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AGENDA

SGC General Meeting
Wednesday, August 3, 2005 – 3.30 pm
WUC- Ballroom B

I. Call to Order ............................................. Vice President Linton

II. Approval of Agenda/ Attendance Record

III. Approval of Minutes

IV. Guest Speaker................................................Mr. John Cabarga
University Technological Services

V. Appointments
   Rachael Caines: Executive Assistant
   Edgard Izaguirre: Lower Division Representative

VI. Removals
   Alina Balean: School of Journalism/ Mass Communication Representative
   Lemen McCray: College of Business Representative

VII. Resolutions

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

X. Community Comments........................................ VICE President Linton

1. SLS Presentation (August 4, 2005 at 8 am)
2. Food Services Focus Group (August 8, 2005 at 11 am: Campus Life Conference Room)
3. Customer Service Workshop (August 9, 2005 from 9 am – 1pm: WUC 155)
4. House of Representatives Meeting (August 10, 2005 at 5 pm: Campus Life Conference Room)
5. Freshman Orientation (August 12, 2005 at 12 pm: WUC Ballroom)
6. Other Business

XI. Adjournment
Minutes
Student Government Council General Meeting
08/03/05

IN ATTENDANCE:
Mr. Lemar Linton, Vice-President
Ms. Brittany Williams, Chief of Staff
Ms. Abah Hamilton, Clerk of Council
Mr. Errol Jones, Athletics Director
Ms. Vanessa Robinson, Director of Public Relations
Ms. Sophonie Morno, Intern Director
Mr. Stratos Papatriantafyllou, Representative at Large
Ms. Pamela St. Fleur, Representative at Large
Mr. Camilo Silva, Lower Division Representative
Mr. Daryl Hall, Broward Representative
Mr. Jayesh D’Souza, International Student Services Chair
Ms. Evelin Suarez, Student Services Chair
Ms. Ekaterina Samborskaya, Student Union Board Chair
Mr. Rogell Levers, Director of Alumni Affairs
Ms. Franchine Daley, Director of Special Events

ABSENT:
Mr. Lemen McCray, Business Representative
Ms. Alina Balean, Journalism and Mass Comm. Representative
Ms. Natkisha Jean-Baptiste, President [excused]
Ms. Maxi Baxst, Director of Internal/External Affairs

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:
Mr. Andre Brathwaite, Hospitality Management Representative

GUESTS:
Ms. Arminda Pravia
Mr. John Cabarga, University Technological Services
Ms. Emahn Abdul-Hakeem
Mr. Edgard Izaguierre
Ms. Rachael Caines

CALL TO ORDER:
A General Meeting of the Student Government Council was held on August 03, 2005. Vice-President Lemar Linton was present and the meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:
The agenda was approved with the following correction: Item VI: removals changed to Item V.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:
The minutes were approved as corrected.
**GUEST SPEAKER:**
Mr. John Cabarga informed council members about the discounted computer services available to FIU students and staff from University Technology Services at FIU.

**APPOINTMENTS:**
There were two persons up for appointment to The Council at today’s meeting.

- **Ms. Rachael Caines** was up for appointment to the position of Executive Assistant. She was approved with 4 votes in her favor. (4-0-0)
- **Mr. Edgard Izaguirre** presented for appointment to the position of Lower Division Representative. He was appointed with 4 votes in his favor. (4-0-0)

**RESOLUTIONS:**
There were two amendments to the by-laws that were up for approval by the Council.

- The resolution states: **Whereas**, the By-Laws of the Student Government Council at the Biscayne Bay Campus, Section XX-entitled Meetings; currently lists the Biscayne Bay Campus, WUC 159 as the location for regular SGC meetings, **Whereas**, the Student Government Council-Biscayne Bay Campus By-Laws, Section XX, Part A reads:

  "For the purpose of regular meetings, the Council will meet on a Wednesday at 3:15 p.m. in WUC 159. All SGC Members must schedule around this. Meetings will only last a maximum of three (3) hours. The meeting time can be waived to accommodate the largest number of members with a majority vote of the voting members,

  **Whereas**, meetings currently commence at 3:30 p.m., with occasional meetings occurring at the Broward Pines Center,

  Therefore,

  **Be it resolved**, that for the purpose of regular meetings, the Council will meet on a Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in WUC 159 and at the Broward Pines Center, when deemed necessary by the President OR by the Council, given a simple majority vote by all voting members present. All SGC Members must schedule around this. Meetings will only last a maximum of three (3) hours. The meeting time can be waived to accommodate the largest number of members with a majority vote of the voting members.

  A motion to vote for the resolution was given by Representative At-Large, Pamela St.Fleur and seconded by Mr. Rogell Levers, Director of Alumni Affairs. The resolution to the By-Laws was approved by the Council with a vote of (4-0-0). The resolution will be presented to the President.

- The resolution states: **Whereas**, the By-Laws of the Student Government Council at the Biscayne Bay Campus, Section XXVI-entitled Office Hours; currently gives a specified time frame for which council members must perform their duties, **Whereas**, the Student Government Council-Biscayne Bay Campus By-Laws, Section XXVI, Part A reads:

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**OLD BUSINESS:**
There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**
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- Preparations for the Got Questions event are still under way. Student Services Chair Suarez will be meeting with Vice-President Linton to further discuss this event.
- Director of Alumni Affairs, Rogell Levers is stressing S.G.A. participation in the next Student Alumni Association Meeting which will be held on 08/15/05 at 5 p.m. in WUC 159.
- Director of Public Relations, Vanessa Robinson gave an update to the council on the Bulletin board which will be located in the Campus Life hallway. The board will showcase photographs of the council members, their contact information, and any other pertinent S.G.A. information.
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