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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
<del>Lauren Mink</del>	<del>Director of Public Relations</del>

**ABSENT**

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

**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 ~~Dr. Webster was not able to meet with 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 met 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 26<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup>. 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**



# 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 Quinoñes	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

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.**



# Florida International University

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## 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. Lemman 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

#### **LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

Ms. Maxi Bakst, Director of Special Events

#### **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 on 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.