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# Florida International University

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## Student Government Council

### General Meeting Minutes Wednesday May 19, 2004

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Ruth-Allyson Webster	SGC President
Thatine "Chini" Camargo	SGC Vice-President
Marline Polissaintvil	Clerk of Council
Maxi Bakst	Director of Special Events
Rasheedah Muhammad	Intern Director
Elizabeth Tovar	Academic Affairs Chair
Zach Trautenberg	Student Union Board
Claudia Otero	Hospitality Management Representative
Daniela Zelaya	Business Representative
Jayesh D'Souza	Graduate Representative
David Quifones	Journalism and Mass Communication Representative
Micah S. Mintz	Representative at Large
Rafael Zapata	Advisor

#### GUEST

Lorna Sylvestre  
Daniel Izquierdo  
Lauren Mink  
Admatha Israel  
Mfon Essiet  
Alina Balean

#### ABSENT

Mike Fogel	Director of Technological Advancement
Daryl Hall	Broward Representative
Jan Ascanio	Chief of Staff

#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was call to order at 3:43 PM by Ruth-Allyson Webster, SGC President.

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes approval was move until after Appointment, due to fact that the minute was not present yet.

#### APPOINTMENTS

Daniel Izquierdo ran for Director of Athletics and was elected by a vote of 6 - 0 - 0.  
Lauren Mink ran for Director of Public Relation and was elected by a vote of 6 - 0 - 0.

Mfon Essiet ran Panther Power Director and was elected by a vote of 5 - 0 - 1.  
Alina Balean ran for Lower Division Representative and was elected by a vote of 6 - 0 - 0.  
Admatha Isreal ran for Representative-at-Large and was elected by a vote of 5 - 1 - 0.

Micah S. Mintz formally ~~step~~<sup>stepped</sup> down from his position as Representative at Large.  
He ran for Finance Chair and was elected by a vote of 4 - 0 - 0.

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - vote of acclamation

Thatine "Chini" Camargo, SGC Vice-President, moved to approve the minutes. It was seconded by David Quinones. Minutes were unanimously approved.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

##### • RETREAT

We will be meeting at 8 AM on Friday May 21, 2004 in front of the bus stop to depart to Marco Island. We will be returning on Sunday May 23, 2004 at 12:30 PM.

This retreat will give council members an opportunity to learn more about Student Government and their role & responsibilities. Council member are expected to read and understand the Student Government Constitution and By-laws.

##### Note:

Lauren Mink & Jayesh D'Souza will be driving up on Saturday because they have to work on Friday. Claudia Otero & David Quifones will be riding up with the University Park Student Government Council bus.

##### • MEETINGS

Began meeting with Dr. Telles-Irving, Dr. Rosenberg, and Dr. Gallagher to establish good relations and meet about SGC goal for the 2004-2005 year. Talk to Dr. Gallagher about the possibility of reducing or eliminating the shuttle fee. Since, there was an increase in Parking & Traffic budget. This issue is a university wide goal.

##### • SEAL

With the support of the ~~business administration~~<sup>Finance</sup> department, we will be putting a seal in Academic One Building.

##### • VOTER REGISTRATION

We will be launching a university wide interactive voter registration campaign. With the help of some outside group. Zach Trautenberg, Student Union Board, suggested that we contact the news stations and to take into account the how long it takes to register.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:20 PM



# Florida International University

## Student Government Council

### GENERAL MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY JUNE 2, 2004

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Ruth-Allyson Webster	SGC President
Thatine "Chini" Camargo	SGC Vice-President
Marline Polissaintvil	Clerk of Council
Maxi Bakst	Director of Special Events
Elizabeth Tovar	Academic Affairs Chair
Zach Trautenberg	Student Union Board Chair
Daniela Zelaya	Business Representative
Jayesh D'Souza	Graduate Representative
Micah Mintz	Finance Chair
Daryl Hall	Broward Representative
Admatha Israel	Representative-at-Large
Mfon Essiet	Panther Power Director
Kim Pasual	Elections Director
Jan Ascanio	Chief of Staff
Daniel Izquierdo	Athletic Chair
Lauren Mink	Director of Public Relations
Mike Fogel	Director of Technological Advancement
Rafael Zapata	

#### GUEST

Monique Jacobs

#### ABSENT

Rasheedah Muhammad	Intern Director
Claudia Otero	Hospitality Management Representative
David Quinoñes	Journalism and Mass Communication Representative

#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:34 PM by Ruth Allyson Webster, SGC President.

