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May 11, 2005

Prado called the meeting to order at 4:07PM.

**Roll Call**

**Governing Council**

Tony Delgado

Carlos Velazco

Chereen de Boehmler

Bill Buchanan

Alfonso Leon

Mari Cabrera

Marbely Hernandez

AJ meyer

Cesar Quinzada

Judene Tulloch (LT)

Santiago Bermudez (LT)

Nidia Cruz

Kimberly Castillo

Armando Aragon

**Standing Committee Chairpersons**

Kenny Alce

Nancy Cadavid

Andrea Arteaga

Providence E. Olcoye

Charles Blake

Kenny Gulok

Raynard Morgan

**Standing Council Chairpersons**

Panther Rage- Jonelle Graham

SPC- Raj Maharai

Homecoming- Brian Swenson

**Governing Council Chairpersons**

Honors Council- Dianne Cordova

GSA- Travis Gabriel

RHA- Natalie Jaramillo

SOC- Larissa Locket

**Advisor**

Charlie Andrews

(Prado entertained a motion to suspend the agenda and go right into elections.)

### **Elections**

#### **A) Representative Election**

- College of Law: Darius Ahrabi-Asly\*
- Graduate Representative: Hilda Rose Benard\*  
Leigh Crain

#### **B) Committee Chairpersons Elections**

- Comptroller Chair: Aviva Rose-Avila  
Nancy Cadavid\*
- Academic Affairs: Andrea Arteaga\*  
Aviva Rose-Avila
- Elections Chair: Kenny Alce\*  
Aurelio Rivera
- International Students: Brad Low  
Providence E. Olcoye\*
- Judicial Chairperson: Charles Blake\*
- Student Services: Jean Paul Ciaramella  
Kenny Gelok\*
- Student Union: Raynard Morgan\*

\* Indicates the person who won.

(Prado Motioned to suspend by-laws to extend the meeting passed 6:00pm)

#### **Cabinet Approval**

In Favor: 16                      Opposed: 0                      Abstained: 0

Minutes were passed with no corrections for 4-6-05 and 4-13-05.

### **Reports of Executive Board**

President

Alex Prado

Prado begins his report by welcoming everyone and thanking them for staying throughout the elections. Prado is looking forward to the New Year. He reminds everyone that we are here for the students and we wouldn't be here if it wasn't for them. Prado announced that meetings are Bi-weekly, we are having our meetings every two weeks. Prado announces that we will be having elections for speaker of the house and pro temp etc. Prado explains the rolls for upcoming elections. He announces the retreat will be June 3-5 (Denton will elaborate) Prado talks about FSA Florida Student Association- state university student lobbying organization – A large group will be sent to Florida Golf Coast on May 20 to lobby for our issues. If you have any questions to contact Alfie. Prado announces about college leadership Florida – a leadership retreat

were each university sends two people (fully paid for). If your interested to contact Prado. Prado talks about the GC expansion / pit. He had a meeting this morning. Prado has been meeting with Charles Andrews who is our new acting advisor for student government. Prado has also met with Dr. Bonano. He met with Steve Sauls who is governing relations and Prado, Denton, Mari, and Paola are going to lobby in DC on the 18-20. Prado also meet with Dr. Rosa Jones this is her first administration working with us. Prado talks about how she is a great lady to work with. As for the GC pit, they are closing the top floor with glass so smoke doesn't rise to the second floor. Prado is pushing to keep the pit open because the students us it so it's important to keep it open. Tomorrow Prado has a meeting with Madique to discuss this issue. Prado wants to have a meeting with the board of trustees on May 18. This meeting will be a conference call. The first in person meeting with be on the Biscayne Bay campus. Cabinet must stay after the meeting to talk. Prado concludes by thanking Phillip and Lily for all there hard work in SGA especially with the move.

