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Florida International University

Student Government Council

Minutes SGC General Meeting 2/16/2005

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Ruth Webster, President
Mr. Michael Hepburn, Vice President
Mr. Micah Mintz, Finance Chair
Ms. Monique Jacob, Executive Assistant
Mr. Zachary Trautenberg, Student Union Board Chair
Mr. Jason Geller, Director of Public Relations
Ms. Natkisha Jean-Baptiste, Lower Division Representative
Mr. Daryl Hall, Broward Rep
Mr. Franklin Soares, Housing Representative
Mr. Lemman McCray, Director of Community Relations
Mr. Jayesh D'Sousa, Graduate Representative
Mr. Craig Cunningham, Director of Campus Life & Orientation
Mr. Casey McClendon, Hospitality Representative

ABSENT:

Ms. Tauheedah Stephens, Rep at Large
Mr. Daniel Medina, Rep at Large

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Ms. Maxi Bakst, Director of Special Events

GUESTS:

Ms. Pamela St.Fleur
Ms. Elsa De Diego
Ms. Marline Polissaintvil
Ms. Mfonobong Essiet
Ms. Kylie Ferguson
Ms. Jazine Joyce
Ms. Brittany Williams
Mr. Robin Chicly
Ms. Jocelyn Ron (BEACON)

A General Meeting of the Student Government Council was held on February 16, 2005. President Ruth Webster was present and the meeting was called to order at 3:45 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes were approved by acclamation

Appointments

There were eight persons up for appointment to The Council:

- ❑ **Pamela St. Fleur** presented for appointment to the position of Lower Division Representative. She was appointed with 5 votes in favor.
- ❑ **Elsa De Diego** presented for appointment to the position of Journalism Representative. She was appointed with 5 votes in favor.
- ❑ **Marline Polissaintvil** presented for appointment to the position of Campus Life Board Chair. She was appointed with 6 votes in favor. [**Side note:** Representative Daryl Hall came in during Ms Polissaintvil's presentation, bringing it to 6 voting members present]
- ❑ **Mfonobong Essiet** presented for appointment to the position of Director for Technological Advancement. She was appointed with 6 votes in favor.
- ❑ **Kylie Ferguson** presented for appointment to the position Director of Alumni Affairs. She was appointed with 6 votes in favor.
- ❑ **Jazine Joyce** presented for appointment to the position of Intern Director. She was appointed with 5 votes in favor.
- ❑ **Brittany Williams** presented for appointment to the position Student Services Chair. She was appointed with 6 votes in favor.
- ❑ **Robin Chicly** presented for appointment to the position Chief of Staff. However, after discussion a motion was put forward to table his nomination to that position. This motion passed with 3 votes in favor and 2 opposed.

President's Report

- ❑ **Road Signs**
Ms. Webster informed the council that the Biscayne Bay Campus road signs have been put in place.
- ❑ **SGAsk**
Today's SGAsk has been cancelled however the next SGAsk will be on March 16 and the visit to housing will be held that week.
- ❑ **Campus Beautification Project**
During last week's (2/9/2005) House Meeting Representative Tauheedah Stevens volunteered to be in charge of the project that the council decides to undertake.

Vice President Report

- ❑ **Intern Program**
Currently there are 34 persons signed up for the intern program.
- ❑ **Time Cards**
Some members are still not filling out their time cards.

House Report

- ❑ **Meetings with Representatives**

Ms. Jean Baptiste said she has arranged to have meetings with each member of the house individually to check on the status of their projects. She has also made a check off list with the dates that reports are due, reports should be turned in at the front desk on the Fridays when members are picking up their pay stubs.

□ **Surveys**

The House will be putting together a survey and each member is also expected to prepare a survey addressing issues related his/her constituents or any area of campus life that needs addressing.

□ **SGA Workroom**

Ms. Jean Baptiste has cleaned out the SGA workroom and wants to put a new spin on it that represents the people working there, she requested that each member gives her a picture of themselves with information on the position and projects they are working on.

□ **Blue Books**

Currently there are no more blue books available at the front desk; the council needs to make an effort to keep that project going.

Finance Chair Report

□ **2005 – 2006 Budget**

Budget meetings will be held on the University Park Campus on February 18 and the Biscayne Bay Campus on February 21. Campus specific budget proposals are due on February 24.

□ **Fee Committee**

Last Friday there was a fee committee meeting and a proposal was put forward to raise A & S fees. Before a final decision is made there will be forums on each campus all members are urged to attend.

A motion was brought to the table to adjourn the meeting by Representative Casey McClendon. The motion passed with 5 votes. The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

The meeting was called back to order at 5:47 p.m.

Appropriations

- There was one appropriation. The SAGE scholarship committee requested funding of \$1000, Comptroller Mintz and Representative McClendon sponsored this appropriation. The appropriation approved with 4 votes in favor.

Community Comments

- The Student Union Board was in need of committee members. Representatives Jean Baptiste and Hall volunteered to join.
- Representative Soares informed the council of a lecture to be held next week in Bay Vista Housing. Painting has begun of the housing building.
- Mr. Cunningham informed the council of the upcoming Student Life Awards, applications are available in the office. The Special Olympics will be on Sunday February 27 all members are invited to help out. The BBC Career Fair is on Wednesday March 9 and on the heels of the poor attendance at the University Park fair Mr. Cunningham urged all members to support so that employers are enthusiastic to attend

future fairs. The university has just started the Circle of ODK Honors Society. Mr. Cunningham urged the members of the council to work diligently in the next weeks on the intern program and general elections.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:14pm.