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# SGC Meeting Minutes

November 17, 1999

President Amorin called the meeting to order at 4:09 PM.

## Roll Call

Jaime Aguilera  
Orlando Amorin  
Michael Barnett (LT 4:19 PM)  
Elvira Marie Chang  
Rajesh K. Chatrani (LT 4:17 PM)  
Bettina Inclan  
Robert Joyce (LT 4:19 PM)  
Perry Kyles

Carlos Lopez (AB)  
Luis Moreno  
Max Orezza  
Victor Romano (AB)  
Patrice Scipio  
Sergio Tigera (LT 4:11 PM)  
Pedro Luis Vidal (AB)  
Duhaney Williams

## Others

Michelle Castro  
George Corton  
Paulina Muñoz  
Eric Pfaeffle

Wilmide Philossaint  
Wellington Richards, Jr.  
Kirk Weiss

## Standing Councils

Joanette Brooks (SOC)  
Florence Caranza (GSA) (AB)  
Natasha Cooper (RHA)

Lorraine DeDiego (Honors)  
Armando Rodriguez (SPC) (LT)

## Guests

Ruth Hamilton (Campus Life)  
SharonHart (Campus Life)  
Mary Alice Manella (Campus Life)  
Ronnie Mittleman (Campus Life)  
Michelle Perez (Campus Life)

Marisa Rodriguez (Campus Life)  
Jennifer Silberman (Campus Life)  
Todd Sullivan (Campus Life)  
Ana Tang (Campus Life)

Minutes corrected to show Wilmide Philossaint present at the October 17th meeting and passed.

## Reports from the Executive Council

Orlando Amorin, President

President Amorin announced that November 22-23 the revisions to the SGA constitution will be voted on by the student body as referendums. Good luck to all candidates in the special election. Also congratulations are in order for the Honors Council for its successful luncheon and to Campus Life for its Hispanic Heritage celebrations.

Perry Kyles, Comptroller

No report.

## **Reports of Standing Councils**

### **GSA**

The Executive Board is currently setting up the calendar of upcoming events for the next semester and working on scholarly forums, etc.

### **Honors / Panther Rage**

No reports.

### **RHA**

RHA is now done with this semester's programming.

### **SOC**

The entire Executive Board has resigned. Elections for the new Executive Board will be held the first week of the new semester.

### **SPC**

No report.

## **New Business**

### **DSL Report**

Corton discussed the Florida One Initiative and reviewed the handouts that were distributed.

### **RES 99-15**

The Resolution was explained. After discussion, President Amorin moved to vote. Motion passed 8 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstention.

### **RES 99-16**

The Resolution was explained. After discussion, President Amorin moved to vote. Motion passed unanimously.

### **APP 99-10**

Comptroller Kyles explained the appropriation. After discussion, President Amorin moved to vote. Motion passed unanimously.

### **APP 99-11**

Comptroller Kyles explained the appropriation. After discussion, President Amorin moved to vote. Motion passed unanimously.

### **APP 99-12**

Comptroller Kyles explained the appropriation and gave a brief history of the event. Rep. Tigera moved to increase the allocation to \$610, seconded by Rep. Romano. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Announcements**

- Next meeting will be after resumption of classes
- Holiday party will take place December 9th at 6:30 PM
- Town hall meeting at North Campus when classes resume
- Good luck with finals

Meeting adjourned at 5:06 PM.

# SGC Meeting Minutes

December 1, 1999

President Amorin called the meeting to order at 4:20 PM.

## Roll Call

Jaime Aguilera  
Orlando Amorin  
Michael Barnett  
Elvira Marie Chang  
Rajesh K. Chatrani (LT 4:23 PM)  
Bettina Inclan  
Robert Joyce (AB)  
Perry Kyles

Carlos Lopez (AB)  
Luis Moreno  
Max Orezzaoli  
Victor Romano  
Patrice Scipio (AB)  
Sergio Tigera  
Pedro Luis Vidal (AB)  
Duhaney Williams

## Others

Michelle Castro  
George Corton  
Paulina Muñoz  
Eric Pfaeffle

Wilmide Philossaint  
Wellington Richards, Jr.  
Kirk Weiss (AB)

## Standing Councils

Joanette Brooks (SOC)  
Florence Caranza (GSA) (AB)  
Natasha Cooper (RHA)

Lorraine DeDiego (Honors)  
Armando Rodriguez (SPC) (LT)

Minutes passed as written.

## Reports from the Executive Council

Orlando Amorin, President

No report.

Perry Kyles, Comptroller

No report.

## Reports of Standing Committees

Academic Affairs

Cram Jam will be held on December 16. Volunteers are needed.

Campus Life

No report.

Elections

The special elections were successful.

Student Services / Student Union Board

No reports.

## **New Business**

### **DSL Report**

Corton discussed the Florida One Initiative and announced that he will be attending the January 21 FSA meeting at USF.