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Thatine Camargo, SGC Vice-President, moved to approve the minutes. It was seconded by David Quinoñes. Minutes were approved by a vote of acclamation.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- HUMAN RESOURCES  
New council member need to fill out ~~several~~ <sup>their</sup> paperwork in order to get on the payroll. Human resources office is located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor on the outside of the library. They will tell you how to get all the information that you need to fill out.
- REPORTS  
Starting next general council meeting, all council members are required to turn in a bi-weekly report. Cabinet members are to turn in their reports to the Chief of Staff, Standing Committee chairs are to turn theirs in to the President and House of Representative are to turn theirs in to the Vice-President ~~until a speaker of the house is elected.~~
- INTERN PROGRAMS  
We are to get the word out about the intern program. The intern program will provide students with hands on experience in the Student Government Council, Student Programming Council, and the Student Organization Council. Each council member will have an intern which they are responsible to teach and train about their position and SGC.
- SGC OPENINGS  
We are to get the word out about the positions that are open on the council. Lauren will <sup>be</sup> working on flyers that we are responsible to pass out. Council members should ask their professors for permission to talk to their classes about SGC.
- PINE CENTER  
We will be visiting the Pine<sup>s</sup> center on July 12, 2004.

## APPOINTMENTS.

Monique Jacobs ran for Executive Assistant. Admatha Israel, Representative-at-Large, moved to limit discussion to two minutes one pro-one con. Motion was seconded by Thatine Camargo, SGC Vice-President. Ms. Monique Jacobs was elected by a vote of 4-0-2.

## VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- \* At the next House meeting, there will be <sup>an</sup> election for the speaker of the House, Vice-Chair, and Secretary.
- \* Representatives should have call <sup>ed</sup> the dean of the school ~~there~~ <sup>they</sup> are representing, decide <sup>d</sup> what committee they will be serving on, and email <sup>ed</sup> their goals to the vice-president.

## NEW BUSINESS

- COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS  
Council members ~~were~~ chose the committee(s) that they wanted to sit on. Each representative will be assigned a committee to serve on.
- FSA <sup>2</sup>  
There are ~~to~~ FSA meetings this month. The first one <sup>e</sup> will take place on June 15-18, 2004 in Washington, DC. The President and vice-president will be attending this meeting. The purpose of this trip is to discuss Block tuition with the Representatives. The second one will take place on June 24-26, 2004 at University of Central Florida in Orlando, Fl.
- TIME CARD SYSTEM

All council members need to log in their hours in the Log Book. This book will be checked by Chief of Staff bi-weekly. Please note that we <sup>will</sup> be implementing a time card system in conjunction with our current method.

- AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR MEDICAL SCHOOL  
Zach Trautenberg, Student Union Board Chair, will be heading up an ad hoc committee to Lobby and investigate what we need to do to get the Medical school on the Biscayne bay campus. The ~~person that will be on~~ this committee are Ms. Mfon Essiet, Ms. Elizabeth Tovar, Mr. Micah Mintz, and Mr. Mike Fogel

*people assigned to*

#### OLD BUSINESS

- RETREAT
  - President Ruth-Allyson Webster thanked everyone for attending the retreat. The minutes from our retreat campus specific meeting will be placed in the council members mailbox.
  - The university wide meeting has been rescheduled to <sup>a</sup> later date.
- SHUTTLE BUS  
We are trying to lower the shuttle cost. One suggestion was to selling <sup>a</sup> the shuttle Ad space.

#### COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- Council member<sup>s</sup> are encouraged
  - to contact the counterpart on the University <sup>P</sup>ark campus.
  - Make sure your <sup>F</sup>email address is correct.
  - Attend the Freshmen orientation
- Jan Ascanio, Chief of Staff, spoke to Ruth-Allyson Webster, SGC President, about have<sup>ing</sup> a friend of his that has a lot of political experience to talk to the council and/ or the student body about the importance of voting, what is going on in politics and the issue to expect in the up and coming election. But since he is a organizer for one of the candidates we do not want him to have any ~~pro~~ agenda for his party.
- There will be a <sup>F</sup> <sup>Conte</sup> finance meeting. Committee members will be inform<sup>ed</sup> of the time and place of the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:20 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 Quinones	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

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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

## Student Government Council

### GENERAL MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2004

#### 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 Quiñofles  
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.  
(6) Kim Pascual ran Elections 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.

#### **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.



# Florida International University

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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 <i>Quiñero</i>	Director of Student Lobbying
Kim <i>Pascua</i>	Elections Commissioner
Daniela Zelaya	Business Representative
Franklin Soares	Housing Representative
Natkisha Jean-Baptiste	Lower Division Representative

## ABSENT

<del>Paula</del> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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~~ <sup>Hurricane evacuation</sup>. 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 status ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> not clear. <sup>researching w/ UF</sup>
- <sup>Perkins</sup> 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 SGAsk shirts is incorrect, therefore we are trying to coordinate with UP.~~

## 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.~~ *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 ~~13~~ 2004 for SGAsk.

## STUDENT LOBBYING

- 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 4<sup>th</sup>. 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 AC I. 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 18<sup>th</sup>. Voting will be held on October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

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 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 10<sup>th</sup>. 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.) } *Not definite* } *hopefully*

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.