Vice President

Christine Denton

Christine starts out by welcoming the council to the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Christine states that she has accompanied Prado to all the meetings that he mentioned in his report. In the past the President and the Vice-President have been on very different agendas. Although there positions focus on different responsibilities, they will be attending many meetings together including BOT meetings, meetings with Dr. Rosa Jones, and the President so on and so forth. They want to be on the same page about everything that is going on, and by attending many of the same meetings she will be just as informed. Christine talks about the move, how there is a lot more space and it is much more conducive to the professional student government environment that we have been moving towards. If you want to assist with the moving process and organizing please contact Lilly or Phillip. Instead of keys there will be ID entry. Phillip and Lilly will be giving the key band (your panther ID's) to activate your cards to open the front door. The retreat will be June 3-5. We will be departing June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 am and will be returning on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm. The retreat is in Marco Island. Please stay after the meeting to sign indemnity forms, without these forms you cannot attend this retreat. Prado and Christine are finalizing the polo's. If you have any suggestions let them know. They have been having problems ordering them because there are no women sizes, so they are currently selecting new ones. After the meeting is adjourned newly elected committee chairs, please meet with her and Phillip after to fill out information for the retreat and to pick a meeting time. Christine wants to thank Phillip and Lily for being the right hand of student government. And thank you to Charlie for being a great advisor thus far. Christine wants everyone to please turn in the minutes to the clerk by the meeting day. Reps meeting will me with Christine next Wednesday at 4pm. She concludes with congratulating everyone who was elected today, this is going to be an amazing year.

#### **Reports of Standing Council**

Panther Rage

Jonelle Graham

No Report

SPC

Raj Maharaj

(Dianne Cordova was there representing Raj Maharaj because he was out of town.) Summer program planned and finalized. Retreat will be August 19.

Homecoming

Brian Swenson

October 28 will be panther Prowl. They want to use the money better by making it the actual weekend of the game. And they want to get other bands to come out and perform cover songs. There will be a block party between the garages the Friday before the football game. Their committee will be selected this weekend. Hilda is the advisor. And the homecoming game will be on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Reports of Governing Council**

Honors Council

Dianne Cordova

They are revising the constitution. Meetings will be by-weekly. All positions will be filled for the fall.

GSA

No Report

RHA

No Report

SOC

No Report

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

- A) Election Representatives
- B) Election of Committee Chairs
- C) Approval of Cabinet

**Announcements**

- A) Campus Life Chair position available.  
**Please encourage people to apply for this position!**
- B) Please don't forget about the **mandatory** SGA retreat on Friday June 3 – Sunday June 5. Please inform Christine or Prado if you will not be attending this retreat. You must fill out an indemnity form if you have not yet done so. P.S. If you sign up to go and cancel you will owe SGA \$100 (to cover costs of the retreat).
- C) To all council members elected today and those who have not yet done so: Please meet with Phillip and Christine to fill out your personal information for pay roll Purposes, to submit office hours and pick a meeting date and time.
- D) To all cabinet members please stay after to meet with Prado.
- E) Next meeting will be May 25.
- F) All emails sent from Student Government will be sent directly to your FIU Email account, so it is very important that if you have not already accessed this account to do so. Give your FIU email address to Phillip and remember to check this account daily.
- G) Office orientation for new council members will be Friday May 13 at 2:00pm and Monday, May 16 at 2:00pm and Tuesday, May 17 at 2pm. Make sure you sign up with Phillip.
- H) To Committee, Boards, and Council Katie would appreciate it if you can turn in your reports on the same day of the meetings (Wednesdays) to [KTcute@yahoo.com](mailto:KTcute@yahoo.com).
- I) Hilda – Scholarships are out
- J) Bill – There are a lot of changes with SPC. Talk to Bill if you have any questions.
- K) Adrian – Talks about his company Miami International Clothing (Polo's)
- L) AJ – Wants the agendas to be sent to him by e-mail.
- M) Prado – Thanks everyone for coming

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28PM



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Student Government Council  
Office of the President

- Mr. Cunningham informed the council about Michael Hepburn receiving a Friends of Housing Award. CONGRATULATIONS!!
- President Jean-Baptiste informed the council about the Tri-Council Meeting which will be held on May 26 at 12NOON.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32pm.



