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**MINUTES FOR STUDENT GOVERNMENT COUNCIL MEETING**  
**February 28, 2001**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Tito Omaghomi, President  
Veneisha Scott, Vice President  
Lilliana Ponce, Rep at Large  
Kayanne Medina, Business Rep  
Danielle Sherriff, Academic Affairs  
Nicaise Parillon, Lower Division Rep  
Sherilyn Lukas, Athletics Chair  
Adrian Carter, Coordinator of Special Events  
Denise A. Valdez, Executive Clerk of Council  
Mr. David Cole, Advisor  
Kerry Brown, Rep at Large  
Suline Beaugi, Rep at Large  
Ieva Buivydaite, Arts and Sciences Rep  
Robert Castellanos, Financial Chair

**ABSENT:**

Candela Bravo, CHUA Rep  
Raphael Zapata, Advisor

**GUEST:**

Monica LaFrance, Director of Technological Advancement

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Tito Omaghomi, SGC President, called meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. He welcomed the council to the meeting, and introduced the makings of the Student Government web page.

Monica LaFrance: Currently is working on the Student Government web page. Her goal was to show the web page to the Council. She went through the different pages of the web site. The site includes the mission statement, by laws, branches of the student government, a menu page, etc.

Dr. Rosenberg, Provost: Came into the meeting to say "Hello. Mentioned Successful "Black Tie Affair."

Tito Omaghomi mentioned to Dr. Rosenberg the following announcements:

- Tito spoke about the Post Office survey
- Stamp Machine: many students feel it is necessary to have one at Biscayne Bay Campus
- Food Service Survey

- Game Room Closing
- A Gracie's Grill set up at Biscayne Bay Campus, but Alcohol license might be a problem.
- Operation Excellence: specific customer service issues/problems.
- Soccer Field: Dedication opening on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2001
- Millennium Meetings

Dr. Rosenberg thanks Council for their dedication and deliberations. Announced that he will be spending extensive time working on Student Grievance Procedure, he is not happy with its current format. Announced that he will develop a "Student Honor Code." Dr. Rosenberg spoke about the set back of losing the game room and finally thanked Tito for his leadership. He then exited the meeting.

Meeting returns to web page:

- Every link will take you to a new page
- Because of high turnover in the SGC, only the positions will be listed, not the name of the person in the position, except the most important positions, i.e. President, Vice President.
- The policies and procedures of SGC are listed/ can be downloaded, cannot be modified or changed on web.
- Current projects of the SGC will be listed; updates should be submitted to the Webmaster.
- The roles and responsibilities of each individual council member will be available; this information can be downloaded.
- Constitution and by laws will also be listed and can also be downloaded.
- Student Government Services: scholarships, programs, internships.
- Student Programming Council
- Budget
- Statutes
- A form for suggestions and complaints will be available to all students.
- Organization Council coming soon.
- For now, pictures will not be added of council members because of high turnover rate, but they can be added.
- Everything that is in PDF format will stay the same, projects and services can be changed or updated with the Webmaster.
- Email addresses for individual council members was denied
- David Cole wants to change URL from NC to BBC.

Tito Omaghomi entertains motion to pass the web page. Motion is second. All in favor, web page passes. Monica and Usaff are thanked for their work on the web page.

### **Committee Reports:**

Adrian Carter:

- Black Tie Affair very successful. Over 350 people attended and over \$10,000 raised with ticket sales and draw for (limo with expenses covered).

- Pep Rally will be held at the Blue Moon Café, joined with Community Day.

Finance Report was skipped.

**Senate Report:**

- Meeting held last week Wednesday at 3:20 p.m.
- Forum was announced to members.
- Survey and projects for related positions in the senate for the senate members.

**Appointments:**

- Nicaise Parillon, Vice President
- Daniel Sherriff, Secretary, but she is not in the Senate so someone else must be elected.

