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Florida International University

Student Government Council
Office of the Vice President

**GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2004**

IN ATTENDANCE

Ruth-Allyson Webster	SGC President
Thatine "Chini" Camargo	SGC Vice-President
Admatha Israel	Representative at Large
Alina Balean	Lower Division Representative
Jayesh D'Souza	Graduate Representative
Daryl Hall	Broward Representative
Zach Trautenberg	Student Union Board Chair
Jan Ascanio	Chief of Staff
Maxi Bakst	Director of Special Events
David Quiñones	Journalism and Mass Communication Representative
Mfon Essiet	Panther Power Director
Micah Mintz	Finance Chair
Michael Hepburn	Student Services Chair
Miguel Quintero	Director of Student Lobbying
Kim Pasqual	Elections Commissioner
Daniela Zelaya	Business Representative
Franklin Soares	Housing Representative
Natkisha Jean-Baptiste	Lower Division Representative

ABSENT

<i>Paula</i> Paola Zelaya	Campus Life
Marline Polissaintvil	Clerk of Council
Rasheedah Muhammad	Intern Director
Tauheedah <i>Stephens</i>	Representative at Large

CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order at 4:12 pm by Ruth-Allyson Webster, SGC President.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Marline Polissaintvil was absent. Therefore, there were no minutes to approve.

APPOINTMENT

Lauren Mink presented for the Director of Public Relations position and was not appointed by a vote of 3-6-0.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- FSA

The FSA trip was cut short due to Hurricane Jeanne. University of West Florida has approximately \$30 million in damage due to Hurricane Frances. Florida Gulf Coast College was also hit by Hurricane Charlie. University of Florida is now officially part of FSA. Things to push through legislature this year:

1. Bright Futures/FL Prepaid, Accelerated Graduation, Tuition – FSA is against Accelerated Graduation, by which students would have to pay the price of 15 credits for taking 12 credits or more. The universities' Board of Trustees are putting in different proposals to the Governor. FIU's Board of Trustees still has not said anything. In regard to tuition within the state, our focus is to maintain it as low as possible. Bright Futures is currently working fine.
2. Hurricane Relief Fund – We are looking into whether money from this fund will be allocated to aid the Caribbean as well. We are trying to find out exactly what will be done with the money.
3. FSA Day will be held at the capitol.

- FACULTY CONVOCATION

Faculty Convocation will begin at 9 am at the Wortheim Performing Arts Center.

- LEVEL 5

Level 5 will be held on September 30th at the Gold Garage from 9pm to 2 am. Tickets to the party are on a first come first serve basis. Ruth will try to reserve tickets for SGA members.

- SGA WEBSITE

Luis sent an email on the progress of the website. He took the basic template of SGA and updated all the information. Ruth asked the SGA members to go onto the website www.wuc.fiu.edu to check the appearance and give your opinion.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- ~~There were additional cops on campus during the Safety Committee Meeting.~~ Safety issues during a hurricane were discussed. The committee is open for recommendations on how to communicate and how to handle jaywalking. Chini suggested giving tickets for jaywalking. Golf cart statuses are not clear. *Researching*
- Meeting with ~~Mr. Olson~~ and Rafael. Will be working on credit card issues for booking hotels. Will be meeting with BVHC, but waiting on an opening for Moncarz to attend as well.
- FSA – In other schools the Vice President oversees the cabinet. The President of University of South Florida is very into the arts. His idea was for each school/college in a university to create an object in the shape of the university's mascot. Each school or college of the university would create the mascot uniquely in accordance to the subject matter. (i.e. the school of journalism would create a panther out of newspapers.)
- ~~Whoever still needs nametags needs to inform Chini because she has not put the order in as of yet.~~
- ~~The logo on the SGA sk shirts is incorrect, therefore we are trying to coordinate with UP.~~

Ref. will be coordinating a meeting

Evacuation for hurricane

HOUSE REPORT

- We have received approval to start the coin drive for the Hurricane Relief Fund.
- We are seeking donations from companies for the Lemonade Stand Project.
- Representative Day will be postponed until after elections.
- We are currently working on the advising survey.

