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**GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2004**

IN ATTENDANCE

Ruth-Allyson Webster	SGC President
Thatine "Chini" Camargo	SGC Vice-President
Micah Mintz	Finance Chair
Marline Polissaintvil	Clerk of Council
Admatha Israel	Representative at Large
Alina Balean	Lower Division Representative
David Quinoñes	Journalism and Mass Communication Representative
Jayesh D'Souza	Graduate Representative
Natkisha Jean-Baptiste	Lower Division Representative
Franklin Soares	Housing Representative
Zachary Trautenberg	Student Union Board Chair
Michael Hepburn	Student Services Chair
Mfon Essiet	Panther Power Director
Rasheedah Muhammad	Intern Director
Kim Pascual	Election Chair
Lauren Mink	Director of Public Relations

ABSENT

Claudia Otero	Hospitality Management Representative
Daniela Zelaya	Business Representative
Daryl Hall	Broward Representative
Elizabeth Tovar	Academic Affairs Chair
Monique Jacob	Executive Assistant
Mike Fogel	Director of Technological Advancement
Maxi Bakst	Director of Special Events
Lauren Mink	Director of Public Relations
Jan Ascanio	Chief of Staff
Daniel Izquierdo	Athletic Director
Angia De-La Torre	Community Relations Chair
Miguel Quintero	Director of Student Lobbying

GUEST

Andrene Grant

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Webster, SGC President, called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM. However, the council took a brief recess while the House met briefly and to allow time for the technician to bring a microphone. The meeting reconvened at 4:12 PM.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

A. Faculty Senate Meeting

- Ms. Webster stated that the main concerns of faculty were their discontent with the new PantherSoft system and its effects on their disbursement.
- They discussed block tuition and its possible effect on our university. The Governor of Florida is working on implementing block tuition which means student would be required to pay for 15 credits hours though they may be taking 12. Many faculty members are against this proposal.
- The Bright Futures program is also at risk, some Representatives want to increase the GPA and the SAT requirements. Once again the council is encouraging students to attend the rally in Tallahassee in protest of these proposed changes.

B. Hip-Hop Summit 10/29/04

- Russell Simmons's Hip Hop Summit will be at the Biscayne Bay Campus on 10/29/04 in Panther Square at 6PM - 9PM. This summit addresses the importance of young people voting.

C. UTS meeting

- Ms. Webster had a meeting with UTS addressing the concerns of students and faculty with the PantherSoft System.
- UTS will be promoting the use of the webmail in the near future.

D. Meeting with Dr. Haynes

- Ms. Webster had a productive meeting with Dr. Haynes, he informed her of his continued support of the Student Government Council
- They discussed the enhancement of the MPAS and Career Services offices. The departments are requesting between \$3000 and \$4000 for repainting their offices from Student Government.
- David Quiñones, Journalism and Mass Communication Representative, suggested that we made an effort to promote unity in the Wolfe University Center.

E. Meeting with Dr. Jones

- Dr. Rosa Jones, the new Senior Vice President of Student Affairs, visited the Biscayne Bay Campus; *Pies was not able to meet w/ her*
- ~~Ms. Webster met with her and informed her of some of SGC's concerns and goals for this year.~~

F. New Food Court

- Construction has begun on the new food court. The space the food court currently occupies will be converted either into classrooms or meeting spaces.

G. SGAsk

- Council members had an opportunity to share their opinions on SGAsk that took place today.
- This is a new council event, which will take place every month. The next SGAsk will be on 11/10/04.
- However, Ms. Webster stated the council needs step up planning for the event and students should be made aware that it is happening. Also it is vital that more council members are present the next time.

H. FSA/ Board of Governors meeting 10/20 - 10/21

- The FSA meeting at University of Florida has been rescheduled.
- Ms. Webster will be attending the FSA Board of Governors meeting next week. It is intended to be a learning experience for her and the forum also allows for the attendees to make suggestions to the Board.
- The next FSA meeting will be November 19, 2004 at FIU. All members are required to attend since we are the host school.

I. Senatorial Debate 10/25/04

- The Florida Senatorial Debate is at the University Park Campus on October 25, 2004. Attendance is by invitation only.

RESOLUTION

- The council moved to vote on the Resolution. Passed by a hand vote of 5-0-1.
- The Resolution addressed increasing the wages of the Speaker of the House.
- Mr. Mintz, Finance Chair, offered a friendly amendment to remove the wording "per hour" from the resolution.
- The resolution pass with a vote of 7-0-0, with the following corrections:
"Therefore let it be resolved that the Speaker of that House be compensated 35% of the President's pay for a minimum of 10 hours a week, Five of which has to be done in the office."

PANTHER POWER

- Ms. Essiet, Panther Power Director, talked about Homecoming and the events that are part of the week.
- 11/9 Homecoming Fashion Show.
- 11/10 Decorating contest and Step Show.
- 11/12 SGA sponsored Tailgate Party.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

- Ms. Camargo, SGC Vice-President, circulated three new flag samples for the Biscayne Bay Campus for the council to vote on.
- She informed the council that she and Ms. Webster are attending the Bay Vista Hall meeting that evening (10/13/04).
- On November 21 the University Park SGC will be hosting the SGA Games event. It will be at 1pm at the Arena. The Biscayne Bay campus will be hosting the Spring SGA Games. These events are to foster better campus relations and to enable council members to meet and get to know their counterparts

HOUSE REPORT

- Ms. Balean, House Chair, stated that no House meeting was held today. The next meeting is October 20, 2004 at 3PM.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Town Hall Meeting and an SGA retreat are scheduled for November.
- SGA Special Elections are on October 26th -27th. Applicants need to turn in their applications as soon as possible.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

a. Diversity Awareness Day 10/21/04

- Volunteers are needed for the Diversity Awareness Day. Volunteers need to show up at 10AM.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:18 PM