### **APP 00-1**

Comptroller Kyles explained the appropriation. After discussion, President Amorin asked the Council if he and the finance committee could make the decision on funding. Rep. Tigera so moved, seconded by Rep. Inclan. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Announcements**

- MLK breakfast on January 13 at 8:00 AM in the ballrooms
- Representative pictures are available for viewing with Zory
- Make the year count

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.

# SGC Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2000

President Amorin called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM.

## Roll Call

Jaime Aguilera  
Orlando Amorin  
Michael Barnett  
Joanette Brooks  
Elvira Marie Chang (AB)  
Rajesh K. Chatrani  
Bettina Inclan (LT 4:25 PM)  
Robert Joyce (AB)  
Perry Kyles

Carlos Lopez (Resigned)  
Luis Moreno  
Max Orezzaoli  
Victor Romano  
Patrice Scipio  
Sergio Tigera  
Pedro Luis Vidal (AB)  
Duhaney Williams (AB)

## Others

Michelle Castro  
George Corton  
Paulina Muñoz  
Eric Pfaeffle

Wilmide Philossaint  
Wellington Richards, Jr.  
Kirk Weiss

## Standing Councils

Adela Lopez (SOC)

Minutes passed as written.

## Reports from the Executive Council

### Orlando Amorin, President

President Amorin welcomed everyone back and introduced Joanette Brooks as the new Vice President.

### Joanette Brooks, Vice President

Vice President Brooks expressed her excitement with her new position and her enthusiasm to take on her new responsibilities.

### Perry Kyles, Comptroller

Comptroller Kyles announced that the budget process for the next council year will begin shortly. There will be a finance meeting on January 19 at 4:00 PM in GC 350.

## Reports of Standing Committees

### Academic Affairs

Philossaint thanked all those that volunteered or participated in the December Cram Jam.

### Campus Life

No report.

## **New Business**

### **DSL Report**

Corton discussed the Florida One Initiative and announced that he will be attending the January 21 FSA meeting at USF.

### **APP 00-1**

Comptroller Kyles explained the appropriation. After discussion, President Amorin asked the Council if he and the finance committee could make the decision on funding. Rep. Tigera so moved, seconded by Rep. Inclan. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Announcements**

- MLK breakfast on January 13 at 8:00 AM in the ballrooms
- Representative pictures are available for viewing with Zory
- Make the year count

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.

## **Reports of Standing Committees**

### **Academic Affairs**

The planning for Cram Jam has been completed. The remaining needed funds were contributed by Dr. Gallagher. The intern scholarship has finally been cleared. Professor evaluation forms are still being reviewed for possible revisions.

### **Campus Life**

No Report.

### **Elections**

Richards is preparing for the November 22-23 elections.

### **Student Services**

Pfaeffle reported that each committee member has been assigned specific tasks regarding the computer labs, parking, phone registration, etc. and is in the process of resolving issues regarding same.

### **Student Union Board**

Weiss is currently working on the panther mural for the west wall as well as a survey with Pfaeffle's student services committee.

## **Reports of Standing Councils**

### **GSA**

No report.

### **Honors**

The November 12 Thanksgiving networking reception went well; both students and faculty attended. December 1 is the Graduates Reception; five students will be receiving awards.

### **Panther Rage**

November 19 is the first basketball game; a tailgate party will run from 5:00-7:30 PM. Panther Rage will be very involved in Homecoming and is researching bonfires.

### **RHA**

RHA is currently researching the possibility of a grad wing. RHA's general meeting is November 17 in Building A at 9:00 PM. The annual Thanksgiving dinner in the cafeteria will be November 18.



## SOC

The next meeting is scheduled for November 30 in GC 140. The E-Board has appointed a new Special Events Chair.

## SPC

The Thanksgiving luncheon is scheduled for November 18.

## New Business

### APP 99-9 Graduation Celebration

Comptroller Kyles gave an explanation of the appropriation. Discussion followed. Rep. Tigera moved to approve, seconded by Rep. Aguilera. Motion passed 9 in favor, 1 opposed.

### Bill 99-8 Finance Policy

Comptroller Kyles explained the changes in the finance policy represented by the bill. After discussion, President Amorin moved to vote. Motion passed 8 in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstention.

### Campus Life Staff Introductions

Director Ruth Hamilton introduced the following staff, briefly citing their functions: Sharon Hart, Associate Director; Mary Alice Manella, Associate Director; Jennifer Silberman, Coordinator; Michelle Perez, Leadership; Ronnie Mittleman, Marketing; Marisa Rodriguez, Finance; Todd Sullivan, Greeks; Ana Tang, Volunteer Action Center. Accreditation will be in February.

### DSL Report

Corton thanked the representatives for their help with the voter registration drive; 200 new voters were registered. The drive will be held again in the spring. On November 18 Corton will attend the FSA Board of Regents meeting.

### Elections Committee Report

Richards presented the names of his prospective committee members: Beatriz Bruna, Denise Hopkinson, Suzette Jaggan, Raul Perez, Jr., Mustapha Strachan, and Alana Vila (alternate). President Amorin moved to vote on the slate, which passed unanimously.

