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May 25, 2005

Prado called the meeting to order at 4:08PM.

Roll Call

Governing Council

Tony Delgado (AB)
Carlos Velazco
Chereen de Boehmler
Bill Buchanan
Alfonso Leon
Mari Cabrera
Marbely Hernández
AJ Meyer (AB)
Hilda Rose-Bernard

Cesar Quinzada
Judene Tulloch
Santiago Bermúdez
Nidia Cruz
Kimberly Castillo
Armando Aragón
Darius Ahrabi-Asly

Standing Committee Chairpersons

Charles Blake
Kenny Gelok
Kenny Alce
Nancy Cadavid
Andrea Arteaga (AB)
Providence E. Olcoye (AB)
Raynard Morgan

Standing Council Chairpersons

Panther Rage- Jonelle Graham (LT)
SPC- Raj Maharaj (AB)
Homecoming- Brian Swensen (AB)

Governing Council Chairpersons

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

Advisor

Charlie Andrews

Minutes were passed.

Reports of Executive Board

President Alex Prado

The group that went to DC had a great time and everything went well. Prado read Randy Mores' report.

DLA report:

As most of the council should be aware by now Alex Prado, Christine Denton, Paola Castro, and Mari Cabrera were in Washington D.C. assisting in furthering FIU's 2006 Fiscal Year legislative priorities. The visit, marked by several memorable moments, was incredibly important and can be reported as nothing short of an overwhelming success.

The SGA members, myself included, met with Congressman Kendrick Meek, Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Lincoln Diaz-Balart, Alcee L. Hastings, and met with staff members for Mario Diaz-Balart, Senator Martinez, and Senator Nelson; over the course of what was an overwhelmingly busy day. Each of the Congressman and staff members were very receptive to the message being put forth by SGA on behalf of Student Government. We here in the Washington D.C. office have already received the "official pictures" taken by Representative Meek and Ros-Lehtinen's offices which will be forwarded in the near future.

Both Steve Sauls and Susan Moya were very pleased with the degree of professionalism exhibited by President Prado and his colleagues, their level of preparedness, and ease with which they delivered the message of FIU's interests in Congressional action. As the intern in the Washington D.C. office thank you for making my job that much easier. As Director of Legislative Affairs, thank you for re-establishing a rapport between the office of Governmental Relations that had dwindled in the past year and for helping people both in Miami and D.C. to realize why we need continued investment in the FIU student body.

Nothing further, Thank you.

(Prado asked Alfie talk about FSA.) Alfie said: They had a great time, learned a lot and meet the new director. If you have any questions or ideas to come see Alfie, Prado or Randy. (Back to Prado.) There was an approval on a 4% raise for staff pay. Questions ask Prado. College of Law had there groundbreaking last week, which was televised over the news. Prado meet with Madique – the second floor will be closed off with glass windows. The balcony will still be their. Prado had a food services evaluations meeting. (Aramark contract is up.) Going over what they expect at both campuses. Gracies Grill is going to be revised because its out dated. Had a meeting with Felicia Townsend to go over the panther card, which is very feasible. My FIU portal is now MYFIU.com.

Vice President Christine Denton

-Orientation: This Wednesday Denton along with some other council members including Franchi, Paola and Nidia went to the orientation meeting. As some of you know SGA along with the VAC and Leadership and Development share a set of 3 thirty minute sessions during orientation. With all of our departments combined we wanted to reconstruct the orientation session to make it more interesting. After giving many different ideas, everyone finally agreed to do an apprentice theme. The focus of this is that they want to do less talking about boring facts that don't interest Freshmen. Prado and Denton really only have a minute each to speak, but it would be great to have council members present at the actual orientation session. Tomorrow at 10 -12 there is a practice run in the GC ballrooms. If you would like to help you will be given the chance to introduce yourself. The first Orientation is next Thursday and Friday. We speak from 11-12:30 to three different groups. Come wearing SGA shirt. For more information speak to Franchi who has been working very hard on this.

