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## **Minutes** **SGC General Meeting-Bay Vista Housing, Student Lounge** **02/15/2006**

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr. Lemar Linton, President  
Mr. Brent Maximin, Vice-President  
Mr. Zach Trautenberg, Finance Chair  
Mr. Christian Jeannot, Chief of Staff  
Ms. Kenasha Paul, Clerk of Council  
Mr. Charles Blake, Parliamentarian  
Ms. Rachel Caines, Executive Assistant  
Mr. Robin Chicly, Campus Life Board Chair  
Mr. Jayesh D'Souza, International Students Services Chair  
Ms. Maxi Bakst, Judicial Board Chair  
Ms. Stacy-Ann Samuels, Director of Athletics  
Ms. Abah Hamilton, Director of Internal/External Affairs  
Ms. Vanessa Robinson, Athletics Director  
Mrs. Tamera Bailey, Director of Special Events  
Mr. Joseph McKinney, Director of Student Lobbying  
Ms. Courtney Alexander, Director of Student Services  
Mr. Aldo Jansel, Student Union Board Chair  
Mr. Camilo Silva, Lower Division Representative  
Mr. Andrew Dobglin, Broward Pines Representative  
Mr. Andre Brathwaite, Hospitality Management Representative  
Ms. Ytaelena Lopez, Graduate Representative  
Ms. Lenneice Drew, Journalism & Mass Communication Representative

### **ABSENT**

Mr. Sean McNary, Director of Technical Advancement

### **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

None

### **GUEST**

Craig Cunningham, SGA Advisor  
Rafeal Zapata, Advisor  
Cathy Akens, Vice Provost-Student Affairs  
Gregory Olson  
Bob Coatie, MPAS  
Chuck Trisper, Arts & Sciences  
John Bonanno, Student Affairs

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Heidi van Hars  
Yselande Pierre, CLS/Women's Center  
Travis Gabriel, GSA  
Amanda Niguidula, Victims Advocacy Center  
Lave Dornheim, Counseling  
Norman Wright  
Kathryn Yronpo, WRC

A general meeting of the Student Government Council was held February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at the Bay Vista Housing, Student Lounge at 3:31 pm. President Lemar Linton chaired the meeting.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

There were no minutes to be approved.

## **FINANCE REPORT**

- Zachary Trautenberg reminded the council that there would be finance committee meeting.

## **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- Vice-President Brent Maximin:
  - Committee reports are to be turned in every week on Friday and that they have been posted on the yahoo group and copies have been put in most mailboxes.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- President Lemar Linton informed the council that Vice-President Maximin and he went to the FSA meeting at University of Florida and the proposal to use FSA money to fund political campaigns during election year, was not formally proposed at the meeting. However, it will be discussed sometime in March, where there will be a vote.
- President Linton informed the council that Governor Jeb Bush spoke with certain student government organizations discussing an increase in minority students attending higher educational school across Florida, where there is a low number of diverse students attending. However, Governor Bush also discussed that he will propose a 5% tuition increase for in-state students and 7.5% for out-of state students. The need for an increase of minority students combined with the proposal for a higher tuition, was met with disapproval at the FSA meeting.



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- On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, there will be the annual Distinguished Service Awards held at the Governor's Club in Tallahassee. This event normally a paying event will be free. Those that are interested in attending must inform President Linton. This event will be a black tie affair; cars can be rented for those that are interested in attending.
- Senator Constantine and Representative Flores will receive rewards on Day at the Capital.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Council Bill: (see attached)
  - A motion was made to have a friendly amendment to the Council Bill adding that the "Reinstatement Form" be available online as well. The motion was seconded and passed by a vote of 4-Favor, 0-Opposed, 0-Abstain
  - The Council Bill was passed with a vote of **5-Favor, 0-Opposed, 0-Abstain**
- Council Bill:
  - A motion was made to close the floor, the motion was seconded and passed by a vote of 4-Favor, 0-Against, 0-Abstain
  - The Council Bill was voted upon and passed by a vote of **5-Favor, 0-Opposed, 0-Abstained**
- Appointment: Housing Representative
  - Postponed to next week meeting under Old Business

## **OPEN DISCUSSION/COMMENTS**

- Casino Night hosted by BBC Wish Givers, for more information please see Zachary Trautenberg
- Chief of Staff, Christian Jeannot informed the council that the SGA Newsletter for January will arrive next week and the February article will be given out the following week
- Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11-3 Rep Day, free food in Panther Square
- More community events can be found on the agenda.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Student Government council preliminary meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm and a meeting with the Health Services Committee followed to discuss with the council and other student members, the potential rise to the Health Fee.