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COUNCIL MINUTES

January 11, 2005

Prado called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

Roll Call

Governing Council

Tony Delgado (LT)
Carlos Velazco
Chereen de Boehmler (AB)
Bill Buchanan
Alfonso "Alfie" Leon
Mari Cabrera
Hilda Rose Benard
Angelina Troff

Marbely Hernández
AJ Meyer
Cesar Quinzada (AB)
Nidia Cruz (AB)
Kimberly Castillo
Darius Ahrabi-Asly

Standing Committee Chairpersons

Kenny Gelok
Kenny Alce
Nancy Cadavid
Providence E. Okoye
Raynard Morgan
Aviva Rose-Avila (AB)
Morgan Darity (AB)

Standing Council Chairpersons

Panther Rage- Carlton NG (LT)
SPC- Raj Maharaj (AB)
Homecoming- Brian Swensen

Governing Council Chairpersons

Honors Council- Dianne Cordova
GSA- Travis Gabriel
RHA- Natalie Jaramillo
SOC- Larissa Lockett

Advisor

Charlie Andrews

Minutes were passed.

Reports of Executive Board

President Alex Prado

Prado welcomes everyone back to this spring semester. He wants to wish everyone the best of luck in their classes. Prado encourages everyone to finish up our term strong and to have no slacking. Prado has been working on BOT negotiations between United Faculty of Florida. They agreed on a bargaining agreement. And are working on a partner of trust. Prado is looking to get commencement carpeting at graduation to show more professionalism. He is looking for ways to get funding for this. Prado had a meeting with Felicia Townsend to discuss different food services. Next Friday is FSA and a parking and traffic meeting. FSA is held in GC ballrooms. Remember March 8th is FIU day. Good Luck this semester!

Vice President Christine Denton

Denton wants to welcome everyone back and she hopes that everyone had a safe and wonderful break. Martin Luther King breakfast is this Friday from 8-10am. MLK parade is on Monday at 8am. (If you would like more information on this please contact Denton.) Remember there is no school on Monday. Stay tuned for the Spring retreat which is still TBA. Congratulations to Providence for a great "Taste of the World", It was a huge success. Denton wants to thank everyone who helped out during welcome week.

Comptroller Nancy Cadavid

- I have a meeting scheduled with Dr. Jones regarding the budget deliberations next week.
- I had a meeting today with Charlie, Andrea and Phillip regarding SGA scholarships and how to replenish its funds for next year.
- Reminder to all governing and standing councils, budgets are due to the A & S office by Jan. 16th. There are no exceptions. Stay tuned for the budget hearing dates.
- There will be a finance committee meeting today after the council meeting in my office.

Chief of Cabinet Brittany M. Juliachs

Congratulations on a successful welcome week. Thank you to all those council members who came to help out. Cabinet meeting will resume next week. MLK breakfast is this Friday, please speak to Paola if you can help out. Please contact Randy immediately if you are interested in participating in FIU day at the capital. The community service project for this semester is the AIDs walk for orphans, which will take place on Feb. 6th at 10:30am. We will be meeting at the Betty Chapman Plaza. (If you have any questions to please contact Cati or Brittany.)

Speaker of the House Alfie Leon

Happy New Year! Congratulations on Cram Jam and the carbon monoxide awareness project. They passed out 500 testers in 30 minutes. Alfie is looking forward to this semester and house meeting every Monday 4pm in the SGA conference room.

Reports of Standing Committees

Academic Affairs Aviva Rose-Avila

Cram Jam was a great success. Around 1,300 people came out. Every Wednesday there will be committee meetings at 3:15 in the conference room.

Campus Life Morgan Darity
No Report

International Students Providence E. Okoye

"Taste of the world" was today and it went very well and they had a lot of participation. Providence would like to thank all of those who took part in it one way or another; Chiny, Hilda, committee members, Kavian, BB, Judene, Providences' sister and roommate, and the GC staff especially Pam Stack. Their next event is the International Student Forum which will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 1st at 2:00pm in GC 150. They will be dealing with international student issues. Their next meeting is on Wednesday at 2pm in the conference room.

Student Services

Kenny Gelok

Kenny sent out an email to the student services committee regarding their schedules for the spring semester, he asks that they be returned as soon as possible so that a meeting time for the semester can be set. Goals for the remaining year include a student services safety walkthrough of campus, continuing to improve food services on campus, the eventual expansion of panthercard, and updating the student services flyer.