-Monday at 4:00pm was the first Representative meeting for the summer. Denton wants to say thank you to those who attended. They went over what is expected of the Representatives. As well as selected the committees the reps would like to sit on. If you were not able to fill out your committee selection sheet, please fill them out now. We also went over the House elections that

will be taking place today. We went over the job description as well as the expectation of the Speaker of the House the Speaker Pro-Temp as well as the Secretary of the House. We also went over how the elections process of the House would be. Best of luck to all those who will be selected into these positions and if those who are selected please meet with me after the council meeting.

-There will be a Committee Chair meeting next Wednesday at 4:00 pm.

-Alex and Denton attended a Convocation meeting about two weeks ago, we have another one tomorrow. If you are interested in helping out with convocation please come speak to Alex or Denton. They are once again in charge of designing the T-shirt that all the Freshmen will get at Convocation.

-The Welcome week planning will be underway soon. Jake and Denton will be meeting soon to go over the Welcome week budget. But if you are interested in helping out in that committee please contact me or Jake Torres to assist in the planning.

-As for the Retreat, remember that it is

-Denton has a football assessment meeting survey please fill this out and give to me after the meeting.

-Polo and name tags will be given at retreat

-Get excited for retreat

Comptroller Nancy Cadavid

Nancy already transitioned with Collete the past comptroller. The budget has been approved but is still waiting to be signed, and should be coming in some time in June. If anyone has any questions about the budget to come talk to Nancy she will be in the office all day tomorrow! Congratulation to the new council and I'm looking forward to working with you!

Reports of Standing Committees

Academic Affairs Andrea Arteaga

The recipients of the SGA scholarships have been notified and letters have been sent out to every student that applied. Because no freshman applied to SGA freshman scholarship it is being considered to open up this scholarship again. I will keep you posted on happenings.

Campus Life Chris Fraga

No report

International Students Providence E. Olcoye

No report

Student Services Kenny Gelok

Meeting with Felicia Townsend tomorrow to discuss food services and our goals for the new food services contract and the panther card expansion. In the GC there are three spaces for Burger King, Pasta/Italian food, and a larger subway/sushi. As for the Frost museum, there working on having a up-scale café that serves wine. In the rec. center, they are putting in Einstein bagels. Gracie's is in a dire need of an overhaul, an architect will be brought in to look over the current spaces. As for housing, 825 Lakeview with a mandatory board plan, current fresh food can't handle that capacity. (College of law, food venue)

Student Union Ray Morgan

Panther card refill machine by the corridor leading to Santi's. Ray is trying to get an article put in the Beacon about the machines. Food services has been turned over to Student Services.

Reports of Standing Council

Panther Rage Jonelle Graham

They had their first E-board retreat. E-board meetings will be on Tuesday at 7pm in Campus Life. (GC 140) The baseball players are having there Sunbelt converence this week (Wed, Thurs, and Frid.) They have a game at 4:30 today. If they win today they will play tomorrow. The Football committee is under Panther Rage. BBQ will be July 5th.

SPC

Raj Maharai

Summer programming is planned and finalized and we're working on fall planning. We're also working on programming for the first football game with football and athletics. Something like an after overnight party on Oct. 1st after the game for alumni and students. Liquid and singled out is set for Aug. 27th at the panther hall pool. Rain or shine event. We're in the process of finalizing all promotional items for summer and getting ready for orientations.

Homecoming

Brian Swensen

(In the words of Swensen read by Christine Denton)

Ask Prado for permission to use the mic. If given the affirmative than use it, if not then don't...

Good Day Friends! (Insert high five to Nidia here) I had my proxy high five strategically placed in my report because we all can't miss. I apologize but I am currently no well. I am battling strep throat and the flu while trying to help out the Catholic Missions in Africa. All is going well and I look forward to returning to FIU soon and I will have gifts of Africa for you all. Anyways on the news...

Here is the schedule that we have currently in place for our week of Homecoming Magic!

Saturday – Moonlight madness, Sunday – Lip Sync, Monday – Where you're blue and we'll feed you!!! Tuesday – FIU trivia show, Wednesday – HC court talent show, Thursday – HC court voting all day, 8pm Drive through movie, Friday – Panther Prowl block party, Saturday – 2pm parade, 4pm concert, 6pm football game.

