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# Florida International University

Student Government Council

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2004

*Minutes for  
Meeting  
Missing  
Sept 15 04*

### IN ATTENDANCE

Ruth-Allyson Webster  
Thatine "Chini" Camargo  
Micah Mintz  
Jan Ascanio  
Marline Polissaintvil  
Zach Trautenberg  
Michael Hepburn  
Maxi Bakst  
Admatha Israel  
Alina Balean  
David Quinones  
Daniela Zelaya  
Jayesh D'Souza  
Rasheedah Muhammad  
Franklin Soares  
Rafael Zapata  
David Cole

SGC President  
SGC Vice-President  
Finance Chair  
Chief of Staff  
Clerk of Council  
Student Union Board Chair  
Student Services Chair  
Director of Special Events  
Representative at Large  
Lower Division Representative  
Journalism and Mass Communication Representative  
Business Representative  
Graduate Representative  
Intern Director  
Housing Representative  
Assistant Director, Campus Life  
Director, Campus Life

### ABSENT

Lauren Mink  
Daryl Hall  
Elizabeth Tovar  
Mfon Essiet  
Monique Jacob  
Daniel Izquierdo  
Mike Fogel

Director of Public Relations  
Broward Representative  
Academic Affairs Chair  
Panther Power Director  
Executive Assistant  
Athletic Director  
Director of Technological Advancement

### GUEST(S)

Dr. Raul Moncarz, Vice Provost  
Kim Pascual  
Natkisha Jean-Baptiste  
Judith Dumel  
Kellerhals Fabienne  
Melesia Dayes- BCC  
Cindy Acebo-BCC  
Perez Armando- BCC

Andres F. Torres- Wellness Center  
Kimberly Castillo  
Jovani Small  
Lemar Linton  
Paula Zelaya  
Ramone Fluellen  
Kylie Ferguson  
Miguel Quintero

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

This meeting was called to order at 3:36 PM by Ruth Allyson Webster, SGC President.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes were approved by a vote of acclamation.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

Angia De La Torre ran for Community Relations Chair and was appointed by a vote of 5-1-0.  
Kim Pascual ran for Election Chair and was appointed by vote of 6-0-0.  
Natkisha Jean-Baptiste ran for Lower Division Representative and was appointed by a vote of 4-0-2.  
Judith Dumel ran for Representative at Large and was not appointed by a vote of 2-4-1. She was advised to start as an intern in order to get a feel for how the council works.  
Miguel Quintero ran for Director of Student Lobby and was appointed by a vote of 6-1-0

#### **STUDENT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

The Student Alumni Association made a special presentation to the council. The purpose was to educate SGC on what the SAA is about, and to inform the council of their intention to bring SAA to the Biscayne Bay Campus. They encouraged the members of the council to join.

#### **GUEST SPEAKER - Dr. Raul Moncarz, Vice Provost - Biscayne Bay Campus**

- He welcomed everyone back.
- He talked about the renovations that are happening on the Biscayne Bay Campus. He thanked everyone for their participation in the Freshman Luau. He mentioned recommencement of the BBC Dining Club and encourage the council to participate.
- Dr. Moncarz asked that those members who are not currently receiving the faculty newsletter email to submit their emails to him. Also, he invited the council to a Brown Bag Luncheon on Oct. 4, 2004.
- He stated that his department top priority was to "Make every student count."
- He invited the council to the Faculty Convocation on September 26 at 4pm in the WUC Ballroom.

#### **PRESIDENT REPORT**

- *Road Signs*

The names for the road signs have been approved and will be in place in the near future.

- ***Nursing School***

Ms. Webster met with Dean Grossman of Nursing School to discuss the proposed move the University Park Campus. Further information will be available in January after the Governor's Budget is presented.

- ***African New World Studies***

Ms. Webster mentioned that SGC will be funding an ANWS lecture.

- ***Housing Shuttle***

Ms. Webster informed the council that it was planned to discontinue the Housing shuttle. The final decision resulted in the housing students having the shuttle service once a week for this year. Ms. Webster asked that the Housing Representative promote the usage of the shuttle.

#### **APPROPRIATION**

An Appropriation in support of funding MPAS for S.T.A.R.S. workshop, sponsored by Daniela Zelaya, Business Representative and Admatha Israel, Rep. At Large, was voted on and passed by a vote of 6-0-0.

*passed*

#### **PRESIDENT REPORT CONT'D**

- ***Committee Assignments***

- The Finance Committee had two open positions, these were filled by Alina Balean, Lower Division Representative, and Franklin Soares, Housing Representative.
- The Student Services Committee positions were filled by Natkisha Jean-Baptiste, Angia De La Torre, Marline Polissaintvil and Alina Balean.

- Ms. Webster attended a Faculty welcome event at the University Park Campus during the week of August 30.

- ***Intern Program***

- The intern applications are due on September 17, 2004 at 5 PM. There will also be a welcome meeting on that day at 5pm for the applicants.
- The purpose of the Intern Program is to have applicants work with all three councils in order to give them a better understanding of how they operate.

- ***Dates to Remember***

1. SGA Day 9/13/04 at 12PM - 3PM. Ms. Maxi Bakst asked that all members of the council to participate in this event.
2. Student Affair luncheon on 9/15/04 at 3PM in the WUC Ballroom.
3. Wake up Wednesday on 9/15/04

## **VICE PRESIDENT REPORT**

Ms. Camargo had to depart to the University Park campus, so her report will be given at the next meeting

## **FINANCE CHAIR REPORT**

The Finance committee passed two \$500 appropriations, one to MPAS and the other for an SOC event. Ms. Webster asked Mr. Mintz to give a report on the SGA budget.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Flyers need to be updated with current open positions.
- SGAsk.  
This is a SGA awareness event; the intent is to give students an opportunity to learn more about SGA. The theme is "TEAM."
- Advising Survey  
The advising problem at the College of Business Administration is a major focus. A survey has been done concerning this situation.
- SGA Special Elections will be held on October 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

## **COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

- Mr. Hepburn thanked the House for passing the MPAS appropriation. He suggested that the council should set the pace by signing up for SAA.
- Ms. Muhammad commented on the discrepancy in the Bylaws concerning the Housing Representative position and the Housing Chair. Ms. Webster recommended that the House seek to correct this by making an amendment to the Bylaws.
- Mr. D'Souza asked about the shuttle subsidies. Ms. Webster said that this will be looked at in the future, but it is not currently possible due to lack of funding.
- Mr. Cole asked that the committees email him the three things they intend to work on this year. He also asked the council to be aware of what the referendum on the ballot is about.
- Ms. Webster recognized and thanked Mr. Patrick Blanc from Broward Community College and those that accompanied him for attending today's meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:36 PM.