Mr. Cole announced that he attended a Residential Life meeting and spoke briefly about what was discussed in this meeting. One of those issues that were discussed was the goal of Housing. There was a survey circulated earlier in the school year about the quality of FIU Housing. The survey showed that FIU housing now has been the best in history.

SOC/SPC REPORT

SPC

Mr. Rafael Zapata announced that the Comedy committee of the Student Programming Council would host a comedy show on October 21, 1999 at 10 p.m. in the Wolfe University Center Ballroom. Also on October 28, the Concert committee will have a concert in the WUC Ballroom with DJ Laz. There will be an after party. This is the first concert of the series.

The University Park campus will not have a concert this Homecoming 2000. If this upcoming concert is successful, the North Campus will be able to host one for this year's Homecoming.

SOC

Position unfilled.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointments —>

BROWARD REPRESENTATIVE

Ms. Bess was the candidate for the position of Broward representative. There was vote for acclimation. Ms. Avia Rice moved for a vote of acclimation. Ms. Dannielle Boyer seconded that motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

VICE PRESIDENT

Both members of Student Government already, Mr. Garcia and Mr. Martin were nominated for the open position of Vice President. Both candidates made short speeches of why they are qualified for the position of Vice President. Both candidates were asked questions by council members and then asked to step outside. After a secret ballot, Mr. Omaghomi and Mr. Rafael Zapata announced Mr. Vaughn Martin as the new appointed Vice President of SGC-North Campus.

There are Leadership workshops; one is scheduled for Saturday, October 23, 1999 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All members are required to attend these workshops. The second workshop will be held on November 20, 1999 at the same time. Location will be announced. The program LEADERSHIP 109 will be lead and organized by Mr. Angel Garcia.

The office space that was the President's office will be converted back to as conference room. Mr. Rafael Zapata explained why the conference room is returning to its original form. Mr. David Cole added his comments about the
conference room. He stated that the room will be open to the Tri-Council members when it is not in use for a meeting. The President and Vice-President must share office space. On the other hand, SPC may lose their space in WUC 321A, making the Campus Activities space even tighter.

OLD BUSINESS
A university Wide meeting was scheduled yesterday, October 11, 1999. It was a success and very productive. Mr. Omaghomi spoke about his office succession – he will be in office until the end of the academic year. There are many positions on the Council. Anyone who wants to become apart of the Council needs to see Mr. Omaghomi.

The time clock is not working, council members need to write down their office hours and submit them to Ms. Jenee Jones as usual.

Please be reminded that E-board meeting are Mondays at 5 p.m. in the President’s office.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:
Ms. Dannielle Boyer announced that due to the lack of classes on the North Campus, Student Government should take a look at the Constitution that specify that Representatives must take 50% of their classes on the North. She made the point that if the scarce availability of classes continue, there will either be no Council or a change in the Constitution.

The minutes from the previous meeting was next for approval. Ms. Dannielle Boyer moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Ms. Katrina Davey seconded that motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:
The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

ATTACHMENTS: Finance Committee Report