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Florida International University

Student Government Council

Campus Specific Meeting
May 21, 2004

Representatives

1. Target Shuttle Bus:
 - a. Our goal is to ensure that student do not worry about where they are taking their classes.
2. Advising
 - a. Have an evaluation for each advisor by the students.
 - b. Need more advisor & Student Assistants Advisors
 - c. Have an advising center
3. Marketing
 - a. Voting
 - b. Events/ Programs
 - c. Have brochures available.
 - d. Intern needs to participate
 - e. Have a board with all of our pictures
 - f. Place a news release in the Beacon
 - g. SGA Video
 - h. All member needs to attend orientations
 - i. We should have UP SGA come to some of our Orientations and we go to theirs. Allowing student to get to know both campuses and promoting ourselves.
 - j. Campus life calendar of events
 - k. Put our event on WUC kiosks.
 - l. Remove complaint board in AC1
 - m. Interact more with the Pine Center Campus. Possibly have one of our general meetings there each semester. Keep in mind the average student there are above the age of 30.

Cabinet Goal

1. Develop use of technology
 - a. Improve and Update our current website
 - b. DTA needs to meet with U.T.S. and check on office computers.
 - c. Put a survey on the website and making sure we follow up on the results.
 - d. Get a direct link to Fuse Online & post our event on their Bulletin Board.
2. Stronger inter-council communication
 - a. Establishing closer bond within our office through events such as:
 - i. Luncheons
 - ii. Working hand-in-hand with each other.
 - iii. Special monthly meeting or outings

3. Voting promotion in classes via T.V.

Standing Committees

1. Tri-council Unity
 - a. Have President's Meeting that includes SGA, SPC, and individual SOC club presidents.
 - b. Have inter council activities
 - c. Work closer with the accounting office
2. Recruitment
 - a. When the peer advisors are touring incoming students we should join in and introduce ourselves.
 - b. Have continuous recruitment throughout the school year.
 - c. Go to High Schools College Fairs. This is something we can work on with the admissions office. Was suggested that we also visit Private High Schools too. Note: We should stop thinking of ourselves as a commuter campus; we are a top Urban Public Research University.
 - d. Go to games as a council
3. Panther Square logo
 - a. Have a panther walk (paws) that leads to Panther Square
 - b. We are getting a new sign in Panther Square; suggested that we have one inside and outside.
 - c. We will be getting road sign on campus.

Other Topics....

BBC Café

1. They are over charging for food on our campus.
2. Have people serve on the food evaluation committee
3. Customer service there is bad.



Florida International University

Student Government Council

Minutes SGC General Meeting 1/19/2005

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
Ms. Maxi Bakst, Director of Special Events
Mr. Jason Geller, Director of Public Relations
Ms. Natkisha Jean-Baptiste, Lower Division Representative
Ms. Tauheedah Stephens, Rep at Large
Mr. Daryl Hall, Broward Rep
Mr. Franklin Soares, Housing Representative
Mr. Daniel Medina, Rep at Large
Mr. Jayesh D'Sousa, Graduate Representative
Mr. Craig Cunningham, Director of Campus Life & Orientation

ABSENT:

Ms. Marline Polisaintvil, Clerk of Council
Mr. Casey McClendon, Hospitality Representative

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

GUESTS:

Ms. Mfonobong Essiet
Ms. Lorna Sylvestre
Ms. Jeanette Espinosa
Ms. Carol Howard
Ms. Alsy Acevedo, National Association of United Journalism Students
Mr. Raul Moncarz, Vice Provost of Academic Affairs
Mr. Leman McCray

A General Meeting of the Student Government Council was held on January 19, 2005. President Ruth Webster was present and the meeting was called to order at 3:43 p.m. There were no minutes to be approved.

President's Report

- FSA meeting at FAU

There will be an FSA meeting at Florida Atlantic University, Boca on Friday January 21; Ms. Webster said that all members were invited to attend because it is being held so close.

❑ **Fee Committee Meeting**

At the upcoming fee committee, meeting Campus Recreation, for both the University Park and the Biscayne Bay Campuses, will be requesting a fee increase so that they will be able to improve their program offerings.

❑ **Intern Program**

Currently we do not have an intern director and therefore it has decided that Mr. Hepburn will be in charge of the program until the position is filled.

❑ **Time Cards**

Members have not been filling out there time cards. Ms. Webster and Mr. Hepburn have decided that time cards will now be located at the Campus Life front desk and members will sign in there and when they leave the office, they will sign out there. Time cards are not to be removed from the front desk.

❑ **SGAsk**

The current proposal for SGAsk is that it be held the third Wednesday of every month, the next one will be held on February 16. After SGAsk, the council will be visiting housing for an open forum between the students living in housing and council members. This open forum will be at 5pm.

❑ **New Member Check List**

❑ **Goals**

Ms Webster said that she and Mr. Hepburn have revised the council's goals for this semester and have come up with the following:

- Customer Service – she will be looking into implementing a Compliment/Complain box in all departments, staff members in these departments should where name tags so that can be identified. At the end of the year, the staff members who have received the most compliments will receive an award from the council.
- Expanding the services offered by the Wolfe University Center.
- Campus Beautification project
- Housing renovations – painting of the building has already been approved.
- Increased class offerings on BBC.

Appointments

There were two persons up for appointment to the Council:

- ❑ Lorna Sylvestre presented for appointment to the position of Panther Power Director
- ❑ Leman McCray presented for appointment to the position of Director of Community Relations

Vice President Report

- Intern Program – nineteen members have already confirmed to be a part of the intern program. The welcome meeting will be held on Friday January 21. New members of the council will also be a part of the program so that they will learn the proper procedures and requirements for being a member of the council

Community Comments

The council was informed of the upcoming Jose Marti Breakfast and essay competition.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm.



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. Lemay 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
Ms. Maxi Bakst, Director of Special Events

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

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.