I would like to congratulate the following people for their being selected to the 2005 Homecoming Committee: Court Affairs – Andrea Arteaga, Rules and Regulations – Alejandra Cordovez, Secretary – Armando Lopez, Lip Sync – n/a, Float and parade – Christina Casanova, Panther Prowl – Jonelle Rodriguez, Football game – Brad Davis, Moonlight Madness – Brad Low, Movie on the Lawn – Caro Dutriz, Trivia Night – Michael Kennedy, Promotional Events – Paola Castro, Public Relations – Cynthia Cortina, Orientation/ Recruitment – Jorge Arango & Catalina Rodriguez.

I would like to congratulate those who made it, and look forward to working with you all this year. If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me at supuswens@aol.com, or on my cell phone at (954) 632-7614. I personally will be entertaining questions in 2 weeks at our next council meeting. Good Day!

Reports of Boards

Elections Board

Kenny Alce

Advertising – flyers were places around housing and SGA. Candidate packet – only one person was applicable.

Judicial Board

Charles Blake

No report

Reports of Governing Council

Honors Council

Dianne Cordova

Good afternoon, my name is Maria Armijo and I am the Honors Council Secretary. At our last E-board meeting we updated the description of the roles of the officers in our constitution. We have also given A&S a breakdown of our new budget, and are currently researching with inactive honor societies that we can bring back into the council. Finally, we have two new honor societies which will be joining us this year: ODK and Delta epsilon Iota.

GSA

Travis Gabriel

Good afternoon, Thank You SGA for increasing our budget. The graduate students on this campus are truly grateful for your support. Currently the E-board of the GSA are working on a lot of graduate student initiatives. In the upcoming months I will be giving the council a clear update about these activities. The newly elected GSA executive board hopes to continue the already established good relationship, GSA has with SGA. Thank you!

RHA
No report

Natalie Jaramillo

SOC Larissa Locket

Purpose this summer: AUDITS organizations, re-vamp SOC to make it better. SOC Retreat – Marco Island, FL on June 10th-12th. Annual Officer Registration Forms – July 25th by 5:00pm. New Organization Applications – September 2nd by 5:00pm. We have ordered new giveaways for 2005-2006, so come by and get them!!! Organizing Mailboxes have moved in front of the Campus Life office.

Old Business
None

New Business

- A) Committee Chair elections
- Christopher Fraga *
- Errol D. Jones
- Ruth Tuffet

*indicates the person who won

- B) House of Representative elections
- Speaker – Alfonso Leon
- Pro Temp – Carlos Velazco
- Secretary – Marbely Hernandez (Ran unopposed - Moved to vote)

Cabinet Approval

In Favor: 16 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

Announcements

- A) Committee chairs please meet with Denton in the conference room next Wednesday at 4:00pm for the 1st meeting.
B) RETREAT- Departure on Friday, June 3rd at 7:30am. We will be meeting at the bus stop in front of the book store, bring your luggage. If you are not here we will be leaving without you.
C) Newly elected speaker of the house, pro temp. and secretary of the house meet with Denton after the meeting
D) Time cards are due today (Wednesday) by 1:30pm.
E) Cabinet meet with Prado after the meeting.
F) Survey turn into Denton & committee selection
G) Tardiness is unacceptable!

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30PM



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House Report

There will be a meeting with the representatives immediately following this meeting.

New Business

- ❑ VP Linton informed the council that the SPC project is in progress.
- ❑ The Recruitment Force is underway and President Jean-Baptiste is passing out flyers to build the council.
- ❑ Salary Corrections were postponed for next weeks meeting.

Community Comments

- ❑ There will be a raffle to pay for the Black Student Association Conference. The price will be one dollar.
- ❑ President Jean-Baptiste informed the council about the Tri-Council Meeting which will be held on May 26 at 12NOON.
- ❑ Mr. Cunningham informed the council about Relay for Life to be held at North Miami Stadium on August 19th and 20th, 2005
- ❑ President Jean-Baptiste encouraged the council members to attend SPC meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.