**Minutes  
SGC General Meeting  
5/11/2005**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Ms. Natkisha Jean-Baptiste, President  
Mr. Lemar Linton, Vice President  
Mr. Camilo Silva, Lower Division Rep  
Mr. Daryl Hall, Broward Rep  
Mr. Craig Cunningham, Director of Campus Life & Orientation  
Raphael Zapata, Assistant Director of Campus Life & Orientation

**ABSENT:**

Ms. Amanda Clegg, Rep at Large

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

Not Applicable

**GUESTS:**

Ms. Brittany Williams  
Ms. Evelin Suarez  
Ms. Sophonie Morno  
Mr. Lemen McCray  
Mr. Zach Trautenberg

A General Meeting of the Student Government Council was held on May <sup>11</sup>(12) 2005. President Natkisha Jean-Baptiste was present and the meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

**Approval of the Minutes**

There were no previous minutes to be approved. *as corrected*

**Appointments**

There were five persons up for appointment to The Council:

- Ms. Brittany Williams** presented for appointment to the position of Executive Assistant. She was appointed with 3 votes in favor. (3-0-0)
- Ms. Evelin Suarez** presented for appointment to the position of Student Services Chair. She was appointed with 3 votes in favor. (3-0-0)
- Ms. Sophonie Morno** presented for appointment to the position of Intern Director. She was appointed with 3 votes in favor. (3-0-0)
- Mr. Lemen McCray** presented for appointment to the position Finance Chair. A tie was created of one in favor, one opposed and one abstained. (1-1-1)



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- **Mr. Zachary Trautenberg** presented for appointment to the position of Finance Chair. A tie was created of one in favor, one opposed and one abstained. (1-1-1)
- President Jean-Baptiste in favor of Zachary Trautenberg broke the tie. (2-1-1)

## President's Report

- **Meeting with Dr. Rosa Jones**  
Ms. Jean-Baptiste informed the council that Dr. Jones is behind us and she offers her full support to the BBC Student Government Council.
- **Meeting with President Maidique**  
Ms. Jean-Baptiste informed the council that we also have his support as well as the support of his assistant Mr. ~~Clinton~~ Solomon.
- **Meeting with Dr. Joyce Peterson**  
Ms. Jean-Baptiste informed the council that she spoke with Dr. Peterson about the number of classes offered. It was also discussed that the number of classes has not increased due to the insufficient faculty situation.
- **Pres. Jean-Baptiste's Top Five Goals**  
President Jean-Baptiste discussed her top five goals including but not limited to:
  1. Increasing the number of classes offered
  2. Fighting Block Tuition
  3. Enhance WUC services
  4. Continue Campus Beautification Project
    - A. Painting Outside of Housing
  5. Increase Campus Life Activities and Athletics
- President Jean-Baptiste also mentioned **New SGC Member Orientation** which will be held on **Tuesday, May 17, 2005 at 10 AM**

## Vice President Report

- **Intern Program**  
VP Linton informed the council that he is currently planning the Intern Program. He has already prepared and sent letters to the Faculty that will present to the Interns.





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- **Meeting with Deans**  
VP Linton informed the council that he met with specific Deans about supplemental classes for students who need to repeat classes. This project is in the making and will be further developed.
- **BBC Honor Society**  
VP Linton informed the council that he is currently in the process of developing a BBC Honor Society that will be similar to UP's Order of the Torch.

## House Report

- **Meetings with Representatives**  
VP Linton informed the council that the House will meet every last Tuesday of the month at 1 PM. The first meeting will be held on May 31, 2005.

## New Business

- The Orientation Dates were provided by handout. The first orientation will be held on 6/14/05
- The Dedication of the Seal will be held on 5/24/05 at 2pm in Panther Square
- Level 1  
This will be a party that caters to the incoming freshman. It will be similar to UP's Level 5 that they have for incoming freshman. It will be held this summer.
- Top Ten Reason T-shirts  
The idea for this t-shirt was provided on handout. It will be revised upon request of the members of the council.
- Campus Life Student Schedules  
President Jean-Baptiste encouraged the council members to turn in their office hours to Sarah David, Office Manager. A handout was provided for recording the hours.
- Florida Student Association will have a retreat to be held on 5/20/05
- The SGC Retreat will be held on 6/3-6/5.

## Community Comments

- Broward Rep. Daryl Hall informed the council of Caribbean Week to be held during the week of 5/16-5/21. The hours of the event are M-R from 5-7 PM and Sat 9AM-12PM.
- Mr. Cunningham informed the council about a special presentation that the Career Services and Enterprise Rental Car will hold for Student Government Members. This presentation will be held on 5/18 at 2:30 PM in WUC 159
- Mr. Cunningham informed the council about Vendor Presentations that will be held on 5/19 2-4PM in WUC 157. Invitations to SOC and SPC were encouraged.
- Mr. Cunningham informed the council about Relay for Life to be held at ~~FIU~~ track on August 27 or 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005

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