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SGC Meeting
October 17, 2001

IN ATTENDANCE
Mr. Adrian Carter, President
Mr. Angel Garcia, Vice-President
Ms. Nicaise Parillon, Finance Chair
Ms. Carolina Bustamante, Clerk of Council
Ms. Sherilyn Lukas, Special Events Coordinator
Ms. Christie Lowey, Public Relations Chair
Ms. Maggie Millan, Chief of Staff
Mr. Anel Avila, Student Services Chair
Ms. Danielle Sherriff, Academic Affairs Chair
Ms. Rose Gaston, Elections Chair
Mr. Alexander Lewy, Campus Life Board Chair
Ms. Marline Polissaintvil, Judicial Board Chair
Mr. Casty Guillaume, Business Administration Representative
Mr. David Edwards, Hospitality Management Representative
Ms. Jenice Harris, Housing Representative
Mrs. Natalia Flores, Journalism and Mass Communication Representative
Ms. Ireka Hamilton, Lower Division Representative
Mr. Rene Salomon, Nursing Representative
Ms. Kerry Brown, Representative at Large
Ms. Tamara Williams, Representative at Large

ABSENT
Ms. Diana Stevens, Director of Student Lobbying
Ms. Lilliana Ponce, Intern Coordinator
Mr. Famara Demba, International Students Chair
Mr. Muhammed Malik, Arts and Sciences Representative
Mr. Allen Weiss, Graduate Representative
Mr. Hank Schramm, Lower Division Representative
Mr. David L. Cole, Advisor
Mr. Rafael Zapata III, Advisor

EXCUSED
Mr. Robin Miller, Panther Power Coordinator
Ms. Thais Council, Athletic Chair
Ms. Toshka Knight, Student Union Board Chair
Ms. Nikka Scott, Representative at Large

Call to Order
Mr. Adrian Carter called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. Quorum was established at 3:15 p.m.

Approval of Minutes
Mrs. Flores moved to approve the minutes with the Correction to the University Wide Committee section in the September 19th minutes. Mr. Garcia seconded the motion. The council agreed unanimously.
Appointments
Ms. Carolina Bustamante and Ms. Christy Irvela are interested in the Clerk of Council position.

Ms. Christy Irvela presented herself:
1. Freshmen, aware of the position and is active in other organizations.
2. Was involved with SGA in high school.
3. Wants to one day be VP or Pres. Of SGA.
4. Participates and has leadership skills.

Ms. Carolina Bustamante presented herself:
1. Senior, PR major, is aware of the position.
2. Was Secretary and then President of her sorority and is a Peer Advisor.
3. Goal orientated and very organized.

Voting Results
Ms. Carolina Bustamante is now Clerk of Council by a 3-2-2 vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Intern-Coordinator
Ms. Lilliana Ponce reported the following:
1. Discussed Intern Orientation.
2. Distributed handouts.
3. All members are invited to interview process.
4. Proposed new leadership tracks.
5. Revised calendar.
6. Forms guidelines for orientation available.

Academic Affairs
Ms. Danielle Sherriff reported the following:
1. Attended meeting to discuss BBC scholarships (Adrian and Robin were also in attendance).
2. Distributed handouts discussing five new scholarships.
3. Deadline for applications is Aug. 31st, (UP had prior knowledge of it)
4. Will spread the word by posting flyers and e-mails.
5. Suggestion given: to compile all scholarship information into one packet.

Campus Life Board Chair
Mr. Alexander Lewy reported the following:
1. In contact with SPC and Resident's Hall.
2. Creating Campus Life Activities and Calendar.
3. Working with SOC in regard to Club Fair.

Committee reports were postponed to further discuss MPAS's request for funding of computers. A discussion followed.

Mr. Angel Garcia moved to allocate $3000 to MPAS for their computer purchase from the SGC General Fund. Mrs. Natalia Flores seconded that motion. Ms. Ireka Hamilton moved to make a friendly amendment to raise the funds allocated to $4000. Mr. Angel Garcia accepted. The council voted 5-0-2 to accept friendly amendment. The council voted 5-0-2 moved to allocate $3000 to MPAS for their computer purchase from the SGC General Fund.

Mr. W.J. Mirambeau from MPAS commended the council on their professionalism.
Committee reports resumed.

Special Events
Mr. Miller reported the following:
1. Passed out agenda
2. Aug. 3: Panther Power mtg. @ 1:00pm “Fun Shop Friday”
3. Working on memo for clubs to meet Aug. 17 @ 1:00pm
4. Panther Splash: Aug. 31

International Students Chair
(absent)

Public Relations Chair
Ms. Lukas reported the following:
1. Working on signage.
2. Will work on buttons and key chains
3. Suggestions are welcome.

Student Services Chair
(absent)

Student Union Board
Ms. Toshka Knight reported the following:
1. Minutes were handed out.
2. Survey was also passed out at meeting. Is being distributed throughout the campus.
3. Next meeting on Aug. 3 @12:30

Payroll
1. Is everyone on the council working?
2. Member by member report and open dialogue followed.
3. Make sure to understand your roles and responsibilities.
4. Don’t drop off the face of the Earth.
5. A need to determine proper work criteria.
6. Use timesheet every week to show that you are working.
7. Suggestion: Pink sheets to warn if members are not working.
8. An issue with productivity and office hours.

Mr. Rasheed Oshokoya officially requested to take a leave of absence.
9. Office hours may be served in other locations as long it has been approved in writing ahead of time.

Old Business
1. The BBC retreat is anticipated to be held in conjunction with the next SGA retreat in the fall.

New Business

1. SJMC/Beacon- Mrs. Natalia Flores

Mrs. Natalia Flores informed the council of a scheduled meeting with the Beacon on Aug. 2 @ 2:30 pm. Is looking for any input, concerns, suggestions the council may have. In addition, she presented the council with SJMC’s proposal for funding of their 10th B-day Bash.

Mr. Angel Garcia moved to allocate $700 to SJMC for their 10th B-day Bash from the SGC General Fund. Motion fell. Ms. Ireka Hamilton moved to allocate $500 to SJMC for their 10th B-day Bash from the SGC General Fund. Mr. David Edwards second the motion. The council voted 4-0-2 to allocate $700 to SJMC for their 10th B-day Bash from the SGC General Fund.

2. Make sure to visit the SGC Web page www.consumer-site.com/sgc
3. Read and re-read Robert's Rule of Orders and make provisions to Constitution and Bylaws.
4. Suggestion to change meeting time during the fall.

Advisor's Report
1. Mr. Bill Williamson is the new director for WUC; he will start in September.
2. The drawings should be approved by mid-September. Construction should be completed by semester break, in December.
3. Training with Karen Delosh, Director of Judicial Services, will be in September.
4. Reiterated that the BBC retreat is anticipated to be held in conjunction with the next SGA retreat in the fall.
5. Changing the meeting day/time may open “a can of worms.” Members should accommodate their schedules according to the meetings.

Final Words
1. Mr. Angel Garcia announced his Got Beef campaign. Meet and Greet the senators day is Aug. 29th.
2. SGC needs to take over the blue booth in ACI (Karate Club has taken it over) for visibility.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.