**Athletics Chair Report:**

- Spoke with Aliace for soccer kick-off: March 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.
- Asked if 2 barbecue grills could be purchased- went to finance committee.
- Result: can we afford 2 grills? Maybe 1, matter was put in Robert's hands.

**Appointments made February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2001:**

- Suline Beauge- Rep at Large
- Kerry Brown- Rep at Large
- Ieva Bulivydaite- Arts & Sciences Rep
- Denise A. Valdez- Executive Clerk of Council
- Danielle Sherriff- Academic Affairs Rep

All votes : All in favor, secret ballot, 5 voters.

**Vice President Report:**

- Worked on a survey of evaluations of professors and cannot find it.
- New appointments should learn what their roles/responsibilities are.
- Important to find people to run for elections April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

**President's Report:**

- Senate Training Packet (to reduce turnover) –Orientation for senate members.
- Would like to put packet into CD ROM form.
- Job Expo: April 9<sup>th</sup> 2-7p.m. Committee: Tito, Robert, Rashid, and Ireka.
- Business Network Edict: Showed flyer...event on March 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30p.m.
- Went over the percentages of people who knew about the post office closing, who want a stamp machine, who knew about food court coming to BBC, and people who want a TV lounge.
- Need more letters from council members in forms of memos or letters RE: Operation Excellence Customer Service on campus for Patricia Urvan.

**New Business:**

- Dedication of Soccer Field- March 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

- Student Millennium Meeting: Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> 2-3:15 p.m. Wolfe Auditorium. –hosted by Modesto Madique  
--RE: issues affecting BBC
- University Wide Meeting: Robert will contact those who need to attend. Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Yearbook and Senior Pictures March 6-8<sup>th</sup>.
- Senators and Council Members post a flyer for colleges to promote senior pictures and yearbook.
- There will be a senate meeting on Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Reps at Large- get promo onto the electronic sign.
- Lower Division Rep- place flyers regarding the promotion of the yearbook pictures in AC1 bulletin boards.
- Contact those in charge of the yearbook and duplicate their flyers.
- SGC must take picture for the yearbook.

#### **Advisor's Report:**

- Recognized Monica and Assaf work on the web page.
- Spoke about learning what the council members jobs are.
- Term ends the last day of Spring Term.
- Applications must be in by 5:00 p.m. on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Ms. Barbara's office.
- If you are running for Rep of any college, you must go up for elections.
- May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> : SGA retreat
- Campaign process: March 26<sup>th</sup> ...use Miami-Dade protocol election ballots, the criteria is sent down to UP and the ballot is created for those people running for elections.
- Elections Candidates Meeting: March 8<sup>th</sup> and March 9<sup>th</sup> (mandatory meeting). 12:00 p.m. Campus Life Conference Room.
- Campaign for council to promote SGA.
- Millennium Meetings intention to speak to staff/students about issues on campus and turn it into a plan for the next 10 years.
- E-mail is automatic when you register.
- Recommends that the Senate come up with the top ten problems for the millennium meeting.
- Brief on: New food court, new fitness center, Campus life moving to 1<sup>st</sup> floor, and Council moving to 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.
- Yearbook student, Jose Otero, not responsive to BBC. There is a list of outstanding seniors for a profile called Senior Spotlight.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

- Correction in spelling of Moneisha's name: missing an 'a' at the end.
- Darylample- name spelled wrong.
- Nicaise- name spelled wrong.
- Solitude St. Louis- not appointed, incorrect votes 3:no 2 in favor.
- Suline appointed this meeting, not last meeting.
- Inclusion not Inculsion.

- Athletic- missing an 'h'.
- Date Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> not the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to approve minutes; It was 2<sup>nd</sup>...minutes corrections approved.

**Community Comments:**

- Cambridge Debate: March 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. There should be at least 2 debaters from BBC. Audience can participate with a 2-minute presentation.
- Millennium Meetings: important for SGA members to attend.
- Rep at Large- Senior Pictures and Senior Spotlight for electronic bulletin board.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.**