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# Florida International University

## Student Government Council

### GENERAL MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY JULY 21, 2004

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Ruth-Allyson Webster	SGC President
Thatine "Chini" Camargo	SGC Vice-President
Admatha Israel	Representative at Large
Alina Balean	Lower Division Representative
Claudia Otero	Hospitality Management Representative
Jayesh D'Souza	Graduate Representative
Daryl Hall	Broward Representative
Zach Trautenberg	Student Union Board Chair
Denise Dixon	Campus life Chair
Jan Ascanio	Chief of Staff
Monique Jacob	Executive Assistant
Maxi Bakst	Director of Special Events
Lauren Mink	Director of Public Relations
Marline Polissaintvil	Clerk of Council
Daniel Izquierdo	Athletic Director
Rasheedah Muhammad	Intern Director
Rafael Zapata	Assistant Director
Mike Fogel	Director of Technological Advancement
Rafael Zapata	Assistant Director
David Cole	Director

#### ABSENT

David Quinones	Journalism and Mass Communication Representative
Daniela Zelaya	Business Representative
Mfon Essiet	Panther Power Director

#### Leave of Absence

Elizabeth Tovar	Academic Affairs Chair
Micah Mintz	Finance Chair

#### GUEST

Michael Hepburn  
Janette Furado

#### CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM by Ruth Allyson Webster, SGC President.

## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes were approved by a vote of acclamation.

## APPOINTMENT

Michael Hepburn presented for the Student Services Chair position and was appointed by a vote of 6-0-0.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- NURSING SURVEY

Ruth Webster thanked Alina Balean, Lower Division Representative, for preparing the nursing survey. Dean Grossman will be disseminating these surveys in the summer nursing classes. This survey will be used to give student reaction to the proposed relocation of the nursing program.

- MEETINGS

Ruth Webster will be meeting in August with Dean Berkman on the 4<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Rosenberg on the 5<sup>th</sup>, and President Maidique and Dr. Gallagher on the 10<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of these meetings is 2 fold. First, she wants to encourage them to consider having the nursing program on both campuses and secondly, to inform them that Dean Grossman has agreed to raise the funds needed to pay for an additional 10 faculty members to teach at the University Park campus. She also noted that the equipment in the nursing lab located on the Biscayne Bay campus cannot be moved. We are looking into having both facilities open by hiring 10 additional faculties who would be located at the University Park campus. The new nursing building on the University Park building will be completed on October 15, 2004.

- PTAC UPDATES

There was a Parking and Traffic meeting on Friday July 16, 2004. Thatine Camargo, SGC Vice-President, attended this meeting. She addressed the committee on the status of the road signs for the Biscayne Bay campus and communicated that we wanted them ready by the beginning of Fall Semester. Ms. Webster followed up with a call today to Dr. Gallagher. He informed her that the road signs will be ready by then.

- FSA

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There was an F.S.A conference call today. They discussed the alternating of meetings and conference calls every month. Many of the other councils felt like they were being left out and they want to be included in future conference calls.

The FSA planning conference will be on August 17<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup>. There will be five council members attending this conference.

- BCC/MDCC VISIT

Last week, Ruth Webster had a visit by the Student Body Presidents, Vice-Presidents and Executive Directors of Miami Dade and Broward Community College. They are trying to organize their Student Governments and model them after the university system. They want to work on having one constitution for all their campuses and then have individual bylaws for each campus. They also wanted to know how we structure our meetings at the university level. They have invited us to attend a meeting and we will have an open forum where they will be able to ask us questions about our council.

- PRESIDENT OF HAITI VISIT 7/23/04

The visit by the President of Haiti for July 23, 2004 has been postponed.

- TRI-COUNCIL MEETING

There was a Tri-Council meeting on Friday July 16. The focus was designing a marketing committee that would help the councils promote their events. The Director of Special Events, the Director of Public Relations and the Campus life Chair will be apart of that committee.

They also talked about the upcoming football season. We will be promoting the football games and council members are expected to attend at least one football game. The Tri-Council will be putting together a tailgate party on October 23, 2004. All Tri-council members are expected to attend this party and the football game after. The university, SAA will be giving away prizes to the first 3000 people at each home game

- FUSED ONLINE

We met with Fused Online and they are pulling the site down. Fused Online was designed for a class its purpose was to be an outlet for the students to post their work from this class.

#### VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT

- Our budget has been signed by Dr. Telles-Iving and the Graduate Student Association was given the \$10,000 they had requested from the SGA reserve. ~~Thatine Camargo will be meeting with Dr. Telles-Iving about getting additional funding for SGA.~~
- She has been having meetings with the Multi-faith Council concerning some of the organizations that are registering with SOC. Basically, we are under sue alert, because if certain organizations are not under Multi-Faith Council they could be accused of brain washing. She has been talking to Mr. Cole and the South Campus so we all can be on the same page and certain organizations could be directed to be they belong.
- She has a meeting on July 22, about bringing more Greek life to the Biscayne Bay campus.
- Also, discussed at the parking and traffic meeting, University Park housing will be getting hurricane shutters, and she will be ensuring that the Biscayne Bay housing gets them too. We need people to sit on a subcommittee about improving campus safety.
- She has a meeting with Nick Diciacio concerning the road signs and putting up flags between the Bay Vista Hall and the library. ~~Also, she addressing the repainting of the Academic Buildings.~~

#### HOUSE REPORT

There was no house meeting last week, due to the lack of attendance. Thatine Camargo , commended Alina Balean and Jayesh D'Souza for doing an amazing job. By the July 23, 2004 all the surveys has to be on the table.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- *Flyers*  
Lauren Mink, Director of Public Relations, stated that the flyers are completed and that she is trying to have a meeting on Friday July 23, with Tangela concerning the final printing of this flyer.

- *Football meeting on 7/12/04*

The Football players may be coming to our first pep rally on Sept. 1, 2004. They will be interacting with the students on our campus.

- *Orientation Sign-ups*

Orientation sign-up sheets are at the front door of the office. Please sign up to attend these orientations, because we need to have a good presence there.

- *Student Alumni Association*

Student Alumni Association called and stated that they could not make our meeting today.

**Meeting Adjourned at 4:53 PM.**