Student Union

Ray Morgan

-Construction-The construction on the third floor is almost complete; the construction team is currently installing the carpeting. The final inspection is schedule for January 23rd and once that passes the third floor will be ready for use. However, FIU is responsible for fixing some deficiencies on the third floor, such as re-wiring the alarm system which is out of the control of the construction company. If FIU does not carry through on repairing the deficiencies the completion of the third floor may be delayed.

-Moving-The departments that are suppose to move to the third floor have all been informed of the scheduled completion and because January is a busy month for them, they are all looking at moving to the third floor at the end of February.

-Game Room-The center for leadership which is currently located in the game room is looking to move to the third floor in March and until they move we will not be able to do anything with the game room.

-GC Lab-The GC lab hours have been changed to match those of the library. Everything has been going well so far, in November 16, 800 people swiped their cards to use the computer. This is in comparison to 5000 from the previous 2 years. One of the problems faced however, is that students spend a lot of time browsing myspace while others students are made to wait on the computers.

In terms of recreation the GC office is planning on including an online gaming night to their programming.

-Food Services-Smoothie time is closed permanently and we currently in the process of bringing in our new vendors. Burger will be taking smoothie time's spot but the time line has not yet been completed. I was informed by Aramark that they are planning the move one vendor at a time and by fall all the vendor will be in place. Signs will be put up later on this month to inform student about all the changes that will be taking place.

Reports of Boards

Elections Board

Kenny Alce

No Report

Judicial Board

Vacant

No Report

Reports of Standing Council

Panther Rage

Carlton NG

Happy New Years Everyone from Panther Rage. They had their first general meeting on Monday 9th and they had several plans for the upcoming sports events. Their bigger events are Rage Week, Southern Challenge/Baseball Cooffooff and traveling to Boca Raton for the Baseball game against FAU. They have a Game of the Week this Friday with the Baseball team against the Alumni at 6pm and their next Generak Meeting will be on January 23rd at 4pm in GC 140.

SPC

Raj Maharaj

No Report

Homecoming

Brian Swensen

Overall director applications are due this Friday. In two weeks the assistant director applications are due. Three weeks later committee chair applications are due. All the applications are online.

Reports of Governing Council

Honors Council

Dianne Cordova

Honors Council week is March 5-9th. Meeting next Thursday.

GSA
No Report

Travis Gabriel

RHA

Natalie Jaramillo

Meeting this Friday with Jim Wassenaar, Director of Housing. They will discuss new rates and Lakeview Housing. General meeting is January 25th in the University Park Apartments. FARH (Florida Association of Residence Hall) will be held the first week of February. They are sending 9 delegates to represent FIU due to low transportation costs as the conference will be held in Orlando, Florida. Their philanthropy for spring is Charity Ball. Contact rha@fiu.edu to help plan this event. RA selection process is going on now. Attend an information session to learn more. (times are posted in all residency halls)

SOC

Larissa Locket

Their first meeting was yesterday. Annual club fair theme is Egyptian. This will be held January 23-26 from 11-2pm. Spring news letter will be coming out soon. The SOC directors manual came out.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Announcements

- A) SGA Composites will be on January 25 and 26 from 9:30 – 2:30. Please wear your Polo's.
- B) If your information has changed please e-mail Katie or put a note in her mailbox.
- C) The Federal Government Statewide Conference is held on February 10 in the GC ballrooms at 8:00 – 4:30pm. (Must RSVP)
- D) Contact Randy if you are interested in participating in FIU Day.
- E) Prado wants to wish everyone a very successful semester.
- F) Relay For Life Announcement - April 7th -8th don't forget.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48pm



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- **Retreat Committee Report:** Vanessa Robinson updated the council on the efforts made for the retreat. She discussed that the committee is making efforts to have the retreat closer to Miami and the Broward area. This would be a less expensive and efficient substitute rather than having it outside of those areas.
- **Panther Power Report:** Vanessa Robinson informed the council of the events that are taking place within Panther Power. President Linton directed the council to the dates seen on the agenda and informed the council that attending SGA functions will count towards out of office hours.
- **Introduction of New Council Members:**
 - Vice President: Brent Maximim
 - Chief of Staff: Christian Jeannot
 - Director of Special Events: Tamerra Bailey
 - Director of Student Lobbying: Joseph McKinney
 - Director of Public Relations: Victoria Roman
 - Director of Athletics: Stacy-Ann Samuels

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- The agenda lists the various events that are scheduled this month, there was a reminder that these events could count towards out-of-office hours.

President Linton adjourned the meeting at 4:49 pm.