**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
<del>Elizabeth Tovar</del>	<del>Academic Affairs Chair</del>
Monique Jacob	Executive Assistant
<del>Mike Fogel</del>	<del>Director of Technological Advancement</del>
Maxi Bakst	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; *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 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 24

Wednesday, November 23, 2004

#### In Attendance

Ruth-Allyson Webster	President
Thatine Camargo	Vice-President
Alina Balean	Representative at Large
David Quinones	Journalism and Mass Communication Representative
Jayesh D'Souza	Graduate Representative
Daniela Zelaya	Business Representative
Daryl Hall	Broward Representative
Tauheedah Stephens	Representative at Large
Casey McClendon	Hospitality Representative
Franklin Soares	Housing Representative
Daniel Medina	Representative at Large
Micah Mintz	Finance Chair
Zach Trautenberg	Student Union Board Chair
Mfon Essiet	Panther Power Director
Kim Pascual	Election Chair
Maxi Bakst	Director of Special Events
Marline Polissaintvil	Clerk of Council
Jason Geller	Public Relations Chair
Rafael Zapata	Advisor

#### Absent

Natkisha Jean-Baptiste	Lower Division Representative
Rasheedah Muhammad	Intern Director
Monique Jacob	Executive Assistant
<del>Daniel Izquierdo</del>	<del>Athletic Chair</del>
<del>Miguel Quintero</del>	<del>Director of Student Lobby</del>

#### Guest

~~Michael Hepburn~~  
Admatha Israel

#### Called to Order

Ms. Webster, SGC President, called the meeting to order at 3:36PM.

Ms. Webster asked the council to strike the appointment section of the agenda.

## **President Report**

### ***Board of Trustees Meeting***

Ms. Webster met with the Board of Trustees on Monday, November 22. One of the major concerns was the lack of attendance by faculty members. There is a lot going on with the faculty negotiations.

### ***Medical School***

The medical school proposal is stated to be on a good path in following the steps for approval.

### ***Panther Soft***

Ms. Webster stated that Panther Soft is still having problems. She was told that it may take a few years before the system is operating at expectation.

Ms. Webster mention that council member interested in learning more about what occurred at this meeting, may feel free to read the packet of information in her office.

### ***Inter-Council Event***

Ms. Webster was dissatisfied with the lack of attendance by the council members. She was the only one present. She would like to see more in attendance at the next event which we will be hosting next semester.

### ***SGA Retreat***

This retreat will place focus on the reviewing of goals, understanding parliamentary procedures and helping new members get up to speed. The meeting was originally scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> of December, but was moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December at 12PM-2PM, by a majority vote of the council.

## **Vice Presidential Election**

Mr. Rafael Zapata spoke on the results of the elections. He stated that they did have a resolution and it was appealed. By 29<sup>th</sup> of November Dr. Haynes will be making the final decision on the elections.

## **Leadership Changes**

Mr. David Cole was moved to the MPAS office on the University Park campus. Our new director will be Mr. Craig Cunningham.

Ms. Thatine Camargo motioned to put the appointments back on the agenda. The motion was second David Quinones. The motion failed by a vote of 2-4-2.

## **Vice President Report**

Ms. Camargo will be emailing the council her report.

## **Resolutions**

- The first resolution was in support of obtaining Carbon monoxide alarms for the students of Florida International University. The resolution was passed with a vote of 7-1-0.
- The second resolution was in support of representative report to being due once a month as stated in section 14 of the bylaws. The resolution was passed with a vote of 5-2-1.
- The next resolution was to add an Honors College Representative to the council.
- The final resolution was to add a section H to the Article 8 of the constitution. This resolution was tabled.

## **Vice President Report**

- Ms. Camargo stated that all office hours needed to be turned in and if there were council members still in need of name badges to please write it down.
- She, also mentioned that all reports needed to be turned in, and she will email what is needed to be submitted in the report.

## **House Report**

Ms. Alina Balean stated that there were no reports due to lack of attendance.

**Meeting Adjourned at 4:34PM**

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It is essential for the company to have a clear and concise system in place to track income and expenses. This will help in identifying areas where costs can be reduced and ensuring that all revenue is properly accounted for.

Next, the document outlines the various methods used to collect and analyze data. This includes conducting surveys, interviews, and focus groups to gather feedback from customers and employees. The data collected is then analyzed to identify trends and patterns that can inform decision-making.

The third section of the document focuses on the implementation of new strategies. It details the steps involved in launching a new product or service, from market research to distribution. The goal is to ensure that the new offering is well-received by the target audience and that it meets the company's objectives.

Finally, the document concludes with a summary of the key findings and recommendations. It emphasizes the need for ongoing monitoring and evaluation to ensure that the implemented strategies are effective and that the company remains competitive in the market.



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## 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.







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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 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.



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## 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.