FINANCE CHAIR REPORT

The committee met on September 27, 2004. ~~The proposals during this meeting were tabled.~~ *there were no proposals*

CHIEF OF STAFF

- Is not sure whether we will have a DJ for SGAsk as of yet.
- Addressed the newspaper article in regards to the Career Fair. Asked for someone to write a letter to the newspaper asking them to recognize the hard work and dedication of Craig Cunningham.
- Is interested in showing the documentary called Busted in which students will learn about their constitutional rights when pulled over by the cops.
- Currently working on SGAsk. The shirts have been ordered.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- We will receive a sample T-shirt for SGAsk on the morning of Friday, October 1. Ordering the shirts takes approximately three weeks. However, there is a possibility of a faster shipment.
- Reserved the date of October 18, 2004 for SGAsk.

STUDENT LOBBYING

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- Will run a survey to get students' views on block tuition.
- Will be working on showing the documentary Busted.
- Last day to register to vote is October 4th. Promoting "Register to Vote" on the electronic sign found in the entrance to F.I.U. There will be an 11 by 13 banner over the booth to register in ACI. There will be no giveaways.
- Will be meeting with Craig Cunningham for the February Career Fair. At this career fair, we will try to show the benefits for students of F.I.U. that employers give instead of giveaways. For example, book reimbursements. Another goal is to get companies to hire FIU students and pay them more.

ELECTIONS

- Applications for candidates are due on October 15.
- Finished the elections package. Completed the graphics to get the word out. Campaigning will start on October 18th. Voting will be held on October 26th and 27th.

Chini asked to schedule a cabinet meeting in which Rafael will be a part of. Admatha motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Daryl. Voted by hands. Majority voted against the motion. Motion died.

PANTHER POWER

- There is a football game this Saturday, October 2nd. There will be an overnight tailgate, which will include rock climbing, human bowling, and more. Tickets for the game are available through Mfon.
- The Pep Rally will have a Jungle Theme. It will be from 6pm to 9pm on Wednesday, November 10th. Will be inviting Greeks, a big name DJ, the swim team, the basketball team, and the football team. There will be a date auction in which we need volunteers. A comedian will be participating as well. Will be giving out black t-shirts with the mascot holding a football. There will also be a free-style rapping battle. Authors and artists will be attending the event as well.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- Representative at large
 1. Working on a resolution for mosquito magnets.
 2. Working on the Busted project
- Graduate Representative
 1. Looking forward to GSA working here on BBC.
 2. Working on surveys.
 3. Career services workshop was well attended.
 4. Attended the Faculty convocation
 5. Attended the International Students Reception.
- Lower Division Representative – Alina
 1. Distributing surveys.
 2. Working on by-laws revision.
 3. Working on the lemonade stand and hurricane relief fund.
- Lower Division Representative – Natkisha
 1. Will be trying to increase awareness of teacher evaluation website.
 2. Will be increasing awareness of the free blue books for students.
 3. Will be going to freshman experience classes.
 4. Denny's discounts are only available to freshman FIU students. Will try to make that benefit available to all FIU students.
- Broward Representative
 1. Extending time period for photo ID
 2. Trying to get Movie night started in November.
 3. Trying to open up more positions on the board for the Broward School.
- Business Representative
 1. Working on a resolution to get an honors college representative.
 2. Working on survey to see whether business students feel they are getting the education they need for actual jobs in the real-world.
 3. Participating in the Hurricane Relief Fund and Lemonade Stand.
- Housing Representative
 1. Also working on mosquito control
 2. Trying to work out the bus schedule for Saturday
 3. Have purchased the pool sticks.

STUDENT SERVICES

- Will be meeting in the morning of Thursday, September 30th to discuss the card reader.

- Wants to work on a recycling program.
- Will be meeting on Friday with the Resident Life Coordinator to discuss the possibility of getting a vending machine for the laundry room.
- There will be a Halloween Party on October 29th sponsored by SGC.
- Thinking of having an open forum on the night of SGAsk.
- Dorm Storm Party in which an SGA bag with goodies will be placed on the doorknobs.

STUDENT UNION BOARD

- Met with Greg Olson. The Panther Square logo has been approved. It will probably start building this month.
- Will be addressing the insect problem on campus.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Associate Director of disability services was recently hospitalized.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:04 pm.