## Announcements

- Elections next week
- Emerging Leaders Seminar at South, Saturday, November 20
- Photographs December 1 -2
- Reminder -- sign in and fill out Report of Work Performed forms. Time cards are due tomorrow.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

# SGC Meeting Minutes

July 21, 1999

President Amorin called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM.

## Roll Call

Jaime Aguilera (AB)  
Orlando Amorin  
Michael Barnett  
Elvira Marie Chang  
Rajesh K. Chatrani (AB)  
Rachel Francar  
Bettina Inclan  
Irfan Jindani (AB)  
Danielle A. Jones (AB)  
Robert Joyce

Perry Kyles  
Carlos Lopez  
Luis Moreno  
Max Orezzaoli  
Victor Romano  
Patrice Scipio  
Sergio Tigera  
Pedro Luis Vidal  
Duhaney Williams

## Others

Michelle Castro  
Natasha Cooper  
George Corton  
Paulina Muñoz

Wilmide Philossaint  
Julia Suarez  
Greg Trujillo  
Kirk Weiss

## Guests

Beacon Staff Writer  
Beatriz Bruna

North Campus Representative  
Wellington Richards, Jr.

Minutes were passed as written.

## Reports from the Executive Council

### Orlando Amorin, President

President Amorin welcomed everyone and thanked all the representatives that attended the Tallahassee Trip. The students who attended the trip did an excellent job of representing our institution but unfortunately a law school for FIU was not approved at this time.

### Danielle A. Jones, Vice President

Not present. Out of town.

### Perry Kyles, Comptroller

Comptroller Kyles announced the finance committee will meet on July 26, 1999 at 4:30 PM in GC 350; changes will be made in the finance policy. On August 4, 1999 these financial matters will be discussed at the Council meeting.

## **Reports of Standing Committees**

### **Academic Affairs**

Philossaint announced he will be meeting with his 10 committee members comprised of students from both campuses on Friday July 23, 1999 at the North Campus Student Union to award the student government sponsored scholarships.

### **Campus Life**

No report

### **Student Services**

No representative present.

### **Student Union Board**

Weiss met with Ruth Hamilton and the committee that is working on a new banking system to be implemented in a few years after the GC expansion is completed. Weiss has followed up on the vending machine order for the third floor. Auxiliary services is busy but will be looking into the status of the machine and reporting back to him. He is still in search of an area for the new kiosk; until he has a suitable area he cannot ask for the appropriate funds. President Amorin is working on internet access in the food court area of GC.

## **Reports of Standing Councils**

### **GSA**

Barnett stated that GSA has presented its new budget for the 1999-2000 year. Barnett is not happy with this budget, which was not decided on by the full executive board.

### **Honors/SOC/SPC**

No representative present.

### **Panther Rage**

No report.

### **RHA**

The table reservations forms for Palooza are due on August 6, 1999.

## Old Business

### *Elections*

Each candidate was given three minutes to speak and two minutes for a question and answer period. Quorum was nine. The results were as follows:

*Elections Chair -- Wellington Richards, Jr.*

Candidates were Beatriz Bruna and Wellington Richards, Jr.

## New Business

### Campus Recreation

Director Rob Frye briefly introduced himself. He then briefed the Council of recent changes and future plans. Televisions have been installed and they are working to improve the sound quality and a new intramural coordinator has been hired. He passed out a proposal that would place the Panther Hall pool under Campus Recreation management. President Amorin asked for an informal vote on this change in management and it was approved.

### Bill 99-5 Committee Appointments

This bill lists the committee appointments for all the representatives. Friendly amendments were made and accepted as follows: The membership of the Finance Committee was increased from five to six members plus an alternate, with Rep. Orezza to be the sixth member. Rep. Barnett requested to be removed from the Academic Affairs Committee. Rep. Tigera moved to accept the Bill 99-5 with amendments, seconded by Rep. Lopes. Motion passed.

### Finance Policy

The finance policy was not to be a bill. The Finance Committee will review the finance policy and make suggestions to the Council. Any representatives interested in reading the policy, please see President Amorin.

### Staff Coordinator Report

Staff Coordinator Trujillo reviewed the time card procedure and reminded all the representatives that report forms must be filled out. Those representatives that worked during the Wednesday-Friday period that the office was closed need to see Trujillo.

### DSL Report

DSL Corton discussed our recent law school lobbying session with the Regents in Tallahassee. He reminded everyone about the upcoming Dade County penny tax referendum and its significance for FIU. He will be working on a voter registration drive.

### Question the propriety of the election of Robert Joyce

Representative Lopez brought up the issue of the propriety of the election of Robert Joyce. In dispute is the biographical information given by Mr. Joyce prior to his election. President Amorin deferred this issue until the next meeting because Representative Lopez did not follow procedure for bringing new issues before the council.

### **Announcements**

- Reminder -- sign in and fill out Report of Work Performed forms
- North Campus has elected a Chief Justice
- FSA Retreat July 23-26
- Committee Chairs to set up meetings with new committee members
- August 4th SGC meeting will be an informative budget meeting

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.